

Central Kentucky Foxhunters to hold annual hunt Sept. 25-28

By Jack Hightower
 CARLISLE, Ky. — It is an early fall morning at Clay Wildlife Management Area. Still dark and yet, there is a sense of anticipation in the night air.

Campfires blaze low, hissing as they evaporate the dew settled thickly in the high grass. Lanterns glow with a bright white light, casting a twisted grey shadow against tent walls and along the corrugated, fibreglass edges of campers and RVs.

Dogs whimper quietly, mixed with the nervous whinnying of horses tethered to oak and sugar maples. Their hooves paw shallow

divots in the ground, impatient to be released. But time is precious that this time, they will root out the fox, the vilest and slickest of all game.

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and into the trees.

Scents is rubbed beneath their noses and then comes the wait. Eyes turn toward the eastern horizon, where the sun's light is whitest. It is the moment just before dawn and the hounds are lined up like thoroughbreds at the starting gate, late calm perhaps, but filled with lust for the hunt.

Over the distant hills, a single yellow ray of pure sunlight breaks over and the hounds are released. Well over a hundred black, white and tan shout across the tall field grass for the forest beyond. The fastest becoming leaders, the wisest plodding and the more slowly, raising their sensitive noses to the air then following an instinct few can truly understand.

Inexperienced pups tread cautiously through the woods, their eyes betray their confusion, and soon return to their masters for security and guidance. The holder follows the hounds' air-lined up like thoroughbreds at the starting gate, late calm perhaps, but filled with lust for the hunt.

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Egan hopes to bring effective emergency room care

By Melissa Hall
 CARLISLE — I hope to go to Nicholas County the most effective and responsive emergency room facility possible, by coordinating with other doctors 24 hour care, said Peter Egan, M.D., Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Emergency Room Director.

Egan was raised in Omaha, Nebraska where he attended Recanal and Ryan Catholic High Schools.

After graduation, Egan joined the United States Army. He went through basic training in Missouri and special training in Massachusetts where he studied communications and military intelligence.

He did his overseas tour in Germany, where he was stationed in a small town outside of Frankfurt.

After completing his three years in the army, Egan attended college on the G.I. Bill.

Egan transferred from the University of Nebraska to Creighton University, also in Nebraska, where he received his undergraduate degree.

He then attended medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Egan came to Kentucky for his internal medicine training at the University of

He met his wife, Linda, during his first year in Kentucky. They have two sons, Robbie 16-years-old and Wesley 14-years-old.

This is Linda's first year playing in tournaments as an amateur golfer.

The son the Fayette County Women's Championship this year and placed 12th in the state.

Egan worked at the Fort Logan Hospital in Lincoln County for six months.

He finished up his residency here in Nicholas County and is now employed full time as the emergency room director at Johnson Matthers Health Care.

"I spoke with a counselor at the University of Kentucky and explained that I was interested in working in a more rural area than Lexington.

In a smaller area, you can treat a wider variety of patients on a broader spectrum than in a larger city.

They gave me the names of several different areas in Kentucky and I chose Nicholas County."

"I have a one-year contract with the hospital at this time. If they are happy with my performance and I am satisfied here, I want to keep working here as the emergency room director at Johnson Matthers Health Care and also do some internal medicine

working with other doctors.

"At some point in the future, probably in a few years, I would like to establish a private practice with one or two other doctors in the area so that I can bring to Nicholas County my training in internal medicine."

"Right now I think it is important to spend as much time with my family as possible, at least until the boys are out of high school," he said.

Egan explained that his father greatly influenced his decision to become a doctor.

"My dad is a Renal and Kidney Specialist. He pushed me toward the medical profession and without that nud-

ging, I might have chosen a completely different field," he said.

When things become too hectic Egan and his wife have found their own way to cope with this problem.

"We try to get away at least once a month by ourselves.

"We go to a cabin where we relax by doing some hiking or just reading a book.

When we are at home we sometimes take a drive in the country and try to imagine the house we would like to own one day."

It is nice to sit back and imagine things the way it could be in a few years and enjoy spending time together planning the future," Egan said.

"I don't know but I've never regretted the decision I made to become a doctor."

"I probably could have chosen an easier profession where I would have had more leisure time and not so many debts from attending medical school, but things are now beginning to look brighter."

"The medical field continues to challenge you intellectually and never becomes mundane."

"It is really very interesting to realize that you never stop learning and you never learn enough," Egan said.



A typical hunt of the Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association at the Clay Wildlife Management Area. Many people, hounds, and horses join in on the festivities annually.

Foxhunters Poems

Paraphrased by Roger Womack from an anonymous poet

I wonder if Christ had a black, white and tan, All sleek and sinewy like mine. With two silky ears and a nose round and wet. And two eyes so soulful they shine.

I am sure if he had, that that black, white, and tan Knew right from the first he was God. That he needed no proof that Christ was divine But worshipped the ground that He trod. I'm afraid that he hadn't because I have read. How he prayed in the garden alone For all of his friends and disciples had fled. Even Peter, the one called a stone.

And oh, I am sure that that black, white and tan, With a heart so tender and warm, Would never have left him to suffer alone. But creeping right under his arm Would have licked those dew-drops in agony slumped And counting all favor but loss.

When they took him away, would have trotted behind And followed him quite to the cross.

Another separate poem

The Central Kentucky Foxhunters Creed

Yet if once we effect the joys of the chase From the land and out-root the stud.

Goodbye to the Anglo-Saxon race, Goodbye to the Norman blood. Poems reprinted from previous *Tea Cases* issues.

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