



MEMBERS OF THE Webster County High School cheerleading squad are pictured here as they "fired up" the crowd during last Friday night's basketball games against Union County.

What Do We Fear?

By Van Yandell

John 14: 1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Not long ago I was jogging on an abandoned logging trail in the woods behind my

house. In my peripheral vision, I sensed something unusual beside the trail. My mind was a million miles away, probably preaching a sermon, writing an article or hiking a trail in the Rockies.

About fifteen feet further along, I stopped and turned around to see a diamondback rattler six feet long sunning his fourteen rattlers. A cold chill ran down my spine because I had stepped within two feet of his head.

When he realized my

presence, he coiled in about one millionth of a second and was on full alert prepared to strike my leg. His head was bigger than my fist and his eyes were as looking into the eyes of Satan.

When I got back home, wife Margie took one look at my face and immediately asked, "What's wrong?", I'd seen (or experienced) something terrible and she could see it.

I've been told the strike of a diamondback is like being hit with a sledge hammer. And

the subsequent days of suffering are as horrible a sickness as anyone could ever experience.

To fear something is based on previous experiences or information we have received. The information may or may not have been true. In the case of the rattle snake, I do not want to find out!

Most of our fears are unfounded but certainly not all of them. If the way we vote or our political ideologies differ from another, should that be a reason to live in fear? Can we not disagree without fear of retribution? The signers of The Declaration of Independence knew they might be signing their own death sentences by openly calling for freedom from Great Britain.

Many live in fear of scammers and identity thieves. Can a government not stop scammers or telemarketers from intimidating and cheating citizens?

The government can't even stop the TV advertisers from broadcasting their messages at a higher volume than regular programing; even though increased volume is illegal. The mute button may be the greatest invention of mankind.

And speaking of advertisers, have you insulted your doctor by asking for a pill you saw advertised? Fear of illness is also at the top of the list of our fears. The state of American's health has become epidemic.

Being apprehensive has become a way of life. Merchants and sales people only tell us what they want us to know. The goal is to make the sale and "what you don't know can't hurt you" is a lie.

When a lung or heart patient has to step outside to grab a smoke can

we question the intellect of this population? Several doctor's office waiting rooms are furnished with over-sized chairs. Can the logical, reasonable person not see what we are doing to our bodies (1 Corinthians 6: 19)?

Perhaps our greatest fear should be of ourselves and specifically our levels of ignorance. Sun Tzu said (a Chinese military general, strategist, philosopher), "If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the results of a hundred battles."

While many of our fears exist in the "what if" category, some are legitimate and have credibility. My encounter with the rattler could have been very bad had it been coiled as I passed by.

Religion has reached a state of extreme polarization and the hatred that exists for Christians, Jews, Muslims and most any other religion has become dangerous and unreasonable (Matthew 24: 9). Violent disagreements have been known to happen even among varying Christian faiths.

We remember a time when we often heard the phrase "God fearing people." Should we fear the one that created us (Genesis 1: 27)? Should we fear the one that loved us so much (John 15: 13) He came to us in the form of the man, Jesus (John 1: 14) and suffered and died for our sins in that we might spend eternity with Him?

The "fear of God" is a feeling of respect, be-

ing in awe of Him and knowing what the consequences are when we are not obedient. God is King. We are dependent on His mercy.

What we must fear is His wrath for our disobedience! Just as His chosen people suffered His wrath for their disobedience throughout the Old Testament, the world appears to be suffering His wrath today for the same reason.

What are we to expect in our near future? The Biblical prophecies are loud and clear. The world will continue to deteriorate into a quagmire of crime, hatred, war, pestilences and famine just as Jesus said it would (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21).

Mankind has the ability to change but will we? At this point it doesn't seem likely. With over eight-billion people in the world and many believing they create their own religion and write their own rules, the future appears bleak at best.

Can we return to God? Individually we can write our own futures. The Bible teaches eternal life for the believer (John 3: 16). Can we agree on one thing: eternity is much longer than our lives here on earth!

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Principal's List, Honor Roll Students Listed At Dixon Elementary School

Dixon Elementary School principal has announced the names of students named to the Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second grading period of the 2024-25 school years.

Students named to the Principal's List include

3rd Grade

- Lilly Baskett
- Natalie Blue
- Lila Hayes
- Matthew Herron
- Rosavyre Holland
- Isaac Leslie
- Ryder Raney
- Max Stewart
- Collin Townsend
- Ryan Vance
- Hadley Whitledge
- Anna Zachary

4th Grade

- Emma Alvey
- River Blue
- Milania Brogdon
- Joanna Dunn
- Asher Eversole
- Adalyn Frazier
- Avery Griffin
- Jordyn Harvey
- Deacon Jones
- Anniston Newton
- Henleigh Parker
- Charlie Pleskach
- Anwen Shipp
- Claire Stewart
- Ellison Walters
- Ava Whitledge
- Bentley Wilson
- Madi Wright

5th Grade

- Bracin Lanham
- John May
- Hannah Robards
- Reagan Smith
- Paisley Stagner

6th Grade

- Farrah Burton
- Natalie Eversole
- Hudson McBride
- Anniston Melton
- Andersyn Percy
- Ameera Ramin
- Lexi Shelton
- Dustin Willett

Honor Roll students include

3rd Grade

- Connor Bruce
- Colbie Clark
- Owen Coble
- Emmalee Cortes
- Ezra Ellison
- Audrina Garrett
- Grayson Hughes
- Harper Marsh
- Halle McBride
- Rowan Murrell
- Bentley Pryor
- Madisyn Quever
- Brianna Rakestraw
- Macey Scott
- Royce Smith
- Ryder Vincent
- Mya Wilson

4th Grade

- Maggie Barnes
- Lilly Blanford
- James Brown
- Amelia Carter
- Brooklyn Edwards
- Casey Garrett
- Cole Gish

- Abigail Meredith
- Avery Mooney
- Kaylee Russell
- Georgia Mae Turley
- Leliana Vela
- Skylar Watkins
- Annie Whitehead
- Hudson Wright

5th Grade

- Myla Branson
- John Luke Brittain
- Aria Brummett
- Mikey Buckman
- Alex Cortes
- Benny Harris
- Lana Hayes
- Kallon Hobgood
- Gwenavyre Holland
- Gwendolyn McCuiston
- Taylor McCully
- Ian Meadows
- Emma Moore
- Wyatt Shelton
- Zayden Snyder
- Brantley Sweet

6th Grade

- Braxton Brister
- Carter Bumpus
- Easton Davis
- Grace Hensley
- Hudson Knight
- Cora Lovan
- Billy Rakestraw
- Anna Scott
- Lydia Spink
- Connor Stone
- Reese Stone
- Cy Warren
- Blake Whitledge
- Dax Whitsell
- Madelyn Winstead

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00140**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
vs.
JASON BRYAN JONES; SHAWNDA YVONNE JONES;
WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on AUGUST 23, 2024, I will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 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: 3393 State Route 147, Sebree, Kentucky 42455
PVA No. / Map No.: 000-004-004.

This conveyance will include a 2021 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial No. CWPO51116TNABAC.

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 17th day of December, 2024.
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 22-CI-00041**

FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF
vs.
MICHAEL D. CHEEKS, NELDA E. CURRY,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF MICHAEL D. CHEEKS,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF NELDA E. CURRY,
INTEGRA BANK, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL D. CHEEKS,
AND UNKNOWN ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR OF MICHAEL D. CHEEKS DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, I will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 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: 403 Church Street, Providence, Kentucky 42450
PVA No. / Map No.: PR6-005-005.

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 7.625% 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 12th day of December, 2024.
STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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