

Opinion

A truly trashy column...

Ever so often someone says or writes something I wish I'd come up with at the time. You know, something you agree with wholeheartedly. Such is the case with David Hoover's recent column in the Sunday Herald-Leader, entitled "Why do we tolerate trash in our waterways?"

As you know, litter is my daily routine, on my daily rounds between Lake Carmel and Gardie. Lately, and to my regret, I've been on the increase. With Cores and aluminum cans, I've recently become a bit of a litterbug. I've been increasing the number of dollars a year that the million-dollar trash industry has taken in the past couple of decades. Here's a hint. I want to thank you and give you the keys to the lake.

You're right. I want to thank you. I spent my vacation in the Vogans National Park in northern Minnesota, where the fishing is great and you can go for miles on the water without seeing a single plastic milk can.

The experience was so good I'm sure you will want to make the same mistake that I did in Kentucky. I'm sure you will want to make the same mistake that I did in Kentucky.

The part of Minnesota I was visiting isn't really wilderness. It's a well-traveled park in the middle of the state. The water is clean and the fishing is excellent. The water is clean and the fishing is excellent.

What isn't common—in fact, isn't even evident at all, is that as I walked along the shore, I saw a lot of trash. It's the kind of garbage pile that sits there almost every body of water in Kentucky.

I know this from painful experience. A couple of years ago, my fishing buddy from Minnesota told me that he had seen a lot of trash in the water. I took him on an overnight trip to Laurel Lake, which is as pretty as any I've ever seen. But when we pulled the boat up on a favorite campsite, there was a large pile of crap left by a preceding camper.

That's enough to make you sick to your stomach, but the question goes beyond that. There's some practical environmentalism, too.



Here Abouts with Emily A. Wolf

Down Memory Lane ... from the Mercury files of bygone years

10 years ago

Thursday, September 10, 1976

The Kid Dynamic Club and adult volunteers of the Nicholas County Community Center raised a community garden this summer. About 25 bushels of vegetables from the garden have been picked and delivered to approximately 125 Nicholas County low income senior citizens, according to Mrs. Maude Tedder, director of the Nicholas County Community Center. Tedder said that about 30 volunteers ages from nine years to 77, raised the garden which is on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Take of the Whitestone Road.

David Tipton of Route 4, Carlisle has joined the staff of the local Production Credit Association and is now training for the position of office manager of the Carlisle PCA firm.

Paul Hugdon was presented a check in the amount of \$1,774 by Tom Haxton on Monday. Hugdon won the money at W. T. Strickland Company, Inc. Lexington, from names from 25 PGA members participating.

Four citizens in three school districts filed suit with the state for Nicholas County School Board. They are Chester Matting and Allen J. Hanson, M.D., in District 1; William E. Hunter in District 4 and William T. Hunter in District 3.

Betty Johnson governs the Nicholas County will vote next Tuesday, Sept. 22 in a referendum on a proposal to permit the deduction of one-fourth of a net per pupil from the county's total budget for the purpose of funding program research.

Remainder of new teachers introduced at both schools — Miss Kathy Green, teaching home economics, science and introductory social studies at the high school; Wallace Howe, industrial arts teacher at the high school; Mrs. Brenda Lawrence, remedial reading at the elementary school; Miss Cheryl teaching third grade at the elementary school; Miss Linda Harrington, sixth grade teacher; health, math and spelling; Rev. Harry Spurgeon, sixth grade teacher; reading and spelling at the elementary school; Miss Spurgeon, first grade teacher and Mrs. Susan

Dogs man's best friend? ...then how come cats are treated better?

It's downright strange. The more dogs do for people, the more people love them. The more cats do for people, the more people hate them. A dog hunter goes out and hunts a couple of ducks out of the lake with his shotgun. And the ducks fall into the water and swim out to retrieve those ducks? The hunter? The hunter orders his dog to jump into the water and swim out and get those ducks. And the dog willingly does. You think a cat would do that? Or, no.

Dogs are called upon by people to retrieve, to guard, to hunt, to track, to sniff out drug smugglers, to track missing persons, like, well, dogs for a living. And cats? Well, cats are called upon by people to sit on the sofa and purr, to be cute, to be affectionate, to be a little more than a pet. And with all due respect to the cat population of America, I can't for the life of me figure what they have done to deserve the particular treatment they enjoy over dogs, when dogs do all the work and cats do nothing.

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Russ Metz

Knee cap shattered in accident

A Nicholas County woman is a patient at the University of Kentucky Medical Center suffering from a shattered knee cap and dislocated ankle following an auto accident on Friday, Sept. 5, about 4:45 p.m. on the Morehead Road.

Mrs. Jewell McCarty, Morehead, had a car accident on the Morehead Road, just outside of her home. She was driving north on the road when she was struck by a car.

Anderson awarded top scholarship

Gov. Martha Layne Collins has announced that Stephen K. Anderson of Carlisle, a sophomore at Georgetown College, has received a scholarship from the state's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

Anderson, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, was one of 100 students awarded the scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Anderson, 222 Kennedy Heights.

School menus

Sept. 15 through 19

Monday, hamburgers, french fries, tomato/tortilla/pickles, orange wedges. Tuesday, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, applesauce, milk. Wednesday, fried chicken, french fries, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, applesauce, milk. Thursday, beef, french fries, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, applesauce, milk. Friday, beef, french fries, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, applesauce, milk.

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Cowan man shot after argument

An argument between two men resulted in a shooting, Sept. 1 early morning on the Third Street commercial in the Cowan area.

Robert J. Cowan, 37, was shot in the stomach with a .38 Smith & Wesson handgun according to State Police.

Fence destroyed

A car driven by Billy Joe Garrett, 37, West Main Street, was badly damaged when it left the road and tore down about 80 feet of fence on the Taylor Mathers farm on Ky. 32, Sept. 4 about 11 p.m.

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