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Encroachment prevented

Perryville proposal defeated

What the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) describes as "one of the most pristine battlefields in the country" has been saved from encroaching development.

The Perryville City Council, by a 4-1 vote, has rejected a proposed subdivision that would have been developed near the Perryville Battlefield, site of Kentucky's largest Civil War battle. The decision was made in early April as the council sided with preservationists who feared the re-zoning would open 52 acres of additional

farmland near the Perryville battlefield to more development.

The proposed development called for 53 single-family houses, an assisted-living center and two commercial highway businesses to be built on 34 acres.

Although troops at the October 1862 battle did not fight on the property, Old Mackville Road, used by Confederate and Union soldiers during the conflict, crosses through the area. The State Parks department, which had wanted to purchase

an easement for the road to turn it into a walking trail, was unable to do so when funding was not available.

Perryville City Hall received 169 phone calls, many from re-enactors across the country, who opposed the development. The action prompted the CWPT to place Perryville on its Top 10 list of endangered battlefields.

The development proposal was approved by the Danville-Boyle County Planning and Zoning Commission, but had to be approved by the Perryville City Council. Had it been okayed, the development would have been visible from hilltops about a mile away at

the battlefield.

The Perryville Battlefield of some 670 preserved acres is considered a historic gem because of little or no modern encroachments. The battlefield attracts approximately 100,000 visitors per year and has been the site of two national Civil War re-enactments.

Chris Kolakowski, Perryville Battlefield Preservation Director, said "when you're here, you're in 1862."

"I could take any veteran of the Battle of Perryville out to the ground they fought on and they would be able to recognize where they were."

Will serve part-time

Military Heritage post assigned to Stapleton

Roger Stapleton, Main Street Program coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council, has additional duties.



ROGER
STAPLETON

*Council member
since 1994.*

The Frankfort resident recently assumed part-time responsibilities as Military Heritage director for the Council effective April 1.

Stapleton, who joined the Council in 1994, will devote part of his time to military heritage activities, which includes services

for Civil War battlefields and locations across Kentucky. The military heritage position has been vacant for more than a year due to state government budget cutbacks.

His full-time duties as Main Street coordinator will continue.

Prior to joining the Council, Stapleton was local history program director at the Kentucky Historical Society and has worked in news, advertising and local retail for numerous years.

He has a bachelor's degree in Museum Science from Lincoln Memorial University and a Masters of Public Administration degree from Kentucky State University. He has been chairman of the Frankfort Architectural Review Board for the past five years and has an 8-year-old daughter.



'I just played it!!'

Everybody, it seems, is a music critic. Even former presidents, as David Ashley discovered at Conner Prairie, Ind., Civil War Days. David plays an over-the-shoulder tenor saxhorn in the Saxton's Cornet Band. Fritz Klein, Springfield, Ill., portrayed Abraham Lincoln. David is the son of Linda Ashley, Battle of Richmond board member.

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Kentucky's Civil War leaders 'Old Flintlock' Roger Hanson commanded Orphan Brigade

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth in a series about Kentucky officers and battle leaders during the Civil War.)

By **PHILLIP SEYFRIT**
Bugle Staff Writer

Roger W. (Old Flintlock) Hanson, commander of the famed Orphan Brigade under Confederate Major Gen. John C. Breckinridge, was born Aug. 27, 1827 in Clark County.

Hanson led that brigade at the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stone's River, Tenn.). The Orphan Brigade (First Kentucky) was so named because of its status as "orphans" during most of the war. Kentucky never seceded from the Union, but military units intent upon assisting the Confederate cause were formed.

Hanson served as first lieutenant of Kentucky volunteers during the Mexican War and later studied law and

**ROGER
HANSON**

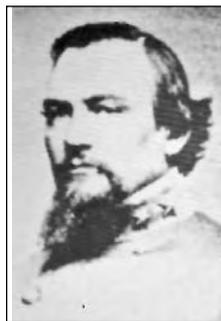
*Wounded, died
at Murfreesboro.*

became an attorney in Kentucky. He was a member of the Kentucky legislature in 1853 and 1855.

Initially opposed to secession, Hanson was mustered in as a colonel of the Kentucky State Guard and was commissioned colonel of the Second Kentucky (CSA) in '61.

He was captured at Ft. Donelson, Tenn., in February 1862, was exchanged later that year and in December was promoted to brigadier general.

He was mortally wounded at Murfreesboro on Jan. 2, 1863 and died two days later.



Joe Brent says . . .

She made best of bad situation

(Bugle Columnist Joseph E. Brent is vice-president of Mudpuppy and Waterdog, a historic preservation consulting firm. Contact him at jbrent@alltel.net.)

Given the budget crunch and everything else in Frankfort this past year, it was not really a surprise that no one was hired to coordinate the Military Heritage Program. I know Donna Neary did what she could but the odds were simply stacked against her.

Under the circumstances, I think Donna has made the best of a poor situation. She has asked Roger Stapleton to spend 20 per cent of his time in the role of Military Sites Coordinator. What that means is that he can devote one day a week to the Military Sites Program and four to running the statewide Mainstreet Program. This isn't the ideal for Roger or the military sites program, but it is better than nothing.

The good news is that Roger is a very good person who has done an outstanding job as the Kentucky Mainstreet Coordinator. He has a personal interest in the Civil War and he was a re-enactor for many years. Roger is a native Kentuckian who loves and appreciates the Commonwealth's rich heritage. He will do a good job. He has already created an online forum for Military Heritage similar to the forum that exists for Mainstreet.

This is a good opportunity for people out there to pose questions and get feed back on various issues and projects.

All of that said, Roger will not be doing this full time. He will do what he can. I know that if you call him he will try to answer your questions and to provide whatever technical assistance he can. Roger is one person doing two jobs, each of which should be a full-time position. He can't be expected to provide the full range of services available when Tom Fugate was running the Military Heritage Program full-time. Don't expect Roger to be able to come to a lot of meetings.

If I could make one suggestion it would be that Roger try to rekindle the Kentucky Civil War Sites Association. This very loose organization was held together by the Military Heritage Coordinator and had meetings twice a year. The host site provided a place for the meeting; attendees paid for their own lunches. Each meeting included a tour and reports from the attending sites. Bringing this organization back together would be an easy way to get immediate input from people across the state. It would also allow Roger to meet lots of people all at once.

I urge everyone to call or e-mail Roger and congratulate him. Then you can ask him for some help. He'd appreciate it in that order. You can reach Roger at roger.stapleton@ky.gov or 502-564-7005 ex. 130.

Filson tour includes Fort Heiman land

Members of Louisville's Filson Historical Society toured recently acquired

property at Fort Heiman April 4-6 as part of its Civil War Field Institute.

Smith's struggle led to Medal of Honor

By DR. MARSHALL MYERS

A unit from Massachusetts, composed largely of black soldiers, attracted the attention of a runaway slave from western Kentucky in 1862.

Andrew Jackson Smith's story helps to symbolize not only the African Americans' struggle to be free, but also the uncommon bravery of the black soldiers of the day.

Corp. Smith sat for an interview with the *National Tribune* on March 21, 1929, to discuss his life and the Medal of Honor he would later receive.

Smith was born Sept. 3, 1843, believed to be the son of his master, Elijah Smith, and a slave identified only as Susan.

Knowing of the Civil War, Andy Smith and fellow slave Alfred Bissell secretly set out in 1862 for Smithland, some 25 miles away. Smith knew that companies B and I of the 41st Illinois were stationed there and the two runaways hoped the Union soldiers, whose duty was to patrol the Cumberland and Ohio Rivers, would take them in. Which they did.

Smith soon became the man servant of Major John Warner of Clinton, Ill., and quickly the 41st was on the move, first to support Union Gen. U.S. Grant's victories at Forts Donelson and Henry, major triumphs for the Union forces in the west. Next, they were on to Shiloh, where, on April 6-7, the 41st again fought in support of Grant and Gen. William T. Sherman in one of the war's bloodiest days of fighting.

Major Warner, now Col. Warner as a result of his meritorious service, returned to Illinois in November and took young Smith with him.

While in Clinton, during the early part of 1863, Smith



heard about the formation of the 54th Massachusetts. He contacted military authorities in Boston, asked for transportation money, and he, along with 55 other Illinois African Americans, arrived in Boston to join.

The 54th Massachusetts began to form in May 1863 in Readville. Smith arrived on May 16 and quickly became a part of Company B. On June 22, the last of the recruits had arrived for training, and by July 21, the regiment was on its way to Newberne, N.C. to be a part of the African Brigade.

For several months, the regiment dug entrenchments and performed other non-combat duties at Folly Island, S.C., but eventually they fought a bloody battle at Honey Hill on Nov. 30, 1864, where Smith would achieve his glory.

The battle itself was a clash between Union and Confederate forces as a part of Sherman's March to the Sea. Union forces, split off from the main body of Sherman's army, attempted to secure the



one of four

Union Corp. Andrew Jackson Smith was one of four soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Battle of Honey Hill, S.C., Nov. 30, 1864. Smith, a runaway slave from Grand Rivers, Ky., was a member of the 55th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. He's buried at Grand Rivers near Smithland (above photo).

Charleston and Savannah Railroad. If the Boys in Blue had wrestled control of it, the other Union forces of Sherman would have a straight shot to Savannah, and, perhaps, bring an earlier end of the war.

But the Confederates were dug in on a road to Grahamville, S.C., bordered by a swamp on one side and a dense forest on the other. To add to the Union's woes, the road itself was also heavily fortified behind a massive impregnable earthworks.

So the only way forward, was the road, if the Union forces under Gen. John P. Hatch had any chance of routing the stubborn Rebels.

Faced with no other options, the Union forces charged the Confederates several times. Smith says he was a part of three charges himself that resulted in losing a third of their men.

Smith was then a part of the color guard, usually an assembly of about 12 men, whose responsibility it was to protect the battle flags of that particular unit at all costs.

What Corp. Smith did next

is recorded in his government citation.

The document reads, in part, that Smith and his comrades were "forced into a narrow gorge crossing a swamp in the face of the enemy's position, the 55th Color Sergeant was killed by an exploding shell, and Corp. Smith took the Regimental Colors from his hand and carried them through heavy grape and canister fire. Although half of the officers and a third of the enlisted men engaged in the fight were killed or wounded, Corp. Smith continued to expose himself to enemy fire by carrying the colors throughout the battle.

"Through his actions, the Regimental Colors of the 55th Infantry regiment were not lost to the enemy. Corp. Smith's extraordinary valor in the face of deadly enemy fire is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, the 55th Regiment, and the United States Army."

Unfortunately for Smith, his Congressional Medal of Honor was not awarded to him in his lifetime. President William Jefferson Clinton, 137 years after the event that brought him such honor, presented the medal to several of Smith's descendants on Jan. 16, 2001.

Corp. Smith, who was later promoted to Color Sergeant, survived the war, mustered out of the service on Aug. 29, 1865, and went back to Clinton, Ill. for a time. But by 1866, he returned to Eddyville in Lyon county to spend the remainder of his life there, using his mustering-out pay to purchase some land and be near his mother and three sisters.

Smith lived a long life, passing away on March 4, 1932 at age 89. He's buried at Grand Rivers near Smithland.

Interpretive Cannon placed at Perryville Battlefield

A new interpretive cannon has been placed at Perryville Battlefield.

A reproduction made by Steen Cannon & Ordnance Works of Ashland, the artillery piece resulted through a grant from the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels

The cannon, a 10-pounder Parrott Rifle, marks the location of Capt. David Stone's Battery A, First Kentucky Light Artillery during the Battle of Perryville, and sits atop Starkweather Hill.

"Interpretive cannons are always a focal point on a battlefield, and are an unmistakable way to note that you are standing on hallowed ground," Chris Kolakowski,

Bryant leads off Rousseau lectures

Ron Bryant, chief historian for Kentucky State Parks, led off Perryville's 2008 Gen.

Lovell H. Rousseau Civil War Lecture Series June 12 with the topic, "The Lost Cause and Neo-Confederate Images in Kentucky."

Also scheduled for the third season of the lectures are:

- July 10, Chris Kolakowski, Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association, "The Battle of Stones River;"

- Aug. 7, Phillip Seyfrit, Madison County Parks, "Leaders at the Battle of Richmond;"

- Sept. 11, Don Rightmyer, Kentucky Historical Society, "Finding Your Civil War Ancestor."

The lectures are conducted the second Thursday of each month at the Boyle County Public Library.

Each event starts at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association, noted. "Stone's men helped anchor the defense of that hill, and this is a fitting memorial to them.

"Getting this site marked on Starkweather Hill is something we've wanted to do for a while."

Signs dedicated at Perryville

The Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association (PBPA) has dedicated two new signs that honor Indiana soldiers.

The two signs honor the 38th and 80th Indiana Regiments, both of which played prominent roles in the Battle of Perryville on Oct. 8, 1862. The signs were underwritten by the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable. The Kentucky Historical Society assisted with text preparation.

The 38th Indiana sign is located on Loomis Heights, while the 80th Indiana sign sits on part of the position known as the High Water Mark of the Confederacy in the West. With these additions, Perryville Battlefield now has 45 interpretive signs on its 10 miles of trails.

War's largest gun reset at Columbus

The largest gun made during the Civil War has been resurrected and re-mounted at Columbus.

The 13,352-pound cannon, which has rested in the Mississippi River for 25 years, was raised recently through the efforts of the citizens of Columbus and mounted by the Tyler Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.



Col. cannon

The Order of Kentucky Colonels supplied a grant for this 10-pounder Parrot Rifle that was installed at a key site at the Perryville battlefield recently. The artillery piece sits atop Starkweather Hill, location of the First Kentucky Light Artillery during the 1862 Battle of Perryville. The cannon is a product of Steen Cannon & Ordnance of Ashland.

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More to come

MUNFORDVILLE

Civil War Days, Sept. 13-14

PERRYVILLE

More to come

RICHMOND

Elementary School Living History, May 8-9

Central Kentucky Civil War Trails, May 10

Fourth Annual Preservation Classic Celebrity Golf Tournament, Aug. 22

Seventh Annual Battle of Richmond Re-enactment, Aug. 23-24

Annual Awards Celebration, Nov. 6

SACRAMENTO

More to come

SHEPHERDSVILLE

To be announced

TEBBS BEND

More to come

WILDCAT-LONDON

More to come

WINCHESTER

More to come

Clark's seamstress side seems to be winning out

You could say Gaye Clark has a split personality.

Most times, she's a hard-nosed colonel of the 14th Kentucky Light Artillery in charge of two howitzer cannons.

On other occasions, she's a third-generation seamstress who designs and makes award-winning Civil War costumes for dozens of period re-enactors.

It appears that the seamstress is winning out as the Kentucky state social worker has decided to spend most of her time sewing.

Gaye confesses to "living, sleeping, eating and breathing

the Civil War" for 38 years, having joined her father in the re-enactor ranks when she was in high school.

"My plan now, however, is to kick my sewing into high gear as I plan to retire from my 'real job (social work)' in a couple of years," she said.

Although she has not entered competitions in several years, Gaye has a long list of sewing accomplishments. She won national events at Shiloh in 1987, '90 and '97, Gettysburg in '98 and was considered such a force during the 1990s that few would compete against her.

Sewing is a stress relief for the Lancaster resident, but sometimes a project can be a headache.

"I once was copying a gown of Mary Todd Lincoln," she said, "and it about drove me nuts as it had a floral placement on it that was difficult to balance. Also, the lady I was making it for was not big as a minute."

Gaye designs period clothes by working with the



she shoots and sews

Gaye Clark has well-documented roles as an artillery officer and as an award-winning seamstress. The Lancaster resident works with youngsters at a living history event (left photo) and is shown modeling one of her dresses (right photo) at Camp Nelson. Gaye has been involved in Civil War activities for nearly 40 years, joining her father initially in the re-enactor ranks.

individual who wants the costume, incorporating his or her ideas and studying appropriate pictures. She often has made her own patterns from illustrations she has viewed.

Dresses and uniform prices, she explained, are based on the difficulty and time involved, plus the cost of such things as fabrics, trims and buttons.

The role of Col. Clark endures, however, as Gaye continues to be voted commander of the 14th. Also, she recently was named regional inspector for the

National Civil War Artillerymen's Association for eastern Kentucky and Tennessee.

"This group attempts to get all artillerists on the same page for cannon safety," Gaye related. "I feel very honored as I'm the first woman to be appointed to this rank."

For those in need of a Civil War costume, Gaye can be contacted via e-mail at yankeehen@setel.com and soon will have an Ebay store under the yankeehen-originals name.

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UN Sung PATRIOT

A grandfather she never knew



During the Civil War in Missouri in 1861, Union Troops entered the abandoned newspaper office of The Bloomfield Herald.

Some printers of Company K of the 18th Illinois Infantry took possession of the printing equipment the evening of Nov. 8 and designed and published a one-page newspaper.

It was distributed in and around Bloomfield the next day. The "read and pass-it-on publication" was christened "The Stars and Stripes" and was the beginning of a daily newspaper for the U.S. military and

those associated with it that now numbers more than 100,000 readers.

The initial 10 men who published that first issue were from Carmi and Fairfield, Ill., and it's speculated that Thomas Viskniskki, also from the 18th Illinois, read that publication and was so impressed by it that he passed on its story to members of his family.

The Stars and Stripes did

not have a revival until World War I. That's when Guy Thomas Viskniskki, a nephew of Thomas, probably recalled the initial stories about the newspaper and became its first editor-in-chief during the fighting in France in February 1918.

Guy, a veteran newspaperman, was a field censor for the American Expeditionary Forces and believed a newspaper would increase morale and turn the American troops into a cohesive combat unit.

The story of Major Guy T. Viskniskki and his championing of the newspaper is told with passion and compassion by a granddaughter he never knew, Virginia G. Vassallo. I recommend Virginia's book, *Unsung Patriot: Guy T. Viskniskki,*

especially to all those military personnel who've been kept informed by a newspaper that remains independent, free of control and censorship and is the "home-town newspaper" of those charged with keeping America strong.

Ironically, Guy Viskniskki was a friend of Gen. John J. Pershing, but "Black Jack" apparently took full credit in his memoirs for starting The Stars and Stripes. However, more writers now are giving the Major the credit he deserves. Virginia's book initiated that.

Ed Ford, Editor

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Masonic memorial dedicated at Battle of Richmond center

More than 75 Freemasons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star dedicated the Battle of Richmond Masonic Memorial May 10 at the Battle of Richmond Visitors and History Center.

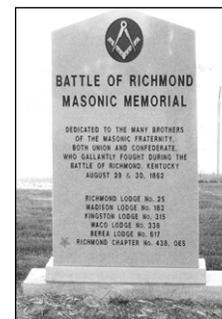
Order of the Eastern Star.

The monument honors members of the Masonic fraternity, both Union and Confederate, who fought at the Battle of Richmond Aug. 29-30, 1862.

Three of the six generals at the battle were members of the Masonic fraternity - Confederate Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne, Arkansas; Brig. Generals Mahlon Manson, Crawfordville, Ind., and Charles Cruft, Terre Haute, Ind.

Another known Freemason was Col. William Link, Fort Wayne, Ind., commander of the 12th Indiana Volunteers, who was mortally wounded.

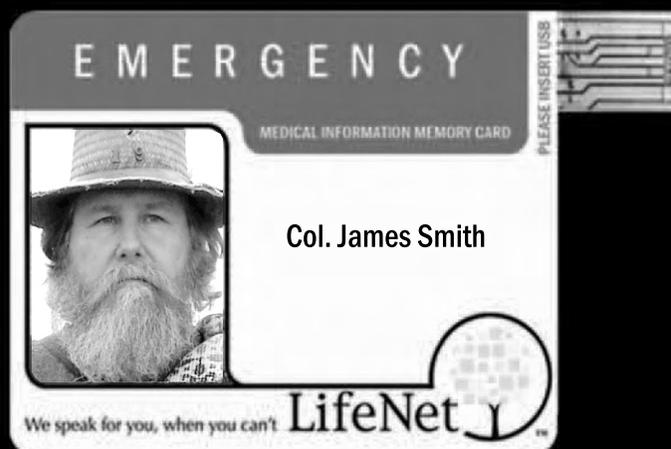
The memorial is thought to be only second of its type on any Civil War battlefield.



MASONS HONORED

At least four recognized

The eight-foot gray granite memorial, featuring the Masonic square and compasses, was dedicated by five area lodges along with the Richmond Chapter No. 438,



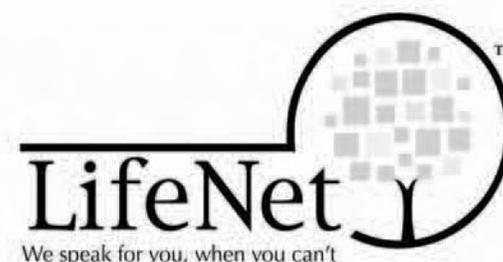
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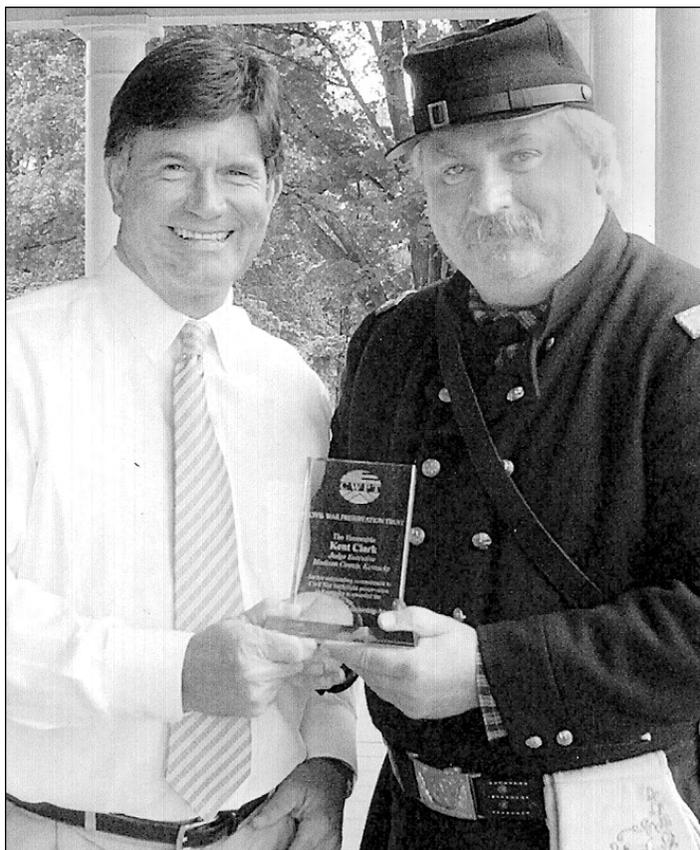
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Judge judged No. 1

Madison County Judge Kent Clark (left) is presented his CWPT award by Phillip Seyfrit, the county's historic properties director, who accepted the honor for Clark at the CWPT annual conference. Seyfrit portrays Union Col. William Link.

— Richmond Register photo by Nancy Taggart



At Richmond...

Nearly 500 attend living history event

Nearly 500 students packed Richmond's Battlefield Park recently for the seventh annual Living History Days program.

The May 8-9 event, sponsored by the Battle of Richmond Association, attracted 458 students from seven area schools. Sand Gap middle school from Jackson County had 86 students attend and three Madison County institutions - White Hall, Daniel Boone and Glen Marshall - attracted 77, 76 and 70 respectively.

Youngsters experienced Civil War-era life through some 12-15 stations of activities and demonstrations that were conducted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Among the Living

History activities and demonstrations at Battlefield Park were Civil War music, archaeology, period clothing and flags, stories about War Between the States personalities and infantry and cavalry demonstrations.

Clark-Moores Middle School teacher Sharon Graves was coordinator for the event and was assisted by 37 students from her classes.

Scout campout set

A Battle of Richmond Campout is scheduled Aug. 22-24 for Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews. The campout will be conducted as part of the Battle of Richmond (BORA) Re-Enactment Aug. 23-24.

Judge receives national award CWPT cites Clark for his leadership

Madison County Judge Executive Kent Clark has been presented the Civil War Preservation Trust's (CWPT) State Leadership Award for his efforts in preserving and protecting property where the 1862 Battle of Richmond was fought.

The national honor, announced in April at the CWPT annual conference in Springfield, Mo., was presented to Clark May 9 at the Battle of Richmond's Living History program at Battlefield Park. The award, made of glass, features the CWPT logo and is etched with a personalized commendation.

The award, given annually since 2001, recognizes "all that Judge Clark and Madison County have done to help protect the Richmond battlefield and the recent acquisition of the 300-acre Combs property."

The Combs purchase, completed in 2007, increased preserved property where the battle was fought to some 600 acres. Funding for the \$2.1 million project was made possible from grants provided by the CWPT, Commonwealth of Kentucky and the American Battlefield Protection Program.

In presenting the award, CWPT President Jim Lighthizer

said the Battle of Richmond effort "simply would not have been possible without Judge Clark's vision and leadership."

"In only a few short years," he continued, "Madison County has gone from having a handful of roadside markers commemorating the engagement to having several hundred acres of preserved battlefield. The progress has been outstanding and CWPT is excited by the possibility of continuing to work with Madison County on additional projects in the future."

Clark and Madison Fiscal Court are long-time partners with BORA in preserving the history and heritage of the Battle of Richmond. The judge and court established Battlefield Park some three years ago as part of a five-park system for Madison County. Battlefield is expected to be officially opened this summer.

A fifth generation Madison Countian, Clark, first elected in 1993, is serving his third term as Madison County Judge Executive. His establishment of the county park system and a Battle of Richmond living history center and museum are among the improvements made to serve the county.

'Let's hear it!'

They're excited in Frankfort about the new Civil War Roundtable that was initiated in June. The first meeting was held at the Meeting House B&B on June 9 featuring Perryville Battlefield Preservation Director Chris Kolakowski as the speaker. For the future schedule contact Nicky Hughes at soyuz11@fewpb.net or call 502-223-8175.

