

Our Readers Write

Thank you...

Dear Editor,
I would like to take a moment and personally thank all my friends and neighbors who helped with the barn fire at my home on February 25, 2013. It is truly humbling to know that so many people went out of their way and risked their lives to help me.

I was at work when the fire broke out and had no less than five phone calls, within minutes, to alert me. By the time I arrived home, several friends and neighbors had already called 911 and began to get as much out of the barn as possible. Not much was saved but I am thankful for what was.

I just want to say Thank You to those who helped that day: friends, neighbors, Brodhead Fire Dept. and Brindle Ridge Fire Dept. I also appreciate all the phone calls from people who were concerned about me and wanted to know if there was anything they could do to help.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Wagner

Conservative views hurt county...

Dear Editor,

I agree with the letter of Mr. Allen regarding Rockcastle's Ultra-conservative views; it is destroying the county. As a repented former Republican from Rockcastle I understand his logic. I grew up in Rockcastle County were the far right Republican/Baptist views were combined to form a strong psychological bond that ruled out considering the logic of another's view. It was taught from the pulpit as well as practiced in regular life. If you didn't believe these far right views you were seen as one who didn't believe in God. How dare someone to take that

view! I still receive all the mean spirited e-mails that present the far right Republicans as the people of God and the radical left Democrats as the mark of Cain. How silly that people actually believe this Gestapo type propaganda. As a believer in Christ I find it incredibly arrogant and offensive to presume to speak for God. The day after the recent presidential election several Baptist Churches in the county had the message: "Pray for our Country" on their marques. I don't think you could have displayed Racism in more public way-shame on them. I think there are good and bad on both sides of the political issues; but to say that one is absolute right and one that is absolute wrong is ridiculous and reflects ignorance. Pray for the far right view to somehow come back to the middle-where logic lives.

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“Points East” (Cont. from A2)

ning of the planting season. Most leafy vegetables (lettuce, turnips, mustard, kale, collards, etc) actually do better in the fall here in Kentucky than they do in spring/summer and that's fairly common knowledge. But I start tomato seed in July for fall planting and we redo almost everything at least twice over the growing season. Sweet corn is the exception even though we stagger plantings of it so that it will come in over a period of several weeks. And, of course, peppers, okra, and ichiban eggplant will literally bear all year as long as they get watered weekly and doused with Peter's Professional all purpose fertilizer once a month.

I've just read what I've written in this column and it sounds like a lecture and even though that's not what

I intended, let me suggest that you go to your local Extension Service Office and get detailed literature on just about anything you want to grow.

And even if you have to put them in plastic five gallon paint buckets or cheap containers and set them on the patio, buy a few bags of top soil or composted cow manure (usually less than 2 bucks for 40 pounds) and try growing some of your own food this year.

You can use such a medium for several years and it will way, way more than pay for itself. But more importantly you will be eating veggies that taste far, far better than anything you can buy in a store along with the knowledge that they have not been picked prematurely, doused in enzyme

killers and handled by several dozen hands that may not have been as nicely washed as yours.

“I See It”

(Cont. from A2)

ture based on what he has learned from this season. I'm not saying that we should only go for four star recruits who will stay for more than one year. This kind of recruiting philosophy will produce a ten loss season every time.

What I am saying is that we should continue to recruit five star All-Americans but we should only recruit those who are mature and mentally tough. We should only recruit players like John Wall, Eric Bledsole,

Strange... But True?

by: Tonya J. Cook



Stigmata, A Most Unusual Occurrence

At this time of year, Christians of all faiths turn their hearts and minds to the pivotal point in all Christendom, the Crucifixion. Our Savior suffered a horrendous scourging and shortly thereafter was put to death with huge nails driven through the wrists and feet; a spear was jabbed through His side and a crown of thorns placed on His head, allowing blood to trickle down His face, all the while being tortured, taunted, and mocked.

In some very rare occurrences, people, usually Catholic women (80%) have become stigmatic. They produce, in some cases, all five “Holy Wounds”, that were according to the Bible, inflicted on Christ; wounds to the wrists or hands, the feet, the side, the forehead, and to the back as where Christ was scourged. The wounds may be visible with blood flow-

ing freely and with no pain, or may be invisible with the stigmatic only suffering the pain from the infliction. There is no report of the wounds ever becoming infected. The blood from the wounds may have a perfumed, sweet odor in some cases. These cases are known as the “Odour of Sanctity”.

The term “stigmata” originates from a line at the end of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians where he states, “...I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.” (Galatians 6:17) Did he mean this in a physical form or was he taking poetic license?

Many stigmata show recurring bleeding that stops and then begins again, usually after receiving the Holy Communion and they desire to have it frequently. A high percent of stigmatics exhibit “inedia”, living with minimal or no food or fluids for long periods of time.

It is said, according to Wikipedia, that the Saints, although nowhere noted in the Bible, but surely must refer to those who have gained sainthood, began their suffering on Thursday and it ends on Friday afternoon about 3 or 4 o'clock. They endured rejection and suspicion before their wounds were authenticated. They were watched day and night in order to monitor any tampering with the wounds on their part. A number of false stigmatics were exposed by this method.

On the other hand, this method certified those who were genuine. No case of stigmata is known to have occurred prior to the 13th century when the depictions of the crucified Christ in Western Christendom emphasized His humanity.

Next week we will take another look and do some further study into the most unreal occurrence.

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Mon., Mar. 25: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. **Tues., Mar. 26:** Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Wed., Mar. 27:** Seek and Learn, Wayne Stewart Center.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet

The 55th annual Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6th at the school. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Honored classes this year are: 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. The meal will be catered by Ladonna's of London and will be served at 7 p.m. Early reservations are encouraged and are \$20 per person. Reservation checks should be sent to: Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting

Mt. Vernon City Council will meet Monday March 25th at 7 p.m. and will be conducted as a special meeting.

Bus Drills - Early Dismissal

Rockcastle County Schools will conduct Emergency Bus Evacuation Drills on Friday, March 29, 2013. Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal. Also, there will be no school April 1-5 because of Spring Break.

Blood Drive in Mt. Vernon

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, March 26 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in the gym at 340 W Main St., Mt. Vernon. To schedule a donation, or for more details, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800-775-2522.

Class of 1983 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 1983 will hold their 30 year reunion June 22nd at 6 p.m. at Cedar Rapids. \$20 single and \$30 couples. Money may be taken to A Cut Above or mailed to Glenna Settles, 343 Barnett Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409.

Little League Sign-ups

Little League Sign-ups are being held every Saturday at Mt. Vernon Elementary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Baseball, \$50 - each additional child is \$40; tee-ball, \$35 per child; girls softball, \$50. Contact Jerry Saylor at 606-392-1539.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, March 21st on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Teacup Cafe on Main St. in Mt. Vernon.. Everyone welcome.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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