

Points East

By: Ike Adams

The big National Association of Woolly Worm Winter Weather Watchers (NAWWWWWW) Convention happened over the weekend and I was literally too sick to be there.

Besides that, Matt Paul did not want them catching whatever it was I have because they congregated in the parking lot of his Bluegrass Family Music Hall on Highway 1016, just outside Berea. Let's just say that I've spent a lot of time in the bathroom since last Friday and if the members of NAWWWWW who did show up had my symptoms it would not have been a pretty sight.

As most of you know I am the only human spokesperson with bona fide credentials to officially pass along the winter forecast that thousands of woolly worms spend the late summer and early Autumn preparing. While I was not privy to the actual vote count, I was kept informed by live streaming internet video connections. Unfortunately I was not able to catch the Will Parsons and Meridian show which followed the convention because Matt kept sweeping the poor woolies out the door.

I've also been in daily contact with members of NAWWWWW over the last several weeks and to be perfectly honest, it has been a fearful time and I'm not talking about terrorists. Sometimes in July Connie Fish called me up and reported that she had seen two solid white woolly worms on her front porch and she had examined them close enough to know that they were the real McCoy without any doubt except that they were white as snow.

I had noticed, too, that squirrels were hoarding up walnuts that were nowhere near ripe enough to have any nutritional value when they do dry out and that instead of doing this for an hour or two in the morning and

then again for a couple hours before dark, they were working from sunrise until it got dark and this was back when the days were nearly two hours longer than they are now.

The scariest squirrel phenomenon, however, happened right here in my front yard when they commenced feeding on green persimmons off the big tree at the corner of my front porch. Green persimmons are not something that any knowledgeable person or animal would consider remotely close to edible. A tiny taste of a green persimmon will burn your mouth for hours and render you speechless. John Edwards was here though and he said he'd heard about people using green persimmons on a tooth ache and maybe the squirrels had developed just that from frack packing all those green walnuts. It's still scary to me though because I've never before seen anything at all green persimmons and these squirrels fed on them, voraciously, for over an hour.

A few days later I was messing around in the garage looking for some fishing tackle and I found not one, but three solid white woolly worms and I figured they may have gotten into some brake fluid or what not until I remembered Connie's call and then a couple of days later Byron Crawford from Louisville Courier Journal called and wanted to know what I made of the white woolies because he'd had reports on them from all over the state.

Then I got an email from Sandy Walker tonight who informs me that the reason the blasted beavers are cutting down everything green and growing along the banks of Paip Lick Creek is because they are getting ready for a hard winter too.

But according to NAWWWWW we should not look for anything

much worse than normal. Look for some pretty cold wet weather in early December and certainly an early snow. Chances are good for a white Christmas and then a warming trend through much of January and February with lots of rain but little snow. March, promises to be the dreariest month of the year and the biggest

snowfall will happen between the middle of March and the middle of April.

Please also note too folks, that this forecast is for central and South-eastern Kentucky. If you need to know what's going to happen in Allentown, Fred, go down and have a confab with the members of NAWWWWW residing in the wood

stack beside your pond. I talked with a couple there at the end of July and they were solid black. Chances are that your pond will be frozen over by the time you read this.

Finally folks, Highbridge will be the headline band at Matt's Family Music Hall on Friday, the 26th followed by Unlimited Grass and The Bluegrass Journeymen on Saturday.

Oct. 27. On November 2, it's Carl Shifflett and The Big Country Show and on November 3, Bluegrass Thoroughbreds and The New Kentucky Grass. All shows start at 7:30 and last til way up in the night but you need to get there early before they run out of tenderloin to make a sandwich so good that its got my name on it.



**Best Prices We've Had!
Lowest Interest Rates We've Had!
Best Selection We've Had!
The best news is,**

I told the boys to sell 'em!

-- Luke Gooch



1998 Ford Taurus
Fully Equipped, Perfect
\$8,995/\$188 Mo.



2000 Pontiac Sunfire
2 Dr. Auto.
\$8,995/\$175 Mo.



2000 Mercury Mystique
Auto, Loaded
\$9,995/\$193 Mo.



2000 Chevy Impala
Loaded, Spoiler, Sporty
\$12,995/\$249 Mo.



2000 Mitsubishi Mirage
4 Dr., De, Auto
\$8,500/\$165 Mo.



2000 Toyota Camry
LE, 4 Dr., Auto, Loaded
\$13,500/\$259 Mo.

'01 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 Dr., Loaded, Auto, SK

'00 Ford Mustang, 15K, CD & Cass, Loaded

'00 Mercury Cougar, Loaded, 12K

'00 Chev. Lumina, Loaded, Nice

'99 Saturn SL2, 4 Dr., Auto, Alloys, Loaded, 36K

'99 Pontiac Grand Prix, 4 Dr., Loaded, Spoiler

'98 Ford Mustang, 32K, CD, Loaded

'98 Ford Escort, Coupe, 2X2, Local

'13,995/\$269 Mo.

'11,995/\$232 Mo.

'12,500/\$240 Mo.

'11,500/\$221 Mo.

'9,500/\$189 Mo.

'10,995/\$212 Mo.

'9,995/\$209 Mo.

'5,995/\$129 Mo.

'8 Saturn, 2 Dr., Black, Sharp

'98 Chev. Lumina, Loaded, Extra Clean

'00 Mercury Sable, Well Equipped, 16K

'97 Saturn, 4 Dr., Low Miles, Local

'96 Chev. Camaro, Auto, Loaded, 39K

'96 Pontiac Sunfire, GT, 2 Dr., Local

'96 Mercury Grand Marquis, LS, One Owner, Low Ks

'7,995/\$206 Mo.



1998 Nissan Pathfinder
4x4, 29K, Loaded, Like New
\$14,995/\$289 Mo.



2000 Chevrolet S-10
LS, Local Trade, 21K
\$9,450/\$183 Mo.



2000 Ford F-150
XL, V8, Auto
\$12,250/\$235 Mo.



1998 Ford F-150
X-Cab, Lariat, 4x4, Leather, Loaded, Perfect
SAVE



1999 Jeep Cherokee
Sport, 4x4, Loaded, 19K
\$12,995/\$249 Mo.



1998 GMC Jimmy
SLE, 4 Dr., 4x4, All Options
\$13,995/\$269 Mo.

'01 Ford Windstar, LX, Loaded, Rear Air, CD

'00 GMC Sierra Pickup, 8, Auto, 10K

'99 Ford F150, XL, V8, Auto

'99 Jeep Wrangler, Pwr, Stg., Alt. Fact. Alloys

'99 Dodge Caravan, 5 Dr., Tilt, Cruise

'98 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, 4x4, V8, 38K

Perfect

'98 Chev. S-10, LS, 5 spd., Alt. Alloys

'97 GMC Jimmy, 4 Dr., 4x4, Sunroof, Local, Low Ks

SAVE

'14,850/\$268 Mo.

'9,500/\$184 Mo.

'12,500/\$240 Mo.

'9,995/\$193 Mo.

'15,995/\$307 Mo.

'8,500/\$177 Mo.

'12,995/\$298 Mo.

Good Trades Wholesale to Public

'95 Mercury Villager Van, \$3,500

'85 Chev. 4x4, Shortbed \$4,500

'85 Ford F-150 \$2,000

'84 Ford F-150, 4x4 \$1,300

'90 Jeep Cherokee, Limited, 4x4, 4 Dr. \$3,000

'92 Chev. S-10, V-6 \$1,500

'93 Pontiac Grand Prix, 2 Dr., Low Miles \$3,500

'88 Chrysler New Yorker \$1,000

'90 Lincoln Town Car, Great Car \$3,500

'94 Cadillac Sedan Deville \$3,500

'90 Cadillac Sedan Deville \$2,200

Lots More Vehicles By Week End!!

Plus Tax and License Only -
Term and Rate Subject to Credit Rating

MT. VERNON
Academy High School
6th Fl. Room
256-8049

Town & Country Motors

Great Selection of Hand-Picked Vehicles

Top Dollar on Trade-Ins • Different Inventory Weekly

Our Reputation Speaks for Itself

LANCASTER
1234 Main St.
West of Burger House
792-6958

Larry Gooch • Tommy Gooch
Andy Heath, Owners

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



My sister, Katie, sent this to me several years ago. She had used it on Flag Day — as the introductory speech. I think it is appropriate today.

I was fashioned from bits of colored cloth by a seamstress in a small house in Philadelphia, a year after the new country was born.

I've stood up to times and troubles: I fluttered in the Fall air with General Washington and his loyal French allies at Yorktown. My fabric was shredded by cannonballs from British frigates in the War of 1812 and I was carried in triumph by Andy Jackson at New Orleans. The British could see me clearly in the mists of "Dawns early light" waving from the standards of Fort Mifflin. I've witnessed turmoil and bitterness, even lost some of my glory in mid-century in a war between brothers, but I was restored as a nation's emblem at Appomattox. I traveled west with the new frontier: I flew from the headlines of the Iron Horse in Utah. I was with prospectors at Sutter's Mill, with the cavalry against cattle rustlers, with the Rough Riders at San Juan Hill.

I crossed the Marne with the dough boys anxious to make the world safe for democracy. I was raised over a shell-pocked hilltop at Jima and I stood by the

grim-faced negotiators at Pannumjion. I was on that last helicopter from Saigon.

I have been around in victory and defeat. I've seen pain and pleasure. I've been folded smartly by soldiers and handed to weeping widows. I've covered coffins of those who've served country and community.

But I also decorate handstands and concert halls. I am saluted in parades, in schools and at ball parks.

I've been to the Moon and on the ocean floor.

I am everywhere my people are. I am saluted and occasionally, scorned. I have been held with pride and I have been ridiculed because I am everything my people are: proud, angry, happy, sad, vengeful, argumentative, ambitious, indifferent.

I am your past. I am your future. I am your Flag!

P.S. For anyone needy enough to take the money taped onto the fitted garbage bags, waiting at curbside to be picked up, please inform the county of your need and it will be taken care of.

Subscribe to the Signal
(606)256-2244

Mount Vernon Signal

Publication Number 366-000
Periodical Postage Paid in Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.
606-256-2244

Published every Thursday since November, 1887. Offices in the Mt. Vernon Signal Building on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Postmaster, send address changes to P.O. Box 185, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

James Anderkin, Jr., Publisher Emeritus - Richard A. Anderkin, Editor
Perline M. Anderkin, Managing Editor
Paige Berge, Advertising Manager - Jessica Lawson, Circulation Manager

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In County - \$16.75 Yr. Out-of-County In State - \$21.75 Yr.

Out-of-State \$30.00 Yr.

e-mail address - mvsignal@sun-spot.com