

An encouraging word:

Something More Important

By Howard Coop



Soon after arrival in Milan on a beautiful August afternoon, we were taken to Cathedral Square, the center of Milanese traffic, to view the famous cathedral for which the Square is named and for

which Milan is known. That visit was most interesting, and it became a time for serious reflection about some serious and important things.

The cathedral in Milan, begun in 1386 and completed in 1813 after 427 years by order of Napoleon, was magnificent to behold. Built of brick and encased in marble, the cathedral is ornate in style, and it is described as being "very elaborately gothic." Huge in size, it is the third largest cathedral in the world, only St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the cathedral in Seville, France are larger. We were told by the guide that the cathedral contains 126,000 square feet of floor space, and that it can hold 40,000 people. Now, that's a big church. With 4,440 turrets, pinnacles, and statues of various styles and periods, the cathedral is reputed to be the most elaborately decorated and the most beautiful cathedral in the world.

Following a tour through the cavernous Cathedral Square to view the cathedral from a different perspective. That experience led to some serious contemplation about the significance of things.

We do, and should, build beautiful building for worship, and that is a good thing. But there is something more important. There is a temple that is greater than any physical structure that may be built. Almost two thousand years ago, a man writing to his friends in the Greek city of Corinth reminded them of a significant fact: "Your body is a temple," and the Spirit of God dwells in it. Therefore, "you are not your own." Care must be taken so that that temple is maintained in a way that its true beauty is always evident, and at all times, it is worthy of its intended purpose.

Tapp chairman of Circuit Judges Education Committee

Circuit Court Judge David Tapp was recently appointed chairman of the Circuit Judges Education Committee.

Tapp was appointed chairman by the president of the Kentucky Association of Judges, Circuit Court Judge Paul F. Isaacs.

The Circuit Judges Education Committee plans educational programs for circuit judges and is responsible for ensuring that all 146 of Kentucky's circuit judges meet the continuing education requirements for their position.

Circuit court judges are required to obtain at least 25 continuing education hours per biennium. They receive education hours on topics such as courtroom technology, substance abuse, evidence and procedure, family dynamics, security, decorum and conduct, sentencing theory, access to justice, translation services and legal writing.

Tapp said that he is thrilled to lead this important committee and he will ensure that the committee will continue to provide the quality education that circuit court judges have been fortunate to receive in the past several years.

"It can be difficult to provide sufficient training given the many rapidly developing and novel legal issues that confront circuit judges," Tapp said. "We provide continuing education to circuit judges in so many different areas. We've done a good job up to now and I expect us to only get better in the coming years."

Notice to Parents MVES Notice to Parents SBDM Parent-Member Elections

Mt. Vernon Elementary is now accepting nominations for parent members of the Site-Based Decision Making Council.

Nominees/voters shall be a parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student to be enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. Parent shall also mean a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the child resides. A parent member shall not be an employee of that school or the district office, the relative of a local board member or a spouse of a local board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to Mr. Davidson, Principal, no later than May 3, 2013. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the MVES cafeteria. You must be present to vote.

Nomination Form

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Rockcastle Kiwanis Club welcomed Melinda Alcorn, Grow Appalachia Outreach Coordinator, to their April 11th meeting. She shared many interesting facts concerning the Grow Appalachia project here in Rockcastle County—mainly focusing on the "Community Garden". Pictured from left are: Chris Settles, member; Eliza Jane York, president; Melinda Alcorn; and Betty Frederick, member. The Kiwanis club meets every Thursday at noon at the Teacup Cafe.

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