

OPINION

Hypnotic Effect

Many, like Jacob Stucker, had buried parents and other family members as a result of hostilities between the Kentuckians and the Native Americans.

He possessed special skills and a particular affinity for danger, which would prove time after time in the future to be extremely beneficial for his companions and the Native Americans.

And I know that Michael Cassidy too had been involved in the near hypnotic effects that the soft rolling hills, open meadows and ancient valleys would have upon him as they did his Native American adversaries.

Perhaps you too have stood along our ancient landscape and fallen beneath that hypnotic and ancient spell that keeps us clinging to this land, and keeps this land clinging to us, regardless of where our paths may lead.

Seven years after that attack, he would build a stockaded fortress near the spring.

Years ago when I first began my research into the life of Michael Cassidy, I would sit for hours at a time near the small fresh water spring that had attacked one of my friends.

Of course, the purpose of the story was really to warn about the "poison" of a vindictive attitude. Just like the hunter who were so set on killing the snake that they didn't bother getting their friend to medical attention, when we focus on "getting even," we foster the bad feelings to allow and grow.

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Even though it would take a full year for his injuries to heal, enough for him to continue with his scouting duties, everyone at Captain John Strode's Station knew that the end of Nov. 1784 that Michael Cassidy would survive the wounds he'd suffered at the hands of the Shawnee warriors.

Those same warriors had killed Mathias Bennett and Joshua Bennett, and the men of the station, provided for these families as they were their own.

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GENERAL NEWS

Bowles pleads guilty to burglary

when Bowles allegedly entered or remained unlawfully in the dwelling of Mary Lou Lintinger and unlawfully took personal property belonging to Mary Lou Lintinger.

Carroll Police Officer Mark Shadock provided testimony to the members of the grand jury prior to the issuance of the indictments against Bowles.

Court documents indicate Bowles allegedly removed a cell phone, a radio scanner and other items from the home during the alleged burglary.

Bowles signed documents last week in Nicholas Circuit Court pleading guilty to the Commonwealth Attorney and Assistant Commonwealth Attorney recommending that Bowles be sentenced to four years imprisonment on the amended burglary charge and two years imprisonment on the theft charge, with both charges running concurrently (at the same time).

OBITUARY



death by a brother, James Lynam, Billy Frank Pugh, Stephenson, and two sisters: Maple Ritchie and Clarie Lynam.

Services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at the funeral home.

Funeral Home, Memorial Church by the Rev. James Doughton, Rev. Jason Carpenter and Rev. Methodist Church by James Gaunce.

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