

Complete OEA Findings Concerning Webster County Board Of Education

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Allegation #4: Amanda Coomes violated district policy regarding use of district facilities by using school facilities for an outside organization without making applications to use that property.

Ms. Coomes is to obtain two hours of training from an OEA approved trainer on the topic of “Outside Use of District Facilities,” with proof of training to be provided to OEA by October 1, 2026.

Allegation #5: Melony Hobgood and Amanda Coomes violated district policy by unpermitted and excessive accessing of school buildings. Ms. Hobgood and Ms. Coomes are each to obtain

two hours of training from an OEA approved trainer on the topic of “Appropriate Access of School Property,” with proof of training to be provided to OEA by October 1, 2026. The district superintendent, Michael Gooch,

is to provide OEA with a copy of a directive indicating which district official(s) are in charge of issuing badges to district personnel. This is to be provided to OEA by the same October 1, 2026 deadline.



Couple Renews Wedding Vows

Dennis Ray Dabbs of Sebree and Sheila Marie Miller Dabbs formerly of DeKalb, IL recently celebrated their 30th

wedding anniversary.

The couple, who reside in Sebree, renewed their wedding vows on the beach in Jamaica.

Empires Come And Empires Go

By Van Yandell

Matthew 6: 33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

In Bible studies, we cannot avoid the studies of the world’s great empires, both past and present. History documents those empires and all have fallen or lost their global presence.

Greed, imperialism, supremacy or implosion has destroyed them. Some lasted hundreds of years.

The British Empire began its power grab in the late 1500’s. Colonizing Canada, several African countries, India and Australia, Britain’s land and power grab began in 1583. By seizing Newfoundland it accelerated from there to other parts of

the world.

Britain also known as the United Kingdom is still considered a world power but with a much smaller reach than in previous years.

Two world wars depleted their economic prowess tremendously. With the developing of other world superpowers such as the United States, Russia and China; Britain lost its position in the world as an empire.

The Babylonian empire lasted from around 1900 BC until the early 500’s BC. Centered in Babylon (near today’s Bagdad), her reach varied over the centuries.

In the book of Daniel, chapter five, we find the fall of the Babylonian empire. Darius the Mede destroyed Belshazzar and took Babylon. Ironically, God allowed the downfall because of their lack of respect for the possessions taken from the Jerusalem temple and other pagan practices.

The Macedonian empire under the command of Alexander the Great lasted a much shorter time. Some sources claim a short lived empire of only ten years.

The Roman Empire is believed by many to be the legs of iron in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream (Daniel 2: 40). The Roman Empire lasted from 168 BC to 476 AD. Having lasted nearly 600 years, it is among the longest lived of the empires.

The Romans occupied Judea from 60 BC until 70 AD, a period of 130 years. I find it interesting they just happened to be in control in Jerusalem in the 33rd year of the first century.

Romans were one of the few nations that used crucifixion as a method of capital punishment. Also interesting is that Christ Jesus just happened to show up on earth during their occupation of Palestine.

God has a plan! In order for the Old Testament prophesy to be fulfilled (Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, and Zechariah 12), the Romans served a purpose. While those

scriptures do not specifically use the word “crucifixion,” the details of the suffering are described.

Some believe the United States is the greatest empire of this era. In such a case, are our days numbered as the other empires of history?

John Adams, the second president of the United States, wrote in an 1814 letter to John Taylor: “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.” John Taylor was a political antagonist of the time.

America is not by definition a pure democracy but a constitutional republic. We elect representatives that are supposed to represent us by defending the Constitution. Nonetheless, we are a free people operating under the economic system of capitalism.

Capitalism allows us the freedom of opportunity. Also at times known as “free enterprise,” capitalism plus our freedoms permit us to utilize our resources (imagination, ingenuity, intelligence, inventive abilities and work ethics) to earn money.

Those monies earned, allow Americans to achieve and acquire the American Dream. Few people on planet earth have the opportunities Americans have.

People living in communist countries are literally owned by the governments. Socialist governments take most of the earnings of the people in taxes and the hierarchy lives like kings while average working citizens struggle to survive.

As the statement above of John Adams appears to apply to the USA we live in today, are our days numbered? Our elected politicians in pursuit of votes have been channeling us into a socialist/communist mindset and system for over fifty years; making a people dependent makes them submissive and easier to control.

Having been victims

of incremental conditioning, many have failed to recognize the progression. It is purely intentional and by the time many wake up, it will be too late.

Information we receive is obviously controlled into what someone deems us needing to know, we have been slowly conditioned away from the intentions of the founding fathers.

It appears at this time, if America falls, it will be by implosion. Abraham Lincoln said in 1838 “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

Causes of self-destruction are many. Some of the main causes are economic failure, political corruption, socio-economic disparities (resulting in conflicts hatred, violence and attitudes), and extreme political ideologies.

As the people in the previous empires did not know, we do not know how long America will last. With the transitioning into a world garbage dump, it appears, the end may be nearer than we think.

The time periods of the empires are a key factor in understanding them. There is only one time factor with God and that is eternity (2 Peter 3: 8).

Psalms 145: 13 “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.” God is eternal both past and future tense.

The Bible teaches that eternal life is a reality. The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Jesus Leads Us To Share our Faith Across Cultural Lines

Q: People with different languages and cultures are moving into our neighborhood and are becoming prominent at my workplace. Truthfully, I’m a little uncomfortable with this situation. Why can’t it be like it used to be when everyone looked and talked like us? How can I accept and witness to those so different from me?

A: Simon Peter and others fished all night on Lake Gennesaret without even a minnow to show for their efforts. Jesus asked them to try again and pointed out where the fish were. Simon Peter fell to his knees before Jesus feeling the holiness and awesomeness of God’s presence. Immediately, Jesus commissioned him saying, “There is nothing to fear. From now on you’ll be fishing for men and

women” (Lk. 5:10) Message Bible).

Just as Peter and the first disciples were called to be fishing for men and women so are we. We should embrace the opportunity to introduce others to Jesus and that privilege extends to those of a different cultural background from ours and that is often out of our comfort zone. So, how can you accept those you’re uncomfortable with and how can you share your faith with them? The answer is you can’t with a prejudiced attitude.

First, ask God to change your old, unChristlike nature to one of love and acceptance of everyone. All people are different

Second, pray for God to fill you with the Holy Spirit (who indwells every believer) to empower and embolden you to share Jesus with others. Then, work at developing a relationship with those of a different culture you encounter (Acts 4:31).

Webster County Jailer’s Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports inmates worked a total of 1512 hours between last week. Hours worked include 168 hours at the detention center; 608 hours at the RCC; 80 hours mowing; 200 hours for UC with male inmates; 120 hours for Union County with female inmates; 40 hours for the city of Clay; 16 hours for the city of Dixon; 80 hours for the city of Sebree; 80 hours for the city of Providence; 40 hours for recycling; 40 hours for the road department shop and 40 hours for the dog warden.

The total jail population is 171 with 23 county inmates; 33 Union County inmates and 115 state prisoners.

Twenty-one inmates participated in the Moral Recognition Therapy program; 16 participated in the Anger Management program; 18 attended Thinking for Good; 18 attended Untangling Relationships. Five inmates took part in the GED program.

Incarcerated during the same period were Huber Arguello-Aguilar, Bruce Boehman, Nicholas Brown, Trevin Bush, Darrin Ditzer, Travis England, Darrell Felker, Richard Fuson, Zharon Garrett, Chadwick Gibson, Romel Giddens, Justin Green, Derrick Houston

Shirley Kramer, James Lanham, Stacey Lewis, Charles Lynn, Jasmine McDonado, Tiffany McKinney, Billy O’Leary, Billy O’Leary, Nakisha Palmer, Wendel Shackelford, James Smock, Joshua Taylor, Dakota Utley, Eric Utley, Joshua Wallace, Blayden Weaver

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WEBSTER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Webster County Water District is accepting sealed bids for a new Fairbanks Morse Series 1920 Split Case Horizontal Pump, 5” Model 1922.

Sealed bids must be received by September 2, 2026 at the Webster County Water District office located at:
478 U.S. Highway 41-A, South Dixon, KY 42409

Bids may also be mailed to:
Webster County Water District
P.O. Box 320
Dixon, KY 42409

The envelope must be clearly marked:
“Fairbanks Morse Pump Bid”

Bids will be opened on September 3, 2026 at the Webster County Water District office.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Webster County Water District officer at (270) 639-9010.

Webster County Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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-- PUBLIC HEARING --

Webster County Board of Education
28 ST RT 1340
Dixon, KY 42409

The Webster County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 56.6 cents on real property and 56.6 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 57 cents on real property and 57 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$4,881,581.62. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 56.6 cents on real property and 56.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$4,736,751.38. Of this amount, \$911,935.95 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 54.5 cents on real property and 54.5 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$4,561,006.19.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$237,895 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$8,326; Instruction, \$229,569.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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