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Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce members gathered at Patriots Vendor Mall in Hardinsburg on May 11 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Patriots Vendor Mall is a veteran-owned business owned by Tommy and Melanie Douglas, of Falls of Rough.

The business opened on April 26 and is open daily from

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Mall has 73 vendor booths with a large variety of products such as vintage/antique, patriotic merchandise, hand crafted wood & glass items, paintings, lake photography canvases, variety merchandise, candles, kitchen and home decor, clothing, tools, ammo, knives, toys, bulk products, mystery

boxes, Christian gifts, Liberty Bibs, Pete & Lucy children's clothing, fabric and more.

Feedback from the community has been very favorable, according to Melanie Douglas.

The mall is located at 1031 S Hwy 261 in Hardinsburg and can be reached at 270-580-8040. More information is also available at its Facebook page by searching Patriots Vendor Mall.

# Are you saved?

**1** John 5:9 *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

living an afterlife. Throughout history, local churches have been composed of both believers and unbelievers, and, sadly, it is often difficult to tell the difference. That's why John wrote his first letter. He wanted to assure the true Christians of their salvation and warn those who professed belief but lacked saving faith.



NATHAN LOWE INJOY

John gives a fourfold test describing the beliefs and practices of genuine believers:

Right understanding of Christ and salvation (1 John 2:18-27). To be saved, we must have the true gospel. This is the gospel that tells the story of only one Savior, as described in God's Word. I often hear people say, all roads lead to heaven — just so long as you are travelling you will get there. That is like saying all roads lead to New York — just start driving and you are bound to end up there. If you intend to arrive at any destination, you must travel the right

road that leads there. If you intend to go to heaven, you must travel the right direction.

You must have the right attitude toward sin (1 John 1:5-29, 1 John 2:1-2). True believers hate their sin and are quick to confess their failures and turn away from them.

We must be willing to practice obedience (1 John 2:3-6). God's commands are not burdensome to those who belong to Christ. Although we may fail at times, the overall direction of our life is one of obedience.

We need a right relationship with God's people (1 John 2:7-11). Christ produces within His true followers a love for fellow believers. The scriptures said, "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, that you have love one to another." "How can I love God whom I have not seen, if I cannot love men whom I have seen?" The believer will demonstrate a desire to be with other believers.

If you have doubts about your salvation, reading the book of 1 John will help you settle the issue.

# Servant of the Servants of God

**"**If you cannot give up everything of this world, at least keep what belongs to the world in such a way that you yourself are not kept prisoner by the world. Whatever you possess must not possess you; whatever you own must be under the power of your soul; for if your soul is overpowered by the love of this world's goods, it will be totally at the mercy of its possessions.

on our way, but our desire must be for those eternal realities, which are our goal. We should give no more than a side glance at all that happens in the world, but the eyes of our soul are to be focused right ahead; for our whole attention must be fixed on those realities which constitute our goal.



DALE DEPOYSTER

"Whatever is vicious must be utterly eradicated, wrenched away not merely from being put into act but even from being so much as thought of. No carnal pleasure, no worldly curiosity, no surge of ambition must

keep us from the Lord's Supper."

Words from Saint Gregory the Great, Pope (A.D. 540-604). He established the Church in England by sending 40 monks from Saint Andrew's Abby, which he had established earlier before his pontificate. He is called great for many reasons: he fed the poor during famine, ransomed captives from the Lombards, protected Jews from coercion, and resisted the arrogant Byzantine Emperor. He referred to himself as the "Servant of the Servants of God." A title Popes still use today. Great wisdom from 1,500 years ago! JMJ! dale54@live.com.

# Ursuline Sister who ministered in Grayson County celebrates jubilee

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An Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph who served in Grayson County is celebrating a jubilee of religious life this year.

Sister Rita Scott, a native of Louisville, is celebrating her 60th jubilee. She was a teacher at St. Paul School in Leitchfield (1971-73), where she also served the school as a substitute bus driver. She also taught or was principal elsewhere in Kentucky and south-

eastern Missouri. She served as associate business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters from 1990-2001, and since 2001 has been plant administrator at the Motherhouse. From 2010-16, she served as an elected councilor on the Ursuline Leadership Council.



Sister Rita Scott

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Rd., Maple Mount, KY 42356.

# Brescia University and Southern Star establish new scholarships

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Brescia University and Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline are proud to announce the establishment of new scholarships, reflecting a shared commitment to education and to the future workforce of the region.

Beginning in Fall 2026, the Southern Star Scholarship will award three \$10,000 scholarships to Brescia University juniors or seniors majoring in Computer Science, Business, Finance, or Accounting.

"Brescia University and Southern Star share a long history of supporting both the Owensboro community and the natural gas industry," said Brescia University President Madison Silvert, J.D. "Brescia is dedicated to developing compassionate critical thinkers, and Southern Star's generous scholarship support is instrumental in helping students reach the finish line of their educational journey."

Scholarship recipients will demonstrate academic excellence, a strong record of community service, and a vision for leadership with impact.

In addition to this scholarship, Southern Star is committed to building a long-term partnership with Brescia University that will include mentorship opportunities, internships, and future financial support for advanced degrees and continued education for the recipients.

"Investing in local education is one of the most important ways we can strengthen both our communities and the future of the natural gas industry," said Shawn Patterson, president and CEO of Southern Star. "By supporting students at Brescia University, we're helping develop the talent, skills, and leadership needed to power critical energy infrastructure while creating meaningful career opportunities right here in our region."

Dr. Amanda Morris, vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "This scholarship represents more than financial support. It is a statement of belief that when a community invests in its students, everyone benefits."

For more information, contact Brescia University's Advancement Office at 270-686-2110.

# UniFirst partnership outfits Capital Bluegrass Band

BY BERNIE HALE

The Owensboro Community and Technical College Capital Bluegrass Band is proud to announce the renewal of its partnership with UniFirst Corporation of Owensboro. As part of this continued collaboration, UniFirst will provide official stage attire shirts featuring the Capital Bluegrass and Traditional Music Program logo for use during OCTC Bluegrass performances.

Lori Hoagland, Customer Service Manager at UniFirst commented, "We are proud to partner with OCTC's Capital Bluegrass Music Program and recognize the impact it has within the Owensboro community and beyond."

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to professionalism, community engagement, and the continued growth of one of the region's most unique academic music programs. The new performance shirts will be worn by student musicians at events both locally and across the country, representing OCTC and its bluegrass tradition on a broader stage. The Capital Bluegrass Band ensemble has already performed in cities such as Raleigh, Toledo, Chattanooga, and Nashville. Program Coordinator

Scott Napier expressed his appreciation for the collaboration.

"We are so thrilled to have this relationship with UniFirst — a relationship that already exists with OCTC," Napier. "I couldn't think of a better resource for our school performance attire. We will proudly wear these shirts at events locally and nationally."

Sydney Warren, executive director of the OCTC Foundation also emphasized the important of community support, "when our students step on stage wearing these shirts, they're not just representing OCTC — they're carrying forward a tradition that connects generations. We're grateful to UniFirst for helping our students shine wherever they perform."

The OCTC Capital Bluegrass and Traditional Music Program continues to provide students with opportunities to perform and represents Kentucky's rich musical heritage, and partnerships like this help ensure students present themselves with pride and professionalism wherever they go.

For more information about the program or upcoming performances, please contact Bernie Hale at Bernie.Hale@kctcs.edu.

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## 2026-06 SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PANHANDLING, BEGGING, CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL SOLICITATION

WHEREAS, the City of Leitchfield Kentucky has a duty to protect the safety and welfare of citizens within the community with regards to actions taken by individuals panhandling, begging and those pursuing charitable and political solicitation in public areas within the City of Leitchfield; and

WHEREAS, due to said safety concerns the City of Leitchfield shall impose reasonable standards to those participating in said activities within the city limits of Leitchfield, Kentucky; And

WHEREAS, to enforce said concerns the following restrictions are hereby implemented.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it ordained by the city of Leitchfield, Kentucky as follows:

I. Definitions as used in this Subchapter:

A full set of definitions used within this subchapter can be found of record at the Leitchfield City Hall.

11. A. No person shall engage in aggressive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation at any time or any location in the City of Leitchfield.

8. Passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation as defined in this Subchapter is speech protected under the First Amendment unless other well-grounded governmental concerns are implicated. Passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation in the traffic or travel lanes of public streets and highways or in traffic medians within those public streets or highways is inherently dangerous, is distracting to both pedestrians and drivers of motor vehicles, gives rise to an increased risk of injury to pedestrians and the motor vehicle occupants, interferes with the free flow of traffic and potentially threatens the safety and well-being of nearby third parties. The traffic or travel lanes of public streets and highways and the medians within those public streets and highways are not designed for and are not an appropriate location for anything other than travel. This Subchapter provides ample alternative sites for passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation in areas that do not give rise to enhanced public safety concerns, personal privacy concerns and personal security concerns.

Accordingly, passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation is permitted in the city except as otherwise prohibited below.

C. Passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation is prohibited in areas defined as areas with heightened personal security concerns, areas with heightened personal privacy concerns and areas with heightened public safety concerns. For the purposes of this subsection, passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation specifically includes an attempt by a pedestrian to enter into an area with heightened public safety concerns in order to exchange or attempt to exchange any item with the occupant of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is located in areas with heightened public safety concerns as defined above and any solicitation is prohibited by both the solicitor and the occupant of the motor vehicle. Passive panhandling, begging, charitable and political solicitation is allowed on areas of sidewalks not otherwise prohibited by this Subchapter, but no such solicitation may include any attempts to solicit in areas with heightened public safety concerns.

III. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two-hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense and no additional notice other than notice of the original offense shall be required to convict a person for violations resulting from a continuation of such offense.

Duly enacted on this the 4th day of May 2026 after having first being read on the 20th day of April 2026. Said ordinance to be effective upon publication.

/s/ Harold Miller

Harold Miller

Mayor-City of Leitchfield

CLERK ATTEST:

/s/ Lori Woosley

Lori Woosley

DATE: 5/4/26