

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

The northern raid of Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton

Late August 1778, along Paint Creek, a tributary of the Scioto River, in south central Ohio.

Their numbers had dwindled from 30 to 19 before they crossed the Ohio River, with 11 of the volunteers becoming lonesome and fearful of the fates of their families at Fort Boonesborough while they were away.

Captain Daniel Boone had suggested the raid to gather intelligence and learn if the Shawnee War party that had previously planned to march against them was still com-

ing to attack the fort. Boone had sweetened the pot with promises of stolen Shawnee ponies and other plunder for the volunteers who came along.

Most were members of the militia. All felt the wrath of Colonel Richard Calloway, who was vehemently opposed to anyone leaving the fort at such a perilous time.

Calloway swore he would have Boone court-martialed if he left. Boone and the volunteers left the next morning. Simon Kenton, who still was known along the frontier as "Simon Butler" was among the group. It had been nearly eight years since Kenton had fled his Virginia community after falling in love with a girl destined to be another man's wife.

His childhood sweetheart, Ellen Cummins, had married William Leachman. Simon had spoken against the union on the wedding day at the Leachman's home and William Leachman had beaten him severely in front of the entire community. Simon was embarrassed, hu-

miliated and disgraced. He missed and yearned for the comfort of his wife and children. He was determined to see his wife and children again. He was determined to see his wife and children again. He was determined to see his wife and children again.

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Conservative Columnist

Lansford's Energy - Plan has Flipped its Gas Lid

By Leland Conway

After traveling the Commonwealth and pumping gas for "regular people" in four hour shifts, U.S. Senate Candidate Bruce Lansford has introduced an eight point plan to lower gas prices. By the way, when he was finished pumping gas one weekend, he hopped on his private jet and flew to his second home in Chicago. Does anyone know which Kentucky county that's in? Closer scrutiny of his plan reveals he's actually flipped his gas lid.

First of all, Lansford supports John McCain's crazy idea of a gas tax holiday. As a tax hawkish conservative and tepid McCain supporter, I am normally all for tax cuts, but this one's not really written all over it. The gas tax pays

I'm Super Bi-Partisan Man - For instance, he proposes closing the "Enron loophole". But there's one problem. It's already been closed. The infamous loophole allowed energy companies to buy up oil contracts and drive up the price, but was closed earlier this year in an amendment to the farm bill.

The rest of his plan includes "increasing use of renewable energy sources" and "telling oil companies to drill on land they already lease. Pardon me, but I could use a renewable energy source without spending even more money, I would. As for telling oil companies to drill on land they've already leased, this is a Democrat talking point that isn't very sharp. If oil companies believed there was oil on that land, they'd

be drilling. The rest of Lansford's plan is a combination of fool's gold and "look at me."

There was a small Shawnee encampment along Paint Creek, which always had a number of 800-year-old horses, and Boone's plan was to reconnoiter the village, take the horses and perhaps kidnap a Shawnee maiden or young warrior or two and learn of what more

of the pending raid against Boonesborough. Military operations do not always go as planned and this was no exception. As they came closer to the village, Boone sent Simon out well beyond the main group to scout ahead. Simon was sure he was dead and fled the community that very night and began his western adventure, continually moving westward down the Ohio River and eventually arriving on the Kentucky frontier three years later.

He had survived where many had not. He was a hard young man and brutally indifferent to the pains of the frontier. He tried to redeem himself and thus help the frontier families and communities as much as he could, risking his life regularly in the process. There was no idea that Leachman was very much alive. He was determined to see his wife and children again.

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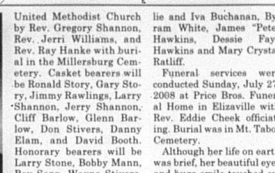


Robert "Bobby" Kenneth Duncan 1942-2008

Robert "Bobby" Kenneth Duncan, 66, died Thursday July 24, 2008 at U.K. Medical Center. He was born in Nicholas County May 16, 1942 to William R. "Billy" and Gladys Hill Duncan. He was a member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church. He is survived by his mother, Gladys Hill Duncan; a daughter, Margaret Tobin and Bruce Farrell, Lexington; a son, John Duncan and Tammy Hardwick, Carlisle; a sister, Suzie (Don) Peterson, Carlisle; grandchildren, Dustin Tobin and Jonathan Tobin, Carlisle.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 28, 2008 at Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Wilson Mathes and Rev. Julian Hammonds officiating. Burial followed in Carlisle Cemetery.

Ballbearers were Everett Cord, Steve Falt, Cy Cleaver, James Laver, John Laver, Matt Cohorn, Dick Garrett, George Garrett, Elvie D. Clark. Honorary pallbearers were John Caswell, Dr. Alan Hammond and Don Peterson. Clark Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

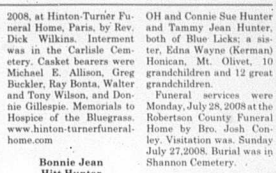


Ernest Ward Shannon 1932-2008

Ernest Ward Shannon, 75, Paris, owner of Shannon Home Center, retired employee of Bluegrass Army Depot-Avon, U.S. Air Force veteran, widower of Rev. Dorothy S. Shannon, died Thursday, July 24, 2008. He was born September 3, 1932 in Nicholas County, son of the late Herman Lee and Betta Minton Shannon, graduate of the Nicholas County schools, and was a member of Herrington United Methodist Church. He is survived by a son, Rev. Gregory (Nissa) Shannon, Hardinsburg; a daughter, Delanna (David) Turley, Paris; nine grandchildren, Rachael, Hannah, Abigail, and Rebekah Shannon, Caleb, Jordan, and Matthew Turley, Anah and Isaac Carter; a brother, Turner (Wilma) Shannon, Bourbon County; and a special friend, Virgaleen Worthington, Paris.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Calvin Lee Shannon; and three sisters, Stella Mae Booth, Imogene Story, and Minnie Hawkins, and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by her grandmother, Joyce White Buchman; and great grandparents - Char-



Bonnie Jean Hitt Hunter 1931-2008

Bonnie Jean Hitt Hunter, 76, Ewing, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at her residence. She was born in Mason County, September 12, 1931, to the late Eddie I. and Minnie Duke Jefferson Hitt. She was a homemaker and a retired employee of Jockey International and Kens New Market. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, William Richard Hitt and Jack Hitt and a sister, Goldie Mae Hitt Combes. She is survived by her husband, Edwin Thomas "Ted" Hunter; two sons, Larry T. (Virgie) Hunter and Randy (Paula) Hunter; three daughters, Diana (Ted) Stanley, New Richmond, al-

Services were Friday, July 25, 2008 by Rev. Howard Livingston with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Guestbook available at www.watters-gaunefuneral.com

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