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View From The Cliff *by Joyce Belcher Resort Executive Director*

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August Birthdays

Guide **Macy Combs** - August 3
Lodge Innkeeper **Terri Charles** - August 10
Perennial Sweetie **Suzann Bookstaff -** August 14
Newsletter Editor **Jerry Ison -** August 23 (Jerry wanted everyone to know that although he and Suzann were born the same year, she's older than him! Maybe only by two weeks, but still, *older*!)
Scenic Cabin Rentals owner **Nancy Hamann** - August 25

Eclipse

By Terri Charles

According to the information on the KYEM website, there will be a solar eclipse during the afternoon of Monday, **August 21,** 2017**.** This eclipse will be viewable in the United States. In most areas of the country, it will be only a partial eclipse; however, for certain areas in the U.S., it will be a *total* solar eclipse for the longest duration (a little over two minutes). It turns out that Kentucky will be "ground zero" for this eclipse which is of national interest. Twenty-one counties in western Kentucky will experience a full solar eclipse, with Hopkinsville, KY as the epicenter for this national event. Coincidence?? Hmmm.

According to their website, the KY EM office is preparing for a "massive influx of visitors" seeking to view the total solar eclipse.

Cliffview and the Red River Gorge will be on the edge of totality (even though the best visibility will be in western Kentucky). Knoxville, TN, is also on the edge of totality and there are certain places that totality can be seen. Another website with information about the eclipse visible in Kentucky: http://www.kysolareclipse.com/index.htm

Map of the path of totality: http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/maps.

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Advice - Entertainment - Social Things & Some Other Stuff

Good Advice

by Miss Teak, Celestial Seer

Dear Miss Teak,
I read a post on one of those liberal-leaning web sites where a 'spokesman' okay, a spokeswoman or spokesperson, says that not allowing homosexuals or for that matter any of the newly discovered othersexuals, the right to marry and have special rights is denying them their constitutional rights.
She then said or asked, *"Which would we be more comfortable seeing, two men doing stuff you think is only intended to happen between a man and a women or a couple of bears with AK-47's?"*
Miss teak, since I was raised in a hard-core, God fearing household, I don't think two men doing the dirty deed should be, well, should be allowed much less promoted and given special consideration.
What do you think? I mean am I wrong or what?
Lenore Ravin
Poeville, MD

Dear Lenore,
Since I haven't really studied the Constitution since civics classes, I googled a copy and read it including the Bill of Rights and all seventeen other amendments front to back. Then I read it again.
Even though I was using a big ole magnifying glass, nowhere in all seven thousand, five hundred and ninety-one (7,591, Yep, I counted 'em!) words did I see the words homosexual, othersexual, devisexual, transsexual nor even unknownsexual much less the clause that guarantees homosexuals the right to marry and special rights not laid out for normal people. Nope, nowhere in all that verbiage was there even a hint of homosexuals having been granted any kind of special treatment or rights. Heck, like I said, they weren't even mentioned anywhere in the whole thing.
Then I thought, "Heck, maybe that spokesperson has a newer edition, so I began a search using every search engine known to cyberists (I made that word up but you can use it).
I sent all those little search engines chugging out all over cyberspace. Along with the words, "I think I can, I think I can!"
They returned with 14,893,7632 results in 2.7 seconds with nothing new. As in nada, zilch, zero.
That's not to say that the Constitution hasn't changed; it has been but only added to. None of the original stuff has been removed. The latest edition was in 1992 when the question of congressional raises was, er, raised and the 27th Amendment was ratified. Yeah they still get 'em regularly.
And yes, the only time you can truly count on bipartisan agreement is when a pay raise is on the agenda. That's when But, and this is a really big Kardashian style but, there is some stuff in there about guns and bears. That's gotta be what that woman was referring to when she asked about bears with AK-47's.
So now you gotta be wondering, do we really want to keep and arm bears? Also, can there be same sex marriage (mating to you and me) between consenting bears? Does anyone want to argue that point with a homosexual bear couple armed with semi-automatic weapons?
I think not, but I'm with you on the human same sex marriage thing. I don't think it's a good thing.
However, I'm gonna declare my support for same sex ursine whatever just so they won't be looking for me the next time I'm just a hidee-hoeing along a trail up in the Smokies! Some Ursine 2nd Amendment proponents have even applied for and gotten concealed carry permits as seen in this picture drawn up near Clingmans Dome
Miss Teak

This is not a photo; it is an artist's rendering of a bear spotted deep in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He was wearing what appeared to be a legal concealed carry permit and a bulge near his hip looked very much like he was packin'.

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- **Kentucky Tourism & Vacation Guide:** http://kytourism.com/ tourseky.com
- **Hiking Trail Guide and Descriptions:** Great for beginners. redrivergorge.org.
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The hiking season is now in full swing. Hundreds, thousands of folks from all over the country regularly visit Cliffview Resort and the Red River Gorge Area to enjoy nature's bounty. There is no better way to experience all the area has to offer than to hike the hundreds of trails in federal, state and private lands than hiking. We want everyone to have the best hiking experience possible and leave the area with fond memories and beautiful pictures and videos.

To make the experience fun, informative and safe we offer a few hints and some do's and don'ts.

* **First and foremost, the Boy Scouts are right, *Be Prepared!***

* The Mountains are known for unpredictable weather. Check the weather forecast for the area.
* Plan your hike--know about the area and how to get there. Get detailed maps.
* Take enough food, clothing, and equipment to keep you comfortable for at least another day and night longer than planned in case of emergency.
* Notify others of where you will be, and when you plan to be home, in case someone needs to contact you. Let them know when you return.
* If you are a beginner, contact local outfitters or camping and hiking locations for a general check list of needed equipment. It's a very good idea to have a comprehensive Red Cross approved First Aid kit and manual.
* Take a cell phone with a fully charged battery. Make certain there is service in the area you plan to explore
* Download a GPS app so friends and family can track your progress and always know exactly where you are. In areas with no service, inexpensive walkie-talkies are a reasonable alternative .
* Always bring waterproof matches or a couple of Bic lighters and a knife of some kind.
* A loud whistle is another good idea. It can be used to attract attention if 'confused' and may convince an unwelcome animal to leave the area.
* If hiking in an area bears are known to habituate, make some noise while hiking. Sing, clap your hands, talk, whatever. Bears don't like to be surprised and if they know you're approaching, they'll usually go the other way.
* Remember, you're a guest, be courteous and appreciative.

If you carry it in, please carry it out!

* Take only pictures; leave only footprints and leave those only on ***designated trails and areas.*** Remember, when you're enjoying any federal area, guidelines forbid the taking of even a pebble from national parks.
* Never, ever cut a live tree for firewood or any other reason.
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Bourbon - Kentucky's Own

By Terri Charles

There are two things for which the state of Kentucky is most famous: Horse racing and Bourbon whiskey.

Today, let's talk about the namesake of Kentucky's special blend of whiskey which is known as "bourbon." Almost everyone (both imbibers and non-imbibers) has heard of bourbon whiskey; however, not as many are aware that there is a county in Kentucky called Bourbon County. Once one becomes familiar with this fact, a question that may arise to the inquisitive mind would be: Which came first - the whiskey or the county? And, the next logical question might be: Where did the name "bourbon" originate?

To find the answers to these curious questions, we need to go back in time a bit… and then a little bit further. All the way back to the 16th century when France began sending men over to the North American continent to stake its claims on the new land. After much exploration and endurance, France claimed a good deal of land. However, Britain was also vying to claim the new lands, which eventually caused a war between the French colonists and the British colonists.

The English labeled this conflict the French and Indian War. At the end of the war (1763), France had lost much of its land interests in North America to Britain.

A little over a decade later, the American colonists wanted to gain their independence from Britain. The colonists, needing support, sent representatives to France to request aid. The French, still angry at their enemy, Britain, for taking their colonies in America were all too eager to assist the American colonists in their struggle for independence.

The name of the King of France who assisted the colonists in their revolution, Louis the XVI, was from the "Royal House of Bourbon." It is said that without the assistance provided from the French king, the colonists would not have won the Revolutionary War. Bourbon County, Kentucky was named in 1785 in homage to King Louis the XVI of the House of Bourbon.

The area of Bourbon County, Kentucky, is mostly farmland where corn and other grains are grown. Of course, it was rather profitable for the farmers to turn much of their crops into whiskey to sell.

Many farmers in other states mostly used rye, wheat, and barley for making their whiskey, but farmers from Bourbon County, Kentucky, used a higher percentage of corn in their whiskey. Corn is a sweet grain which causes whiskey to taste sweeter.

Also, these farmers would ship their whiskey in barrels stamped **"Bourbon County"** down the Mississippi to more southern states. The whiskey would age in the barrels as it leisurely floated down the Mississippi. Thus, the combination of sweeter ingredients and mellowing with age gave Bourbon County whiskey a distinctive flavor. The term "bourbon" was applied in the 1800's to differentiate Bourbon County whiskey from that shipped from other areas.

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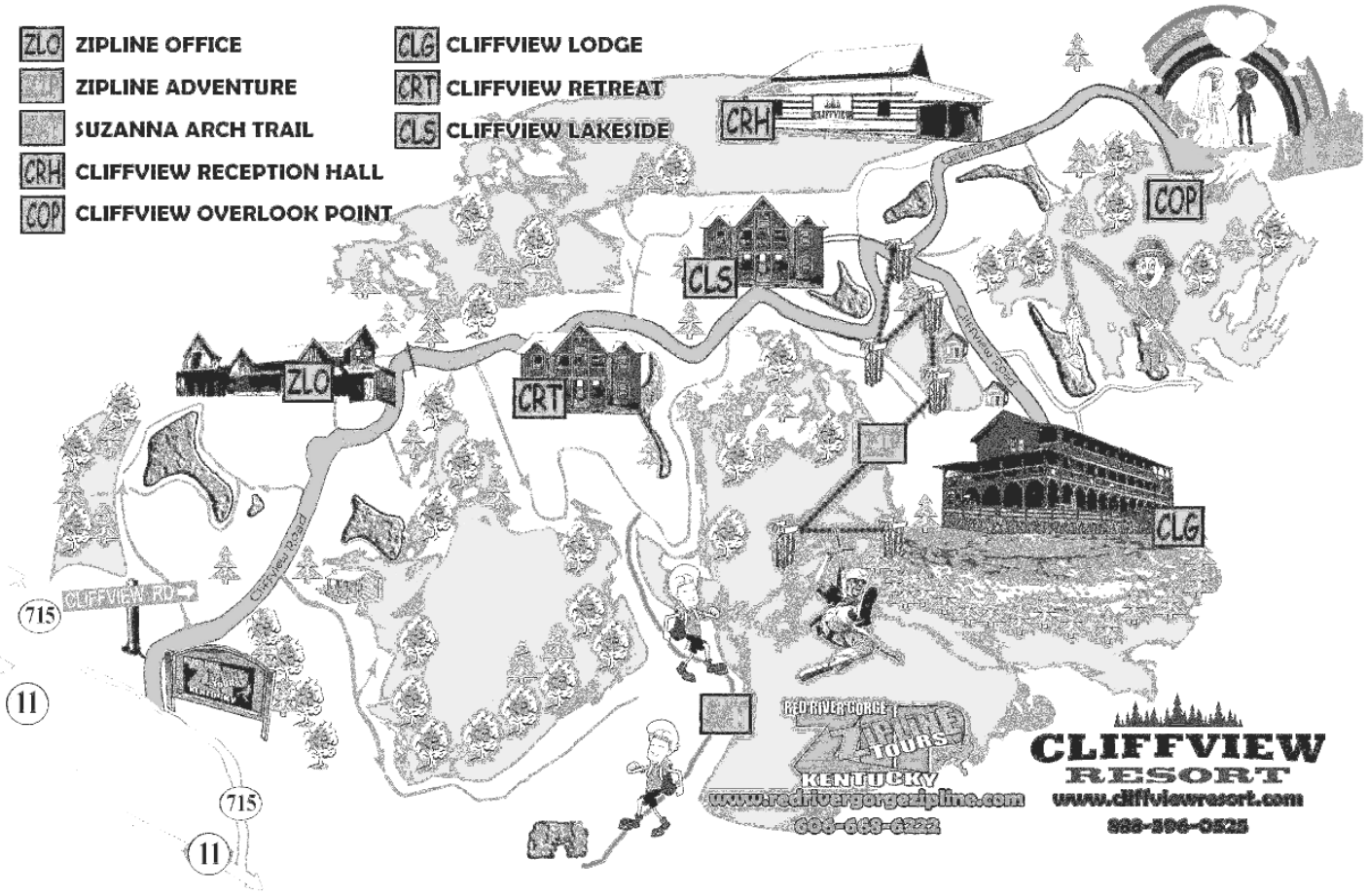

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