



Here in the kitchen I sit down several times a day if the odd reward comes for morning coffee and Chobani yogurt to visit the dairy pages and peek at the apple weighing from town to town—so coffee and read the daily mail—a bowl of soup at the end of the day—and almost always I notice when I glance up from the table, that the refrigerator door is open with nothing and nothing hanging on the front and around the handles with those hairy, however aggravating, little magnets that advertise everything from funeral homes, flower shops and hardware stores to banks and life and homeowners' insurance companies.

At least that's the way it used to be.

But that was before "Two Cats" and "Jamie's Elk" became affixed to my refrigerator door, and subsequently became the talk of the town. First of all I should tell you that that my refrigerator is the biggest thing in my house. It's roughly the size of one of those vans that truckers attach to the back of their tractors between the cab and whatever trailer they are pulling so they have a place to sleep and do basic house keeping when they are on the road. You could fit a small pup into the upper freezer compartment and move the Wm Dixie dairy case into the lower one if I had cleaned out. Unlike Jamie's Elk, I don't currently mean for an extra piece of ice cream top nor for another half gallon of buttermilk in the bottom because we like to have lots of food on hand and we prefer it well-preserved and cold.

Suffice to say that there is lots of space on the refrigerator doors and most often that space has been as cluttered as the contents. Over the last few weeks, however, I've mostly taken down the normal notes, new recipes, cell phone numbers, pictures of cute kids we really don't know, etc., and made over widening space for kids' works of art. "Two Cats" and "Jamie's Elk" and separate pieces currently on display in my kitchen and family affixed, magnetically, to my refrigerator door. My kitchen may not be the ideal but I don't believe that to my friends and neighbors.

My old friend and good buddy, Kate Smith Adams, who grew up and went to school with me in Letcher County and now lives in Lexington, is a nationally known and highly regarded professional photographer who has made her living, over the last two decades, doing product photography for IBM and, most recently, for LexMark. If you've ever seen an ad for either company, you've seen Kate's work.

The story is long and complex but Kate decided, a few years back, that she would be much happier if she produced something that folks like me and you could put their hands on and, as a while, I'll tell you, she's stashed glass just to prove she could do something else with her hands.

Unfortunately stained glass is hard-work art and it's tuff to make a living in the business but Kate and her first piece, called "Two Cats" for a song and had the good sense to photograph it before she let it go. Two cats in cut glass sitting back to back staring out a window. It is a stunning piece of work and Kate has it stashed on a magnet 8 inches in diameter that you have to stand up close to before you realize it is not real glass. She has also taken off with her microscope imagery on several photographs and you can get the entire collection and get ordering info on her website: www.danceswithlight.com

She also has wonderful little cards with original photos priced at song of their real value. I especially recommend Two Cats and Jamie's Elk. (The elk, incidentally, was photographed by Kate's sister-in-law, Ned Smith who is married to Kate's brother, Jamey and they live at Letcher, KY)

Anyway, the coolest magnets you will ever see on your refrigerator are \$10.00 each and after that you will want a bunch more. I promise you faithfully that the Two Cats magnet is worth three times that, much at least. Cards/envelopes are \$12.00 a dozen. Shipping is \$3.50 no states here much you order.

You can get in touch with Kate by writing to Kate Adams, 317-7 Bainbridge Drive, Lexington KY, 40509-1224 or emailing

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Or just send her some money (20 bucks or so) and she will come to some stuff. That's the way I do it. **Columb Week of October 2nd** Laurel River Lake, as I have proclaimed in this space on my previous occasions, is one of Kentucky's best kept secrets, particularly if you choose to visit between the Labor Day and Memorial Day Holidays after tourists have come and gone and before the Buckeye Navy does return. The water is deep into clear and blue. The shoreline is uncluttered with the garbage that so often ruins the experience of visiting others of our lakes. Except for a couple of marinas, there is no development or commercial exploitation to blight any view.

Wildlife including deer, wild turkey, eagles, falcons and other raptors nest in the surrounding forest or make it a winter home and they turn out regularly, almost like they are on the payroll, to entertain visitors and add to the pastoral quality of the environment. Trout, walleye, smallmouth bass and numerous other fish thrive in the lake. It is a remarkable, however manmade, ecosystem and stunningly beautiful.

Seven or so years ago four former and long-separated colleagues (Fred Bente, Steve Metz, Tom Miller and myself) had worked together during the 70's and early 80's at Kentucky Highlands Institute (KHI) in Lexington, KY decided that we needed to reunite for a three-day weekend and somewhere we settled on renting a houseboat out of Holly Bay Marina on Laurel River Lake in late September.

The trip, except for the fishing, was everything we expected and more. A chance to remember how different we are philosophically and how much we are alike. We tied up in a little cove that afforded us perfect privacy on three sides and a perfect view of the lake on the fourth. On the second night of the outing, I turned a Coleman lantern perpendicular to the side of the boat, fastened it to a rail with a piece of nylon cord and covered the globe with a piece of aluminum foil so the light would shine down into the water and attract fish.

First let me say that this is not a new or original trick. Careless fishermen around the world, including yours truly, have used it for decades since the lantern was first invented. Nor was what happened later in the evening a first, meaning the cord with which I had attached the lantern to the boat melted from the heat escaping from beneath the aluminum foil and my lantern splashed and promptly sank into the depths of Laurel Lake. No amount of dragging, treble hooks or diving attempts enabled us to find the lantern even though retrieving it became an obsession for the rest of the week-end. Sadly, perhaps even tearfully on my part, because the lantern had been a long and faithful servant; we decided to replace it.

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Are Immunizations Dangerous?

Presented by Dr. Karen Taylor

In recent years, there has been a clamor over the documented complexities of immunizations. Paralytic polio has occurred in some children or their family members and persons who have been blamed for brain damage. If rubella is given during pregnancy, it can potentially harm the baby. Unfortunately, virtually everything carries some risks, even something as safe as "baby shoes."

Parents hear of these complications reported by the media and it is easy to become alarmed. Unfortunately, today's parents are too young to remember when these diseases actually occurred, such as the polio epidemics of the 1950's or the measles epidemics haunting the 1960's.

The vaccines have been so effective, that most of today's doctors have never seen acute cases of polio, diphtheria, measles or lockjaw, much less small pox.

The risk of complications from immunizations is about 1-3 per million doses, so we can't ignore that there is some risk every time a person gets an immunization. Drug companies are developing less reactive vaccines, but there may always be some risk.

The countries, such as Great Britain, Finland and Japan, which have become lax with immunizations because of fear of these risks have all had outbreaks of these illnesses causing much greater harm than the side effects of the shots.

In comparison to the rare complications from shots, about 1000 young children die and many more are seriously injured each year in house fires caused by cigarettes. Having a parent who smokes is a much greater risk to a child than immunization.

Dr. Karen Taylor

Dear Editor,

If you are interested in cleaning up state government, something that needs to be done, please vote for Ernie Fletcher to be our next Governor. His opponent has spent the last 12 years planning to move his nameplate from door to door in the capitol, while Mr. Fletcher truly cares about the people of our great Commonwealth!

While Mr. Chandler has been plotting his political career, Ernie Fletcher has been helping the people of his community. Whether it is by protecting our liberties through serving in the Air Force, serving people as a family practice doctor, or casting votes in the legislature to help the people of Kentucky, Ernie Fletcher is the perfect example of a public servant who truly cares.

His background is so incredibly impressive. He's a former Air Force fighter pilot and has an engineering degree from the University of Kentucky. He is also an ordained minister! Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a governor with values? It would sure beat what we have now. Fletcher's many experiences, both in and out of government, will rally be an asset to the people of Kentucky.

Beyond his resume though, Ernie Fletcher will restore honor and dignity to our state. He has had the honor of whether you are a Democrat or Republican, there can be no doubt that we need a serious overhaul in that department immediately. Let's give some new people a try in Frankfort. The people we have had there die and the results haven't been pretty. So remember, on November 4th, cast your vote for a man who will serve the people, cast your vote for Ernie Fletcher.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kay Cummins

Dear Editor,

Just want to say what a wonderful job Danny Ford, Jerry Boudette and the Republican Party of the county did in organizing the political rally held last Saturday. Everything went so smoothly and provided a great way to meet many of the candidates for state office.

Sincerely,

Wanda Burton



AP-Lexington, KY-Air Force One, carrying President George Bush, was hijacked today shortly after leaving Buchanan Field in Lexington, KY and set the stage for ultimate terror in America as terrorists take over the world.

Today, October 9, 2003 President George W. Bush's plane, Air Force One departed Lexington's Buchanan Field on schedule and without incident at approximately 8:40 PM following a press conference and other ceremonial activities. Air Force One is headed for Camp David at Hermitage Hall. However, only moments after departure, Air Force One became the target of a hijack. This was the first of a series of tragic events to ensue in America in a matter of hours.

Approximately five minutes after departure, air traffic controllers learned that Air Force One had been taken over by terrorists, and shortly thereafter, President Bush at gunpoint. The hijackers stated that there is also a bomb aboard the plane.

There are also reports coming out of Washington, D.C. from a high White House source that Al Qaeda rebels have infiltrated all branches of the CIA, FBI, and all state departments. It is believed that it has taken at least a decade to infiltrate the US government to this level.

CBS news anchor, Dan Rather, was with vice president Dick Cheney when he was informed of President Bush's situation. Dan Rather stated that Mr. Cheney was visibly shaken by the news, but it is doing everything to support America and President Bush in this hour of national crisis. Due to the hijack and possible murder of the President, Cheney is cooperating with Al Qaeda leaders.

By midnigh EST, Osama bin Laden had spoken with Dick Cheney. Unnamed, but reliable sources are reporting that bin Laden told Cheney that George Bush and Air Force One were at a deserted airstrip in central Mexico, and he planned to detonate the bomb aboard the plane if Cheney didn't cooperate fully.

Meanwhile, reports are coming in that bin Laden's supporters were bombing strategic sites all over America. In New York City, the George Washington Bridge and Brooklyn Bridge have been totally destroyed, as well as San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. A small, privately owned Cessna aircraft has crashed into the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, and within twenty minutes, more planes have crashed.

into the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Smithsonian Institution. Major fires have broken out and have ravaged the Library of Congress and Independence Hall. The Liberty Bell has also been destroyed.

The worst loss of life was in the bombing of the list of world dictators, presidents, and rulers taken to Disney World and Disneyland. Thousands are dead or seriously injured.

"All of America could be dead within days," warned bin Laden. He is reporting he has enough anthrax, smallpox, and other germ warfare materials to kill every man, woman, and child in America. Health officials warn citizens to stay inside, and all doors and windows, and don't drink any tap water.

Virtually all of the civilized world is in the grip of terror. Britain's Royal Family, among the list of world dictators, presidents, and rulers taken to Al Qaeda, led by bin Laden.

Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles were taken captive to an undisclosed location upon leaving a play held at the restored Globe Theatre in London. Queen Elizabeth II was found dead as a result of a multiple stabbing inside Buckingham Palace. The whereabouts of Princess William and Harry are unknown.

Bin Laden is warning all of civilization that they must surrender to his demands or they will pay the price with their lives. Thousands of innocent victims have already fallen prey to germ warfare globally.

After decades of secrecy, genetic researchers are reporting that several years ago, top secret equipment was stolen from labs all over the world. However, due to the infancy stages of genetics and cloning, only a handful of scientist knew of the experiments, and was afraid to report the theft of the equipment.

Only until now we find out the purpose of these thefts. According to top level authorities, there is a clone of Adolph Hitler in existence and the clone is using Osama bin Laden, Yassar Arafat, and Saddam Hussein only as his puppet. World War III is here!!

I hope you have enjoyed my little "What if the World?" 2003 story. The story was written by R.C. Wynn and originally broadcasted October 20, 2003 by Queen Melody and the Mercury Theatre. I just updated it a little bit. I hope we in America never see a day like this, or anyone else around the world. It is terrifying enough just to know that a story like this COULD be true. Stay safe.

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"Takes One to Know One"

For 23 years as your Judge, I was not permitted to endorse candidates for election. Now, I'm proud to publicly support my friend Bob Gillum. Judge Gillum has what it takes to be the best Circuit Court Judge we've ever had.

- He has an extensive knowledge of the law and personal wisdom that can only be gained from a lifetime of leadership and legal expertise.
- He has unique strength of character and courage forged from facing and overcoming adversity.
- He has the passion and enthusiasm to preside over our demanding and ever changing Court system with the utmost expertise and a fair hand.

I whole-heartedly encourage everyone in Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties to cast their vote on November 4th to keep Circuit Court Judge Bob Gillum.

Retired Circuit Court Judge, Daniel J. Venters

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