

# Voice of Democracy

By LAYLA RISEN

The Voice of Democracy is an audio-essay program put on by the VFW as a way for high school students to express their patriotism. The VFW has always held a special place in my heart because of my grandfather, Wood-

son Risen's, involvement. This contest offers scholarship money to the winners from each state as well as a national winner prize of a 30,000 dollar scholarship. I wrote this essay in hopes of inspiring my fellow Americans to stand united, follow God, and clean up our messes.

Layla Risen recently read her award-winning essay for the Voice of Democracy contest at the Veterans Day Ceremony held at Green County High School.



## America: Where Do We Go From Here?

By Layla Risen

When I was a child, my cousin and I loved to play dress-up, and although my grandmother supplied us with a multitude of gorgeous dresses and accessories, we often chose to use blankets she kept stored in the closet. We would drag out every single blanket and meticulously wrap them around our bodies, pretending to be fairy princesses and ice queens. When my grandmother would call us for supper, we would hastily pack the blankets into the closet, praying the door would close and no one would notice. We were caught every time, and were quick to blame the mess on the other person, saying something along the lines of, "But she's the one who put the blankets back in like that, not me!" My grandmother always made us take out every blanket and fold it again. We would get so mad at each other, blaming our lack of playtime on the other's inability to put the blankets back correctly, when in all reality we were both to blame for the mess we had made. In-

stead of working together, we would make a bigger mess by fighting with each other; we let the blankets divide us. My grandmother would remind us we were the ones who put ourselves in this position. We soon discovered if we worked together, the mess would get cleaned up faster. We would both take one end of the blanket, working and folding until it was in a neat square. Because of this, at a young age, I learned that when I made a mess, I was the one responsible for cleaning it up. Passing the blame was not acceptable, and when I worked with others, the mess got cleaned up faster. Like my cousin and I, I feel that America is becoming a nation whose people love to make messes but do not like cleaning them up, enabling this to divide our people.

It has been 245 years since America declared its independence from the British Crown, and our founding fathers began to form a country they had always dreamt of. America has

seen a lot of progression since the days of our newly found independence: people of color receiving equal rights, women having the power to vote, and the abolishing of child labor laws. However, she has seen many setbacks as well: economic depression, wars between brothers, and Americans lacking the ability to stand unified and clean up the messes they make. As the years go by, we are becoming a nation more divided, a nation where we make messes, but don't clean them up.

As I look at this country, I see more division than I've ever read about in history books. I see people who hate one another because of the color of their skin or the church they attend. I look out into this nation and I see death and hatred. When I look at the land that is supposedly free, I see a group of people intoxicated with money and luxury. People are refusing to stand united, join arms, and be one, all because their opinions may differ. I fear we have made a mess of our country and

if we soon don't take action, it will be too late. Matthew 12:25 reads Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand, likewise a common American quote is united we stand, divided we fall. Both of these quotes call for unity, lest we find ourselves divided and watch the destruction of what we have worked so hard to build.

So, America, where do we go from here? We have come so far but every moment offers a new setback. So I think, from here, we learn to fold. My grandmother always told me, if I make a mess, it is my responsibility to clean it up. As a united group, it is our responsibility to clean up the mess we have all played a part in creating. We should neatly fold our blankets, placing them back into the closet so the next generation who comes along to open the door will not be met with an avalanche of messes. So, when asked, where do we go from here, I say, we learn to fold.

## Guthrie files for re-election

STAFF REPORTS

Congressman Brett Guthrie, who has represented Kentucky's second congressional district since January 2009, filed for reelection today with a massive war chest and clear message. Known for delivering results and standing up for conservative values, Guthrie is seeking another term to "fight against the socialist agenda of Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi, which is hurting Kentucky families and encroaching on our personal freedoms." "The Biden/Pelosi agenda is sending America down a path that we simply can't afford or abide, and I won't stand for it. Kentucky values are being

degraded, personal freedoms are under attack, and their reckless tax-and-spend policies are impacting Kentuckians at the gas pump and grocery store," Guthrie said. "My priorities include standing up for pro-life values, holding Dr. Fauci accountable, protecting the Second Amendment, stopping critical race theory, and combating the Democrats' war on work."

"Our children and grandchildren's future are at stake. I am working hard to stop these liberal power grabs and ensure a safe, prosperous America for everyone," Guthrie added.

Brett serves as the top Republican on Energy and Commerce Committee's Health

Subcommittee. In this position, he leads the fight for lower costs in health care and keeping the government out of the doctor-patient relationship. In his role on the communications and consumer protection subcommittees, he is leading the charge for better and faster internet service in rural areas and protecting consumer privacy online.

"It is a privilege to represent Kentucky's second district. Every vote I cast is on behalf of the people I represent. I take my responsibilities seriously and look forward to talking with folks across the district about their priorities and hopes for the future," Guthrie said. At the end of the

last quarter, Guthrie's campaign committee had over \$2 million banked for his campaign. Guthrie says he plans to run a "positive, future-focused campaign that draws a clear line between socialism and freedom, and why conservatives must fight harder than ever to preserve the American dream."

## Toys

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Remove crib gyms from the crib when the child can pull up on hands and knees; some children have strangled when they fell across crib gyms stretched across the crib.

### Sharp Points

Toys which have been broken may have dangerous points or prongs. Stuffed toys may have wires inside the toy which could cut or stab if exposed.

### All Toys Are Not For All Children

Keep toys designed for older children out

of the hands of little ones. Follow labels that give age recommendations—some toys are recommended for older children because they may be hazardous in the hands of a younger child. Teach older children to help keep their toys away from younger brothers and sisters. Even balloons, when uninflated or broken, can choke or suffocate if young children try to swallow them. More children have suffocated on uninflated balloons and pieces of broken balloons than on any other type of toy.

Electric toys must meet mandatory requirements for maximum surface temperatures, electrical construction and prominent warning labels. Electric toys with heating elements are recommended only for children over eight years old.

### Infant Toys

Infant toys, such as rattles, squeeze toys, and teethingers, should be large enough so that they cannot enter and become lodged in an infant's throat.

Source: www.cpsc.gov

### PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Green County budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, to include unanticipated receipts from a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$165,000 and increasing expenditures in the area of Federal Grants, was adopted by the Green County Fiscal Court on November 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 during normal business hours.

### Public Notice to Mary Owens and Heirs of Robert Owens

A lawsuit to Foreclose on property located on Pleasant Valley Road has been filed in the Circuit Court of Green County, Kentucky naming Mary Owens and unknown heirs of Robert Owens as defendants/persons who may have an interest in the property.

Mary Owens and any heirs of Robert Owens are hereby given notice of that lawsuit, *Shofner vs. Owens, et al.*, 21-CI-00106 of their being named defendants and of the need to file some response to the Complaint to assert any interest, if any, they may have in the property.

### Public Notice

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Court of Justice  
Eleventh Judicial District Court  
Green County  
Probate Division  
Ann Arnett, Clerk



In compliance with Section 25.185 and Chapter 242 **KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following **SETTLEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** have been filed in the office of the clerk and exceptions to same, if any, must be filed before December 6, 2021 on which date at 1:00 p.m. prevailing time a hearing will be held in the Green County Judicial Center.

NAME OF WARD OR DECEDENT	NAME OF FIDUCIARY	CAPACITY OF FIDUCIARY	KIND OF SETTLEMENT
DAVID VERLON JONES	DEE VERLON JONES	EXECUTOR	FINAL

In compliance with Section 424.30 and Section 424.120 **KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following **FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENTS** have been made by the Court:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEDENT OR WARD	NAME & ADDRESS OF FIDUCIARY	NAME & ADDRESS OF ATTY REPRESENTING FIDUCIARY	DATE OF APPT	CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY
GARY REX FORD 230 Tabernacle Road Greensburg, KY 42743	MARY ANN FORD 230 Tabernacle Road Greensburg, KY 42743	JOHN D. HENDERSON 103 W. Court Street Greensburg, KY 42743	8-28-21	3-28-22
GARY EUGENE MONEY 767 Whitewood Road Campbellsville, KY 42718	ELIZABETH DUBOIS 7245 Ft. Morgan Dr. Ft. Collins, CO 80525	JOHN BERTRAM 321 East Main St. Campbellsville, KY 42718	10-15-21	4-15-22
	BETHANY WOOLEY 3034 Raikes Hill Road Elkorn, KY 42733			
TRAVIS KEITH SNOW 215 Natures Way Campbellsville, KY 42718	BRANDON KEITH SNOW 4636 Hwy 218 Greensburg, KY 42743	JEREMY WOOD 208 North Court Street Greensburg, KY 42743	10-27-21	4-27-22
	JUSTIN WADE SNOW 202 Buckner Hill Road Greensburg, KY 42743			
CLARENCE RAY THOMPSON 14373 Hodgenville Road Mt. Sherman, KY 42764	PEGGY SUE THOMPSON 14373 Hodgenville Road Mt. Sherman, KY 42764	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	11-10-21	5-10-22
MAMIE L. BEARD 1356 Buckner Hill Road Greensburg, KY 42743	PHYLLIS SMITH 319 Kelly Road Greensburg, KY 42743	JOHN D. HENDERSON 103 W. Court Street Greensburg, KY 42743	11-08-21	5-08-22
HELEN M. CLARK 109 Avery Dr. Greensburg, KY 42743	AMY LYNN CLARK 886 Wimpleton Dr. Birmingham, MI 48009	R. ADAM STEARMAN 101 N. Public Square Greensburg, KY 42743	11-08-21	5-08-22
STARLENE ANN MILBY 102 William E. Lobb Drive Summersville, KY 42782	RONDA GINGER 102 William E. Lobb Drive Summersville, KY 42782	RUSSELL W. GOFF 116 S. Main Street Greensburg, KY 42743	11-16-21	5-16-22