

The Ghost Dogs

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house, were dogs. They were slender to shoulder, at just alike, and they looked like pictures I'd seen of Alaskan huskies, but not huskies. They never moved, just stood there looking at Rex and me as if they expected us to toss in something to eat. And behind that for a time was another row of huskies and on behind them, and beyond range of my light from the kitchen window, far out in darkness, we could see the eyes of their eyes, hundreds of them. "It's right from us there for just a second, and then we both looked at each other and said, 'That you see what I saw?' I replied, 'Those dogs!' Uncle Clark jumped up and asked what we were talking about, we pointed to the door and told him there were hundreds of dogs, and he hurried out to the porch with Rex and me right behind him. But there were no dogs. There was no sign that there had even been a dog in that yard, although we searched carefully in the daylight next morning.

It is possible that both of us had the same hallucination at the same time. Maybe I don't know, but I do know that I saw those dogs and I have no reasonable explanation for them. So I always think of them as the ghost dogs on Bethel Ridge. Or were they ghost wolves?



Writing hobbyist

Gain, Ala., writer William D. Cochran's story of a house that was destroyed by a freak storm the night before Christmas will appear in next week's Mercury. Mr. Cochran says he has many more tales of life to recount.

Correction: The last sentence in the picture under "Prize Canadian Catch" picture in last week's Mercury should have read: Kenney, 16, is a junior at NCHS, and was on his first fishing trip to Canada with his father, A.D. Payne.

CHILD-DEMENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE OCT. 2
The Child-Dement program will be available to the people living in the Kentucky State Police Post # 6 area, which include the counties of Boone, Bracken, Boone, Campbell, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson counties after Oct. 3.

DAV service unit to visit Lexington outline changes in Vet benefit programs

Local veterans and their families are not alone if they're confused about their veterans' benefit entitlements, according to the popular Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

During the past six years, 21 bills have been enacted, bringing about 40 changes in services, benefits and programs available to veterans and their families. In addition, new provisions, reducing veterans' benefits, were included in the 1978 and 1981 federal budget bills.



Straight answers

However, local veterans and their families can get straight answers to their questions when a DAV veterans' benefits expert visits in Lexington on Oct. 4. The DAV's field service unit will be parked at Eastland Shopping Center, U.S. 40 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the nine years that the DAV's field service units have traveled from town to town across America, more than 30,000 veterans, dependents and survivors have taken advantage of the free services offered by the DAV's highly trained national service officers.

These services include knowledgeable benefits counseling and skilled claim filing assistance. On behalf of veterans visiting in field service units, the DAV has filed 130,000 claims for veterans administration (VA) disability compensation and pension claims during the past nine years — 11,300 in

the past year.

Also resulting from visits of DAV field service units in 1982 were several thousand claims for VA educational programs, Social Security disability payments, VA loan guarantees and insurance programs, military benefits, employment services and the entire range of veterans' benefits and services.

These veterans and family members come to the DAV because they know we're on their side, usually committed to making sure they get all the benefits military service has earned," explained DAV National Service Director Arthur H. Wilson.

Veterans need not be members of the DAV to take advantage of this free service. It's an extension of the DAV's National Service Program, under which the DAV employs more than 200 national service officers — 99 percent of whom served during the Vietnam War — at VA facilities across the country.

The DAV reunited any veteran in family member who visits the van to bring the veteran's VA claim number, if available, and Social Security number. These are needed for the purpose of filing and reopening claims.

84 Lumber to open new store

84 Lumber Company, with regional offices in Chicago, will open a new store in Winchester. Headquartered in Quincy, Pa., the nation's largest building supplies retailer has over 270 stores nationwide.

The new store is located on Route 1924 (Winchester bypass) one mile south of I-64.

It is planning a gala celebration for their grand opening, beginning Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 1. 84 Lumber is well-known for its spectacular events at their grand openings. In the past they have featured high wire walkers, flag pole setters, hot air balloons, a boxing kangaroo, Sebastian "The Human Bomb." For this opening, it has scheduled an show with "Victor the Rascal" Bear. "Victor is an eight foot, 400 pound Alaskan Brown bear who loves to rattle. Victor has riddled such personalities as Clint Eastwood and Lee Marvin, and recently made his latest national television appearance on "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

All challengers up to four per show are welcome. Those interested should check in a minimum half-hour before any of the following show times to reserve a match: Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 and 30 at 12:30 and 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

In addition to this special attraction, also featured will be Paul Ryan's Games, which are contests in nail driving, exact cutting, fast casting, gold-ble-ione, horse shoes and lag ridding. The games are free and open to anyone 15 years old or older who wishes to compete for cash prizes and the title of "84 Paul Ryan's." The games will begin Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10:30 a.m.

84 Lumber has a complete line of name brand building materials, kitchen and bath products, patio furniture, lawn and garden supplies and home center items, all at special grand opening prices.

NURSING CONFERENCE OCT. 1 AT MCC

"Facilitating Communication: Interpersonal and Organizational" is the title of a conference for registered nurses to be offered by the Mayville Community College's Nursing faculty Oct. 1.

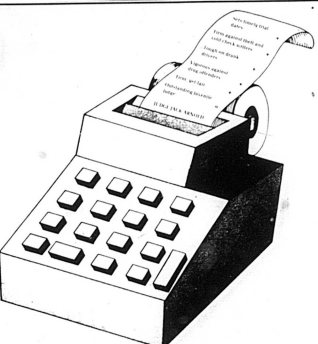
The program is presented in the MCC auditorium is designed for all registered nurses who work in leadership positions and nursing education. Time for the conference is 8:30 a.m. Registration for CEU credit will be from 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Instructor for the conference is Corlita Shaver, R.N., M.S.N. Shaver is an assistant professor in the Department of Nursing at Eastern Kentucky University. Her professional specialties are communication, psychiatric and mental health nursing.

This workshop is designed to present communication theory and the problem-solving process and relate to the principles of nursing practice. The participants will be able to improve communication in their personal, interpersonal, and organizational settings in place of a previously scheduled program entitled "Coping With Difficult People." For further information and to pre-register by phone, contact Mayville Community College Continuing Education Office at 606-232-7141, extension 69.

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Jack Arnold's reputation as an outstanding juvenile-court judge grows with his work both in outside and the courtroom on behalf of young people.

Yes, it does add up! JACK ARNOLD is the man we need as Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit of Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson Counties; because he has earned your trust.



Portrait by Judge Jack Arnold for 18th Judicial Circuit Judge.

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