## "Dear Carole"

Dear Carole: Our daughter uses social media to punish us for not being perfect parents. There's no gratitude expressed

for what we did as parents and for what it took in love, time, money to get her this far in life. We raised her in church and I know we weren't bad parents, but she tells people we were. Her Facebook contacts have never met us and know nothing about us. How should I approach her about what she's doing? I don't want to drive her further away. - Hurt.

**Dear Hurt:** How well I understand your hurt. I don't know your daughter's age, but from what you say, I assume she's beyond her teen years (?) Having grown up in church, does she now claim to be Christian yet act anything but? The mature, secure person does not use social media to air personal grievances! Sadly some people never learn there is a great deal of difference between sanctified and sanctimonious, between holy and holier-than-thou, between righteous and self-righteous.

I think perhaps your daughter may not be living the kind of life she feels meets the standards expected of her, or that she expects of herself...the ones you taught her. Rather than looking inward, she finds it easier to point out your mistakes as a parent. (I've written it before in this column that all parents make them.)

However, rest assured you were (are) good parents, else you would not be concerned about her behavior then and now. It's unfair that she hasn't chosen to be grateful. Loving parents do countless good for their children! Also, a "grown up" person should talk directly to the ones with whom they have issues, not talk about them to others. To her, as it is with millions of other social media users, she probably feels it is a safe, nameless place to berate and criticize the real people they don't want to face, including her parents. You may create a wider gap by setting a date and talking with her, but I'd suggest you try. How can it be

judge. Say, "Could we ask you some questions, please? First reassure her she can talk without any disapproval whatsoever. Then say (1) "We feel you are angry about some things and we're not sure what. Would you help us understand? (2) Ask if you all and she can reach an agreement that she stop posting negative remarks about you on her cyber-sites.

any bigger a chasm than it already is? Don't accuse or

Don't be surprised if she is not receptive to a conversation. If she is, though, be prepared possibly to hear some hurtful words. Some adult children get angry early in their lives and stay that way so long that they can't back down without admitting they are wrong. They blame everyone except themselves. It becomes a way of life in which they are self-caged.

I would be disappointed for you if this doesn't work. I know you are willing to do almost anything to have her in your lives on a loving basis. Prayers going for

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## **Loretto Band to perform in three parades**



Due to the numerous accomplishments over the past few years, the officials from Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt have invited the Loretto High School Band to perform at the 2019 Nashville Christmas Parade set for December 7 at 9:00 AM. The Nashville Christmas Parade debuted in 1927 and has been an annual tradition every year except during war years. This year the parade will be televised on national television by WKRN channel 2. You can watch the Loretto High School Band Saturday morning December 7th at 9:00 a.m. The parade route will be flanked by hundreds of spectators anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus. Band director Darrell Boston received the invitation to apply for the parade in July after they returned from the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. The application process included

a description of the band's uniforms, awards/recognition's and

of the overall band program. Because of being accepted for the Nashville Christmas Parade

the band has also received an invitation to perform in the Franklin Christmas Parade. The invitation was from the president of the Franklin Kiwanis Club, so as the band is traveling back they will stop and perform in Franklin. After the Franklin Parade, the Loretto Band will proudly perform at home in the Lawrenceburg Christmas Parade.

Mr. Boston would like to say how proud he is to represent the community of Loretto, the students and staff of Loretto High School, and all the citizens of Lawrence County in the Nashville Christmas Parade, Franklin Christmas Parade and the Lawrenceburg Christmas Parade.

## African Children's Choir to perform in Loretto in January



Celebrating their 50th choir to tour from Africa since its founding in 1984, The African Children's Choir will be performing their new program: Just As I Am at the Loretto United Methodist Church on Friday January 17, 2020 at 7

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals, and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care purpose is to help create new and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (The parent organization for The African Children's Choir) works in the African countries: Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and South Africa. MFL has educated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. MFL Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah preciated.

leadership for tomorrow's Africa, by focusing on education.

The African Children's Choir has had the privilege to perform before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her diamond jubilee. The Choir has also had the honor of singing alongside artists such as Paul McCartney, Annie

Carey, Michael W. Smith, and other inspirational performers!

Promotional support of this community concert is greatly appreciated. The African Children's Choir

is a nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow.

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Loretto through the decades.

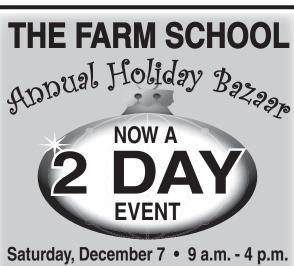
## Passarella museum reopening...

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renamed it Loretto. There was "Louise Passarella Brown" (Jolie Etienne), who impressed me with her clear and elegant delivery. Of course, I had to push "Dr. Malcolm Weathers"

(Mason McMasters) "button" a couple of times. He did an School, also showed us life in outstanding job as my father, and I delightfully had a picture snapped of me with "Daddy."

The actors, seventh and eighth



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There were a farmer (Joseph Jones) and a homemaker (Kylie Barnett), guiding us through scenes from the 1940s that were painstakingly recreated by Lift Up volunteers. My dad's soda fountain was on display from the drugstore with ice cream treats served to the crowd and a drugstore counter worker (Cara Forsythe) providing information. There were a switchboard operator (Edee Johnson) and a girl (Finley Boston) who witnessed the circus train wreck, showing black and white photos of elephants and other circus animals along Loretto's train tracks. There was also "Mr. Glen" (Andrew Busby), who founded the original pioneer village that became Loretto. I can't think of many events I have witnessed that have filled me with such gratitude and joy as much as this one did in Loretto. Our town is small, but there is a community spirit that lives and breathes here that is unique. Not much leaves me with a loss of words, but Loretto did that evening—the people, their talents, and their

generosity. They reminded me

why I am so proud to live here



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