

True Southern Exposure Answering the Call

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I am proud to be a part of Rockcastle County. We have some amazing people who live in these parts. In recognition of a few, here is an update on the goings on with ASPI and the Mt. Vernon Community Garden.

The ASPI 2013 Summer Youth Internship Program second session has come to an end. The youth participants set out on a journey and made some huge accomplishments. They showed work ethic in all they did and I hope had some fun while participating. We learned much from having them around and their impact was a lasting positive one.

The youth contributed to the Community Garden, helped with the Sunflower

Forest, dedicated to Leon Davidson and Allen Pensol. They experienced vending at the local Farmer's Market. Trips were taken to Grow Appalachia sites at Grimaldo Farm, Berea College and Laurel County African-American Heritage Center. During these trips, the students were exposed to cultural diversity.

Best practices for gardening and significance of cover crops, were accentuated along with different methods and perspectives on farming and community gardens.

The importance of buy local campaigns was discussed. The Internship program provided firsthand experience working inside the non-profit world. Weeding and weed control methods were explored. Plant diver-

sity and the benefits of such were covered. The students learned and repeated work on trellising, including the Florida Weave for Tomatoes, tee pees and support systems in place. Some of the youth canned and preserved food. The students worked with peers and Centre College interns. ASPI and Grow Appalachia would like to thank The RCHS staff and the Board of education for getting behind this program and making it a huge success.

In other ASPI news, a special shout out to Jack Weaver, Chris Mason, and Mayor Jason Medley for organizing an event for the Mt. Vernon Community Garden. Thanks to all who came out August 22nd to turn the shed; it was a sight to behold, with the cooperation of the Livingston and Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Squads plus a few other emergency responders. Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue broke out the Jaws of Life and the men worked as a team to turn the shed now facing in the correct position for the roof to receive southern light exposure. We are ready for Josh Bills, of MACED, to install the solar panel.

To round out the update, we were happy to host the Rockcastle Garden Club's August 26th meeting. I was impressed and honored to have them at the Mt. Vernon Community Garden. Great conversations exist among such good people. Sheila Neal even prepared a beautiful dish on the spot. She gave us the pleasure to smell and taste a wonderful summer tomato salad. We cleansed our pallet with cake afterwards.

We are blessed to have a few thriving local business people as long time supporters: Lester Kirby's Tree Service, Lone Star, Dogwood Gifts and Garden, and Collins Backhoe and Hauling. Thanks for making our soil rich.

Ever notice how being around positive people is uplifting? If that is true then so is the opposite. Surround yourself with people that have pure intentions. Let us be the encouragers for the best tomorrow we can imagine.

Join us on Face book; Rockcastle Garden Club and Mt. Vernon Community Garden.



Sheila Neal shows Rockcastle Garden Club members edible weeds during their August meeting. In the photo are, from left: Virginia Darst, Kathy McCauley, Tom Darst, Roland Mullins, David McCauley, Neal and Debbie Brown. Present but not in photo was Nancy Mullins.

Upcoming Reunions

Graves-Hayes-Owens Reunion

The Graves-Hayes-Owens Reunion will be held Saturday, September 7th at Blue Springs School.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day. All family and friends are welcome.

Laws-McAnally-Brockman & Crane

The Laws/McAnally/Brockman and Crane Reunion will be held at Berea Memorial Park on Saturday,

Sept. 7th, 11 a.m. to ?

Please bring food items and drink. Also we would appreciate donations for our auction.

For more info: Gwendolyn 606-965-2874, Dessie 937-448-3079 or Loretta 859-313-6788.

Cromer Reunion

The families of John and Arlie Cromer will hold their annual reunion Saturday, September 14th. The event will begin at noon and will be held at the home of

Bentley Cromer. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Please bring a covered dish and lawn chairs.

For more information, call Bentley Cromer at 606-521-7061 or Jeanne Cromer at 606-256-2704.

Rowe Reunion

The Rowe Reunion will be held Sept. 15th at Logan Hubble Park Shelter #4. The family of Rob and Winnie Rowe and all relatives and friends are invited to attend.



Free Bible Courses

Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Homecoming

Homecoming will be held at Copper Creek Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 8th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Harvey Benne of Berea will be preaching and special music will be provided by the Hall Family of Berea. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service.

There will not be a Sunday night service.

Pastor Larry Siler and congregation welcome everyone.

Lovett Benefit

A Benefit for Junior Lovett will be held Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church. Bro. Jack Carpenter invites everyone.

New Hope

Homecoming

New Hope Baptist Church will hold their homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 8th, beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday School or evening services will not be held that day.

Come and spend the day, enjoy good preaching, singing, food and fellowship.

Dinner will be served around 1 p.m.

Pastor David Carpenter and congregation invite everyone.

Singing

The Shepherds will be singing at Word of Faith Pentecostal Church on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 2445 East Pittsburg Church Road, London.

For more information, call 606-598-9265.

Revival

Mt. Vernon Church of God will be in Revival Sept. 8-11 with evangelist Billy Bryant. Sunday service will be at 6 p.m. and week nights services at 7 o'clock.

Pastor Bobby Owens welcomes everyone.

Fall Homecoming

First Christian Church will be celebrating their 2013 Homecoming with a series of meetings from Sunday morning, September 8th through Wednesday evening, September 11th. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Andrew Philbeck from Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, Greenwood, Indiana will be bringing the messages from the book of Daniel. The theme is "Life on the Edge."

The church is located at 160 West Main St.. For

more info or transportation, call 256-2876.

Kingsmen's Concert

The Kingsmen, one of Southern Gospel's longest-running and most beloved groups, will be in concert at Calvary Baptist Church in London on September 8th at 6 p.m.

A love offering will be taken to help the group with expenses.

The church is located at 111 North McWhorter St.

For more information, call the church at 864-7071 or Mike Mize at 219-0111.

Homecoming and New Van Service

West Brodhead Church of God will hold their Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 15th with service at 11 a.m. Bro. Billy Bryant will be speaking.

Dinner will be served after the service.

The church also now has a van which will run in the Brodhead area. For more information, call 758-8216.

Revival

Sand Hill Baptist Church will hold revival services Sept. 11-14 with Bro. Jerry Ballinger preaching.

Pastor Tommy Miller and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church September Events

Sept. 5, 6 and 7 - Yard Sale at 205 J. Shelton Rd., Crab Orchard. A lot of stuff - \$3 bag sale on clothes. 355-2779 for info.

Sat., Sept. 7th: Praise Singers, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15th - Church homecoming, 11 a.m., potluck following. Praise Singers performing. No evening service.

Sat., Oct. 5th: Youth cook-out at church.

Bible Study every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., including youth Bible study.

Church is located at 834 Bryant Ridge Rd., Brodhead. Transportation available, just call Pastor Gordon Mink at 606-308-5368.

Happy Birthday



Happy 70th Birthday,
Mom

We all love you very much.

Your children,
grandchildren and
great grandchildren