

Jail could cause county to go bankrupt

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Roads to be resurfaced in District 2 include Jackson Cemetery Road, Laurie Drive, and Pitts Road.

Only a small portion of most of the above roads will be resurfaced.

Taylor said the county will receive another \$160,000 in Flex funds from the state for resurfacing.

Nancy Held and Tommy Williams asked the county to close a portion of Burton-Williams Road, from a gate to the river.

Williams said the county has never kept the road up.

Taylor said the county has to post signs and advertise for a public hearing. They will also have to check that no other property owners or cemeteries are affected by the closure.

Gary Scott Marshall, Stanley Ray "Jigs" Kelley, and Autumn Reed were hired to fill temporary positions with the road department clearing the roads this winter. Taylor said that Marshall has a Class A CDL license.

Sonja Gail Sutton was hired as a part-time employee at the Estill Animal Shelter.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie announced that the Estill County and Irvine Fire Departments had received 500 smoke detectors through a grant. He said he and Irvine Fire Chief Tony Murphy will be flying to Ft. Lauderdale for training.

Muncie stated that three firemen will be appearing in the River City Players Christmas play.

A bid of \$3,981 was accepted for core drilling at the tower site on Race Track Road.

After a long discussion, the low bid was awarded to Copperhead Company to conduct environmental impact studies on three tower sites.

Permission was given for EMS to advertise for bids for monitors and defibrillators for ambulances.

"Do we not need one for the courthouse?" Taylor asked.

He stated there are hundreds of people in court on Wednesdays and sometimes Thursdays.

Fred Rogers told Taylor he will see what he can get worked at. The device will be secured and employees trained to use it.

Our Conscience?

by BOB CASEY, Preacher
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Our conscience is the faculty within us, and everyone has one, whether it shows or not. Our conscience decides upon the moral quality of our thoughts, words we say, and our actions. It gives consciousness of the good of one's motives or causes feelings of remorse of evil things. A conscience can be educated, or trained to recognize good and evil but its action is invocatory. A good conscience is one which has no feeling of reproach against one's self, does not accuse one's self of wilful wrong.

In **Acts 24:10-22**, Paul stood before the Roman governor being accused by the Jews of wrong doing, declared that he was innocent of all charges, saying, "That at this very point in his life, that he exercised his manner of life to always have a conscience void of offense toward God or man." Even at the beginning of his arrest in **chapter 23:1** it repeated the same thing. In **Romans 2:14-15** Paul says that the gentiles who had not the law at that time even by nature exercised a conscience shown through their thoughts and deeds. And such as it is with all of us, we have a conscience that reveals what kind of person we are by what we do or say. We can't hide our consciences. So then, what men see in us is what also God sees in us. Paul said to Timothy in **I Timothy 1:5**, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unpretended." Sadly, a conscience not properly educated by the word of God can swerve and turn aside to partial truths. Also in **verse 19** he said there were some that made shipwreck of faith because they did not exercise a good conscience.

Sadly, Paul says in **I Timothy 4:1-2** that in the latter times (now) men would depart from the truth and faith, and would turn themselves over to seducing spirits, searing their consciences as a hot iron. Again Paul wrote in **Titus 1:15-16** saying: "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving in nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled, they profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable and disobedient, and to every good work reprobate." But still today as our Lord tarries, there remains hope for mankind. The Hebrew writer wrote in **chapter 9:8-10** that the law of Moses could not make perfect the conscience so he said that only the blood of Christ who offered himself could purge the conscience from sin and evil and to rightly serve the living God, who also said it was through the eternal spirit. So then, the plan of redemption will always be the same. When we decide to listen to Jesus and obey His word, then we will repent and confess our faith and will arise and have someone to baptize us, for the remission of sins. Then and only then, will we contact the blood of Jesus that will through the promise of God clear our conscience. **Romans 6:3-6** guarantees its. Notice that in **I Peter 3:21** speaking of the waters of the flood saving Noah said, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the faith of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience sake toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." So our point should be very clear, if you have not obeyed the Lord your conscience is prone continually to do evil, and if continued it will take you to eternity lost forever. Don't do it! Call us today. We will talk about it.

Sincerely, Bob Casey 1-859-369-4165

21 million home loans for veterans

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

A Department of Veterans Affairs benefits program recently hit a milestone: It guaranteed its 21 millionth home loan for veterans. The program started 70 years ago in 1944 as part of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (the GI Bill).

In fiscal year 2014 alone, the VA guaranteed over 438,000 home loans, or an average of 35,000 per month. As part of the program, grants were made to more than 1,200 disabled veterans to buy or modify a home to meet their needs.

If you're ready to use your VA eligibility to buy a home, here are a few things you need to know:

You can get your Certificate of Eligibility at www.ebenefits.va.gov. The program is available for active duty, veterans and surviving spouses.

You'll work with private lender who accepts VA loans, not the VA. Chances are you won't need a down payment or PMI, which is private mortgage insurance. You'll need to qualify with good credit and enough income. (Send for your credit reports from the big three

reporting agencies, and clean up any problems before you apply for a loan.) Before you start shopping, have the lender determine what price range you would qualify for. The interest rate offered is likely to be below conventional rates, and there's no pre-payment penalty if you want to pay off the loan early.

Go online to www.ebenefits.va.gov/homeloans to see which documentation you'll need. If you don't have access to a computer to get the Certificate of Eligibility, call 1-800-827-1000, or ask your lender to

access the system and get it for you.

If you currently have a VA loan, the Cash Out Refinance program lets you take cash out of your equity to pay off debts or go to school. The Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan, aka the Streamline Refinance Loan, can help you get a lower interest rate.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to colum-nreply2@gmail.com.

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Collecting by Larry Cox

Pocketknife

Q. I have a Case pocketknife, which a dealer told me is a Tested XX, model 622SLP. It is in green bone and 3 inches. Since I paid \$50 for it, I am anxious to know if I got a bargain. — Josh, Pottsville, Arkansas

A. Let me cut to the chase. I found your knife referenced in "American Premium Guide to Knives & Razors: Identification and Price Guide" by Jim Sargent. According to the sixth edition of his book, your knife is worth about \$450. If the handle had been yellow instead of green, it would about \$100 less. The popularity of knives, especially older pocketknives from the 1920s and '30s, has increased in recent years, and alas, so have prices in the marketplace. As with most collectibles, condition is important when determining values. A dealer who buys knives is Blue Ridge Knives, 166 Adwolfoe Road, Marion, VA 24354; www.blueridgeknives.net.

Q. I have an opportunity to purchase a collection of Pez candy dispensers. I'm not certain if I am getting a good deal, and before I complete the deal I wanted to get your advice. — Jim, Carson City, Nevada

A. Before you buy the collection, invest about \$25 in one of the better price guides: "The Collector's Guide to Pez: Identification & Price

Guide" by Shawn Peterson and published by Krause Books. This excellent reference features more than 1,200 images for both common and rare variations. Since it is frequently updated, the prices seem to replace the current marketplace.

Q. I recently purchased a dinner set from a neighbor. It is the Virginia Rose pattern made by Homer Laughlin. When was it made? My neighbor knew nothing about it. — Rhue, Sun City West, Arizona

A. Your question is almost impossible to answer. According to "The Collector's Encyclopedia of Homer Laughlin China: Reference & Value Guide" by Joanne Jasper and published by Collector Books, your pattern was introduced in 1929 and sold for home use well into the 1970s. It was one of the most popular shapes ever created by the Homer Laughlin Company, and was named for the granddaughter of W.E. Wells, a man responsible for setting the course of development of the company during its earliest decades.

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Children's Books

Q. I was born in 1947 and grew up reading Golden Books, Elf Books, See Saw Books and my favorites, the Story Hour series. I have started buying the ones I remember when I see them at garage sales or in shops. My problem is I have no idea of values. Can you recommend a good price guide for me? — Darla, Columbia, Missouri

A. Although there are several excellent guides, my personal favorite is "Warman's Children's Books: Identification & Price Guide" by Steve Santi and published by Krause Books. It has concise histories and hundreds of listings with values for many of the books issued by the major book publishers for children. Major space is devoted to Golden Books, Whitman, Rand McNally, Wonder, Treasure, Holly, Owl, Pied Piper and Star-Bright. Incidentally, the first Golden Book was "Three Little Kittens," issued in 1942 and worth about \$50 in good condition.

Q. I have a glass bowl that is marked "Quezal." I have been told it was given to a distant relative as a wedding present in 1915. Since I have never heard of Quezal glass and can't find it in any of my reference books, I hope you can help me. — Barbara, Pine Castle, Florida

A. The Quezal Art Glass Decorating Company opened in Brook-

lyn in 1901 and closed in about 1925. I found the mark in "Miller's Antique Marks" by Judith Miller and published by Miller Books. This handy reference documents more than 6,000 marks that make it easier to identify silver, ceramics, glass and other treasures. Priced at \$9.99, it is quite a bargain.

Q. I have a partial set of sterling flatware. I am not certain of the pattern, but since I no longer use the pieces, I would like to liquidate the set. Do you have any suggestions? — Carol, Wausau, Wisconsin

A. The Silver Queen silver company has been in business for several decades and buys and sells older sterling flatware. The company maintains an inventory of more than 6,000 patterns of active and discontinued silver patterns. Contact is 1350 West Bay Drive, Largo, FL 33770. Check out the website at www.silverqueen.com, or call 800-262-3134 for a free catalog and price list.

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