

Where Is Utange?

By Van Yandell

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Most of our mission work in East Africa was in the bush country. Going from village to village, hut to hut, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ was a challenge and an adventure.

The villagers were very welcoming and cordial to the Americans coming from our homes across the sea to share with them "The Good News" as the gospel is called.

We were told before the first trip to be prepared for culture shock. I didn't feel any shock. The cultures were indeed different but people are people wherever we go.

So many times we were invited to sit with the people, sometimes around a campfire; other times we sat on logs or the ground. At times we were offered a meal of ugali (ground corn mush) or githeri (corn and beans mix). Of course I never refused.

Utange was another environment. The trails we walked through the jungle were both beautiful and interesting. Hearing the sounds of numerous species of birds, the screams of monkeys and other sounds have lingered in my mind for many years.

The trails in places were covered with a canopy of trees and vines. It was actually dark but occasionally a few holes above allowed a ray of sunlight to creep through.

At one point we found coconut trees about forty feet high. One of the young men with us shimmied up one of them and threw down coconuts for each of us. Several of the trees had notches cut for foot placement to climb the trees. Someone had been there before.

Many of the Africans carried machetes, partly for personal protection but that turned out not to be entirely the case.

With his machete, he chopped the top off the coconuts, carved a spoon from the hull and handed everyone a coconut to drink the juice and eat out the meat with the spoon. It was delicious and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me.

A narrow trail wound through to Utange church. That's where I met the interpreter and a few church members that accompanied us.

One of our local transportation hires took me out in the mornings and returned in the evening to fetch me back to the camp at Nyali. The trail was not really a road but he managed. He drove a Datsun truck with the floor rusted out. I could watch the trail through the holes in the floor between my feet as we traveled.

There was a business by the trail across from the church. It was made of sticks with a grass roof. The entrepreneur sold cookies and drinks and was always good for extended conversation.

One night he prayed to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior and to share his experience of having God come into his life was a great blessing to me. We've seen so many big strong men pray to receive and realizing the love and sacrifice of Jesus for them, tears streamed down their faces. Jesus is the Savior of the world but also a personal Savior.

One night at Utange my driver did not return. There was a local gathering spot for the men of the neighborhood near the store. Several large logs surrounded a campfire in the center for light.

Rather than start walking the ten miles back to Nyali, I chose to sit with the men and see where things went. For a white man to join their assemblage took them by surprise but soon we were talking and laughing.

English was still being taught in schools in Kenya and most spoke English and they actually seemed pleased to have an opportunity to practice the language. I was amazed at how quickly they accepted me into their group; curiosity may have been a factor.

They were of religions other than mine. Some were of African traditional, some Muslims and one was Anglican. My ride returned a little before midnight. By then my new friends had gone home and I reconciled myself to the fact I'd be sleeping by one of those logs.

The congregation at Utange was very receptive and welcoming. Hands were shaken and smiles exchanged. I often wish I could go back and see how things have developed over the years, Utange has changed.

I still can visualize an elderly lady that walked miles to be baptized in the Indian Ocean. She was bare-foot and the road was rocky. It had to be very uncomfortable but she wanted very much to be baptized. We took her back home in the back of a truck. As we sat in the truck bed, her facial expression was pure satisfaction.

Going to such places have been the highlights of my life. I'll always remember the people, the sounds (including the beautiful music in the churches) and the environment. God has blessed!

In the leading scripture, (Acts 1: 8), listed are what appears to be four geographic locations. One of those is the "uttermost parts of the earth." For years I thought the uttermost was the other side of planet earth but since I've reasoned it may not be as far away as we may have thought.

The uttermost may be that difficult person that lives across the street or one we work with or even within our own home and family.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

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Historical, Genealogical Society To Meet

The Webster County Historical and Genealogical Society will host local historian and speaker, Sue Berry, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Webster County Senior Center in Dixon.

Mrs. Berry will be speaking on culinary genealogy which will include information pertaining to Webster County.

All are invited to attend.

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Elementary Educator Receives Mini-Grant

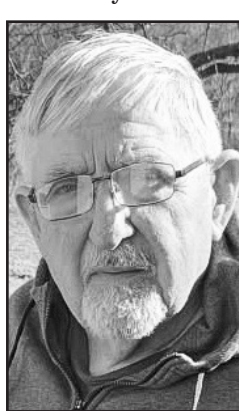
Dixon Elementary School educator Leslie Kuykendall has been awarded a \$650 mini-grant for the Equipping Minds Cognitive Development Curriculum. This curriculum addresses the cognitive skills that are the foundational tools for learning, such as visual and auditory processing, attention, comprehension, language, social skills, and self-regulation. According to Equipping Minds, the classroom connection activities provide foundational skills for spelling, reading comprehension, writing, math, science, and history.

Kim Saalwaechter, Webster County's Director of Special Education, stated that "Leslie does a wonderful job with looking to bring new innovative ways to her students through instruction. Leslie is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure her students are learning."

The Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children sponsored this mini-grant.

Jerry Hedden

Jerry Denton Hedden, 82, of Robards, passed away Thursday April 3 at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson.



Jerry Hedden was born on January 11, 1943, in Askins, Kentucky, to the late William Denton and Anola (Moxley) Hedden.

A proud U.S. Marine veteran, he was a devoted member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, where he previously served as a deacon. He also served as a com-

mitteeman and member of International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers Local 2186. Jerry retired from Cresline after 32 years of dedicated service. Alongside his wife, he ran "Robards Upholstery" from their home, showcasing their craftsmanship.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Mary "Sue" (Overfield) Hedden and brother, Darrell Hedden.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Linda Hedden; two children, Stephanie Harper of Robards and Steve Hedden (Teresa) of Orem, Utah; three sisters, Linda White (Pete) of Indiana, Lora Hicks (Dale) of Missouri, Toni Braun (Dave) of Alabama; two brothers, Gary Hedden (Sherry), and Stuart Hedden (Judy), all of Missouri; six grandchildren, Jacob Hedden, Luke Harper, Alex Hedden, Ryan Christensen, Avery Christensen, Shyloh Lyon; one great-grandchild, Mage Christensen and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 1:00 PM (today) Wednesday April 9 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel with Pastor Logan Hensley officiating.

Burial will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion Worsham Post 40 Honor Guard.

Visitation was Tuesday 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, 11:00 A.M. until service time at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Hedden, Luke Harper, Alex Hedden, Kenny Davis, Jim Newcom and Josh Vincent.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Shady Grove General Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.tomblinsonfuneralhome.com Paid

Webster County Health Notes

By Pam Hunter, Facilitator

Eating Tips During Cancer Treatments

You may find that cancer or cancer treatment has affected your sense of taste. Food may seem to lack flavor or taste too sweet, salty or metallic.

Usually, these changes are temporary and will improve with time. In the meantime, do what you can to maintain your calorie intake and meet your body's protein, vitamin and minerals needs.

If you normally follow a specific diet, such as one that's low in sodium or fat or designed for people with diabetes, it may be necessary to put those restrictions aside for a while. You'll want to allow for more variety so that you can increase your chances of getting adequate nutrition. Check with your doctor to make sure it is alright to relax your dietary restrictions. Note: If your mouth or throat is sore, avoid spices, acidic foods and hot foods or beverages, which may be irritating.

Try different sauces, marinades, seasonings and other ingredients. These can help perk up the taste of

food.

While cooking, add: barbecue sauce, extracts or other flavorings, ketchup, meat marinades, mustards, soy sauce, spices and herbs, Teriyaki sauce, vinegar or wine.

Other Suggestions

Sugar or syrup on your food. On your cereal try brown sugar, maple syrup, honey, cinnamon, dates or raisins instead of white sugar.

Salty foods: In addition, salty foods such as cured meats, cheeses and snack chips may have more taste.

A little sugar may tone down the saltiness of some foods. Cook foods without adding salt. Avoid processed foods that contain a lot of sodium. Look for products labeled reduced sodium. Try bland, mild-flavored foods.

If your cancer treatment has weakened your immune system, some of these foods may not be safe for you. Always check with your care-giver when in doubt or discomfort.

The things that keep people together, are finer and better than the things that keep them apart.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00191

CITY OF CLAY, KENTUCKY vs.

PLAINTIFF

DEON PROW AKA DEON ANGELOQUE PROW C/O ZACK PROW AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIVES, WIDOWERS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVEISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; COUNTY OF WEBSTER, KENTUCKY.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 245 TAYLOR STREET, CLAY, KENTUCKY 42404 PVA No. / Map No.: OC1-020-005.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 13th day of March, 2025.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner 4/9c

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CASE NO. 18-CI-00097

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP

PLAINTIFF

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF CHARLES H. HALL, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, REX TAX LIENS, LLC, UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF CHARLES H. HALL, INDEPENDENT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 121 N. Finley Avenue, Providence, KY 42450 PVA No. / Map No.: PR5-003-001.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 11th day of March, 2024.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner 4/10c