

OBITUARIES

J.C. Bean

J.C. Bean, 89, Russell Springs, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the Jean Waddle Care Center, in Somerset.

Born on August 8, 1932, in Adair County, he was a son of the late Clarence and Christine Young Bean. He was the owner and operator of Bean's Truck Bodies, and later, owned and operated an autobody repair shop. He also loved to raise a vegetable garden. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include one son, John David Bean, Hendersonville, Tennessee; two daughters, Janet (and Todd) Stearns, Jamestown and Donna Bean, Russell Springs; two grandsons, Jared Stearns and Justin Stearns; one brother, Bradley (and Becky) Bean, Louisville; two sisters, Jean McClister, Florida, and Brenda Nokes, Columbia and a host of nieces and nephews

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Glenna Maxine Smith Bean, whom passed away July 24, 2020; two brothers, Phillip Bean and Ronnie Bean and one sister, Euline Tabor.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Brother Bill Mullins officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jared Stearns, Justin Stearns, Gary Cain, Jim Cain, Ted Cain, and Ross Morgan.

An online guestbook is available at www.bernardfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Jasper

Brenda Jasper, 71, Russell Springs, passed away Friday, January 14, 2022, at Russell County Hospital. A private service will be held at a later date. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Eva Mae Miller

Eva Mae Miller, 93, Russell Springs, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at T. J. Samson Columbia in Columbia, Kentucky. Funeral services were held 12:00 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2022, at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel in Jamestown, with Marcus Reppert officiating. Interment was in High Dry Cemetery Sand Springs, Kentucky.



Tracey Lynn Pierce

Tracey Lynn Pierce, 47, Columbia, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, in Danville.

Funeral services were held 12:00 p.m., Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Bernard Funeral Home, with Bro. Shane Gaskins, Bro. Jerry Smith, and Bro. Dickie Rogers officiating. Burial followed in the Brockman-Kerr Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy be made by donating to the Lake Cumberland Area Chrysalis Scholarship Fund. These can be left at the funeral home or mailed to: Vanessa Burton, LCAECC Treasurer, 820 Abrell Road, Columbia, KY 42728.

Lewis Dale Lawson

Lewis Dale Lawson, 80, Liberty, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022, at his home on Thomas Ridge Road.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., EST, Friday, January 14, 2022, at Oak Grove Church with Bro. Dwight Coffman officiating and Bro. Mark Yaden assisting. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery. Military Honors were performed by the Casey County Honor Guard.

Bernard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Linda Carroll Hicks Gentry

Linda Carroll Hicks Gentry, 73, Russell Springs, passed away at her home on January 11, 2022, following a long battle with multiple health issues. Graveside services were held 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Beautiful Star Cemetery, 468 Breeding Road, Russell Springs, Kentucky, with Ada Lawson and Bro. Garrett Crawford officiating. Bernard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Food Pantry of Russell County, the Russell County Homemakers' Sunset Club or to Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY 42503.

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Obituaries must be submitted by a licensed funeral home or a copy of one previously published in order to be placed on the obituary page. Funeral providers determine the size and content of all obits provided to our newspaper and most others. This newspaper continues to offer a free posting as well as various upgrade options.

Destinee Howard Named to SNHU Dean's List

Destinee Howard of Russell Springs (42642) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

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Financial Focus

WHAT ARE YOUR FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022?

As you know, 2021 was full of challenges. We were still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when supply chains shut down and inflation heated up. So, if you're like many people, you might not be sorry to see the year come to a close. But now it's time to look ahead to a brighter 2022. And on a personal level, you may want to set some New Year's resolutions. You might resolve to improve your health and diet, and possibly learn some new skills, but why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few ideas to consider:

Prepare for the unexpected. If you haven't already created an emergency fund, now may be a good time to start. Ideally, you'd like to have three to six months' worth of living expenses in this fund, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account. (If you're retired, you may want your emergency fund to contain up to a year's worth of living expenses.) Once you've got this fund established, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as costly home or auto repairs or large medical bills.

Boost your retirement savings. The pandemic caused many us to reevaluate our ability to eventually enjoy the retirement lifestyles we've envisioned. In fact, 33% of those planning to retire soon said they started to contribute even more to their retirement savings during the pandemic, according to a study from Age Wave and Edward Jones. This year, if you can afford it, increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Reduce your debt load. The less debt you carry, the more money you'll have available to support your lifestyle today and save and invest for tomorrow. So, this year, resolve to cut down on your existing debts and avoid taking on new ones whenever possible. You can motivate yourself by measuring your progress – at the beginning of 2022, record your total debts and then compare this figure to your debt load at the start of 2023. If the numbers have dropped, you'll know you were making the right moves.

Don't overreact to the headlines. A lot can happen during a year. Consider inflation – it shot up in 2021, but it may well subside in 2022. If you changed your investment strategy last year to accommodate the rise in inflation, would you then have to modify it again when prices fall? And inflation is just one event. What about changes in interest rates? How about new legislation coming out of Washington? And don't forget extreme weather events, such as wildfires and floods. Any or all of these occurrences can affect the financial markets in the short term, but it just doesn't make sense for you to keep changing the way you invest in response to the news of the day. Instead, stick with a strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may need to adjust this strategy over time, in response to changes in your own life, but don't let your decisions be dictated by external events.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop positive habits that can help you face the future with confidence.

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Cumberlands Congratulates Winter Graduates

University of the Cumberlands is proud to congratulate its newest graduates on a job well done!

The following students from your local area received a degree from Cumberlands this fall or winter:

Ashley Burton of BRODHEAD, KY (40409), received their Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Jayna Albright of

Brodhead, KY (40409), received their Bachelor of Science Education in Elementary Education

Meleah Coffey of Russell Springs, KY (42642), received their Bachelor of Science Education in Elementary Education

Halie Dudgeon of Russell, KY (42629), received their Bachelor of Science Education in Elementary Education

Skylar Holcomb of

Brodhead, KY (40409), received their Master of Arts Education in Literacy Specialist

Danika Hadley of Russell Springs, KY (42642), received their Master of Arts in Teaching

Katie Smith of Russell Springs, KY (42642), received their Master of Arts in Teaching

The university wishes these students all the best in their future

endeavors. Well done, Patriots!

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Hidden Treasures with Love

THE CALL TO BE REAL

Mt-7-21-Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name, have we not cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Procrastination, mile after mile, is laced with insincerity and hypocrisy.

2Tim-4-3-For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Paul after writing such truth, said, **2-Tim-4-7-I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.** Paul from a prison cell at Rome, wrote 2 Timothy after being sentenced to die by beheading for the gospel of Jesus Christ! Paul warned us, **Acts-20-29-For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

I would like to know at my departure I have said something to encourage some person to rise to a higher standard of Godliness, unlike the grievous wolves of hypocrisy. Peter said, **Peter-4-18-And if the righteousness scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?**

We all at some points in our life will walk into the shadows of the valley of death. Departing from this world is coming to us all! Will we stumble into the dark shadows of death or will we walk in the light of Jesus Christ? The call to depart is coming. The call to be real is more serious than life itself.

Mt-22-14-For many are called but few are chosen. We can look unto the pages of God's word and examine our life and see if we are obeying the commandments. Self examination is important. Please be ready when your call to depart is made!

The Call to be Real, by Mike Willen With Love!