OPINION

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By Charles Hostess

Layers

"My father fell by the tomahawk in 1782 just before the Battle of Blue Licks. Mother died two years later," William Pogue, Draper Manuscripts Volume 2 CC

Militia commanders were still assessing the damage to their various units a full month after the horrific loss during the Battle of Blue Licks, fought in August of 1782.

And the conflict between the Kentuckians and the multitude of Native American clans and tribes never stopped.

Daniel Wilcoxin was working in his field outside of Bryan's (Bryant's) Station with other men when they were attacked.

The small skirmish took place in full view of the inhabitants of the stockade.

Even 50 years afterward, witnesses would recall how Daniel's wife stood along the ramparts and screamed "Run Daniel Run!" as loudly as she could.

And Daniel Wilcoxin, whose family members had married into the Boone and Bryan families, ran like the wind with a warrior gaining on him each step.

A small fence was located between the scene of the dramatic chase and the fort, and the closer Daniel Wilcoxin came to the fence, the closer the warrior came to him.

Just as the warrior was swinging his tomahawk, Daniel dived over the fence and the blade of the tomahawk struck the top rail.

The warrior left the tomahawk and retreated.

Daniel Wilcoxin was frozen with fear and physical exertion.

Witnesses said he vomited uncontrollably for several minutes after his friends came to his aid. His friends comforted him but in the weeks and months, even years to follow he would often hear someone say, "Run Daniel, Run" and see one of his friends laughing at his expense.

Everyone felt the sting of the loss at Blue Licks.

Hugh Cunningham was believed killed during the battle by all of his friends.

His name remains listed on the stone obelisk inside Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park as having been killed in action.

Yet, I have found evidence that he, Lewis Rose, John McMurty and John Legerwood were taken prisoner during the battle.

Jacob Stevens, a participant in the battle, stated that Cunningham returned home almost a year after the battle and walked into his cabin during his wife's wedding rehearsal. She believed he had perished, and was preparing to marry another man.

Ottawa warriors took Lewis Rose prisoner and took him to Detroit where he was sold. He returned to Kentucky in August 1783. His wife did not recognize him.

Elizabeth Pogue was engaged to Clough Overton who willed her his land before going with the militia soldiers in pursuit of the enemy. He was killed at the Battle of Blue Licks.

Miss Pogue got his land.

John McMurty was taken to the Miami villages near Ft. Wayne. He returned shortly after Rose.

Legerwood was taken to Mackinack village and returned in 1784.

Rose lost his first wife in 1792.

McMurty was killed after his return while on an expedition known as Harmer's Defeat.

Rose married McMurty's widow in 1793.

Several former Kentuckians, who had been taken prisoner previously and had assimilated into Native American culture, actually fought against their former family and friends during the Battle of Blue Licks.

Among those who fought with the warriors were Micajah Calloway and Joseph Jackson: two of Daniel Boone's salt makers captured three years earlier at Blue Licks.

Calloway returned to Kentucky within two years of the Battle of Blue Licks.

Jackson remained with the Shawnee Tribe for many, many years.

He was interviewed about his life among the Shawnee when he was 80 years old.

His interview can still be found in the Draper Manuscripts.

It is worth noting that Jackson hanged himself two days after giving his interview.

Renegade James Girty, brother to infamous renegade Simon Girty, was shot point blank by a Kentuckian during the Battle of Blue Licks, but he had previously stolen a large piece of leather at Bryan's Station and had it folded and inside his hunting shirt.

The lead ball sliced through several layers of leather but never broke his skin.

The most noteworthy occurrences following the Battle of Blue Licks were the preparation of the Kentuckians to make a retaliatory raid against the northern tribes.

This was done in November of 1782.

If the Good Lord is willing, dear reader, we will join William "Lazy Bill" Clinkenbeard and the diminutive but ferocious Michael Cassidy, on that great northern raid in a future column.

Steve's Report

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By Steve Scalf

Impulse Shopping

I don't have to tell you that the economy is hurting. I think it's already in the back of everybody's mind almost all the time, these days. When times get harder, the natural reaction is to watch more closely how we spend our money and to be more careful about sticking to a budget.

With two kids getting ready to head off to college and a third one getting married next month, no matter how hard we try to limit our spending, our budget has pretty much flown out the window. Our attempts to save a penny here and there are about as useful as trying to stop the leak on the Titanic with a Band-Aid.

Still, it's natural for parents who love their children to want to help out anyway they can. It just means you have to cut your budget more in other areas and make do with less. And that means: Absolutely No Impulse Shopping.

I can be pretty bad about that. I'm the kind of guy who'll go to the store for a gallon of milk and on the way to the dairy section I'll see the display with DVDs for $7.99 and find three or four that I "have to have." I'll hurry home, excited to show Cindy what great bargains I found and she'll say, "Great, but where's the milk?" And I'll say, "Uhh... I'll be right back."

Between the economy and the kids, though, I've had to turn over a new leaf. I have totally sworn off impulse shopping. If it's not an absolute necessity, and if it's not something we've already budgeted for, I don't buy it. I hardly even go to the store anymore, and if I do, I only buy what's on the shopping list and not one thing more.

Until the other day.

I finished up at work a little early and was about to get in my truck and drive home. I already had the door open and one leg inside when I was suddenly struck with the notion that I needed to stop in at Carlisle Gifts and Collectibles. I got back out of the truck, locked the door and walked over to the store.

When I got inside, I thought, "While I'm here, I might as well pick up something for Cindy – just a little surprise – just because..." But that's where the inspiration stopped. I had no idea what to get her. So I walked around the store for a while, just browsing. That's when I saw a gold colored, five-pointed star, about one foot across, cleverly crafted out of sheet metal.

"A star would be nice on our porch," I thought. "Too bad it doesn't come in different colors." And then I saw a pretty, russet-brown one down on the bottom shelf.

"That's the color I like, but it's a shame they don't have any really big ones, like about three feet across." I was about to turn away when something on the top shelf caught my eye – something big and russet-brown, with five points about three feet across.

So I bought it. Just like that. It was the classic definition of impulse shopping. And you know what they say... "One good buy deserves another," so I stopped off at Reid and Vice and bought a hook so I could put it up right away when I got home.

After I hung the star on our porch, I brought Cindy outside to show her how nice it looked. When she saw it, her eyes opened wide.

"Did we talk about this?" she asked.

Uh-oh! There it was. I was in trouble now. I had done it again, gone out and bought something without talking it over with Cindy first. My head dropped and I started shuffling my feet about, hands clasped firmly behind my back as I quietly answered, "No, I guess not."

Cindy eyed me carefully and said, "Are you sure? Because I swear, I was just staring at that wall today wondering if we were ever going to get something to put there."

Now it was my turn to go wide-eyed. "You mean, it's OK?! You like it?!"

Cindy came over and gave me a big hug, "It's perfect! I'm just trying to figure out how you knew to get it today – right when I was thinking about it."

So I suppose not all impulse shopping is bad. It just depends on where those impulses are coming from. If your spouse has the ability, like mine apparently does, to seize control of your mind and send you shopping for her, you can't go wrong.

And that's my two cents, Steve Scalf

CHARGES

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Wheeler vehicle turned onto Scrubgrass Road and started speeding up, failing to comply.

Wheeler had his seven-year-old son and a dog in the vehicle with him, according to the citation. As Snedegar continued the pursuit he became increasingly concerned for the safety of the seven-year-old and Wheeler.

"I was very worried that Mr. Wheeler's vehicle would go off the road or strike a bridge," Snedegar said of his pursuit of Wheeler on Scrubgrass Road, known as a very narrow Nicholas County road.

Snedegar said the pursuit continued onto Myers Road with Wheeler traveling toward Fleming County and reaching speeds in excess of 70 mph.

"The (Wheeler) vehicle almost struck the Cassidy Creek Bridge," Snedegar said.

Carlisle Police Officer Ron Allison joined the chase.

Snedegar sped around the Wheeler vehicle just before the two vehicles entered into the Pleasant Valley straight stretch. Wheeler stopped but then drove his van into Snedegar's cruiser, nearly striking Snedegar in the process.

Fearing for the safety of the child and Wheeler, Snedegar drew his pistol and carefully shot one of the back tires of the van as it sped away.

Officer Allison picked up the chase with speeds reaching 100 mph, according to Wheeler's citation.

Wheeler's vehicle struck Allison's cruiser more than once and Allison slowed the van down to a stop near the Fleming Creek Bridge, just a few hundred yards south of the Fleming County line. The van turned onto Old Mexico Road with Allison carefully firing two shots at the other rear tire.

With both rear tires flat or leaking, the front-wheel-drive vehicle continued a lurch forward traveling across Old Mexico Road, bumping both cruisers each time they came close.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officer, Laren Clark, joined the pursuit and with his four-wheel-drive blazer, was able to race around the Wheeler van, through a field and block the van's path.

Unsure if Wheeler was armed with a weapon, the officers approached cautiously.

"He didn't comply with our verbal orders and we weren't sure if he was armed or not," Officer Snedegar said of the next few tense moments. "He resisted arrest but we were able to take him into custody pretty quickly once we got him stopped. My main concern throughout the chase was to try to protect the little boy who was in the vehicle."

Snedegar is a veteran law enforcement officer with 19 years of experience while serving communities in Fleming, Lewis, Bath and Nicholas County.

"It's the first time I ever discharged my weapon," Snedegar said. "I felt my life was in danger as was the life of the child and Mr. Wheeler. I think if we hadn't deflated those rear tires, a tragedy would have resulted."

Wheeler registered a .238 on the Breathalyzer test, according to the arrest citation. The amount is three times above the legal limit.

According to Officer Snedegar and Carlisle Police Sgt. Darrell Layne, Wheeler made one brief statement following the arrest

"He said he didn't think he should have to stop his vehicle for the police," they both said.

An estimated $1500-$2,000 worth of damage was done to both city cruisers with most of the damage appearing to be to the front bumper and headlights of the cruisers.

Carlisle Chief of Police joined Snedegar, Allison, Layne, Clark and Nicholas County Fire chief Mark Hughes at the scene. All agreed they were relieved the arrest was made without additional damage to any vehicles or injury to persons involved.

Officer Snedegar provided testimony to members of the grand jury prior to the issuance of indictments against Wheeler.

Larry Bowles, Jr., 28, was also indicted on the charges of burglary, second degree, and theft by unlawful taking (under $500).

The indictments allege that the crimes occurred on or about July 29 when Bowles allegedly entered or remained unlawfully in the dwelling of Mary Lou Lininger and unlawfully took personal property belonging to Mary Lou Lininger.

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OBITUARIES

Anna May Henry

Anna May Henry, 85, of Carlisle died on Saturday, Sep. 12, 2009 at Johnson Mathers Health Care in Carlisle. Born in Fleming County on June 27, 1924 to the late Roy and Dove Brassel Thompson, she was a retired Johnson Mathers Health Care employee and a member of Pleasant Valley Church of God.

She is survived by a sister, Clara Alice Thompson; five children: T.P. Henry and his friend, Jeanie Cox of Frankfort, Harry L. (Charlene) Henry of Morehead, Janie (David) Smith of Carlisle, Rosetta Cunningham of Cynthiana and Suzi (Charlie) Wohlwinder of Cynthiana; eight grandchildren: Brad Henry, Shannon Gordon, Sarah McFarland, Anita Aubrey, Emmett Smith, Darrell Boone, Becky Boone and Greta True; 13 great-grandchildren: Hailee Gordon, Jarred Buckler, Eric Spivey, J.P. Boone, Amanda Boone, Dillan Evans, Skylar Williams, Dane True, Gavin True, Piper True, Wesley McFarland, Cody Wyatt and Gracie Wyatt; three great-great-grandchildren: Serenity Buckler, Logan Boon and Brooklyn McElfresh; several nieces and nephews and many special friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Emmett Preston Henry; three brothers: Roy O. Thompson, Neil Thompson and Rob Thompson; and a grandson, Eric Wayne Henry.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sep. 15, 2009 at Ware Funeral Home in Cynthiana by the Rev. Howard Livingood. Burial will be in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brad Henry, Emmett Smith, Darrell Boone, Jarred Buckler, Eric Spivey, J.P. Boone and Dillan Evans. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Anna May Henry

Wanda Kay Martin, 71, widow of Charlie "Mouse" Martin, died on Friday, Sep. 11, 2009 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was born on June 10, 1938 in Montgomery County to the late Sherman and Ethel Sorrell McCarty and was member of the Grace Gospel Church of Sharpsburg.

She is survived by two sons: Gregory Martin (Paul Wilson) of Miami, Florida and Jeffrey (Christy) Martin of Carlisle; three sisters: Opal Kelley of Carlisle, twin sister Wilma Donovan of Paris, and Sophie Miller of Anderson, Indiana; three grandchildren: Jamie Martin, Chelsey Tolson and Brittany Tolson; and a very special friend, Colleen Blincoe.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Charles, Marvin and Ray McCarty; and two sisters: Josephine Westfall and Maxine Smoot.

Services were at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Sep. 14, 2009 at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by the Rev. Steve Smith. Burial was in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpsburg.

Casket bearers were Dan Donovan, Gene Kelley, Mike Martin, Bill Nichols, Kenny Smoot and Tommy Vice. Honorary bearers were Bennie Buckler, Mark Hughes, Larry Jolly, Bobby Kelley, Billy Martin, Jr., Doug Martin, Raymond Martin, Dustin Robinson and Lester Snapp. Condolences may be left at www.mathersgaunce.com.

Charles William Thornsburg

Charles William Thornsburg, 17, of Carlisle passed away on Wednesday, Sep. 9, 2009 at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana. Charles was born in Mayseville on Feb. 24, 1992 to Betty Thornsburg and Gerald Riesenberg of Carlisle.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Crystal Slone and Michael Bennett of Cynthiana. Also surviving are a niece and nephew, Madison and Marshall Bennett and a special grandmother, Mamie Mitchell of Ewing. Charles is also survived by several aunts and uncles.

Preceding Charles in death are two brothers: Jesse and Michael.

Funeral services were at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sep. 12, 2009 at Price Bros. Funeral Home with Chaplains Randy Johnson and Peter Stephens officiating. Burial followed in the Elizaville Cemetery.

Randy Darrel Webb

Randy Darrel Webb, 49, of Salt Lick, formerly of Carter County, passed away on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at the residence of his brother Lonnie. He was born on Dec. 13, 1959 in Nicholas County and was the son of the late Willie and Lillian Keaton Webb. Randy served his country in the U.S. Army and was a self-employed appliance repairman.

He is survived by five brothers: Lonnie Webb of Bath County, Walter Webb, Bennie Ray Webb, and Larry Webb, all of Carter County, and Donnie Webb of Nicholas County; one sister, Marcella Barnett of Mansfield, Ohio; and special friend and caregiver, Sadie Henderson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Billy Joe Webb and Leroy Webb; and one sister, Linda Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at the Webb Cemetery on Smith Run in Olive Hill.

Pallbearers were Benji Webb, Matthew Webb, Jason Webb, Jeffrey Skaggs, Nathan Skaggs and Chris Sapp.

Alice Lafern Sparks

Alice Lafern Sparks, 80 of Nicholas County died on Sep. 11, 2009. She was born in Lexington on Oct. 29, 1928 to the late Albert and Anna Kelly. She was a housewife and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Frank A. Sparks ; one son, Albert (Linda) Sparks, Sr.; four grandchildren: Albert (Wendy) Sparks, Jr., April Sparks, John Sparks and Chad (Nicole) Sparks ; three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, all of Carlisle.

Memorial services were held at 6:00 p.m. Monday Sep. 14, 2009 at the Clark Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Sexton officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Bluegrass. Clark Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jane Banta Frey Slaton

Jane Banta Frey Slaton, 88, of Lexington passed away on Tuesday, Sep. 1, 2009 at Lexington Country Place. She was born on Sep. 5, 1920 in Carlisle, the daughter of the late Bessie Lens and William H. Frey. Jane was a caring and loving wife and mother.

Survivors include a son, Tom and Deborah Slaton of Lexington; a daughter, Susan and Bill Gibbons of Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Michael and Michelle Gibbons; a host of nieces and nephews and special friends, Millie Tuttle and Marvella Arthur.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Slaton; and her siblings Louise "BZ" Clark, Catherine Arnett and William H. "Billy" Frey, Jr.

The family would like to thank Hospice for the care of Jane for the past 2 ½ years. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass. A private ceremony was held on Tuesday, Sep. 8, 2009 at Milward Funeral Home, Southland Drive, Lexington, Ky.

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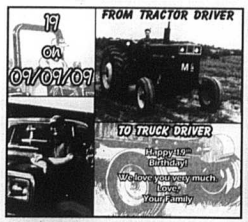
The family of Wanda Martin wishes to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during her illness and passing.
Thanks to Dr. Ramaren and her staff, Nicholas Co. Hospital and Nursing Home staff and Home Health staff. Thanks to Brother Steve Smith for a beautiful service. A special thanks to her dear friend Colleen Blincoe and her Home Health Asst. Lana White.
The kindness and prayers will not be forgotten.
The family of Wanda Martin

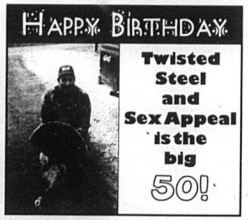
The children of William (Bill) Jackson would like to wish their dad a very happy 70th birthday and to invite his friends to join us in celebrating with him. Please drop by the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ at 700 Catherine Street in Carlisle on Saturday September 19 between 12 noon and 2 p.m. for food and fellowship.

William D. Jackson (born Sep. 22, 1939)

"On my 17th birthday I felt as if I were standing on a mountain height, at whose foot the ocean of eternity was audibly rushing: while before me, life with its deserts and flower-gardens, its sunny days and its stormy days, spread out green, wild, and beautiful. "Consolations of Age, translated from the German of Heinrich Zschokke's autobiography)

"I have a great sense of contentment. In the center of God's will, you don't have to prove anything to anybody. You just live. When you take the time to be quiet before the Lord early in the morning, you have every reason to believe that whatever happens to you that day doesn't take God by surprise. You can rest in that confidence." (David Manse, Canada's best know television preacher, upon celebrating his 70th birthday) "Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough." (Groucho Marx)





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