



MITZI WRIGHT OF Onton is picture with her wedding ring quilt that won Best of Show at the Onton Hay Days quilt show. The quilt give-a-way was won by Davis Edwards, pictured at the right.



What You Know Is Priceless

By Van Yandell

In my younger days, one of my target shooting friends was the chief engineer in a manufacturing plant. A statement he made stuck in my mind forever! “I get paid for what I know, not for what I do.”

His expertise and creative abilities made strides for the manufacturing of products thus increasing productivity. The corporation he worked for greatly benefitted from his knowledge.

Credited to Francis Bacon, we hear the statement “knowledge is power.” Knowledge also creates jobs, which provides livelihoods for millions in the world.

When we think of the great engineers, scientists, philosophers, artists, architects and designers throughout history, and in the world today, we must realize that their knowledge is priceless. They have made contributions to humanity in ways many take for granted but they have changed our way of life.

The list is long and covers a long period of time. One such person was Leonardo da Vinci, born in Anchiano, Italy, April 15, 1452. That sounds like many years ago but in the span of time, it was just yesterday.

Da Vinci’s contributions to the world were mostly ignored until the last 100 years. Known as the “Renaissance Man,” his concepts of the helicopter, parachute and armored vehicles set the stage for later developments.

Da Vinci’s art lives on today in museums as in

the Louvre in Paris and the Sistine chapel in the Vatican. His inventive prowess was far beyond his time. He foretold of the use of solar power, the car and the gun. His recorded ideas of water power (hydrodynamics), anatomy, astronomy, and optics provided a foundation for future inventors.

Until only 500 years ago, people in the eastern hemisphere believed the world was flat and the sun and stars revolved around this stationary in space earth. Christopher Columbus saw the world as a sphere and endeavored to find India by a route across the Atlantic Ocean.

Had the people only read the scriptures they would have known as God knew this planet floats in space, hanging on nothing (Job 26: 7). They would have known the earth was round in shape and not a flat, motionless object (Isaiah 40: 22).

The efforts of Columbus found a new world we now know as North and South America. Ferdinand Magellan later (1520’s) found the Pacific Ocean and a route around the southern tip of South America to India and the Spice islands.

Combining knowledge with persistence, determination and action, the world is today a place not realized in the span of time since creation. Many men contributed to the world we live in and many times their efforts go unnoticed and unappreciated.

From the invention of the wheel and discovery of fire, mankind has

progressed to the computer chip and artificial intelligence. The question now may be, “Are these inventions good or bad?”

Isaiah 5: 20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”

While the question is within the mind of the beholder/thinker, we continue to observe both good and bad things coming from the great inventions. War munitions have become much more destructive with the inventions of explosives, rockets and long range calibers and optics.

Of course the invention of the atomic bomb is debatable as to whether it is a deterrent or a dooms day device waiting for one extremist in power to press the button.

Technology is seen by some as having gone too far and artificial intelligence is seen by movie makers and others as machines taking over the world. Films characterizing robots in power over humans are predicting the future. Could this happen? Only God and the future will know.

Hollywood has been seeing the future since Buck Rogers and The Terminator. Futuristic movies have become reality. Self-driving cars and pandemics that were once fantasy and fiction are now reality.

Good or bad, right or wrong, mankind has set precedence for discovery and invention. Progress is normally seen as good and to

reach a stalemate will not be tolerated by the intellectual.

The Bible teaches the concepts of eternity and eternal life for the believer. By the information presented in the scriptures that no human could possibly have known when the Bible was written, it appears these are truth and fact.

In such a case, Christians possess a knowledge that can change eternity for millions of people. Jesus’ last words before ascending were to tell everyone about Him.

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.”

The “uttermost part of the earth” may be on the other side of the planet or it may be within one’s own home. That difficult to convince person in “the uttermost” may even be a brother or neighbor.

In such a case, you may possess the knowledge to change a life. You may be that Christian that has the knowledge to influence someone into an eternal belief.

Many in today’s world are denying the Christian belief because it interferes with their lifestyle. Is a lifestyle, habit or mental illness worth eternal separation from our Creator?

This makes it imperative for the believer to be aggressive in promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible proves itself from

within itself. What you know is priceless!

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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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

CITY OF DIXON

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAX RATE

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SAME;

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 92 requires the adoption of an ordinance levying and providing for the collection of an ad valorem tax assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation with the City, and;

WHEREAS, The City Commission of Dixon, Kentucky has determined that a tax of \$0.130 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for REAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City of Dixon, Kentucky for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Dixon, Kentucky has determined that a tax of \$0.2618 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for PERSONAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City of Dixon, Kentucky for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DIXON, WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That pursuant to KRS Chapter 92, an ad valorem tax upon REAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, and assessed for taxes for general municipal purposed for fiscal year 2026-2027 be, and is hereby levied and fixed at \$0.130 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION TWO: That pursuant to KRS Chapter 92, an ad valorem tax upon PERSONAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, and assessed for taxes for general municipal purposed for fiscal year 2026-2027 be, and is hereby levied and fixed at \$0.2404 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION THREE: The foregoing ad valorem taxes levied of the said fiscal year of each \$100.00 of assessed value of all lands, improvements, and personal property in the City of Dixon, Kentucky, held or owned by every person, firm, company, or corporation, in his, hers, or their right, or any fiduciary, guardian, trustee, or grant, subject to municipal taxation under the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and specifically under Chapter 92 and other applicable chapters of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and under all amendments thereto, including all property, franchise, and privileges, heretofore or hereafter assessed for taxation by the county Property Valuation Administrator, the State Tax Commission, and other assessing bodies, for taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, in and for said fiscal year as provided by law, but excluding any property exempt by law from such taxation.

SECTION FOUR: All of the taxes hereby levied shall be due and payable the 1st day of October 2026.

SECTION FIVE: All taxes not paid on or before the 31st of December 2026, shall be deemed delinquent, and shall have added to them a penalty of six percent (6%) and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date, until paid, or until property of the delinquent has been sold for taxes. All accrued penalties and interest shall be added to all delinquent taxes and collected from taxpayer when taxes are paid.

SECTION SIX: All funds and monies due or received by the City of Dixon, Kentucky during said fiscal year shall be paid into the General Fund of the City.

SECTION SEVEN: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION EIGHT: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon final passage and approval of the Commission of the City of Dixon, Kentucky.

Introduced and approved the 18th day of August 2026 on a motion by Mayor Webb, seconded by Commissioner Norman. All ayes.

Receiving final approval on the 14th day of September 2026 on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. All ayes.

TERRY WEBB, Mayor
City of Dixon

ATTEST:
Barbara Goff, City Clerk

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Local Students Named To President’s List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named

to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Named to the President’s List for the summer term are:

Raven McKinley of Sebree
Logan McKinley of Sebree
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a pri-

vate, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 94-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.