Kim's Comments

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News Editor

Kudos to Menifee for buying old park

Broke Leg Falls roadside park on U.S. 460 had sadly been abandoned for 35 years.

But now, thanks to some alert Menifee County leadership, it's on its way into the ownership of a group who can open it again, make it a nature showplace and a tourist attraction.

Menifee County Fiscal Court is to buy the 13-acre site, located near the Menifee-Morgan County line, that is home to a 98-foot waterfall. Various stairways and railings are amazingly still in tact.

The county will buy the old park with a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund board. Menifee Judge-executive Hershell Sexton said the price for the park is about $80,000.

From the 1930s to the 1960s, people stopped by the park to look at the gorge, its waterfall and virgin timber. Before the 1960s, the state made it an official roadside park and built walkways, water fountains, grills, restrooms and railings.

Sexton said having the park will go along nicely with the fact that the state wants to straighten some stretches of U.S. 460, which will compel people to stop and see it.

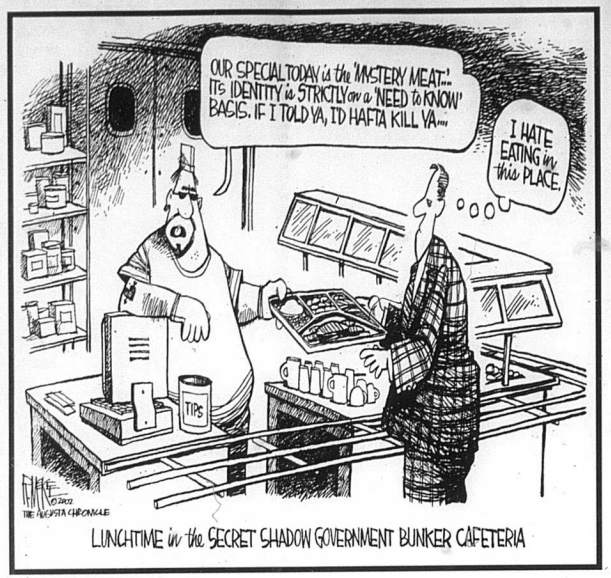
In Saturday's Lexington Herald-Leader, the state's conservation board chair, William Martin, was quoted as saying the park is a gorgeous place and, amazingly enough, it hasn't been trashed.

He said "Kentuckians can really throw the trash, but this is a clean, beautiful place."

That's a sad commentary on people in our state with regard to litter, yet a good commentary on the locale of the park itself.

Hats off to Menifee County Fiscal Court for purchasing land to serve as a natural tourist attraction. It shows the leadership is hip to the future and to the importance of nature preservation.

Viewpoint



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Commentary

Getting back into golf practice

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Guest Columnist

I now spend about an hour a day stretching my left shoulder with medical tubing slingshot-looking devices, trying to build movement and strength, but with old stringy muscles and joints progress does not come easily.

Or quickly.

But I did go uncover the new left-handed golf clubs and take a few tentative low-speed swings with the driver and 9-iron, and after I lost one new Titleist golf ball went back to the store for some plastic practice balls.

Plus a right hand golf glove.

The golf shoes will work from either side of the ball.

I think it's going to work, when and if the shoulder gets ready for a full swing. It's awkward, learning to set up and swing from the southpaw side, to keep the right arm straight, and it'll be a while before it feels natural.

If it ever does.

If it ever gets warm and dry the next step is a driving range, using real balls and all the clubs, but with a mental warning label on each shaft to take it slow and easy. The temptation to break loose with a full swing is strong, but so is the fear of tearing loose the rebuilt socket.

I kept my right-handed sand wedge and putter, so I won't be a total lefty.

And, every chance I get, I watch Phil Mickleson play in the PGA events.

The world's best left-handed golfer even plays the way I do, mentally, never choosing the safe route to the green. In his case the mistakes are more expensive; I just lose golf balls, but Phil loses cash money.

Mickleson is often criticized by the commentators for his gambling approach to the game, but he has won more tournaments and purses than all of them combined so he doesn't have to pay much attention.

I will never, by any stretch of the imagination, be a Phil Mickleson, but watching him play is helping me learn. So far, my left-handed swings don't put the balls high enough in the air, but I think that'll come with the full swing. If not, I'll just keep on playing bump-and-run golf. With my three-digit scoring it doesn't make an awful lot of difference.

Many years ago my scores were consistently in the mid-80s, but I didn't know enough to appreciate the accomplishment. That was back before I tried to learn how to play the game, when I was driving with a 1-iron or 2-iron and was fearless on the putting surface.

The first shoulder injury put me on the sidelines, and the first surgery brought me back. My swing had lost its sting, though, and I had to start using the driver.

To sort of use it, at least. I got the distance, but was sadly lacking in direction, and then I got a shoulder that flew apart on the follow-through.

If the rubber bands and brittle bones hold up, though, the shoulder will be usable again soon.

That should take some of the pressure off Phil Mickleson.

When I get back, he won't be the only left-handed golf gambler on the courses.

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Marilyn K. Howard vs. Kevin T. Wells, review, show cause order April 24.

Marilyn K. Howard vs. Amanda G. Wells, other hearing, order entered.

Jimmy Price vs. Lisa W. Shank, show cause hearing, agreed order.

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Estate of: Karen Nichols, review, notice to attorney April 22.

Estate of: Arnold Thornsburg, review, review April 29.

Estate of: James Herrington, review, review August 12.

In Re: Charles Clinton Chandler Yazell, motion hour, review August 12.

In Re: Gabrielle Morgan Yazell, motion hour, review August 12.

In Re: Kelsey Kay Yazell, motion hour, review August 12.

Nicholas County Hospital vs. Bobby T. Anderson, review, notice of satisfaction filed, remove from docket.

Nicholas County Hospital vs. Anthony David Eckler, motion hour, order entered.

Otha Morris vs. Kelly Watts, review, review April 15.

Eric Raymond Asbury, show cause hearing, show cause order April 1.

Shannon Dale Aubrey, show cause hearing, paid in full.

William Bruce Buckler, show cause hearing, review April 8.

Carla Jean Curtsinger, show cause hearing, paid in full.

Hollis Ray Durham, show cause hearing, paid in full.

David Farrow, show cause hearing, show cause order May 6.

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Steven R. Fryman, show cause hearing, show cause order April 8.

Karl G. Klickner, show cause hearing, show cause order April 22.

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Grimes Mitchell, show cause hearing, bench warrant.

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Pamela J. Ross, show cause hearing, review show cause order April 22.

Elizabeth Bell Scott, show cause hearing, pay today.

Michael Shrout, show cause hearing, completed.

Ollie E. Wheeler, show cause hearing, no operators license, ADE to be enrolled in and completed April 29.

William A. Whirls, show cause hearing, review April 8.

William D. Crain, arraignment, improper turning, disregard stop sign, not guilty plea, bench trial May 6.

Rodney D. Dale, arraignment, no brake lights, fail to produce insurance card, proof, dismissed.

Billy Jay Hall Jr., arraignment, theft by deception, bench warrant.

Michael Lee Hamilton, arraignment, improper passing, guilty plea, STS; fail to wear seatbelt, guilty plea, $25; no insurance, proof, dismissed, show cause order April 22.

William S. Hardin Jr., arraignment, speeding, fail to produce insurance card, arraignment April 8.

Duane Hill, show cause hearing, show cause order April 15.

Daniel F. Howard, pretrial conference, violation KY EPO, pretrial conference April 29.

Rachel Walters Kahly, pretrial conference, no insurance, proof, dismissed.

George William Mitchell II, other hearing, show cause order April 15.

Willeen Murray, pretrial conference, parent send child to school, pretrial conference May 13.

Michael A. Puckett, arraignment, reckless driving, paid in full.

Robin Lynn Quiroz, pretrial conference, no insurance, proof, dismissed; MV dealer to notify count clerk, proof, dismissed.

Tabitha Ratliff, arraignment, custodial interference, preliminary hearing April 1.

James M. Spires, show cause hearing, speeding, fail to wear seatbelt, no insurance, license to be in possession failure to appear, bench warrant.

Joseph William Stamper, arraignment, no KY registration plates, proof, dismissed; fail to produce insurance card, proof, dismissed.

Scott Alan Terrell, arraignment, paid.

Lizbeth G. Tuney, pretrial conference, theft by deception, on payment dismissed.

Frederick Alan Walker, arraignment, no insurance, proof, dismissed.

Roy Lee Whisman, arraignment, theft by deception, show cause order April 15.

Hope L. White arraignment, criminal possession forged prescription, preliminary hearing April 1.

Emma Altaffer, other hearing, bench warrant.

Franklin Thomas Baker, pretrial conference, 2 counts of assault, final report filed, dismissed.

Robert Pierson Boyd, court trial, speeding, guilty plea, STS; fail to wear seatbelt, guilty plea, $25; possession open alcohol beverage container in vehicle, merged into charge 4; operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, $200 fine, $250 DUI, ADE school, suspend drivers license 90 days and costs, show cause order May 20; unlawful transaction with minor, guilty plea, 60 days in jail, $200 fined, balance probated 2 years on 40 hours community service and costs, show cause order May 20.

Donald Wayne Burton, pretrial conference, Grimes Mitchell, show cause hearing, bench warrant, reckless driving, pretrial conference April 8.

Dustin C. Clark, pretrial conference, reckless driving, merged with charge 2; operating vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, guilty plea, $200 fine, $250 fee, ADE school, suspended driver license 90 days and costs, show cause order May 20.

Tron M. Edwards, show cause hearing, speeding, fail to wear seatbelt, license to be in possession, pretrial conference May 6.

Chad W. Evans, review, no action of grand jury, removed from docket.

Darrell K. Finch, show cause hearing, 25 hours community service eligible, show cause order April 22.

Darrell K. Finch, show cause hearing, 5 hours community service eligible, show cause order April 22.

Darrin George, court trial, assault, disorderly conduct, pretrial conference May 6.

Darrin George, court trial, alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana, pretrial conference May 6.

Darrin George, court trial, violation KY EPO, possession

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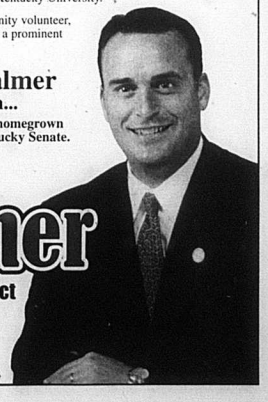

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