

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

The Painted Tree

"I showed Colonel Daniel Payne the road I want well acquainted with... and the marks on the trees, and there were a great many pointed trees and many of men and animals cut on the trees on and about the Upper Blue Lick." Deposition of James Ireland, recorded in the Nicholas County Complete Record Book, deposing about the Aleta-Oh-Waimoe, or Warriors Trail, or War Road, as it was called. The road passed from the mouth of Cabin Creek on the Ohio River southeast to the Upper Blue Licks, and then to Plum Lick and Ned Boone's Creek. It was on this creek where Shawnee warriors killed Joshua Bennett and Mathias Spahr; where Michael Cassidy was nearly beaten to death but hid beneath the roots of a hawthorn tree.

Continued from last week's column. Nov. 15, 1784, along the edge of Ned Boone's Creek.

The small group of men



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By Charles Hester

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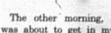
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Steve's Report

Sweater Weather



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By Steve Seaf

The other morning, I was about to get in my truck to drive into town when I discovered a light covering of frost on the windshield. There was also a thin sheet of ice on the bed of the truck.

It's not wonder that fall is my favorite season. Not only does Nature put on its Sunday best and give us a spectacular show, its arrival marks the coming of one of many wonderful events. Many couples think springtime is the best time to get married, and I chose a fall wedding. It was 26 years ago today that Cindy and I tied the knot. We were married

neighborhood children transform into the ghosts, and ghouls, witches and demons - as if they had stripped off their human form and revealed their true identities. Veterans Day falls right on the heels of Halloween, and then it's Thanksgiving and Christmas, probably the best two holidays of the year. Think about it: Tons of candy, turkey, presents, cozies and treats - what's not to like?

I came to a log that had fallen across the path. I crawled over it and - being the gentleman that I am - remembered to turn around so I could help Cindy across. What I saw struck me with terror. "Honey, what happened? I asked. "Are you OK?" Cindy's face was a bright shade of red, her hair was matted to her head, and rivers of sweat were pouring down her face. "One stopped and caught her breath. I thought you were going on a WALK," she panted, "I don't remember anything about mountain climbing... Oopa."

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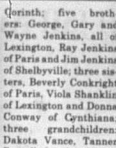
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OBITUARIES



Janice Marie Purcell

Janice Marie Purcell, wife of Frank Purcell, died on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. A native of Fayette County, she was born on October 30, 1952, at a former employ. A native of Fayette County, she was born on October 30, 1952, at a former employ. A native of Fayette County, she was born on October 30, 1952, at a former employ. A native of Fayette County, she was born on October 30, 1952, at a former employ.



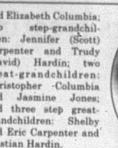
William Ralph Columbia

William Ralph Columbia, Sr., 83, widower of Betsy Simons, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. A native of Fayette County, he was born on August 12, 1926, in Bourbon County. He was a member of the Lexington-Blue Grass Jr. of Flemingburg Vernon Wonders. He was a member of the Lexington-Blue Grass Jr. of Flemingburg Vernon Wonders.



William "Bill" E. Clark

William "Bill" E. Clark, 67, Nicholas County, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at his home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. He graduated from the Nicholas County High School in 1956 and was a longtime member of the Carlisle Nelson-Sorell, Rick Stern, Earl Lee Plank and Jim Simmons. He is survived by his wife, Jane Clark; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances. He is also survived by his wife, Jane Clark; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.



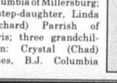
Nancy Hamilton

Nancy Hamilton, 77, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. She was a member of the Nicholas County High School. She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.



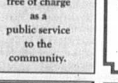
Alberto Brewer

Alberto Brewer, 77, Hutton of Nicholas of Carlisle passed away. He was a member of the Nicholas County High School. He is survived by his wife, Jane Clark; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.



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Thank You. I would like to say a very heartfelt thanks to our Nicholas County Ambulance and Nicholas County Hospital staff and Dr. Alan for everything they did. You guys are truly the best!

Thank You. Words could never express my appreciation for the kindness shown to our family during the past few weeks. Cindy's heart surgery, Cindy's post-surgery recovery, it would be hard to thank everyone for every act of kindness that was done. The prayers, visits, phone calls, meals, and love.

Thank You. Thanks to everyone that helped on the farm and for being there for our family. Special thanks to Dr. Alan and the staff at St. Joseph's for their great care. The hospital and staff. Mrs. Steve Smith for being with our family during the difficult time.

Thank You. The family of Marie Perry. Marie, Betty, Mary, Jean, and the rest of the family. Marie Perry passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. She was a member of the Nicholas County High School. She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.

Thank You. The Sidles family would like to thank everyone for their love, care and concern during our recent loss. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Thank You. The family of Jerry Ray Patton would like to express sincere thanks to everyone for their help, prayers, thoughts, phone calls, cards, visits and much more. A special thanks goes to the 8th grade teachers, the school, Clark's Funeral Home, and the business and community of Nicholas County. Everything that was done for us during our time of loss and sadness is greatly appreciated. May God bless each and everyone. The family of Jerry Ray Patton.

Card of Thanks. Perhaps you are a neighbor and we can take care of it for you today! 606-339-6425. We appreciate the help of the staff of the N.C.H.S. Library, N.C. Elementary School, N.C. High School, and the N.C. Circuit Clerk's Office. Some of the individuals who assisted with the funeral were: Melonie Swartz, Susan and Jeff Bell, Pam Baskerville, Beth, Betty, Mary, Jean, and the rest of the family. Marie Perry passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. She was a member of the Nicholas County High School. She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.

A Special Thank You. We want to recognize the people and organizations who helped in making the Student Classroom Picture Book of the last classes taught at the Carlisle School in 1970-1971. We appreciate the help of the staff of the N.C.H.S. Library, N.C. Elementary School, N.C. High School, and the N.C. Circuit Clerk's Office. Some of the individuals who assisted with the funeral were: Melonie Swartz, Susan and Jeff Bell, Pam Baskerville, Beth, Betty, Mary, Jean, and the rest of the family. Marie Perry passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009. She was a member of the Nicholas County High School. She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Carl and Jeff; two daughters, Linda and Nancy; and a granddaughter, Frances.

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