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DAY 1: SERIOUS ENGINE TROUBLE

After having engine trouble, this pickup truck pulled into a parking lot along Kentucky 9 in Maysville. Then the truck started to burn. The main problem was the load of hay it was pulling. Upon arrival, firefighters began to unload the hay from the rear of the trailer to keep the fire from spreading until the fire trucks arrived. No one was hurt in the incident.

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DAY 2: THE WAY IT WAS

While traveling in Robertson County near Blue Licks, I encountered a Model A club from Pennsylvania that was touring Kentucky. The group was looking for Johnson Creek Covered Bridge. I mentioned to a club member that if they would follow me I would show them where the bridge was located. I went on up the road and turned around to make sure the group had safely made it to the bridge. I was amazed how the scene looked with the antique cars and the vintage bridge together, and couldn't resist the photo opportunity. The photo is actually in color but I decided to convert it to sepia tone to keep the old time look. I took the photo in June of 2013.

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DAY 3: FROSTY WINTER MORNING

On assignment in Augusta in 2008, I arrived early and decided to go down to the Ohio River to watch a heavy fog that formed ice crystals on trees along the river bank. I thought if I waited a bit I would catch the Jenny Ann as it crossed back into Kentucky. Sure enough, I did, and I was late for my assignment. I thought to myself that this was the better of the two photos that I took that morning.

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CONGRATULATIONS!



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DAY 4: CAT VS. VOLE

Usually I don't eat lunch at an exact time. If I'm hungry or if the day is slow I will either pull over or even stop at home if I am in the area. This particular summer day, I stopped in front of our house and noticed our cat behaving like a cat. I watched for a while trying to figure out what he was after. It turns out, he had found a vole to play with. Throwing it high into the air seem to amuse him the most. I always keep the camera in the passenger seat preset for what I think should be the correct settings. I quickly grabbed it and captured the cat sending the vole skyward like a miniature missile. Upon landing, it scampered away unharmed. The rodent can be seen in the upper right corner of the photo.

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DAY 5: THE AMAZING RACE

Memorial Day weekend in 2006 brought hundred of athletes to Maysville for a duathlon. Swimming, bicycling, and running events were offered. Participants choose which events they would like to enter. Some picked two events while others did all three. Saturday morning fog delayed all competitions for about 30 minutes. Sunshine then burned away the fog allowing swimmers to board buses for a ride to Hardymon Landing which was the starting point for the 1/2 mile swim. A barge was banked into the shoreline of the river which provided a pier for the swimmers. After some pleading and begging with race officials, I was allowed to stand on the barge to take photos providing I wore a life jacket. Without a little help from others, I could have never captured this photograph.

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DAY 6: PIRATES OF THE OHIO

Just when I thought I had seen everything! A raft floats into Limestone Landing for a brief visit in August 2011. After securing their watercraft to the pier, the captain and his first-mate stepped ashore carrying chickens. "We didn't want to leave them on the raft fearing they may escape. Fresh eggs are hard to come by these days," explained the lady. About the only other information that the couple would share with me was that they were on their way to the Mississippi River with hopes of making it to Louisiana. In less than twenty minutes, they were on their way.

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DAY 7: BRONZE TROPHY

Statues actually came to life during Maysville's Arts Explosion event in August of 2013. Harry Lewis, left, prepares to tackle a statue of a gardener that thinks its a Heisman Trophy winning football player on the steps of Limestone Landing as visitors stop to watch. The bronze figure stood perfectly still for what seemed hours until the right moment presented itself. It would then come to life surprising or startling its victims! The slow motion action of Lewis pretending to be a football tackle prompted the statue to strike the famous Heisman pose.



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DAY 8: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A colorful set of TTI diesels towing a refurbished caboose pass by Johnson Station in this photo from 2010. The train was on its way to Paris with passengers onboard its caboose. Johnson Station has since been demolished. TTI, a shorline railroad that ran from Paris to Maysville is no longer in use. One of my favorite subjects in photography is trains and things associated with railroading. I am glad that I took this photo, having no idea that within 10 years both would be just a memory to me.



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DAY 9: KEEP THOSE DOGIES MOVING

On an early Saturday morning in May of 2017 cattle had to be moved from one field to another. The quickest way to accomplish the move would be to herd them down Metcalf Mill to Nepton Road. Getting an early start before traffic began to flow was the key. About six people on horseback made sure the road was clear and to alert motorists in the area of the cattle drive. It amazed me that livestock could be controlled in this manner. Metcalf Mill is located south of May's Lick.

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DAY 10: MILITARY HELICOPTERS

A group of Blackhawk helicopters land at Fleming-Mason Airport in April of 2014 to refuel. Airport manager Mitchell Coleman was very busy to say the least refueling the Blackhawks from his fuel truck. Normally the task of refueling is done closer to the fuel pumps and with just one aircraft at a time. Each one of the five helicopters landed in single file on the taxiway and waited their turn for refueling. Each took on about 250 gallons. According to crew members, that would take them about 300 miles. It took Coleman about an hour to pump enough fuel for the Blackhawks. Seeing the arrival and departure of five helicopters at one time seemed like a Hollywood movie. The following week 5 more Blackhawks arrived needing fuel. Coleman got this group out a little faster.

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DAY 11: FIRE IN THE HOLE

Not sure of the year that I took this photo, but it is one of the few that I actually walked to. I was in the office monitoring the fire channels to see if I could come up with an extra photo. Sure enough I hear the tones go out for a possible dryer fire at Modern Laundry. The fire chief and I both entered the coin laundry at the very moment the dryer burst into flames. The chief went to work and I had just enough time to snap two photos before being tossed out.

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DAY 12: PHOTO-BOMBED

While at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park for a lunch break, I became interested in a great blue heron. I took several photos of the graceful bird. Just one last shot and I had to get back to work. As I depressed my shutter button a large fish jumped up out of the lake. All I could figure was the fish wanted to see who owned those skinny legs that were moving along in the water.

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DAY 13: TRIPLE EXPOSURE

Traveling up Old 68 in 2014 seemed like a routine trip up the scenic hill. Rounding a sharp curve I noticed a doe and fawn standing beside the roadway. I pulled off of the hill and onto Wadsworth Drive to take a photo. Usually deer scamper away at the sight of humans. This doe and her fawn didn't seem to mind, so I got the photo and started to back onto the road, when another fawn came out of the wooded area. I pulled back onto the lane and took a photo of mom and her two fawns. Something told me to wait, so I did and sure enough, out came a third fawn.

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DAY 14: WHAT A GAME!

Winter of 2016 brought me to the finals of the boys 39th District Championship at Bracken County High School. Augusta and Mason County were playing for the district title. A close game turned out to be a real barn-burner. Usually I let the game dictate where I should be positioned when taking photos and what lens I should use. Down to the wire games require that I use a wide angle lens so that I can capture the action and show the scoreboard. It appeared to me that the winning or losing shot was going to be taken by Augusta so I took this position. Sure enough with the game tied, Augusta's Tanner Pugh put up the winning shot bringing the Augusta's team to the floor to celebrate.

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YOU DESERVE IT!



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DAY 15: HISTORIC FIRE

In December of 2006, a fire broke out at a campground west of Maysville causing serious damage to a historic log cabin. I took several photos of the destruction and returned to my office. I selected this one because it had 'flamage.' "Must have flamage," is what my bosses always told me. (I don't think that is a real word.) I was just thankful that no one was hurt in the blaze. After the photo ran in the paper the next day, I started getting calls and was told by numerous people that the flames coming from a second story window looked human-like. Sure enough, they were right. It looked like some type of headless spirit escaping from the window. I later won an AP Photo of the Month award for this photo.



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DAY 16: YOUNG MAN, OLD TRACTOR

Jack Collins, shown in my 2006 photo, cultivates his burley tobacco crop on his farm near May's Lick. The Collins farm is a favorite spot of mine because I passed by their farm on my way to Maysville for work. Both Jack and his son Joe are still involved in raising crops and cattle. Tobacco is no longer grown on the farm. Industrial hemp has taken its place.



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DAY 17: TURF WARS

In this 2011 photo a cardinal waited patiently for its turn at the bird feeder. After several minutes of being nice, the cardinal saw that his turn may never come so he went to Plan B, drive away any and all birds that cut line at the feeder. After emptying the feeder, the cardinal left.

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DAY 18: HAIL TO THE QUEEN

I was always a big fan of the Delta Queen paddlewheeler. In 2006, I planned on photographing the vessel as it departed Maysville. A heavy fog moved into the area hiding the boat as it approached the Maysville River Park. I could hear it, but couldn't see it due to the dense fog clinging low on the Ohio River. I was just about to give up when suddenly the fog lifted presenting me with this photo opportunity. It is one of my prized Delta Queen photos.

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DAY 19: ICE HOCKEY

It was a snowy afternoon in January, 2010 when I got a call from a neighbor wanting a ride over to a farm along Murphysville Road to play a game of ice hockey. A very cold spell gripped the area for over a week freezing all lakes and ponds in the southern part of Mason County. I thought at first he was kidding, but as we arrived to the pond I saw that he was sincere. Sure enough, the pond was covered with skaters, just like a scene out of Norman Rockwell.

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DAY 20: LABOR DAY FUN

Labor Day weekend in 2010 I was looking for a unique photo, so I thought I would check around at the Maysville River Park. I noticed a family waiting to launch their watercraft, and explained my assignment to them. They welcomed me to join them. The journey took me from the river park to the William Harsha Bridge. The boys took turns doing acrobatics on their skis while dad piloted the boat. Dad could tell that I was looking for a bit more action, so he stopped the boat and traded places with another person. From the big smile on my face, dad realized that I got the photo I needed.

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DAY 21: SOLITUDE

An early morning snow in the winter of 2013 found me traveling in the area of Old Washington looking for a nice wintery photo. I came across this old farm house sitting in a snow-covered pasture guarded by trees. With very little color, the scene made for a nice, natural black and white photo.

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DAY 22: THANKS FOR GIVING

No sooner had we sat down for Thanksgiving dinner in 2007, than I looked out our family room window to witness our neighbor's cows feasting on bird seed in a nearby feeder. I thought, "How appropriate, cows partaking their Thanksgiving meal during a light snowfall."



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DAY 23: FOXY

I had been watching a leash of foxes play under and around an old farm house. These cubs were enjoying an afternoon without their mother as she usually went out looking for food. At times I counted 7 cubs in this family. I took this photo on my birthday in June, 2010. A nice present to myself.



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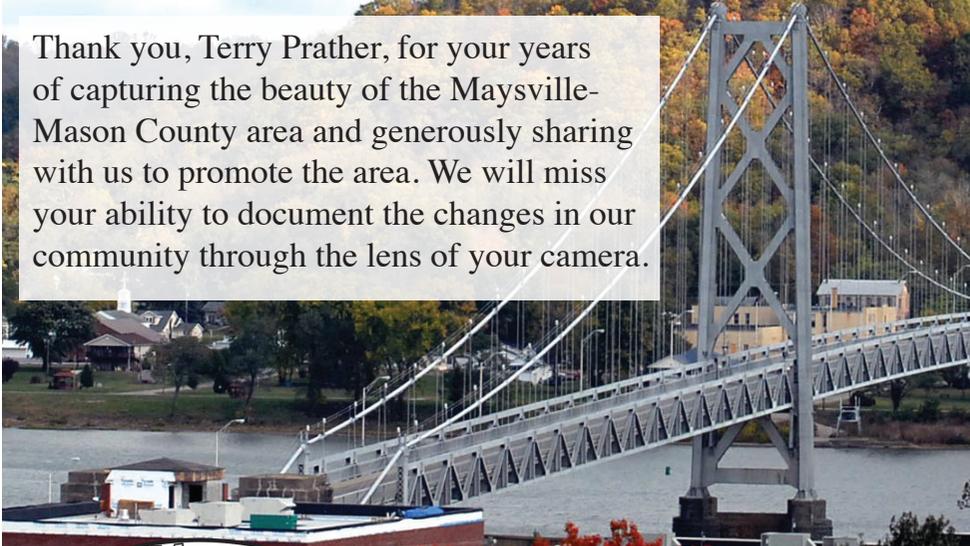
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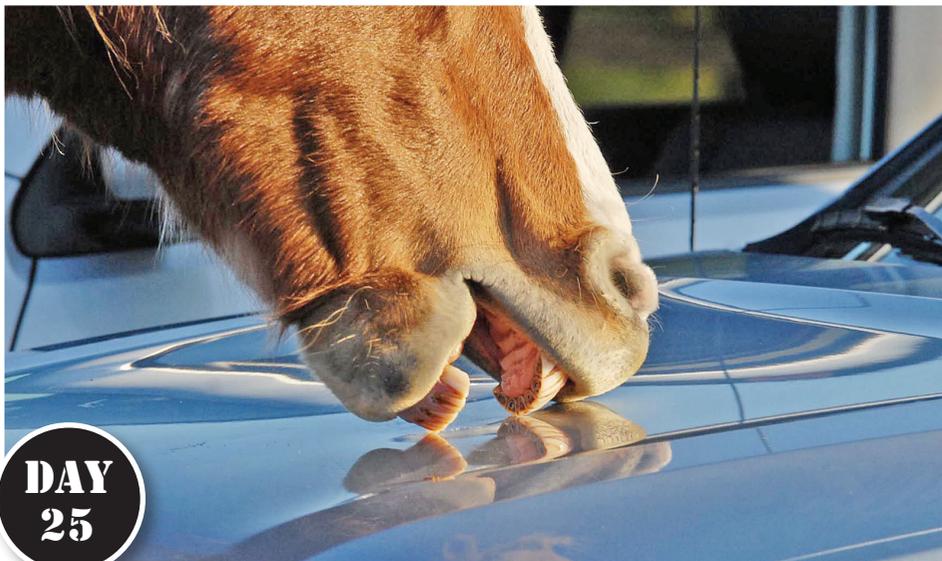

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DAY 24: KEEPING MY SHOES CLEAN

The former Big Rock ATV Park in October of 2012 was invaded by thousands of participants in the Tough Mudder event that raised money for Wounded Warriors. Many obstacles were erected for athletes to conquer and most, if not all, involved mud. A good way to rid the body of some of the gooey stuff was to plunge into a pool of cold water. This was taken from an airplane piloted by Mitchell Coleman, manager of Fleming-Mason Airport.

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DAY 25: TAKING A BITE

I got a call one day from Duff Giffin, former Maysville Tourism Director. She was excited and I came to understand that she wanted me to go to the horse farm on Jersey Ridge Road, and that horses and new cars were involved. Sure enough, when I got there the farm had numerous new sporty cars parked inside the paddock. A major automotive magazine brought in the cars for a photo spread. After much waiting for the light to become ideal, horses were released and around the cars they went. I watched this horse and was amused how it wanted to take a bite out of this car's hood. I think seeing its reflection in the hood could have been an issue. I showed my shot to several photographers who got a charge out of the image.

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DAY 26: PROUD AMERICANS

Former owner of Delite's Restaurant on Market Street in Maysville, John Kambelos gets caught up on news while waiting for customers on a warm 4th of July morning in 2011. John and his wife, Erato have since sold their restaurant and moved out of the area. They specialized in Gyros as well as other Greek dishes. The sign in the window caught my attention while getting an early start photographing holiday events.

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YOU EARNED IT!



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DAY 27: ICY CARDINAL

A severe ice storm moved through Mason County in February of 2009 taking out electric power to thousands of households. Some were without power for weeks. I was one of those. My assignment was to travel the area and photograph the destruction that Mother Nature dealt area communities. I spotted this cardinal darting back and forth on this ice-incrusted fence as I took photographs near Fleming-Mason RECC crews that were also on the move — in this case up and down utility poles trying to re-establish power.



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DAY 28: FEEDING TIME

Deer feed along the North Fork of the Licking River on a cold December morning in 2011. I was on my way home and noticed what seemed to be a larger than normal herd of deer. I decided to turn around and see if I could get a photo without spooking them. I thought for sure the deer would scamper off. I then realized that the deer were hungry. I wanted to get as many deer in the photo as I could and still show the sycamore tree. There were at least 6 more deer on the right side of the tree that aren't shown in the photo.

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DAY 29: TANK LANDING SHIP

The LST 325 makes its way west as it passes through the Ripley area in this 2010 photo. The vessel was used in World War II and is docked in Evansville, Ind. Every so often the vessel is prepared for cruises along the Ohio River with a volunteer crew. I usually track various types of watercraft on the internet and try to plan photos accordingly. This was taken from the Rankin House.



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DAY 30: A LITTLE LUCK

A celebration erupted at Laurel Oaks Golf Course in 2016 following a team member making a fantastic shot during the annual Maysville Community and Technical College Scholarship Golf Scramble. All I could do is point the camera and hope everything was in focus. A lucky shot!



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DAY 31: UP, UP, AND AWAY

Being a member of the media, sometimes I get special concessions in order to complete my assignments — in this case, a hot air balloon ride! I had never been in a balloon before so this was very exciting. The balloons when given the command inflate, lift off and try to land the closest to the lead balloon. It was a thrilling ride and provided many photo opportunities. This photo was taken August of 2007 near Maysville Community and Technical College.

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DAY 32: SNOW DAYS

Following an early morning snowfall, the U.S. 68 hill was closed to traffic as emergency workers assisted a semi-truck. With the help of a four wheel drive vehicle that I use mostly just for these types of days, I was able to get out and get photos. After many years of traveling our coverage area during snow and ice, I have learned to take my time, use caution, and watch for other motorists.



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DAY 33: LOST IMAGE

In the spring of 1988 L&N No.152 made a steam excursion from the Bardstown area to Maysville and back. It had to travel through Paris, Millersburg, Carlisle, and then on into Maysville. I thought that the old iron bridge in Millersburg might make a nice photo. I misplaced the negative that had this image on it. I finally found it while searching for another image for our 50-50 project!



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DAY 34: ROCK AND ROLL

St. Patrick students presented the Broadway musical "Grease" in 2011. My assignment was to take photos for their program of the upcoming production. I was told to meet the students at Ben Breslin's home to take photos. Several photos were taken of the cast members posed around the vehicles. This photo was my favorite because it showed the students' acting skills, their colorful costumes and the vintage vehicles.



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DAY 35: HELPING HAND

Prior to the unveiling day at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center's KSB Miniature's Gallery, I met up with miniature artists Allison Ashby and Steven Jedd to get a preview photo of the event. What I wanted to show was the relationship of the artist who made the miniature to the model's scale. Jedd asked me if I had an idea for a photo and I layed out what I wanted and he quickly understood and this is what we came up with.



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DAY 36: GHOST SHIP

The Nina, a Columbus replica ship, arrived at Limestone Landing in November of 2005. The vessel stayed for several days permitting tours of the ship. On its scheduled early morning departure date I thought a stop by Limestone Landing on my way to taking my daughter to school would yield me a good chance to get a photo of its departure. The Ohio River was fogged in and temperatures were below freezing as the vessel prepared to leave. One of the crew members asked if we could untie the Nina and toss him the rope. Since we were the only two on the pier, we gladly did as requested. My daughter Deanna watched as the ship drifted away

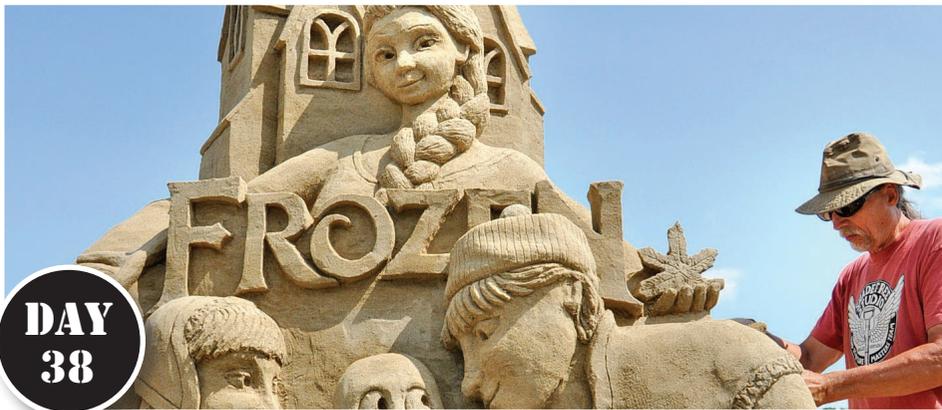


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DAY 37: COVER PHOTOGRAPHER

From time to time I am asked to provide to our advertising department covers for special sections or photos for ads. I was given the task of creating posters for teams that were participating in the Hunger Games in 2014. I believe there were at least a dozen two-person teams. Two of those were members of the Maysville Police and Fire departments. The police scene was taken at the old Hayswood Hospital and the fire fighters at Station One.



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DAY 38: SANDMAN

Damon Farmer, a world-renowned sand sculptor, was in Maysville during the annual Art Explosion event in 2012 demonstrating his craft. From a pile of sand placed in the parking lot along McDonald Parkway, Farmer created a scene from the Walt Disney hit motion-picture, "Frozen." It was fascinating to watch it being built in less than 24 hours.



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DAY 39: SPRING CHICKENS

Colorful hens perch on top of a tree stump with equally colorful flowers making for a nice Easter Sunday photo.

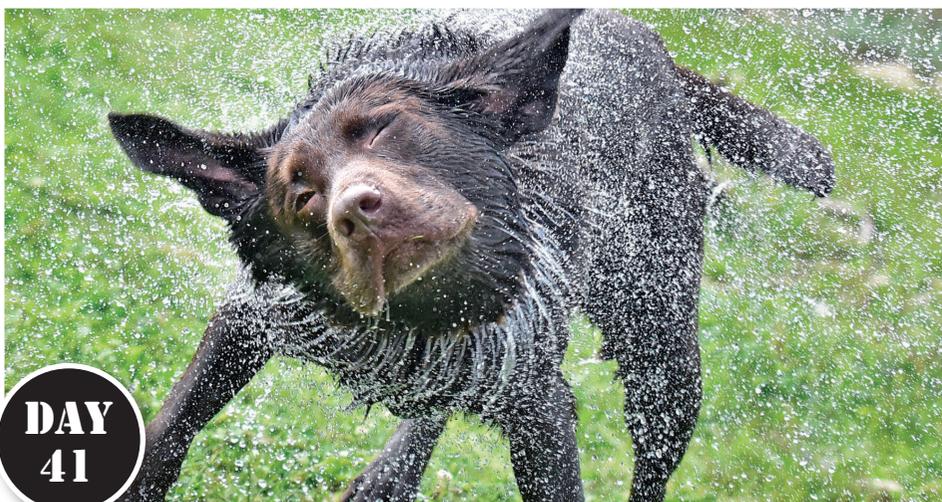


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DAY 40: SHAKE IT OFF

A late March snowfall dropped nearly 10 inches of snow overnight in 2015. I couldn't wait to get out in it to take photos. I managed to make my way to Maysville from my May's Lick home with few problems. I didn't want to disturb the snow along upper Market Street so I made my way along East 4th Street to get this photo.



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DAY 41: SHAKE IT OFF

Visiting Augusta in 2018 while looking for a photo, I came across a dog learning how to fetch downed water fowl for duck hunting. The owner would throw a rubber duck into the Ohio River, give the command to the canine to fetch, and it would quickly enter the river and retrieve the toy. This went on for several minutes when the dog decided to take a breather. I figured that it would shake off the water on anything and anybody in its vicinity. I got a good soaking and a nice photo.



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DAY 42: TOUCHING HANDS

While waiting inside for the 2015 grand opening of a new restaurant in Maysville, I just happened to turn around and notice a little girl and a cartoon character communicating through the picture window of the business. Mickey Mouse was there to participate in the ribbon cutting and the child was waiting with her family to receive their food order.



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DAY 43: BARN RAISING

Amish neighbors gathered near Tollesboro in 2007 to help build a dairy barn. With the ground work in place, workers gathered early in the morning to get started. The barn was finished and ready for the first milking before the day was over according to workers.

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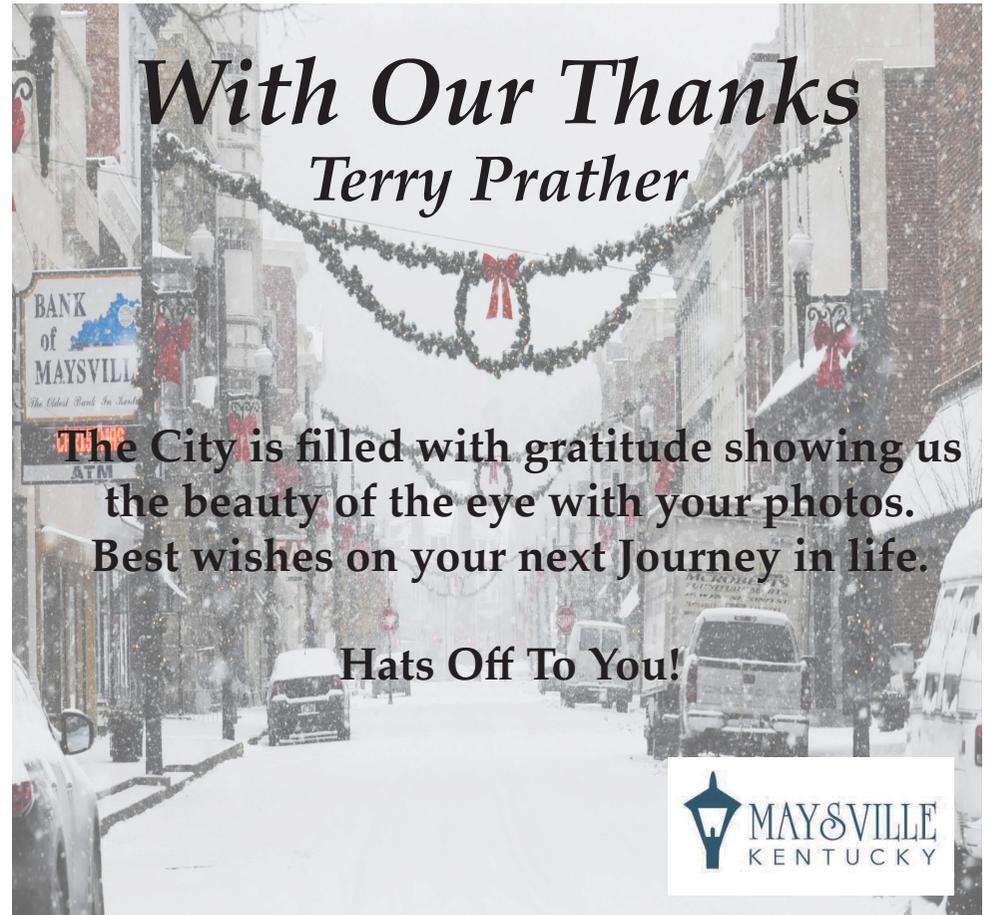
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DAY 44: HARSH WINTER WEATHER

Winters were a busy time for me in covering area high school basketball games. I received a call of a semi-truck sliding off of Kentucky 9 near Ryan's Farm Supply in 2012. The roads were indeed very treacherous and I had to use my best judgment on whether I should try to get a photo or play it safe and not respond. Well, the photo clearly shows what my answer was.



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DAY 45: WHITE CHRISTMAS

December 7, 1941 was on my mind on my way to work back in 2006 when I noticed it was beginning to snow, the first of the season. As I crossed over East Second Street, I looked to my left and noticed how seasonal the city's Christmas decorations were during the pretty snowfall. I parked my car, shown in the right-hand corner of the photo, and stepped out onto the street and took this photo. The snow lasted for about 10 minutes, then out came the sun and quickly melted it.

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**DAY
46**

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DAY 46: HISTORIC BLAZE

The historic Cox Building in Maysville was severely damaged by fire in 2010. News reporter Marla Toncray and myself were invited the day after the fire to witness the damage caused by the blaze. Both Toncray and Maysville firefighter Dan Lester stared in disbelief of the damage that was caused. The entire roof over the ballroom on the third floor was gone.



**DAY
47**

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DAY 47: SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

The last day of school couldn't come soon enough for this group of students from the Amish school near Helena. Each rode their bicycle to school so when the final bell rang they would all ride to a nearby store for treats. This photo was taken along Kentucky 324 in 2014.



**DAY
48**

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DAY 48: ROCKET HAULER

The Jenny Ann is dwarfed by the Delta Mariner as it passes by Augusta in 2008 on its way west. The vessel carries rocket parts for Atlas, Delta, and Vulcan rockets. It has since been renamed R/S Rocketship.



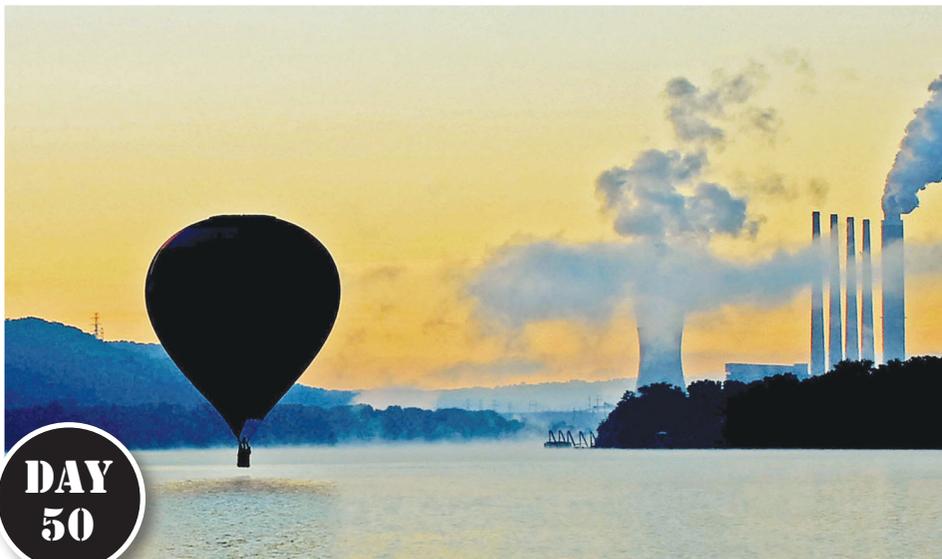


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DAY 49: FIELD OF SUNFLOWERS

One of my favorite photo opportunities. I have several spots that I visit when I want a sunflower photo. I had just pulled into this location in the eastern part of Mason County, when I noticed a horse trailer and horses tied to it. Bob Grutza told me that I just missed his family and he was getting his horses ready to transport back to his farm. "We were taking family photos in the sunflower field with the horses," he explained.



DAY
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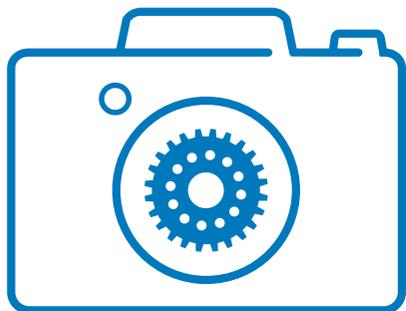
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DAY 50: GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER

My daughter Deanna took this photo in 2010. A balloonist from Reno, Nevada offered to take me for a ride as a promotional stunt for the upcoming Maysville balloon festival. I gave Deanna a camera and told her to go down to Limestone Landing and get a photo of the balloon over the Ohio River. As we neared the middle of the river, the pilot told me that it was time to get my feet wet on the fine points of ballooning. I looked down and sure enough we were floating on the river. This image was picked up by the Associated Press as an APTOPIX. This designation is assigned to photos that are both superior and newsworthy. Of all my years as a photojournalist, I have had only three APTOPIX. Great job daughter.

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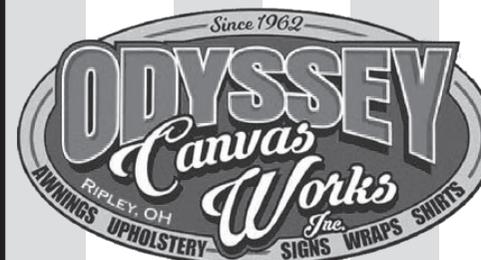


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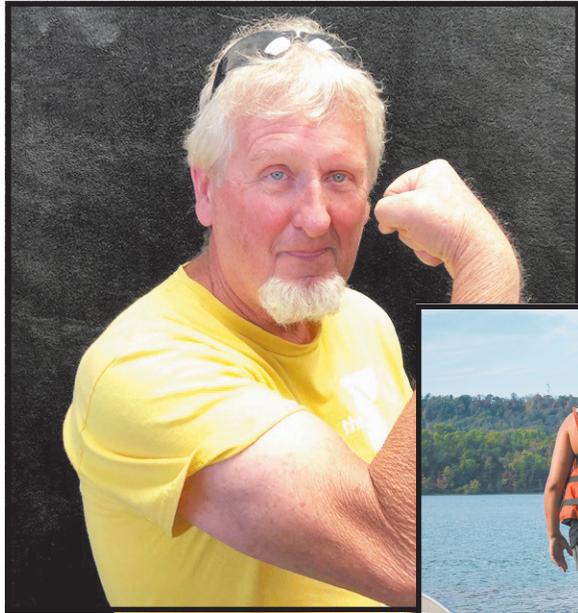
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LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS...



Terry Prather began working for The Ledger Independent part-time in 1978 and became fulltime in 2004 when he retired after teaching industrial arts at Mason County High School for many years.

"Terry has been a valuable ambassador for the newspaper and is often the first to report breaking news and events," Editor Mary Ann Kearns said. "He has also contributed numerous feature stories and for a time did a feature each summer called "Readers Rides," which spotlighted unusual or unique vehicles and their owners."

"He did his job with not only professionalism but also compassion for his subjects as he chronicled the history of our area – the good, the bad and the ugly – over a 40 year career," Kearns added. "I have never worked with anyone with more integrity than Terry."

"Terry's contributions through iconic pictures over a storied 40 plus year career is irreplaceable. His work has been admired by many throughout the years," Publisher Rod Baker said. "He has captured some of the biggest moments in our local history and will be missed by both our staff and readers alike. He's a true professional."

He has photographed countless football, baseball, basketball and soccer games, along with golf matches, capturing and documenting the careers of young athletes on film long before they became stars in college and pro sports.

Prather is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He and his wife, Vicki make their home in May's Lick. They are the parents of two children, Josh Prather and Deanna Waller and grandparents to three. His best buddy is Bella the dog.

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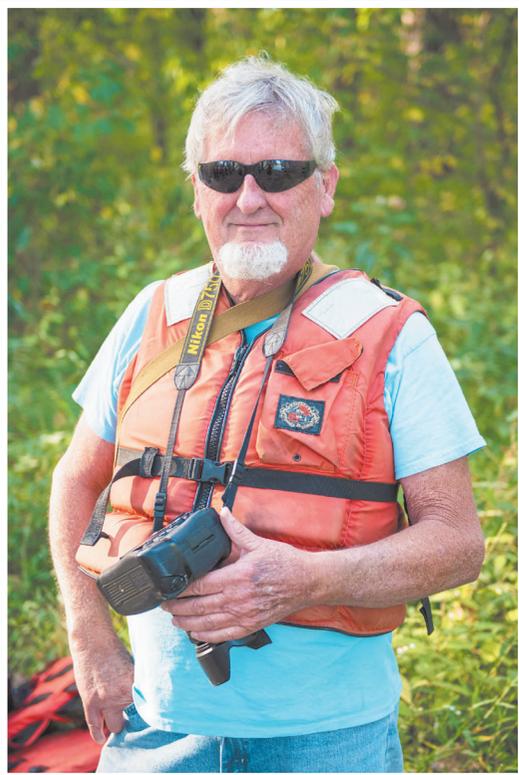
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Thank you so much for all you've done for us. You are appreciated and you will be greatly missed by all of us here at The Ledger Independent.

Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes for your future!

THANK YOU!





Our family moved here in 2005, and we were greeted by Terry Prather and his wife Vicki. They welcomed us to the community and we became great friends. We have enjoyed dinners at Blue Licks Restaurant, even taken a few trips together, and he and his family have even shared a ride with us when needed.

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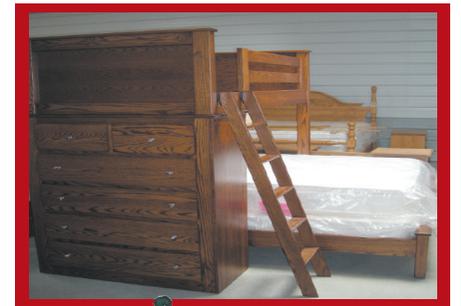


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