

OPINIONS

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

First off, apologies for the dumpster-fire I called a column, last week, dear reader.

I have no legitimate excuse for what ended up on the page, or rather what didn't but I will say, 'Deadlines are brutal and that's just a fact'.

At the Confederates' Prisoner of War Camp at Andersonville, Georgia, the prison was built to house

a few thousand Union inmates.

It ended up housing 45,000 Union Prison of War soldiers

13,000 of those 45,000 Union soldiers imprisoned there died as a result of the poor living conditions and effects brought on by malnutrition.

The Confederate camp guards, many of them 12-16 years old, tied rope from one exterior boundary pole o another.

Anyone caught on the other side of the rope; the line; ... was shot dead. Thus the term "deadline," came into being.

Yeah; Brutal.

Those Georgia teenage boys were none too merciful when it came to sending lead in the general direction of the deadline.

Our landscapes hold memories.

Sometimes I can feel some of those old emotions reverberating across the hills and ridges.

And it's been a brutal cold patch of weather that's held onto the landscape for

the past month, or so, to be sure. Cold weather brings safety concerns.

I'm a safety first kind of guy so I wasn't surprised to learn, at the last minute, that the protest over the artifact repatriation fiasco at Blue Licks Park was postponed.

The Kentucky department of parks commissioner, Russ Meyer, isn't going to change his stance or adhere to following federal law like the rest of us because he obviously has some sort of amnesty or believes he is above the law for some reason.

They may have policies and procedures about those type things.

They may have policies about returning phone calls or emails; or they could be winging it, kind of like every day is their first day when it comes to returning phone calls.

"I... hear that Mr. Mattox (That would be me, dear reader!) has yet another editorial in this week's Gazette. I will try

to pick up a copy. He left me another message yesterday (I was busy working on reviews and had everyone tuned out). He just said that he has attempted to contact multiple people at C.O. and cannot get a call back, so he was wondering if I could find a way for him to get through. I have not returned his call.

Just wanted to give you a head's up."

Melinda Lightner

Interim Park Manager Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park to: Jennifer Spence(Curator with department of parks who gathered 274 artifacts for repatriation to Native Shawnee now living in OKLAHOMA.) with a carbon copy of the email also sent to: Christy Combs (regional manager department of parks).

It's usually the tail-end of winter when we hold the annual awareness of the raising of the infamous flag-raising over Iwo Jima.

A young Fleming County teenager, Franklin Sousley, from Hilltop, helped

raise that flag.

This part of the country has always paid its fair share and then some when it came to sacrifices at the altars of freedom.

When I was visiting 19-year-old Private First Class Sousley at the Elizaville Cemetery, I was reminded of that: Reminded of what Nicholas County native, the late Edward O'Neil told me about during his month long combat experiences on that "cruddy little island" called Iwo Jima.

"I still have no idea how I survived," Mr. O'Neil said during a visit one day back in 2003-2004 at his little farm house at Barterville.

He told me how about dusk he and his dwindling number of platoon members would start rubbing mosquito lotion into their eyes. They did this because the unbearable pain would ensure they stayed awake.

He broke right after he told me that; Broke as the photo album of his buddies dropped from his hands ad onto the floor and we sat

there holding one another.

Edward never married.

Was a model citizen.

Never bothered anybody, just contributed his knowledge and some time and resources to help the local FFA and farm groups here and there, as time drifted on.

"Boy, ' he said as we gained our composure, "Walking on any part of Iwo Jima and not getting hit, well Hell... everybody got hit. Everyone but me. And I swear it made me feel like I was walking in a raging thunderstorm and not a drop hitting me."

But I guess he took some pretty good licks as it turned out.

I can't help but wonder what Edward would think of the pitiful way our parks officials are crapping on the Constitution and continue to violate federal law. I don't think he would like what his and his buddies sacrifices amounted too....

The sad saga continues.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Fleming Court News
2/13/25
Hon. Kim Leet Razor

Sadie Grace Mora, speeding 5 mph over limit, dismissed.

Cornell G Tanner, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed, no/exp reg plates, dismissed, fail to produce ins card, dismissed.

Jason B Minton, no/exp reg plates, dismissed.

Jeffrey Robert Duncan, scip, 8/7/25 9am.

Christina Dixon, make false statement to obtain increase benefit > \$100, cont 3/20/25 9:30am.

Amanda McClanahan, diversion completion, dismissed, diversion completed.

Triston Joshua Still, diversion completion, dismissed, diversion completed.

Kaleb Flanery, op on susp/rev ops lic, cont 8/21/25 9am.

Cameron Curtis Jenkins, op on susp/rev ops lic, cont 3/20/25 9am for lic.

Randall Jackson, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed, no/exp reg plates dismissed.

Brett Meade, no/exp reg plates, no/exp Ky reg recpt, fail to produce ins card, fail to register transfer of mv, no tail lamps, cont 2/20/25 9am for proof.

Rodney David Earlywine, no/exp Ky reg recpt, no/exp reg plates, fta, notice 3/6/25 9am.

Gary W Ray, terroristic threatening 3rd degree, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, cont 3/13/25 9am.

Brandon J Tackett, violation of Ky EPO/DVO, pc 4/3/25 9:30am, def shall participate in fdf.

Brooke Destiny Earlywine, poss cont sub 1st degree 2nd off (methamphetamine), waive ph to grand jury.

Brandon Harris, alc intox in a public place 1st and 2nd, resisting arrest, pc 3/20/25 9:30am.

James McDaniel, violation of Ky EPO/DVO, 12 mos cd 2 yrs, no contact w/ victim, stay away from victim, no new offenses.

Ariel Jent, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, pc 3/20/25 9:30am for proof.

Jahmillion Casey Laster, assault 4th degree no visible injury, pc 2/20/25 9:30am.

Tammy S Little, review, 3/20/25 9:30am.

Nicholas Merino Netzar-Omar, rear lic not illuminated, possess open alc bev container in a mv, no ops/moped lic, op mv u/infl alc .08 1st, pc 3//6/25 9:30am.

David Edmond, op mv u/infl alc .08 1st, fail to wear seat belts, cp 2/20/25 9:30am.

Apolinar Martinez, speeding 26mph over/greater, \$52 and cc, driving too fast for traffic conditions, merge, no ops/moped lic, 90 cd 2 yrs \$100 fine, possess open alc bev container in a mv, merged, op mv u/infl alc .08

1st, gplea sentencing per aoc 495, following another vwh too closely, merge, reckless driving, merged.

Kaiden Shaw, wanton endangerment 1st degree, pc 3/20/25 9:30am.

Cheyenne Miller, scip, 2/20/25 9am.

Cheyenne M Miller, no/exp reg plates, no/exp Ky reg recpt, fail to produce ins card, no ops/moped lic, pc 2/20/25 9:30am.

Joseph B Richardson, criminal mischief 3rd, 30 cd 2 yrs, waive cc and fcsd fee.

Joseph Richardson, violation of Ky EPO/DVO, dismissed on stip of probable cause.

Joseph Richardson, assault 4th degree minor injury, dismissed, criminal mischief 3rd degree, 30 cd 1 yr, cc and bond fee and sheriff fee.

William Ritchey, criminal trespassing 3rd degree, pc 3/13/25 9:30am.

William Ritchey, criminal trespassing 3rd degree, harassing communications, pc 3/13/25 9:30am/

Brad Clark, wanton endangerment 2nd degree, pc 4/10/25 9:30am.

Brad David Clark, assault 4th degree child abuse, pc 4/10/25 9:30am standard 3 conditions coop with chfs, no contact with victim.

Bianca Gretchen Leclair, fail of non owner op to maintain req ins 1st, fail to produce ins card, no/exp Ky reg recpt, no/exp reg plates, cont 3/13/25 9am for proof.

Christopher S Pfeffer, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off (methamphetamine), probable cause found, bound over to grand jury.

Peggy Lewis, other hearing, cont 4/10/25 9:30am.

Peggy Lewis, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off (methamphetamine), op on susp/rev ops lic, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off drug unspecified, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off drug unspecified, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, probable cause found , bound to grand jury.

Peggy Lewis, op on susp/rev ops lic, pc 4/10/25 9:30am.

Robert Mason, criminal mischief 1st degree, ph 3/13/25 10am.

Robert Wayne Mason, unauthorized use of mv 1st off, op mv u/infl subst 1st, pc 3/13/25 10am.

James M Neal, disregarding traffic control device, traffic light, op on susp/rev ops lic, op mv u/infl alc subs 3rd, contempt of court, pc 4/10/25 9:30am.

James Neal, tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, poss cont sub 1sst degree 1st of (methamphetamine), probable cause found, bound over to grand jury.

Levi O Tapp, fugitive warrant not required, rev 3/6/25 10am.

Hayden B Hall, criminal mischied 2nd degree, assault 4th degree minor injury, pc 2/20/25 10am.

Tommy W Buchanan, op

mv u/infl alc/subs 1st, assault 2nd degree, no driving, no contact with the vic, probable cause found, bound over to grand jury.

Jessica Ray, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, cont 2/20/25 9am, no firearms.

Anna N Herrington, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, pc 2/20/25 10am.

Derek Buckler, rape 1st degree, pc 2/20/25 10am.

Tony A Emmons, no/exp Ky reg recpt, improper reg plate, fail of non owner op to maintain req ins 1st, op on usp/rev ops lic, fail to wear seat belts, pc 2/20/25 10am.

Tony A Emmons, poss cont sub 1st degree 2nd off (methamphetamine), poss of marijuana, ph 2/20/25 10am.

Bryant Johnson, violation of Ky EPO/DVO, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Bryant Johnson, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury, assault 4th degree domestic violence no visible injury, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Clarence Earl Little, thbut or disp shoplifting, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Clarence Little, 3 counts endangering the welfare of minor, bond \$500 cash, pc 3/6/25 10am.

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Elbert Ray Gulley, expungment hearing, no objection.

Steve King, poss of marijuana, fail of owner to maintain req ins/sec 1st, instructional permit violations, booster seat violations, rev 2/19/26 9am for div completion, rest has been paid, 12 mos div, no contact with vic.

David T Doyle, diversion completion, cont 3/13/25 9am.

Scott Matthew Hamilton, no ops/moped lic, fail of owner to maintain req ins/sec 1st, no/exp reg plates, final pc 4/17/25 9am for lic.

Paloma Ofelia Smith, fail of owner to maintain req ins/sec 1st, fail to produce ins card, fta notice 3/13/25 9am.

Brett Meade, no/exp reg plates, no/exp Ky reg recpt, fail to produce ins card, fail to register transfer of mv, no tail lamps, fta summons 4/3/25 9am.

Arthur Wayne Lofton, op mv u/infl alc .08 1st, cont 3/6/25 9am.

Scotty Allen Schwallie, speeding 19mph over limit, \$38 nad cc, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed, no/exp reg plates, dismissed.

Jessica Ray, convicted felon in possession of handgun, cont 3/20/25 9am.

David Alderman, terroristic threatening, final pc 5/8/25 9:30am.

Brittany Darnall, receiving stolen property \$500 < \$1,000, pc 3/20/25 9:30am, jury trial 4/24/25 9am, final pc 4/3/25 9:30am.

Jeremiah Logan Marrs, op mv u/infl alc .08 1st, pc 3/13/25 9:30am.

Nicholas Garrison Butler, assault 4th degree no visible injury, pc 4/10/25 9:30am.

Ranjeet Singh, traffic in marijuana less than 8 oz 1st off, fta summons 4/3/25 9:30am.

Johmillion Casey Laster, assault 4th degree no visible injury, rev 8/21/25 9am for div completion, div 6 mos, no contact w/ alleged victim.

Michael Ray Parker, criminal mischief 2nd degree, terroristic threatening 3rd degree, pc 3/13/25 9:30am.

Joseph S Eldridge, public intox controlled subs (excl alc), pc 3/13/25 9:30am.

David Edmond, op mv u/ infl alc .08/ 1st, gplea and sentencing aoc 496, fail to wear seat belts, merged.

Bradley Logan Burke, rev 5/15/25 9:30am.

Bradley Logan Burke, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury, alc intox in a public place 1st and 2nd, rev 5/15/25 9:30am.

Robert L Hamilton, violation of Ky EPO/DVO, reckless driving, pc 3/20/25 9:30am.

Lee Allen Karbowsky, op veh with expired ops lic, dismissed.

Lee Allen Karbowsky, fail of owner to maintain req ins/sec 1st, dismissed, no/exp Ky reg recpt, \$35, no/exp reg plates, merged, op veh with expired ops lic, dismissed, fail to produce ins card, dismissed.

Lee Karbowsky, op veh w/ exp ops lic, dismissed, no/exp reg plates, \$35, no/exp Ky reg recpt, merged, rear

lic not illuminated, merge.

Lee Allen Karbowsky, disregarding traffic control device traffic light, \$50, op veh with expired ops lic, dismissed, fail of owner to maintain req ins/sec 2nd or >, dismissed, no/exp reg plates, \$35.

Cheyenne Miller, scip 5/15/25 9:30am.

Cheyenne M Miller, no/exp reg plates, no/exp Ky reg recpt, fail to produce ins card, no ops/moped lic, pc 5/15/25 9:30am for lic.

Joseph B Richardson, burglary 2nd degree, renotice 3/6/25 9:30am to amend charge.

Joseph Richardson, assault 4th degree minor injury, criminal mischief 2nd degree, renotice 3/6/25 9:30am to amend charge.

Kandice Meade, endangering the welfare of a minor, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Anna N Herrington, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, waives ph to grand jury, bond moditifed to \$2500 @ 10%, standard 3 conditions.

Derek Buckler, rape 1st degree, probable cause found, bound over to grand jury.

Hayden Hall, op on susp/rev ops lic, no ops/mope dlic, lic to be in possess, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Hayden Hall, op on susp/rev ops lic, no brake lights (passenger veh), fail to produce ins card, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Hayden B Hall, criminal mischief 2nd degree, assault 4th degree minor injury, pc 3/6/25 10am.

Tony A Emmons, no/exp Ky reg recpt, \$35, improper reg plate, merge, fail of non-owner op to maintain req ins 1st, \$500/\$400 susp, op on susp/rev ops lic, 90/10, cfts, bnal cd 2 yrs, \$100, fail to wear seat belts, \$25.

Tony A Emmons, poss cont sub 1st degree 2nd off (methamphetamine), poss of marijuana, probable cause found, bound to grand jury.

Daulton Chase Pollitt, speeding 5 mph over limit, paid in full.

Christine L Blackburn, speeding 15mph over limit, fta notice 3/13/25 9am.

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ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC VS.	NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE	PLAINTIFF
JAMES G. MALONEY; ANGELA K. MALONEY; GRUBER INDUSTRIES, LLC; and COUNTY OF FLEMING, KENTUCKY		
DEFENDANTS		

In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 9 th day of January, 2025, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:		
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 FAMILY COURT ROOM 2NP FLOOR, FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY AT 10:00 A.M.		
10 sell the real estate located at 301 Owens Lane, Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in a Deed of record in Deed Book 284, Page 189, Fleming County Clerk's Office, with the PVA calling for 10.001 acres. Parcel Mapping number: 049-00-00-032.03.		
This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$3,450.80, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2025 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this Jawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.		
Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.		
JOHN C. PRICE, MASTER COMMISSIONER FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT		
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