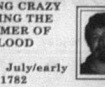
# OPINION

## Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

**GOING CRAZY DURING THE SUMMER OF BLOOD**




**Late July/early August 1782**

"My name is Charles Beasley."

"My name is Charles Beasley," the man kept muttering over and over to himself.

Charles Beasley's mind had nearly snapped from unbelievable stress.

Muttering his name over and over had been his survival mechanism when he was sure he would either die or go completely insane.

He had been without food for over a week and he suffered from shock and a multitude of wounds, which had been inflicted upon him by his Shawnee captors.

As an inhabitant of Bryant's (Brian's) Station, located four miles northeast of Lexington, Charles and his brother, John, had gone buffalo hunting at Blue Licks Spring, near the end of July.

A small Shawnee scouting party had surprised them and Charles had been taken captive when his horse had been shot from beneath him. He had urged his brother to continue riding on and John Beasley had thus, narrowly escaped.

Charles had remained submissive during the first tense moments of his captivity and was taken northward, across the Ohio River to a Shawnee village.

The rigors of his captivity compelled him to take on the characteristics of a fool, which was much lauded by his Shawnee captors, whom he frequently entertained with his clownish behavior.

His ruse worked well enough and soon he was able to walk among the villagers with little or no suspicion.

He gathered supplies and made his run for freedom as darkness fell on a particularly dark night.

His escape was complicated ten fold when he nearly drowned after his makeshift raft sank while he was making a desperate crossing of the Ohio River near the present day community of Maysville, which was then called Limestone Point.

In 1782 the closest inhabitants to Limestone point lived in Bryant's Station, approximately 65 miles away, and Charles Beasley had no idea what portion of Kentucky he was in.

He wandered lost for over a week before he finally decided to accept his fate.

He had, at that point, been unable to walk and thus simply crawled beneath a tree, rolled onto his back and waited to die.

As he continued to accept his fate, he found that his mind seemed to drift farther from reality and he laughed out loud at his miserable fate. In his delirium, he decided that the tree beneath which he lay did not seem majestic enough to act as natures' tombstone for him.

As his friend Josiah Collins would later say of him "he decided to die in another place", and seeing a huge oak tree he believed that would make a more fitting monument.

He crawled beneath the tree and in doing so happened to crawl onto a footpath he recognized as one being located within only a few miles to Bryant's Station. He crawled to within 100 yards of Bryant's Station but was too weak to continue as his life indeed began to fade in earnest.

When one of the scouts, most likely young Jacob Stucker, found him and carried him into the station he was mumbling his name over and over.

He was carried into the home of Captain Jerry Craig, who, though not technically a doctor, was a man who treated the sick and wounded.

Captain John Beasley, Charles' brother, came immediately to Captain Craig's cabin.

Charles Beasley was nearly unrecognizable.

Captain Craig was trying to pour a little broth into him but Charles Beasley kept muttering his name and spewing the broth.

John Beasley held his brother's hand.

In a rapid outpouring of emotions Captain Beasley asked his brother about his sanity, his burn marks, the deep gashes to his body and how he had escaped.

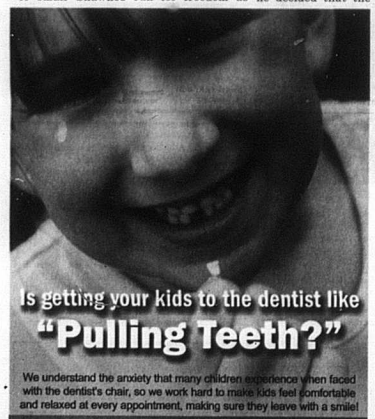
Charles Beasley seemed to focus for an instant. He grabbed his brother by the arm and pulled him close.

"My name is Charles Beasley," he whispered before lapsing into unconsciousness.

Within days Charles Beasley was detailing information to the inhabitants about a possible raid into Kentucky by the Shawnee and other tribes. It would be the first indication for many of them regarding the pending danger.

For Captain John Beasley, it would be a time when he would spend precious moments with his brother before being taken captive himself during the apocalyptic Battle of Blue Licks.

* Excerpted from multiple sources including the Draper Manuscripts volume 11 and 12CC, interviews with Josiah Collins, John Wade and others.



## Estate Auction

**Saturday, August 1, 2009 • 9:30 A.M.**

**Location:** 8327 Mt. Sterling Road in Fleming County. From Flemingsburg take KY 11 South to the community of Concord and then to 5636 Mt. Sterling Road, located in Tilton, KY. Watch for signs.

We will sell the following real estate and personal items at absolute auction.

***Auctioneers Note: We will sell at 9:30 the house and church in Concord and some personal property. After this is sold we will move to the property in Tilton and proceed with auction.**

**REAL ESTATE**

**Tract 1:** 1 ½ story house with 1.6 +/- acres located at 8327 Mt. Sterling Road, Flemingsburg, KY. Home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living room and enclosed back porch. There are 3 outbuildings and a barn.

**Tract 2:** The former Concord Methodist Episcopal Church on a small lot (the original structure is log).

** Tracts 1 & 2 will be offered separately and together and sold at highest dollar amount.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**ANTIQUES & MISC:** Church pews (Concord Methodist Church), Cooper clad wood cook stove, oil tank, Siegler fuel oil heating stove, pot belly stove, electric range, concrete bird bath, concrete flower pots and several miscellaneous items.

**At Approximately 10:30 a.m.**

2004 Clayton Doublewide mobile home at 5636 Mt. Sterling Road, Flemingsburg, KY. Home has 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. Very nice home. **MUST BE MOVED.**

****For inspection of these homes or church contact Anthony Marshall at 606 845-5671 or Danny Mineer at 606 782-5200.**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**ANTIQUES & MISC:** L.L. Emmons Ramon calendar, Flemingsburg Service Station thermometer, Queen Anne No. 2 oil lamp, 1892 brown bottle, McKenna's whiskey bottle, Louisville, KY, Sloans liniment bottle, glass insulators, Concord Methodist hymnal, cast iron baseball bank, stuffed animals NWT's, marbles, glassware consisting of jadite, carnival glass, hens on nest, ruby red, pink depression, milk glass, 2 wooden butter churns, glass butter churn, corn jobber, 2 old kitchen cabinets, (one w/flour bin), metal kitchen table w/6 chairs, metal ½ bed, fern table, old chandelier, mantel clock, odd chairs, wardrobe, rocking chairs, Waterfall bed, Waterfall desk, high chair, baby bed, washbowl & pitcher, mixing bowls, pots & pans, , marble top stand, chest of drawers, fern table, dolls, what nots, dishes, microwave, toaster, toaster oven, silverware, couch & chair, refrigerator, yard ornaments, wheelbarrow, ladder, hose w/reel, metal yard chairs, rain type 60 amp box & pole, single man cross saw, double man cross saw, church plates (Locust Methodist Church & Tilton Christian Church), bedside table, odd tables, stereo, quilts, linens, misc. hand tools, and many otlier item too numerous to mention.

**VEHICLE:** 1996 Buick LeSabre with 78,000 miles.

Check website for pictures.

Any announcements day of sale take precedence over all advertisements. Not responsible for accidents.

**Personal Property Terms:** Cash or check with proper ID.

**Real Estate Terms:** 10% down day of sale. Balance with deed on or before 30 days. Lead paint could be present in any home built prior to 1978. Make your inspection prior to sale date. Buyer will be required to sign a disclosure statement of lead based hazards along with a waiver of a 10 day post inspection.

**Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Glascock Estate**
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# Obituaries

**William D. "Billy Sexton 1946-2009**

William D. "Billy" Sexton, 62, of Nicholas County, husband of Ida F. Gay Sexton, passed away at 2:34 a.m. on Saturday July 18, 2009 at the St. Joseph East Hospital, Lexington. A native of Bath County, he was born on Nov. 8, 1946, the son of Mable Manley Riggs of Carlisle and the late William Sexton. He was a retired body shop foreman for Joe Holland Chevrolet and Dotson Brothers Auto Sales.

In addition to his wife and his mother, survivors include one daughter, Bridgett Sexton of Carlisle; one brother, Michael Sexton of Paris; two sisters: Patsy Jane Highland of Paris and Linda Sue Sams of Carlisle and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 22, 2009 at the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home by Colby Frederick. Burial was in the Evergreen Memory Gardens. Pallbearers were James Long, Jr., John Gay, Jr., Richard Gay, Jim Gay, Mike Herrington, Michael Gay, John Gay, Heath Small, Alan Oglesbee and Brad Lennox. Honorary Pallbearers were Jim Long and Charles Oglesbee.

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# GENERAL NEWS

*Jennifer Dawn Marcum*

## Scholarship Awarded

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University has announced that Jennifer Marcum of Carlisle is among those students receiving a Valedictorian Scholarship for the 2009-10 school year.

Marcum, the daughter of Billy Marcum and Betty Jo Booth, is a Nicholas County High School graduate. She is a member of the National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a Kentucky Governor's Scholars program nominee. A National American Miss Runner-up, she organized a diabetes walk and volunteered during Red Ribbon Week.

The Valedictorian Scholarship is valued at $1,000 for one year following high school graduation.

Applications and information on scholarship programs at MSU are available on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships or by calling toll-free at 1-800-585-6781.

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they issued their indictments in the case.

Jesse Wilson, 26, was indicted on the charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree; trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree; possession of marijuana, fleeing or evading police, second degree, and tampering with physical evidence.

According to the indictment, the alleged offenses occurred on Oct. 27. Carlisle Police Officer Michael Kiskaden provided testimony to members of the grand jury prior to the issuance of indictments against Wilson.

Thomas Holder, 28, was indicted on the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The offense allegedly occurred on Feb. 10, 2009.

Deputy Buckler also provided members of the grand jury with testimony prior to the issuance of the indictment.

Virginia Brock, 47, was indicted on the charges of three counts of wanton endangerment, first degree; criminal mischief, first degree; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, second offense, with aggravating circumstances; disorderly conduct, second degree and possession of an alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

According to the indictments, the alleged offenses occurred on May 5, 2009, and on that day Brock allegedly "created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury" to Rhonda Marcum, Cheryl Lynn Switzer and Allison Sanders.

Carlisle Police Officer Mark Snedegar provided testimony to members of the grand jury prior to the issuance of the indictments against Brock.

Michael Puckett, 28, was indicted on the charges of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, second offense, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

According to the indictments against Puckett the alleged offenses occurred on Feb. 21, 2009.

Kentucky State Police Trooper David Holland provided testimony to members of the grand jury prior to the issuance of the indictments against Puckett.

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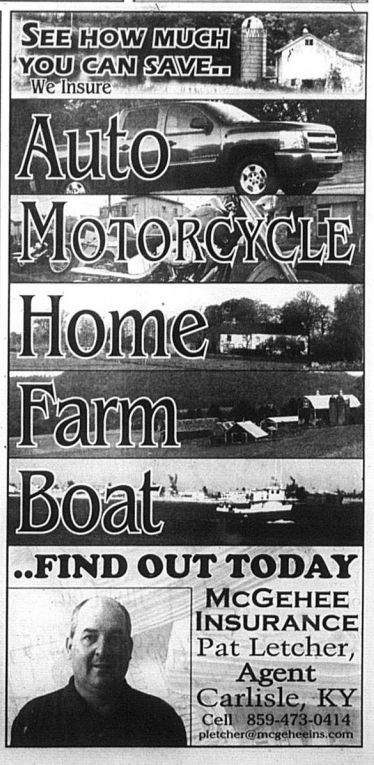
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