

KENTUCKY AFIELD

Hunters in anxious pursuit of wild turkeys may be especially susceptible to "mistaken for game" accidents, and should make every effort to keep safety in the field a top priority.

Although there were no reported turkey hunting accidents in Kentucky during 1990, the rapid growth in the sport's popularity commands that gobblers enthusiasts pay closer attention than ever before to the rules of safe hunting.

The very nature of turkey hunting lends itself to the possibility of accidents. Generally, the more successful turkey hunters are those who can make themselves effective hunters. However, there are several safety tips that won't curtail effectiveness which turkey hunters would do well to remember.

While wearing hunter orange is highly recommended, turkey hunters argue (with

some merit) that the blaze color betrays their location to the birds, since wild turkeys have keen eyesight. However, hunters can safely mark their location by tying a piece of hunter orange material high above the spot where they're concealed. This way, one

hunter can detect another's position, and the bright, unnatural color remains well above a turkey's eye-level. Remember, too, that a wild turkey is more apt to detect motion than color.

Hunters also should take extra care when chugging locations or carrying harvested birds from the field. For these activities, put on the hunter orange cap and the vest which has been cleverly concealed in a "Camu" bag - and put the bird in the bag so its colors won't draw the attention of other hunters.

Remember, too, that hen calls are much safer - and usually far more productive - than gobble calls. Using a gobble call may draw other hunters and create an unsafe situation. Unfortunately, you can't

always rely on the other guy to be safe, especially if you sound like a gobble.

Hunters should always avoid colors naturally associated with wild turkeys, especially red, black, white and blue.

Students welcome home another

By Susan L. Ruffin
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CARLEISE — Anchors Aweigh sounded throughout the building as the students fled into the Nicholas County Elementary School gym.

United States Navy Seabee John Dampier came back to Nicholas County from Saudi Arabia.

"I cannot thank you enough," he said emphatically. "Your support made me proud to walk into this gym."

The flag waved as its applause, and the eighth grade chorus serenaded another local hero returned safely.

"There were some close calls," he said softly. "I thank God that I returned safely. I thank God that my

friends and I made it home. But there were those who did not... they are not going to come home. I'd like you to never forget them."

A few moments of silence were shared to honor those who served their country bravely.

Students from each of the classes gave gifts of posters, words of welcome and Robert Reed, eighth grade spokesperson, presented John with a t-shirt.

And the student chorus rang with Lee Greenwood's song, "And I'm Proud To Be An American" as the welcome assembly ended.

"Next week, I visit to the 3rd grade class and an interview with E03 John Dampier.

The Carleise Mercury's Duffin From The Nicholas County Education Association held its annual KEA spelling bee March 21. Matt Hall, eighth grade, was the winner correctly spelling the word "gambol." Robin Hultick, seventh grade, was runner-up. Each received a \$50 savings bond donated by Deposit Bank of Carleise and the First National Bank. The Pac and Foodcom each donated free video rentals. Matt will represent Nicholas County at the KEA Central district spelling bee to be held April 13 in Lexington.

OBITUARY

BLAKE
Ellen T. Reid Blake, 89, East Union Road, Carleise, died Monday, April 8, at Johnson Midhara Nursing Home in Carleise.

She was a member of Carleise Christian Church and was born in Nicholas County to the late Will and Laura Thornburg Reid.

She is survived by a son, James Blake, Lexington; three daughters, Mrs. Pattie Childers, McKinney, TX; Mrs. Ray (Laura) Aake, Lexington and Mrs. Estill (Betty) Hunt, Carleise; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, W.C. Blake.

Services were held Wednesday, April 10, at Mathers - Gause Funeral Home by Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. James Gause and Rev. Richard Gardner.

Burial was in Carleise Cemetery.

Grandsons served as casket bearers.

Honorary bearers were Greg Reid, Billy Terrell, Dr. Jack Morford, W.J. Clark and Billy Toller.

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