

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

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Partly cloudy, 91°

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'A LIFE TO MATCH THE SACRIFICE'

Student, teacher, historian, journalists piece together story of Madison County WWII soldier

By Crystal Wylie
Register News Writer

Among the 9,387 nearly identical grave markers, three white crosses are etched with the names of Madison County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on the beaches of Normandy, France, during World War II.

A semicircular garden encompasses the Wall of the Missing, inscribed with the names of 1,557 other soldiers, many of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and subsequent military operations in Europe.

The Normandy American Cemetery stretches across 172.5 acres on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach where on June 6, 1944, Sgt. Allen Perry Moberly, 24, stepped off a Higgins boat with the 116th Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division.

"...Allen's mission was much the same as other divisions: capture the beach exits crucial to the Allied advance," Brad Shoopman, 17, wrote on his website honoring the fallen Madison County soldier.

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BRAD SHOOPMAN/SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The grave of Madison County soldier Sgt. Allen Perry Moberly is pictured at the Normandy American Cemetery in France. As is traditional, high school student Brad Shoopman rubbed sand into the etched letters of the stone to make the words appear and then read a eulogy he prepared to memorialize Moberly. The sand was taken from Omaha beach, where Moberly was fatally wounded during the WWII D-Day landings.

AT LEFT: This photo accompanied a short announcement in the weekly church bulletin about the wedding of Rev. Tipton's daughter, Lola, to Allen P. Moberly. The marriage took place at Unity Baptist Church with the bride's father officiating.

BELOW LEFT: Rev. L.H. Tipton memorialized his son-in-law with this bulletin printed for Unity Baptist Church in 1944. COURTESY OF JUDY LITTLE/UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORIAN



RIGHT: Brad Shoopman and Stephanie Smith pose near the sign for Omaha Beach, one of the five beaches on the coast of Normandy that Allied forces were assigned to penetrate in June 1944. Sgt. Allen Moberly was wounded somewhere in the 200 yards between the shore and the cliff where the enemy was positioned.



SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Sex crime charges mount against couple arrested last year

By Sarah Huges
Register News Writer

A couple that was indicted late last year in sex crimes involving an 11-year-old have had more charges brought against them.

An additional child victim also has been identified, according to the superseding indictment.

Eric Nelson Kelley, 50, was indicted Wednesday on eight counts of first-degree sodomy, two counts of first-degree rape, nine counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of using a minor in a sexual performance.

The incidents are alleged to have occurred from October 2011 to September 2012.

The grand jury also indicted 33-year-old Deanna Lawson for complicity in all the charges against Kelley.

The indictment states Lawson was indicted for "failing to make an effort to prevent the acts ... with the intention of promoting or facilitating those offenses" perpetrated against the children.

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MCHS choral students selling mums to raise money for trip

Deadline to order is Wednesday

By Sarah Huges
Register News Writer

Spring break may be many months away, but Madison Central High School chorus students are already working hard to raise money for a trip to New York City.

The chorus has been invited to perform at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, according to chorus teacher Lisa Jury.

"It's just the most beautiful, beautiful cathedral," Jury said. "It has amazing acoustics."

The first fundraiser for the trip is already underway - the students are selling chrysanthemums.

The mums, supplied by Bi-water Farm and Greenhouse in Georgetown, come in two sizes, 9 inches and 14 inches.

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CAMP FOR GRIEVING KIDS THIS WEEKEND

Register Staff Report

BEREA - It's not too late to register for Camp Hope, a free weekend retreat for children who have lost a loved one.

Camp Hope, co-sponsored by Hospice Care Plus, is designed for children ages 6 to 12 whose loss occurred within the past two years.

It will take place this Friday through Sunday at Cathedral Domain Camp and Conference Center in Irvine.

Some spaces are still available, said Brenna Wallhauser, Hospice Care Plus spokesperson.

"If you're interested, contact Nora Brashear right away at the Hospice Care Plus central office at 986-1500 or toll free at 800-806-5492," Wallhauser said.

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