

Our Readers Write

Proud to be a conservative...

Dear Editor,

This is in answer to the two conservative-bashing fellows in the last two *Signal* editions. Yes, we are still mostly conservative Republicans, but we know right from wrong which makes a difference to humanity. Sorry to hear about your own bad luck in that area though.

As for the churches encouraging prayer for our country, we recognize our situation is rife with danger and that has nothing to do with the president's skin color!

We are not all Baptists and, of course, that's alright there are all kinds of denominations full of thought and light. Yes, we are conservative in Rockcastle County and I let me tell you the reason why -- we listen to He who made the world and hug the sky. This let us "conserve" the truth that has so long preserved our great American land.

God's speed and respectfully,

Claretta Hodges

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Dear Editor,

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"Memories"

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bring it safely back to Rockcastle County. I still remember that trip as clearly as I would if it was yesterday. We talked about everything that teenagers usually discuss, and we even listened to my pocket-sized transistor radio as we made our way to Manchester. Occasionally, we stopped to rest and to pick up a Royal Crown Cola and a bag of salted peanuts -- thereby momentarily quenching the hunger that teen boys maintain nearly 24-hours a day. We were no exception.

I can remember how that empty truck felt as we drove the curvy roads of the mountains. The engine was an in-line six cylinder that was designed to pull heavy loads. The big six-cylinder engine could pull a load with no trouble, and Lloyd knew exactly how to drive that Chevy. There was a huge difference coming back with seven tons of coal in the bed. I thought to myself, Lloyd is extremely capable of getting us back home safely. And indeed, he did.

It was dark when we made our way back home. Before we reached Rockcastle County, we stopped at a truck stop and bought some burgers and fries. It seemed perfectly normal for a couple of teenage boys to be hauling coal in those days. Lloyd was merely one year older than I, and he was a senior in high school. I was sixteen at the time. We felt good, thinking that we had completed the job well for Lloyd's dad. It was for me a unique and, indeed, joyful way of spending a fun afternoon and evening with my friend. We were just a couple of Rockcastle County "coal hauling" boys.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also get information about my new book, *View from the Mountain*.)

Strange... But True?

by: Tonya J. Cook



Stigmata, A Most Unusual Occurrence, Part II

Last week, as Passover and Easter approached, the subject of stigmata was discussed. We will continue to look at this most unusual of circumstances that may effect the human body.

Stigmata is a term used to describe the body marks, sores, or sensations of pain in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ. It is primarily associated with the Catholic faith with 80% of those affected being women.

The first specific case ever recorded is that of St. Francis of Assisi. In 1224, two years before his death, on a journey to Mount La Verna for a forty day fast, he encountered a six winged angel. The angel had been crucified. He was humbled by the sight and when the angel was gone, he was left with the stigmata.

More recently, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina was affected by the occurrence. His wounds were examined by

"Points East"

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gia, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina and Iowa before settling in Texas in 1967. Dark and Bloody Ground is her first published novel and she is currently working on a sequel.

If you do some math here, you will note that Mrs. Webb postponed her writing career until she was in her seventies. I am among those who would insist she should have started much, much sooner.

You can get the book at Amazon, but if you want a truly personal touch, please visit Heritage Books Nook website and give your business to Brenda Salyers, a wonderful lady who started her store in the early 80s to provide a sales outlet for local writers.

Brenda now operates her business out of her living room at 8009 Main Street in Pound where she stocks about 200 titles by central Appalachian writers. While walk-ins are more than welcome, well over 90% of her business is mail order, generated through online catalog sales.

The Dark and Bloody Ground is \$23.95 including shipping and handling. Simply mail a check in that amount to Heritage Nook Books, PO Box 373, Pound, VA 24279. If you have any questions, call Brenda at 276-796-4604. However, I really encourage you to visit her website; www.heritagenuok.com and check out the impressive selection of books and music that you simply can't find elsewhere. You can also read a more in depth synopsis of Roberta's novel by clicking featured books when you get to the site.

doctors in 1920 and 1925. The wounds never became infected. In 1954, x-rays were made of the padre's hands, and no abnormality was found in the bone structure.

Some modern day researchers believe stigmata may be brought about by emotional distress, identity disorders, self-starvation, and self-mutilation. In his research, Edward Harrison found no evidence that the marks are of supernatural origin. He is the author of "Stigmata: A Medieval Phenomenon in a Modern Age". He noted that there was an increase of men, unordained, in the last one hundred years making the 80% of women to suffer this condition to decrease. These

appearances frequently coincided with times when issues with authority came up in the Catholic church.

In 1935, Dr. Edward Hartung believed the marks were caused by a form of malaria, thus causing the purpura. This condition causes blood to hemorrhage into the skin. Purpura occurs symmetrically, causing each hand or foot to be effected equally.

There are also other non-Christian stigmata caused by tutelary spirits. They are patrons or guardians of a certain place. Stigmata are also seen in Buddhist art.

Source: Wikipedia.org/wiki/stigmata

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Mon., Apr. 1st: Brodhead, Copper Creek. **Tues., Apr. 2nd:** Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Road, Sweetwater Rd.. **Wed., Apr. 3rd:** Town Hill Circle and Lisa's Little People.

Health Dept. Closed Apr 9th

The Rockcastle County Hospital will be closed Tuesday, April 9th for staff training.

All God's Children Consignment Sale

All God's Children Consignment Sale will be held Friday, April 5th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sand Gap Christian Church. There will be approximately 3,000 items for children on hangers and sorted by gender and size. Bring a friend and join us April 5th and 6th at the church on Hwy. 421 in Sand Gap for this sale.

Hot Rods Sign-ups

Hot Rod sign-ups for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds will be held April 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. Fee is \$35 (cash only) per child. Parent shirts will be available at sign-ups for \$13 plus \$1 extra per size. Season runs April 27- July 13.

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.

Honor A Child

Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn is nearing completion in historic Frankfort Cemetery. You can engrave loving words honoring your baby on a beautiful granite wall too be dedicated on May 6, 2013. The cost is \$100 with two lines of engraving. Deadline is April 15th. Order your inscription now. www.kymemorialfortheunborn.org or call 859-255-2000.

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.

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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