

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

THE RETURN OF THE BLOOD BROTHER Late Sept. 1778



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky By Charles Matzek

The besting Simon Butler (Kenton) endured while running the gauntlet at Chilli-cordville village had been incredible. He was knocked unconscious within ten feet of the finish line, having never made it to the sacred confines of the Council House. Over the next three days, he was slowly nursed back to health and then dragged to Piqua village, where he fared slightly better and completed his second gauntlet. He faced another gauntlet at Mak-ab-chock village, and wasn't sure how much more physical abuse he could withstand before he broke. His stoic composure remained the only small victory he continued to have over his tormentors, but he knew his display of bravery had been one of the reasons he was not killed immediately. As he came to the front of the double row of screaming Shawnee villagers at Mak-ab-chock, he focused on the drummer seated at the council house at the end of the gauntlet. The drummer kept a precise rhythmic beat, and the crowd of villagers screamed and surge and scream their ha-

avily running for his life. He soon outdistanced the squawking warriors that pursued him. He entered the woods and snagged several times before entering a small ravine. He was smiling happily with the knowledge that he was now, finally a free man. He wiped tears from his eyes as he continued running. He quickened his pace, and just as he circled around a fallen tree, ran directly into the lead horse being ridden by a Shawnee sub-chief named Blue Jacket who was a leader of a small band of warriors that were coming to the village to see the great frontiersman who was now Cut-a-to-hat. In a long pause from the drummer and sweat to his backside, signaled the start of the violent dash between the villagers and toward the council house. This time however, Simon turned directly away from the gauntlet and sprinted naked toward the woods a moment before the signal was to be given. None of the villagers was prepared for such a thing, and as Simon was incredibly fleet on his feet, he had sprinted 200 yards ahead of the group before they understood themselves and followed. Simon was an extremely fast runner, and was liter-

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coal heritage of his family and home, has been a strong advocate for KFTC for several years and was impressed with the landscape of Nicholas County on his first visit. "Nicholas County is beautiful and remains one of my homes in many ways," House said. "It is still a nice rural environment and hasn't been overrun with urban sprawl."

A detailed interview with House on his past, present and future work as a Kentucky author will appear in a future edition of the Carlisle Mercury.

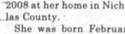
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Merolyn June Sams 1927-2008



Merolyn June Sams, 81, widow of William C. Sams, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008 at her home in Nicholas County.

She was born February 24, 1927 in Nicholas Co. to the late Stanley and Blanche Fuller Cameron. She was a retired librarian with the Buffalo Trace Regional Library, a member of the Myers Christian Church, the Nicholas Co. Parks and Recreation Board, an avid softball player and was inducted into the Northern Bluegrass Bowling Hall of Fame in 2005.

Survivors include 2 sons, Thomas Clay (Rebecca) Sams; and Richard Fuller (Sherry) Sams, of Carlisle; a daughter-in-law, Connie (Sams) of Carlisle; 7 grandchildren, Nena Donovan, Mt. Sterling; William Allen Sams - Jacksonville, Florida; Kristina (Bobby) Hunt; Amanda Sams; Amy (Sams) Lyndsay Sams; and Hanna Sams, all of Carlisle; and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by 2 sons, William Ray Sams; and Timothy Lee Sams; and a sister, Carolyn C. Young. Services were 2:00 P.M. Friday, September 19 at Mather-Gaunce F.H. by Chaplain Rick Snyder. Burial was in the Carlisle Cemetery. Casketbearers were Bill

82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC and served in Germany from 1954 - 1956 with the Second Armored Division. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte (Mitchell) Lawson; sons, Keith Lawson and Tom (Linda) Lawson; mother of his grandchildren, Ruth Lawson; grandchildren, Brian (April) Lawson; Erin Lawson; and Sean Lawson; great grandson, Evan; sister, MaryLou Alexander; and his brother, Bill Lawson.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 at Newcomer Funeral Home and Crematory, 4104 Needmore Rd., Dayton, OH, with Pastor Josh Cough officiating. Interment followed at Poplar Hill Cemetery, Vandalia, OH.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton.

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Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week. I have with a sad heart that it is with you all that this will be my last column in The Carlisle Mercury. As many of you know, my dad is no longer with the paper and the people running it aren't sure how often space will be available for me to write. Therefore, I have to end my weekly column.

I have started a blog though, so any of you interested in reading about the twins on a semi-regular basis should log on and see. The website address is velozviewpoints.blogspot.com. I have always wanted to write a blog, as I feel like it will be just another outlet for me to let people who care know how my kiddos are doing and about things I find interesting in life.

I have already written one, so feel free to check it out and leave me comments if you like. I will try to write something at least once a week, but cannot promise. Now that I don't have my dad reminding me of my weekly deadline, I might slip up every once in a while. But I promise to write as often as I can.

The kids are doing great by the way. Ben and I went on a date this weekend and they were with a babysitter all day. She told us how great they were the whole day and I was wondering if she wanted to come live with us.

You know, I never believed it when people talked about how much better their kids acted when they were with someone other than their parents. I never believed it, that's all. I had kids of my own, they steal it, they scream. One is sitting on their little sofa, the other wants to, they sit down touching the other, they scream. They look can fight all day for me over scream. Some days it is all day until Mommy wants to scream.

But I leave them with a babysitter and it is, "oh they're great, I never see them fight like you say they do." I think people are starting to think I'm crazy because my kids behave so well in public. Don't get me wrong, I love that they behave in public. I just wish it would carry over with the house sometimes! With my work with Win 4 Charity I have been a little busier than normal. Spending one day a week out of the house and spending several evenings in my bedroom trying to get everything ready for the launch day that I feel like I am neglecting them. Now, when I leave them, they are always either with one of my best friends or with Ben, so it isn't as if they aren't being cared for, but still, I feel like I'm missing out with them. I am so excited for the company to launch. It is going to do so much good for charities. If you haven't registered for your chance to win the free car or one of many other free prizes, don't miss out on their little sofa, the prizes on October 1, so time is running out. There is no obligation to purchase anything and right now, the chances to win some awesome prizes is pretty good. If you get some time, go to w4c.com and register. Then go back after Oct. 1 to see all the great prizes they are raffling and giving away for charity.

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