



America's Heartland
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I heard about an elderly mountaineer who was snookered into paying \$600 for an old, gray-faced Clydesdale horse that he intended to use

The right pills can make even an old horse feel young

to plow his cornfields.

By the time the mountaineer had ridden the Clydesdale home, it was limping badly. He called the veterinarian who, after examining the old horse, diagnosed him with advanced arthritis in the hips. He prescribed some pills that worked wonderfully.

"After a while, that Clydesdale was not only plowing 25 acres a day, but he was running derby races on weekends and beating even the thoroughbreds," the old mountaineer said.

"What were those pills the vet gave him?" one of his neighbors asked.

"I don't know ... but they

taste kinda like peppermint."

Horses were so very important through biblical times. They were covered in metal armor to serve as the tanks of Old Testament military men. They were revered for their incredible strength and courage. In the Book of Job, we have a vivid description of the steeds used in battle.

"Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? The glory of his nostrils is terrible. He paweth the valley and rejoiceth in his strength. He goeth to meet the armed men. He mocketh at fear and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. The

quiver rattleth again him, the glittering spear and the shield. He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: Neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet. He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains and the shouting" (Job 20:19-25).

Isn't that an awesome description of a war horse?

When I was a kid, that's how I envisioned Old Bill and Trigger, though in actuality they were rather smallish ponies. There's no telling how many "bad guys" we chased down astride those ponies. We'd cut them off at the pass,

just like our TV heroes did, and we'd have daily shootouts with "bank robbers," galloping between the barn and the chicken coop, cackling hens scattering as we went.

Those were the days. Wouldn't it be great if there was a pill to get back that youthful energy, like the old mountaineer and his horse?

The fact is, we wear out, just like our horses. Fortunately, we can look forward to a better day in a land where we'll never grow old.

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Church & Community

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Fri. & Sat., Dec. 18-20 - 6-8:30pm

Outdoor Christmas Drama

Salem Baptist Church located at 4470 Spout Springs Road, Irvine invites everyone to an outdoor drama drive entitled "CHRISTmas: HIS Story". The event will be held December 18th, 19th, and 20th from 6pm-8:30pm around Salem's outdoor pavilion. Attendees can experience and learn about the true meaning of Christmas as they witness scenes depicting the Christmas message. Each vehicle will be provided with a safe method to hear the narration: either a non-returnable CD or thumb drive, or a downloadable file from Salem's website. All greeters will be taking necessary Covid-19 precautions. This event is free and open to the public. We encourage everyone to attend. In case of inclement weather, please watch for updates on Salem Baptist Facebook page and website: www.salembaptistchurch.co.

Make appointment Dec. 14, 15, 16

St. Elizabeth Basement Sales (The two weeks before Christmas)

St. Elizabeth Basement Sales these two weeks before Christmas. We welcome shoppers who want to make an appointment between 9:00 and 5:00 December 14, 15, 16.

For those signed up for our Christmas Outreach Program, please come on your assigned day and time December 17 and 18. (Dec. 17 and 18 are reserved for those who are signed up here.)

If anyone who has not signed up at any other place still needs help with Christmas, you are welcome to call on December 19, 21, 22, 23 between 9:00 and 5:00 and make an appointment.

Please do not just show up. You MUST make an appointment. But we are happy to give needed help! We want everyone to be safe and have a Blessed Christmas.

Apply by January 11, 2021

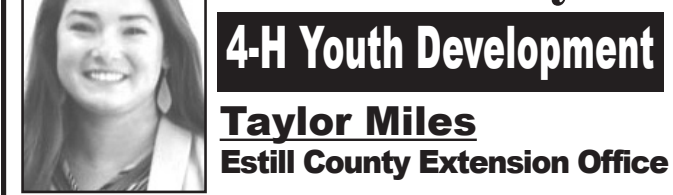
Co-Starters Program for Women

Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc. (SOAR) Innovation powered by KY Innovation is now accepting applications for the first-ever women founders CO.STARTERS CORE Program, a 10-week, women-led, live-facilitated virtual program built to provide you with the tools you need to build and grow a thriving business. Starting the week of January 25th, women starters throughout Appalachia will meet virtually, once a week, with other women-entrepreneurs to turn ideas into action and prepare for success. The deadline to apply is January 11, 2021. The application fee is \$50.00.

Women entrepreneurs are critical to economic growth. A McKinsey Global Institute study found that advancing women's equality could add \$12 trillion to the global economy by 2025. Yet, women raise smaller amounts of capital, exhibit higher levels of risk aversion, apply for fewer funding opportunities, and receive less investment than their male counterparts. A whopping 97% of venture capital is issued to male CEO businesses.

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Estill County

4-H Youth Development

Taylor Miles
 Estill County Extension Office

Call the Extension Office for details

Estill County Shooting Sports

Estill County 4-H Shooting Sports program is beginning their sign-ups for the new program year. It is open to all youth 9-18 years of age (must have reached 9th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021 and not reached their 19th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021.) This program is a wonderful opportunity for young people to safely learn and enjoy the sports of shooting under the guidance of certified coaches and volunteers. Learn about four disciplines offered through the program including archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun! Shooting Sports Requirements: youth must complete the Hunter's Education Course (<https://fw.ky.gov>). If participating in .22 pistol, youth must be at least 12 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2021.) The first meeting is still being determined at this time. Call our office at 606-723-4557 (8:00a.m.- 4:30p.m.). You must call the office to sign up, no Facebook messages or voicemails will be accepted.

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Free Virtual Workshop

Estill County Public Library is partnering with **Grow with Google** to help community members develop or improve their digital skills. The library will host a free virtual workshop on January 14, 2021, called **Reach Customers Online with Google**, and individuals will have the opportunity to learn the following:

- How to improve your website's visibility in Google's organic search results, on all devices
- How to create a free Google My Business listing
- How to advertise your business on Google

Estill County Public Library is committed to offering programs that help our community learn and grow.

Virtual event details:

Reach Customers Online with Google

Learn how customers find your business online, and then find out how to promote your business using *Search Engine Optimization and Smart Campaigns in Google Ads*.

Date: January 14, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6564427876315167758>

About **Grow with Google**:

Grow with Google helps ensure that the opportunities created by technology are available to everyone. Since launching in 2017, we've training more than three million Americans on digital skills. And through a network of more than 5,000 partner organizations-including local libraries, schools, and nonprofits-more people across the country can reach their full potential. To learn more about **Grow with Google** partners and the available tools and resources, visit google.com/grow.

Americanisms



"Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been."

— Jimmy Buffett

The Words of Eternal Life

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In John 6:59-68, our Lord had taught the disciples concerning the giving of his body in sacrifice for the sins of the world, saying that he was the "Bread of Life." Plus, if they accepted this fact, that his body was food and his blood was the drink. This was given to indicate that he was the divine provision for their hope of eternal life. The disciples said, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" *John 6:60* And so it is, but our Lord wanted them, as well as us, to know that he was, and still is, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, saying "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." *John 14:16* Notice in our beginning text, he says, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." *John 6:63* At this teaching, many of the disciples went back and walked no longer with him. Then our Lord asked of the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" *John 6:67* Then Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." *John 6:68* And so it is!

Then in John 8:42-59, here our Lord was once again teaching the Jews that he had come from God. They did not believe him, and this caused our Lord to say to them that they were of their father, the devil; calling him a murderer from the beginning and abode not in truth. Then Jesus said twice to their dismay, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death." *John 8:52* So, the book of **Acts 4:12**, is totally correct, it says "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Then again, in **Luke 6:46**, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

But in **Matthew 7:21-23**, our Lord is speaking in reference unto the Judgment Day, saying, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." *22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*" Meaning, working, but not according to my law! Sadly, but this is the bare facts concerning all the actions of the denominational world. Men plan, formulate and then build up their own concepts; appearing to be religious and active in their religion but are building their house upon sand or not the firm foundation of truth. **Matthew 7:24-29** tells us the truth.

The facts are, Jesus has the complete truth concerning himself, and he is the only Saviour of mankind. His plan sent from God is still in force today. When men hear his word and believe it, they will turn or repent of their sins. They will also confess his name before men; plus, they will obey the terms of his will by being baptized not because they have already been saved, but for the remission of their sins. **Mark 16:16** says so, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Then, they will seek out and align themselves with the folks who call themselves only what the Bible calls them, "the church of Christ." Read **Matthew 16:13-19** and **Romans 16:16**, "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Life is too short to dabble around with half truths. Obey the Gospel today while you have the opportunity.

Call us anytime, 1-859-369-4165, local.

Sincerely, Bob Casey