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SWEET OBLIVION FOR THE CROUCHING PANTHER AND THE BIG FISH



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By Charles Hester

March 1787
The young Shawnee warrior named Sennamatho seldom left the side of Tecumseh, as part of the raiding party that camped along the Ohio River.

Tecumseh and Sannamatho, or The Big Fish, as he was called, were the closest of friends.

Their leader was a Shawnee war chief named Shemeneeto, or The Black Snake.

Tecumseh, though less experienced, was rapidly gaining status among the Shawnee as a leading warrior.

Few would understand this abbreviated version of his full Shawnee name, which literally translated to The Crouching Panther Prepared To Leap Across The Sky.

Both Sannamatho and

Kentucky hoping to one day be reunited with his two sons.

Stephen was adopted into the Shawnee tribe and as fate would have it, he and Tecumseh became the closest of friends.

On this windy March day they continued with their business at hand, which was buying pioneer flat boats close to the shore so they could ambush them, take prisoners, scalps and plunder.

They were particularly interested in acquiring rum.

It helped drown their sorrows and faded the memory of their defeat last autumn at the Machachack villages along the Mad River.

Helped numb the pain of losing 33 of their clan members as prisoners and a dozen to death.

The frontiersmen, who were led by Benjamin Logan, Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone, had burned their village and

the Shawnee settlements of Bath, Fleming, Robertson and Mason Counties.

And, as it would eventually turn out, Sannamatho, or Stephen Ruddle, would indeed one day be reunited with his father Isaac.

But those are other stories, read reader, to be examined later, if the good Lord is willing.

For now, we leave The Crouching Panther and The Big Fish enjoying a keg of rum at the river's edge. A flatboat rounds a bend in the river upstream, and the two warriors smile at one another as they place their bottles of rum in their pockets and gather their weapons.

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None could match Tecumseh's accuracy with a multitude of weapons he carried, and Sannamatho remembered how he and Tecumseh had hunted buffalo shortly after the burning of the Machachack villages.

The Big Fish carried a musket during the buffalo hunt.

Tecumseh carried a bow and 16 arrows. They positioned themselves near where a buffalo herd grazed, and Sannamatho later recalled firing his musket and watching Tecumseh continuously fire his bow in the herd stamped by. When the herd passed, Sannamatho found the buffalo he had shot. He also found 16 other buffalo, each with an arrow piercing its heart.

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Thoughts from... the Ministerial Association

Daylight savings time is "time that is one hour later than standard time, generally, used in the summer to give an hour more of daylight at the end of the usual work-day." Modern man has learned to "work the clock" in many areas of our lives. Take sports for an example. Those who are knowledgeable of the sports world understand how football coaches work the clock in such "drills" as "the two minute drill" (they can make two minutes last forever by using no huddles, time-outs, running out of bounds to

stop the clock, etc.). So we have come to live with "working the clock" to save us more time for our physical activities. All of us know what it means to "spring forward" and "fall back" in regards to daylight savings time.

However, when it comes to the spiritual realm, there is no daylight savings time, no working the clock, no time management tricks, no time outs, no stopping the clock. Our Lord Jesus stated it this way in John 9:4, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh,

to it that all the important tasks are done first. What are the "important tasks?" Jesus calls them "the works of Him that sent me" and Paul calls them "the Lord's will." Simply put, the work of God; is God at work. If we do not witness God at work in our lives then all our work is in vain, for it shall not last beyond our last heartbeat.

Remember, there is no daylight savings time for our spiritual lives. Jesus has warned, "the night cometh, when no man can work." No tricks, no time outs, no excuses.

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Two deserving high school juniors from the Fleming-Mason service area will be awarded a free trip to Washington, D.C. June 12-19, as participants in the 2009 Washington Youth Tour. This program is sponsored by Fleming-Mason Energy and the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Scheduled activities include tours of Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Smithsonian.

Other exciting events include a meeting with Kentucky's Congressional delegation, attending a play and dancing the night away

on a Potomac River cruise. Eight semifinalists will be selected for a one-day trip to Frankfort, KY (scheduled mid-April), for the Frankfort Youth Tour. From that group, there will be two winners selected to go onto Washington, D.C.

To be eligible, you must be a high school junior between the ages of 16 and 18 in good academic and disciplinary standing. Your parent(s) or guardian(s) must be members of the co-op.

In addition, each Youth Tour participant must complete an application form. For a complete listing of requirements call Fleming-Mason Energy.

If you're interested in applying for the Fleming-Mason Washington Youth Tour, you may go www.fleming-energy.net and download an application or call Mary Beth Nance at Fleming-Mason Energy at 1-800-464-3144.

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Conservation District Cost Share Program Announced

The Nicholas County Conservation District will be accepting request for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning March 16th, 2009 and extending through April 15th, 2009.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Share Program was created in 1994 by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This program provides annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. Funding for this program come from Kentucky Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, based on an established statewide ranking system. As in the past years, the applications will be ranked according to the criteria established based on a high priority on addressing animal waste problems, landowners in Agricultural Districts and applicants that have their Agriculture Water Quality Plans on file with their local conservation district.

Practices Available: Vegetative Filter Strips, Pesticide Containment Facilities, Sinkhole Protection, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Water Well Protection, Animal Waste Utilization, Forest Land Erosion Control System, Strip Inter cropping System, Stream Crossing, Cropland Erosion Control Systems, Pasture & Hayland Erosion Control, Stream Bank Stabilization, Agricultural Waste Control Facilities, Closure of Agricultural Waste Impoundment and Riparian Area Protection.

For more information stop by your local conservation district office located at: 368 East Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 859-289-5165

or
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Obituaries

Ruby F. Ziegler
1914-2009

Ruby F. Ziegler, age 94 years, passed away at The Christ Hospital on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Ruby was the daughter of the late Ed- die Francis and Mattie Vaughn Francis, Nicholas County. Ruby was a graduate of Carlisle High School, Carlisle, KY. Mrs. Ziegler received her Registered Nursing degree from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing and her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from Los Angeles State, Los Angeles, CA. Ruby worked for the Veteran's Administration in Cincinnati and Los Angeles and the Health Departments of Chicago. She was a visiting nurse in Houston, Texas and served in a Physician's office until her retirement at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Ziegler was a devoted mother, grandmother, and a very caring nurse to all his Lutheran Church patients. She was a member of Concordia Association.

She is survived by: daughter, Linda S. Tedder, Donna Galbraith, Diana Smith, Debbie Willy, Pat Brothers, Gary Stone, Jon Tedder and Eric Tedder.

Funeral services were conducted at Concordia Lutheran Church, 1133 Clifton Hills Ave. on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 10:30 AM. Entombment followed at Spring Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Concor- dia Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

ASSISTANCE FOR LANDOWNERS WITH PRACTICES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED DURING THE WINTER STORM OF JANUARY 2009

Landowners who suffered damage to practices installed under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) as a result of the January storm may be eligible to receive assistance to repair or reinstall those practices through the agency's Equitable Relief process.

"After one of the most devastating winter storms the people of Kentucky have experienced, NRCS is working hard to bring relief to farmers," said Tom Perrin, State Conservationists for NRCS in Kentucky, "The Equitable Relief process is a way to keep our conservation practices on the ground working to the fullest potential."

Equitable Relief must be approved by the USDA Office of General Counsel (OGC) and if approved, a new contract will be developed. To be eligible for Equitable Relief, the practices must have been cost-shared under EQIP or WHIP, must still be under the practice lifespan, was being maintained according to NRCS guidance, and must have received significant damage due to the storm. Practices which were in contracts that have been terminated or cancelled will not be considered for Equitable Relief.

Repair or replacement of practices may not be started until funding is approved. A waiver to begin a practice prior to receiving funding may be requested, however, until approved by OGC or NRCS, there is no guarantee of funding.

NRCS will accept requests for Equitable Relief at local USDA Service Center until April 16, 2009. For more information or to request an application, please contact Gary McFarland, District Conservationists at 859-987-2311