

Skills Build On Skills

By Van Yandell

John 21: 17 “He said unto him, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.”

After teaching industrial arts and working as a carpenter for many years, I suppose I had sawdust flowing through my veins. The wood shop must have been my favorite area and that love carried over into my retirement years.

A wood shop in a garage became my work area in which I continued to build furniture, cabinets and other items of walnut, cherry and maple. A woodland on the property provided trees to cut and haul to an Amish sawmill.

Roy, the sawmill operator was an unusual sort. He worked barefoot and used a band saw. His work was absolute precision. I could not find as much as a thirty-second of an inch variance in thickness and widths.

Normally there was one-thousand or more board feet of lumber in my drying building for my habit and

the projects seemed to never find an end, which of course, I would not have wanted to happen.

A high school boy from down the road would come by occasionally (most every day) and keep me company. I still see him from time to time and we reminisce about those days in the wood shop.

One day I was turning bed posts on a wood lathe. The project was a walnut, king-size poster bed. It sits in my bed room even now.

My young friend asked me that day if I could show him how to do the work. My immediate response was “These skills are an accumulation of years of work, study and a lot of trial and error. So it probably wouldn’t be of any great benefit to you.”

He was depressed over my response and went away head down and dragging his feet. Over the time, I had second thoughts. We all had to start somewhere; why not?

A couple of days later he returned. Asking him what he had in mind to build, his response was “I dunno.” Finally, the truth came out; he wanted to make a wooden heart for one of his girlfriends. I’m not sure how many he had and I dared not

ask!

Thinking he could not get into much trouble with a portable jig-saw, I gave him his first lesson. It was to draw a symmetrical design for the heart. Avoid making the radius of the curve too acute because the blade would not turn that sharp a curve.

Clamping the nine-inch square piece of cherry to a work bench, he began. After an extended period of time, he brought it to me for inspection.

With a little touch up, he had a presentable heart. I’m sure it totally impressed his current girlfriend. As the days and weeks passed, he used belt sanders (portable and bench), a band saw, a router and drills. He made his mother a cutting board and a wall shelf.

Skills build on skills. If a woodworker learns simple cabinet construction, he/she can build a night stand. If one can build a night stand, he/she can build a dresser and a chest-of-drawers. If one can turn a rolling pin on a wood lathe, a poster bed is definitely in the future.

New Christians are usually (or should be) introduced to Jesus’ last commandment before He ascended.

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 power He was referring to was from the Holy Spirit (Spirit of God). Acts 2: 1-4 tells us of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Any true believer-follower of the Lord Jesus has this power.

A Christian should never feel that he/she is going into the world alone to teach others about Jesus and eternal life. God is with us and will give us words and motivation to inform others about His saving power (Matthew 28: 20).

Just as skills build on skills in the wood shop, skills build on skills in our Christian life. Also our enthusiasm grows as well as incentive to share our faith.

In the leading scripture (John 21: 17) Jesus asked Peter “Do you love me?” We love Jesus because He first loved us. With this truth, should we not follow His commandment to “feed my sheep?”

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include feeding lost and hungry sheep. Sheep are not particularly intelligent animals; they become lost rather easily. There are over five-billion people in this world that have not realized eternal salvation is by a faith based belief in Jesus, crucified and resurrected.

This is not to mean those billions have limited intellect, but is to say they have never been told. Telling others is establishing a skill a motivation and a burden for those without Christ. One does not have to be a carpenter to build; neither does one have to be a preacher or missionary to share their faith.

We may not win our first encounter to Jesus but the courage to win the next will develop and our enthusiasm will grow. A personal testimony, a gift of a Bible, or a simple invitation to a church or a back yard Bible study is a good place to begin. I challenge you! Let your skills build on skills.

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State Circuit Clerks Supporting Two Important Initiatives

Webster Circuit Clerk, Janet Cole, is helping spread awareness of organ donation and transplantation by supporting two important Donate Life Kentucky Trust initiatives: student scholarships and the debut of Heart of the Motor: The Wyatt Eddy Story, a short documentary and curriculum designed for Kentucky classrooms.

Donate Life Kentucky Trust announced its annual scholarship program, which awards \$20,000 in scholarships to Kentucky students who support the mission of organ donation in their communities. Students across the Commonwealth are encouraged to apply by the April 6, 2026 deadline.

In addition to scholarships, Donate Life Kentucky Trust has invested in licensing Heart

of the Motor for use in all Kentucky high schools. This powerful, 40-minute film follows the true story of a California boy with Kentucky roots and his love for classic trucks that, after tragedy, would inspire his family’s journey across the country. The story will inspire conversations about organ donation, transplantation, compassion, and the ripple effect one decision can have on many lives.

“Through authentic storytelling rather than traditional lectures, this film creates an engaging learning experience that resonates with today’s students,” says Cole. “These programs help start important conversations and encourage students to think about the impact of generosity and service.”

To ensure the edu-

cational approach is effective, classroom screenings of Heart of the Motor are paired with short pre- and post-tests to measure student understanding and shifts in perception around organ donation. The program’s goal is to inspire 2,500 Kentucky students through this one-of-a-kind educational experience.

Circuit Clerks across Kentucky have played a vital role in public education and awareness since founding the nonprofit organization in 1992. Their partnership and support help ensure communities have access to accurate information and meaningful opportunities to learn more about the Donate Life mission.

For more information about Donate Life Kentucky Trust scholarships or to learn how schools can access Heart of the Motor, visit www.donatelifeky.org.

About Donate Life Kentucky Trust

Donate Life Kentucky Trust is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to saving and improving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Founded in 1992 by Kentucky’s Circuit Clerks, the Trust educates communities, grows the state’s donor registry, and addresses the unmet needs of those impacted by donation and transplantation. Through statewide education, Donate Life Kentucky Trust works to strengthen public trust in donation and ensure more Kentuckians give the gift of life. The organization also serves as a trusted resource for transplant patients, caregivers, and donor families - offering financial assistance and community connections. Programs are supported through driver’s license contributions, partnerships with the Kentucky Cir-

cuit Clerks, Kosair for Kids, and other generous contributors. Donate Life Kentucky Trust serves families in all 120 Kentucky

counties. For more information, visit www.donatelifeky.org, call or text 502-694-3015, or email info@donatelifeky.org.

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- Mowing
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- Sanitation services
- Snow removal services
- Tile floors stripped and re-waxed and carpets shampooed

The Webster County Cooperative Extension District Board reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities in awarding the bids. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Webster County Extension Office in Dixon until 12:00 P.M., prevailing time, Wednesday, March 11, 2026 and awarded the afternoon of March 12, 2026. For more information, call (270) 639-9011.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

CITY OF DIXON, KENTUCKY
\$51.01 WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Dixon purchases water to distribute through Dixon Waterworks from Webster County Water District;

WHEREAS, Webster County Water District has enacted a rate increase for wholesale customers, to be effective with invoices beginning in February 2026;

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned fact, it has become necessary to amend the existing Ordinance to as described herein;

BE IT ORDAINED that the City of Dixon, Kentucky is desirous of amending Ordinance 51.01. As such, said Ordinance is amended as follows:

ORDINANCE 51.01 WATER RATES

(A) The monthly minimum charge for in-city customer(s) of water for the city water system shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$34.25 flat rate per month for the first 2,000 gallons used. All water consumed in excess of 2,000 gallons shall bear a charge of ~~\$9.00~~ \$12.33 per 1,000 gallons for the next 5,000 gallons and a charge of ~~\$7.00~~ \$9.59 per 1,000 gallons for every 1,000 gallons over 7,000 total gallons. In the event that a customer qualifies for the commercial rate provided in division (C) below then the rates set out in division (A) herein shall not apply.

(B) The monthly minimum charge for out-of-city customer(s) of water for the city water system shall be ~~\$36.00~~ \$49.32 flat rate per month for the first 2,000 gallons used. All water consumed in excess of 2,000 gallons shall bear a charge of ~~\$12.00~~ \$16.44 per 1,000 gallons for the next 5,000 gallons and a charge of ~~\$10.00~~ \$13.70 per 1,000 gallons for every 1,000 gallons over 7,000 total gallons. In the event that the customer qualifies for the commercial rate provided in division (C) below then the rates set out if division (B) herein shall not apply.

(C) The monthly minimum charge for commercial customer(s) of water for the city water system shall be ~~\$33.00~~ \$45.21 flat rate per month for the first 2,000 gallons used. All water consumed in excess of 2,000 gallons shall bear a charge of ~~\$10.13~~ \$13.70 per 1,000 gallons for the next 5,000 gallons and a charge of ~~\$8.10~~ \$10.96 per 1,000 gallons for every 1,000 gallons over 7,000 total gallons.

(D) All of the above water rates are in addition to any tax that is now in effect or may hereafter be levied. In addition to the foregoing, each customer shall also be assessed a monthly line maintenance fee in the amount of \$6. Said charge shall be maintained in a segregated account known as the Operation and Maintenance Fund and shall only be used for maintenance, upkeep, repairs, and improvements associated with the city water system.

(E) Definitions. For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall be used:

(1) IN-CITY CUSTOMER. Customer who lives in the City of Dixon city limits.

(2) In order to qualify for in-city-limits water rates, the actual residence, structure, building, or other dwelling to which water is being supplied must be located within the city limits. Should issues and/or questions arise as to whether a residence, structure, building or other dwelling to which water is being supplied is in fact within the city limits, the determining factor will be whether city ad valorem taxes are paid on the residence, structure, building or other dwelling that is being supplied water.

(3) OUT-OF-CITY CUSTOMER. Customer who lives outside the City of Dixon city limits.

(4) COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER. Customer who uses the property receiving water service for non-residential purposes, with the exception of churches.

(Ord. passed 4-11-94; Am. Ord. passed 6-14-99; Am. Ord. passed 6-14-10; Am. Ord. passed 4-11-11; Am. Ord. passed 9-12-22; Am. Ord. passed 11-21-23.)

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdictions, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. The remaining provisions of this ordinance, not expressly amended hereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

First reading of Amendment February 9, 2026.
Second reading of Amendment February 19, 2026.
Date of publication February 25, 2026

Read and approved on this the 19th day of February 2026.

Commissioner Mandee O’Leary	Aye
Commissioner Randy Norman	Aye
Commissioner Robert Brown	Aye
Commissioner Peggy Poole	Aye

TERRY WEBB, Mayor
City of Dixon

ATTEST:
BARBARA GOFF, City Clerk