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November 11—More Than a Holiday

Somewhere high above the forbidding and dangerous terrain of Afghanistan, an American military pilot focuses intensely on the assigned mission, but his thoughts are never far from September 11, 2001, a day that will forever be etched in the minds of the people of the United States.

Somewhere on Main Street U.S.A., millions of small-business owners will learn of this pilot's mission, and they too will reflect on that infamous day when thousands of fellow citizens perished and hundreds of small businesses near Ground Zero vanished.

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month, many will pause to honor those who nearly 83 years earlier fought and died in World War I so that, in the words of then-President Woodrow Wilson, the world would be made safe for democracy.

September 11, 2001. November 11, 1918. Although decades apart, the two dates will serve to remind us that not everyone shares the American Dream, nor do they wish us to live in peace in a democratic society.

November 11 is Veteran's Day. It is more than an annual holiday, it is a time of reflection and thanksgiving that we owe to those who have put their lives on the line so that our nation can pursue its values, its hopes, its dreams. It is a day to salute those who, through their ultimate sacrifices, have allowed this nation to continue to lift the torch of freedom for all to see.

On this day, many small employers will do more than pause to honor veterans. They will offer their hopes and prayers for the safe return of key personnel—owners, as well as employees—who have been called by their nation to fight off the latest threat to our national safety and security.

Veteran's Day is a symbol of selflessness and dedication that reaches back into the history of this nation to its very beginning, when citizen farmers and small-business owners and patriots of all walks of life put down their tools of trade, picked up their muskets and marched off to defend their country.

Small-business owners from one corner of the country to the other are rising to challenges which threaten the very survival of our nation. Not only have they launched massive relief efforts and swapped their shop aprons and business suits for the uniforms of military service, but they are also dedicating themselves to ensuring that their companies keep doing business without skipping a beat. That's equally important in our nation's war to defeat an impending economic threat, one that could inflict long-lasting financial harm on us at a time when it can least be afforded.

Whether duty's call places us in the cockpit of a supersonic bomber or behind the counter of a Main Street small business, we, as Americans all, proudly acknowledge our debt to our nation's veterans on November 11.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Minds in the Middle

The deadline for ordering yearbooks is this Friday, November 9th. The cost of a yearbook is \$20.00. We do not order extras, so be sure to get your order in now!

Thank you RCMS students for your generosity! The students donated over 1,800 food items to the Y-Club food drive and also donated enough items to fill 27 shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for the FCA's Operation Christmas Child project.

Congratulations to our 8th grade girls basketball team. The girls won first place in the conference tournament.

Next Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. will be our monthly SDDM Council meeting. The PFG will meet beforehand beginning at 5:30 p.m. Also, beginning at 6:00, GEAR-UP will be sponsoring "Technology's Influence on Education."

The 21st Century Community Learning Center baby-sitting certification class that was scheduled for this Saturday has been rescheduled for December 1st. Those who are interested in attending need to sign up beforehand with Mr. Cogner. 21st CCLC is now offering *Make A Cabin* class on Wednesday afternoons. Next Thursday at 4:00 p.m., there will be a Holiday Fest Cooking class at RCMS. Also through 21st CCLC, Mrs. Nancy Hale is offering some practice sessions for the ACT. Questions regarding any of our 21st CCLC courses can be answered by calling the program director, Mr. Jason Cogner, at 256-5118.

This Saturday, GEAR-UP will be touring a Habitat for Humanity site and learning about careers in manufacturing and construction.

Boys basketball tryouts were held last week. Congratulations to those making the 8th grade team! Derek

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Meeting Location - Mt. Vernon Elementary School

November 13, 2001

6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the October 9, 2001; October 11, 2001; October 16, 2001; October 30, 2001 special monthly meetings
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve school trips as listed:

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Review/approve change order #6 for Brodhead Elementary School construction project

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review Month 3 Attendance
- C. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- D. Review Perpetual Calendar
- E. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adams, Justin Albright, Colby Brown, Ty Bottoms, Jared Brown, Jeremy Cook, Derrick McClure, J.C. McClure, Terry Miller, Kyle Mullins, Weston Riddle, and Gabe Stallsworth. Those making the 7th grade team were Steven Eversole, Brandon Barnes, Lynn Miracle, Lance Baldwin, Clint Daugherty, Donovan Pigg, Cody Childress, Paul Payne Jacob Harding, Chandler Hunter, Dustin Miller, and Izak McQueary. Members of the 6th grade team are: Abraham Kirby, Gary Caldwell, Seth Taylor, Jay Cobb, Kyle Lear, Dakota Smith, Brian Mize, Nathan Mullins, J.J. Barnett, Devin Hasty, Chris Carpenter, Dustin Poynter, and Jake Woodall.

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Auction

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Brick House and Lot Automobile - Personal Property

Saturday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m.

450 Williams
Street, Mt. Vernon

In order to settle the estate of the late Mrs. Ford, we have decided to sell this nice home and personal property collection for the absolute high dollar.

This nice home offers living room, dining room, kitchen with oak cabinets and breakfast nook, master bedrooms, two additional bedrooms, one and a half baths on the first floor. It also has a partially finished basement consisting of family room with brick fireplace, kitchen, one bedroom, cellar, storage room and an additional room. Other amenities include central heat and air, city water, city sewer, and washer/dryer hookup as well as a fireplace and a wood burning stove.

The house is situated on a lot measuring approximately 1 1/4 acres with a nice yard, apple orchard, grape vineyard and smoke house.

UTOMOBILE: 1996 Ford Taurus - Automatic - Candy Apple red - approx. 38,000 miles

PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT WILL BE SELLING INCLUDES: Round Oak Table and Six Chair - Antique China Cabinet with Curved Glass - Antique Square Oak China Cabinet - Unique Brass Bed, extra nice - Marble top tea table - Walnut Spindle Back Padded Chairs - Round Walnut three footed Drop Leaf Pic Crust Table - Cherry Fern Stand with Marble Top - Cherry Plant Stand with Marble Top - Victorian Style Formal Couch with Cherry Rosette Trim - 2 Victorian Style Green Formal Chairs with Cherry Rosette Trim - Large Ball and Claw Rope Legged Oak Table - Large Ball and Claw Oak Table - Pair of Cherry End Tables with matching Coffee Table - Antique Walnut Marble top Magazine Rack - Pair of Oak Pressed Cane Bottom Chairs - Small Square Oak Side tables - Quilt Rack - Oak Dresser - Maple Rocking Chair - Oak Rocking Chair with Pressed Cane Bottom - Pharmacy Cabinet - Walnut Wardrobe - Old Antique Washstand

Cedar Chest - Wing Backed Rocker with Pressed Cane Back - Antique Oak Double Secretary - Cherry Marble top Dresser with Mirror - 3 Piece Maple Bedroom Suite - Modern Style 3 Piece Bedroom Suite - 2 Cherry Twin Beds - couch and chair - Round table with Four Oak Chairs - Square Table with Marble Top (Damaged) - Floor Model Zenith Television - Oak padded Rockers - Old style office chair - Couch - Table with Curved Legs - Side Table with Detailed Carving - Chairs - RCA Color Television - Wooden Fern Stand - Storage Shelf - Lazy Boy Recliner - Lazy Boy Recliner - Full Bed - Twin Iron Bed - Eagle Mirror - Oval Mirror - Square Hall Mirror - Old Display Cases - Several C. Don Enos, Howard Fain and Mark McFerron prints - several Antique Picture Frames - wooden magazine rack - Berea College wren stool - Antique Oak Table - Antique Chicago Oak telephone - Marble Mantel Clock - large assortment of old coins consisting of half dollars, silver dollars, pennies as well as paper money - Kelvinator Deluxe Freezer (white) - Kelvinator Refrigerator/Freezer (white) - White Westinghouse Oven Range (avocado) - Like new Whirlpool Freezer (cream) - Like new Maytag Washer (white) - Speed Queen Dryer (Avocado) - Turnabout Microwave

Old Antique Brass National Brand Cash Register - Old Penny Cigarette Slot Machine (very unusual) - Wm. L. Gilbert Mantel Clock - Large Assortment of Handmade Quilt - Pair of Green Gone with the Wind Style Lamps - Blue and White Lamp with Prisms - Pair of White Lamps with Flower Design - Pair of Hobnail Milkglaze Lamps - Pair of Red Lamps - Kerosene Lamps - Leutchenburg German Tea Set - Very Nice Canonsburg Eight Place Setting with Gravy Bowl, Butter Bowl, Cream and Sugar - William Rogers Silver Set - KY Wildcat Decanter - Political Decanters (Elephant and Donkey) - Old Jim Beam Decanters - Set of Dishes with Leaf Pattern - Fire King Dishes - Pressure Cookers and Canners - Pots and Pans - Small Candle Holders - Dehumidifier - Corningware Dishes - Decorative Pillows - Bedding - Baskets - Bakeware - Plasticware - Cast Iron Kettles and Skillets - Old Wooden Barrel Washing Machine - Crock Style Jugs - KIS-ME Jars - Carnival glass - Pigeon Blood - Glassware - Glass Paperweights - Staffordshire type Dogs - Flower Arrangements - Wreaths - Records - Vases - Trinker Boxes - Candy Dishes - Old Plates - Figurines - Stand style ashtrays - Lots of Glasses - Lots of Dishes - Franklin Mint Norman Rockwell Collector Plates - Franklin Mint Silver Collector Plates

Fishing Rod and Reels - Boat Motor - Fertilizer Spreader - Bushel Baskets - Ladders - Lawn Chairs - Wheelbarrow - Shovels - Axes - Hoes - Rakes - Assortment of Flower Pots including concrete ones - Water hoses - Tools - Tool Boxes plus many more items too numerous to mention.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: If you're looking for a well-built home located in a nice neighborhood, then consider this YOUR opportunity. This home is conveniently located in the city limits of Mt. Vernon near the schools, churches, post office and banks. This sale also has some lovely antiques, furniture and personal property, something for everyone. Be sure to mark your calendar and attend this absolute auction on Saturday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: The purchaser of a single family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins October 31st through November 9, 2001. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

TERMS: Real Estate, 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.

Automobile and Personal Property, cash or check day of sale.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

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