

# Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

ON THE WAY TO TRIPLETT'S CREEK BRIDGE

The complexities of life in northeastern Kentucky during the American Civil War are difficult to understand, dear reader.

Our neighborhoods, and often times, even our families, were torn apart.

I only recently realized that an 1863 battle with Fleming County involved Fleming County Confederate officers fighting Calvary during the Fleming County Union officers.

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Confederates, including Everett and Jackson, had been indicted by a Fleming County Grand Jury on the grounds of treason.

Payne was found not guilty during a trial and later rejoined Jackson before the raid of 1863. On June 13, near Mt. Carmel toward Morehead and riding in the area and were spotted by one of Jackson's men of Union soldiers of the home of Captain J. B. Evans, leader of the local Union Fleming County Home Guard unit.

While the men ate and horses were fed, Captain Jackson lead a squad of hand picked men to ride with him up Fox Creek to Lansdowne Store, a local Home Guard hang out. A shot rang out from the woods and one of Jackson's men; Sgt. Ford, slumped in his saddle with

Ulery; killed in a serious wound, as they reigned to a stop at Lansdowne Store.

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Confederates fight a battle with two battalions of 10th Kentucky Calvary, whom are joined by Company A of the 14th Kentucky Calvary under Major Hambrick, Captain Bowman, Just as the Union forces seem to be on the verge of total victory, a large group of Union soldiers of the 8th Michigan Calvary rushed onto the scene and poured a deadly volley into their fellow Union brethren from Kentucky, believing they are the Confederates.

Soon Union Home Guards and soldiers with the 10th Kentucky Union Calvary were closing in on Captain Curtis and his men as he riders away from the scene and back to rejoin General Morgan in Russell County, Virginia.

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## Obituaries



Kenneth "Gene" Hughes 1927-2009

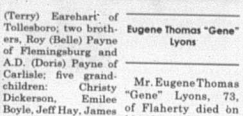
Kenneth "Gene" Hughes, 81, of St. Claire Shores, Michigan, widower of Mary Hogg Hughes, died on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. He was Wilson Browning, born on Dec. 25, 1927 age 20 of Falmouth in Nicholas County to passed away on Friday, June 19, 2009. Eliza Newell Hughes, at the University of Michigan, was a 1945 graduate of Cincinnatti Medical Center for injuries in a motor vehicle accident. Josh was born Steve Browning.

Survivors include in Campbell County three sons: John, on Nov. 3, 1988, a Kenneth Dean and son of Kevin and Pat Timothy. Hughes; Wilson Browning, a daughter, Karen was an avid outdoorsman, a brother of sman, a 2007 graduate of Michigan; a brother, state of Pendleton High School, and worked of Ashland, a Mister for Kustom Blending Wanda Heflick. In addition to his Cookeville, Tennessee; and four grandchildren: parents, he is survived by a sister, Jennifer Browning of Morgan Berry Road, on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Mathers-Robinson, his paternal grandparents, Wallace



Sue Payne Lester 1937-2009

Sue Payne Lester, 72, wife of Cartmel Lester, died on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was born on May 19, 1937 in Fleming County to the late Arnold and Betty Ritchie Payne. She was a retired employee of Jockey International, former co-owner of Lester's Family Store's in Carlisle, Owingville and Flemingsburg, a member of the Nicholas Co. Lions Club, a Kentucky Colonel and a member of Carlisle Christian Church. She is survived by two daughters, Debbie (Barry) Ruark of Carlisle, and Pam



Eugene Thomas "Gene" Lyons

Mr. Eugene Thomas "Gene" Lyons, 73, of Falmouth, died on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Fort Knox. He is survived by his wife, Carol Sue Ray Lyons; one son, Wells Richard Lyons; a grand-daughter, April (John) Buckland; three great-grand-children: Gavin Rain Buckland, Gavin Skye Feller and Honey Haven Buckland; four sisters: Nancy Mattox, Martha Sibert, Jane Daniels and Judy York; four brothers: Ernie, Kenneth, Ralph and Frank Dickerson. Terry Earehart, James Hay, Jeff Hay and Barry Ruark Arrangements under the direction of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Carlisle Christian Church. Condolences may be left at www.hagerfuneralhome.com.

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## Ewing - Fleming County Fair

All pageants (Little Miss & Mister, Pre-Teen, Teen, and Queen) are required to have a copy of their birth certificates at registration. Deadline entry is Sunday, July 6, 2009 at Midnight also Thursday night July 9, is Cancer Care Club night a percentage of the gate admission will be donated to them.

**MONDAY, JULY 6**  
12:00 - 3:00 PM Enter Floral Hall Exhibits  
3:00 - 5:00 PM Judge Floral Hall Exhibits  
Lawn Show  
6:00 - 9:00 PM Floral Hall Open  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Registration Cutie Pie Girls (19 mos. - 2 yrs.)  
7:30 PM Registration Cutie Pie Boys (3 - 4 yrs.)  
8:00 PM Cutie Pie Girls Pageant (19 mos. - 2 yrs.)  
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Pre-Teen

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**  
10:00 AM Dairy Show  
6:00 PM Registration Tiny Miss (3 - 4 yrs.)  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Registration Tiny Miss (3 - 4 yrs.)  
7:30 PM Registration Tiny Miss (3 - 4 yrs.)  
8:00 PM Lawn Mower Derby  
8:00 PM Tiny Mister Pageant (3 - 4 yrs.)  
8:30 PM Miss Teen Pageant

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**  
6:00 - 9:00 PM Floral Hall Open  
7:30 PM Miss Ewing Fleming County Fair Pageant in Swim Wear  
8:00 PM Miss and Mister Pageant  
8:00 PM Demo Derby  
8:30 - 9:00 PM Miss Ewing Fleming County Fair Pageant in Formal Wear  
9:00 PM Registration Mother - Daughter Contest  
9:00 - 9:30 PM Mother - Daughter Contest  
9:30 PM Mother - Son Contest

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Senior Citizens Morning  
9:00 - 9:30 PM Registration Pet Show  
6:00 PM Registration Corn Hole  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Registration Corn Hole  
6:00 - 9:00 PM Floral Hall Open  
7:00 PM Registration Father and Daughter Contest  
7:00 PM Father and Daughter Contest  
7:00 - 7:30 PM Registration Father and Son Contest  
7:30 - 8:00 PM Registration Father and Son Contest  
7:30 PM Father and Son Contest  
8:00 PM Whiner Dog Race  
8:00 PM Mud Run  
8:30 PM Talent Show

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**  
6:30 - 6:30 PM Registration Baby Show (Girls - Birth - 9 mos.)  
6:00 - 7:00 PM Registration Baby Show (Boys - Birth - 9 mos.)  
6:00 - 9:00 PM Registration Baby Show (Girls - Birth - 9 mos.)  
6:30 PM Registration Baby Show (Girls - 10 - 18 mos.)  
7:00 PM Registration Baby Show (Boys - 10 - 18 mos.)  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Registration Baby Show (Boys - 10 - 18 mos.)  
7:00 PM Corn Hole  
7:30 PM Registration Father and Daughter Contest  
8:00 PM Registration Father and Daughter Contest  
8:00 PM Mud Run  
8:00 PM Baby Show (Girls - 10 - 18 mos.)  
8:00 PM Baby Show (Boys - 10 - 18 mos.)  
8:30 - 9:30 PM Registration Mr. County

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Remove Floral Hall Exhibits  
6:00 PM Chicken Show  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Registration Corn Hole  
8:00 PM Corn Hole

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