

Opinion

Guest editorial

D. Boone's Trail needs recognition

by Sen. Wendell Ford

Kentuckians know that one of the most significant figures in our history was Daniel Boone, the backwoodsman who blazed a trail through the Appalachian Mountains. That historic trail served as a key westward passageway for thousands of early settlers.

Unfortunately, the importance of the Daniel Boone Trail — also called Wilderness Road — has been wrongly downplayed by the Interior Department. A 1976 law directed that department to study the trail route, along with seven others in the nation, to determine whether they should be included in the National Trails System. The National Park Advisory Board supported an Interior Department decision not to include the Daniel Boone Trail. The board stated that the trail "was not a historical route of travel which had far-reaching effects on broad patterns of American culture."

I do not argue with the decision to not include the trail in the National Trails System. That would have cost the government \$35 million to \$50 million. However, as a Kentuckian, I am offended by the lack of recognition the trail has received for its impact on our heritage.

In March 1978, 30 axmen led by Daniel Boone began cutting the trail at the Black Horse in Virginia. It passed through the Powell River Valley, crossed the Cumberland

Mountains through the Cumberland Gap and ended in central Kentucky, just west of more than 200,000 settlers as a route for westward expansion into Ohio, Missouri — and eventually into the present-day western states. The states west of the Alleghenies owe Daniel Boone and his Wilderness Road a large debt of gratitude.

A proposed bill, H.R. 3387, recently passed the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, of which I am a member. The bill now due consideration by the full Senate, would recognize the importance of the Daniel Boone trail by allowing private interests and state governments to donate markers to be placed on parts of the trail which lie on federal lands. This includes, of course, parts of the Daniel Boone National Forest in eastern Kentucky.

This bill, now due consideration by the full Senate, would not require any federal dollars. However, it would require the Daniel Boone Trail on U.S. highways, as well as the influence of Boone's pioneering spirit on our national heritage.



Agree or not

DD fines support the program

By C. Van Camp

Frankfort — Among the questions being asked about the new drunk driving law is where does the money go. It is the fact, 10 to the state jail, 10 to the sheriff for waiting on the court, 10 to the local law enforcement and the 27 remaining goes to the state's general fund.

As to the state driver's charge, it is a \$100 fine. The state driver's charge, it is a \$100 fine. The state driver's charge, it is a \$100 fine.

Down Memory Lane

Fightmaster named to ed board

Thursday, August 11, 1984

Blue Lick State Park Fight try at its regular meeting August 7 with all members present. The Nicholas County Cooperative board of directors met in the morning and the Fightmaster named to ed board.

Letters

Mother critical of court system

To The Carlisle Mercury: I am writing this letter in regard to my son's treatment through the court system. I do not feel that he is given a fair trial and the judge is not fair to the state.

Op-Ed page

Running water therapy... may be why bourbon-and-branch so soothing

Running water has a most relaxing effect on people. One reason for this is the soothing effect of the water. Another reason is the sound of the water. The sound of the water is soothing to the ear.

Russ Metz

Some people have a way with language, taking a tired old word and giving it a different twist or meaning. For a more colorful meaning, like the fellow who proudly announced he had purchased a new "back Electrolux with rails" which he would never drive on the "roads" of a highway.

Borrowing, transferring of funds top FC agenda

Financial aid and bill paying operations of the bookkeeping agency at the August 1 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Kendall wins smallbore competition

The United States Dwar Cup Trophy Team fired a record-breaking 233 at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. The previous record of 231 was fired by the U.S. team in 1982.

SPORTS TALK PROGRAM

THURSDAY ON WKYC 5 PM

"Let's Talk Sports" made its return to the airwaves last Thursday on WKYC 5 PM. It will be a regular addition to the station's sports coverage.

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Moorefield water tank improvements funded

Improvements to the water storage tank, BEEB, FRBA and a bonding company. The project, about a 100 percent complete, includes a new feeder line from Locust Street to Moorefield.

Community Action distributing air conditioners

Applications are being taken for Community Action's 1984 Summer Cooling Program. The program is designed to provide air conditioning for low-income families.

Church Homecoming!

Locust Grove Baptist Church
Sunday, August 12
10:00 A.M. Church Services 11:00 A.M.

Revival at Locust Grove Baptist Church

Monday, Aug. 13 through Saturday, Aug. 18
Evangelist to Rev. Ralph Butler

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