

OPINIONS

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

Late spring, early summer in an area that will one day be known as Bracken County, Kentucky, near the confluence of the Ohio River and Locust Creek

The mesmerizing hum of life along the edge of the meadow would have lulled most people to sleep, who heard it, but for Captain, Spencer Records, the volume and rhythm of that hum also served as an audio-warning device.

Spencer had been made a Captain of the local militia, by the governor of Virginia and he would be the captain of a spy company, and he and his unit of spies would work cohesively with his fellow militia officers; Captain, Simon Kenton and Lt. Colonel, Henry Lee.

A crazy, little Irishman also shared scouting duties, but he wasn't likely to share duties with anyone and was a borderline psy-

chotic murderer of their Native American adversaries, particularly among clan members of the Delaware and Shawnee adversaries.

That was concerning; also concerning had been the subtle but continuous shift in the violent behavior of one of his younger brother, Laban.

Life along the Kentucky frontier was a dangerous life, indeed.

For over 50 years, I have

studied the lives; incidents and actions among the people of all cultures that lived and traveled through northeast Kentucky in 1790.

Captain Spencer Records was one of the hardcore survivalists who was among the second families that lived in the growing community of Washington.

Members of the Hughey, Records, Beck, and a few others formed a nucleus of self-protection and inner-

dependance while intermarrying family members and others who came to live in and around Washington and Mackey Station.

Spencer Records would occasionally seek solace near the Mouthmof locust Creek.

He had killed Shawnee raiders near this very spot and he had helped bury Laban's father-in-law, isaac Sellers, who had been killed near here in 1778-79.

ON THE TRAIL OF BIGFOOT



By Cecil Lawson

merous books published on the subject each year, dedicated YouTube channels and podcasts, and numerous TV shows, including Finding Bigfoot and Expedition Bigfoot. Most of the interest today seems to lie in the convention and festival circuit. A few years ago, we attended the Wildman Festival in Lawrenceburg, and many of the big names in the Bigfoot research field were there as well.

Like many people who are now in their 50s, I grew up with Bigfoot on the brain. I loved the TV show In Search Of . . . , and saw many TV documentaries and movies about Bigfoot in my childhood and read as many books as I could get my hands on. Bigfoot was in the air in the 1970s, along with UFOs.

My parents were horrified that I was such an enthusiast, because they didn't see the point in believing such a thing as Bigfoot existed. I think their dismissive attitude only fueled my interest.

It amazes me today that widespread interest in Bigfoot continues and



has even grown. At the same time, Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, has become much more commercialized. The image is used to sell everything from beef jerky to BBQ, and even a local radio station uses the concept. The Bigfoot Fest this weekend brought out a lot of vendors who sold hundreds of t-shirts, designs and hats, tiny dolls, sawed off ax handles to be used for making "tree knocks," books, metal signs, and the list goes on. Bigfoot is now "fun," and the fun imagery makes the idea more digestible to the wider public.

The Bigfoot myth has a long history. Native Americans who lived on the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest have well-de-

veloped stories about the "hairy men" who live in the mountains. Early white settlers, including our own Daniel Boone, were said to have encountered them as they pushed into the wilds of Eastern America. Bigfoot and associated creatures are relative latecomers to Kentucky, and most encounters I have recorded in this region of the state are from the 1970s and 1980s (which I'll share in a future article).

Bigfoot returned to public consciousness in the early 2000s with a spate of reality-style TV shows, which had researchers "in the field" talking with witnesses and looking for evidence. The shows Finding Bigfoot and Expedition Bigfoot both made visits

to Kentucky over the past decade.

Do I think Bigfoot is real? I have grown more skeptical as I have gotten older. With all the technology available to us today, I have still not seen compelling evidence that would sway me. With drones, trail cameras, thermal imagers, high-resolution smart phone cameras, and exotic technology like motion sensors and analysis of environmental DNA, it seems that little would escape our global surveillance regime, especially in our own backyards. What I have seen are people investing a great deal of time and energy into creating hoaxes using that same technology. Bigfoot remains elusive, if he or she

is there at all.

Like the slogan for the X-Files TV show, I want to believe. I've always had sympathy with Bigfoot's plight, of humans pushing further into the wilderness, developing formerly wild places into human habitation, and spoiling our natural beauty for profit. Think of the growing number of black bear sightings in our region over the past couple of decades. Young black bears wander far and wide, but there are now more people whose backyards are in their path. There are still wild, uninhabited places in North America, but they are shrinking. Cliff Barackman, director of the North American Bigfoot Center in Oregon and co-host of Finding Bigfoot, spoke at Saturday's event, and he suggested that we might eventually find solid evidence of Bigfoot one day when one is hit and killed on a busy roadway by a driver. That is a sad thought, but also a very true possibility.

From the Table

By Tim Bailey

Well, as the song goes, school's out for the summer, and even longer for those who are retiring. For those not hanging it up, it will be back at the grind come August. This will be either as a teacher, high school student, college student, trade school student or hitting the ole work force.

June does give a lot of

people a little time to enjoy those few quick weeks. This does not say it is for just sitting around with one's feet up, although I like that. June can be quite crazy and hectic, and the month that follows even more so. Trips during this time are something a lot of people do, for myself I always liked heading south. I have been lucky enough to get down Florida way several times. I would

stay with family, kinfolks, teams, even a couple times as bachelors looking for perfect beach, not just the soft sand but the excellent view if you know what I mean!!

Nonetheless every trip I took was like dad said, there is no place like home. Even if you are not going anywhere, home can be what you need, even though it can be crazy, the next couple months

just doing what you enjoy is relaxing. Be it work around the house, going to sporting events, or getting ready for family get-togethers. The wild times do not feel like work because they are events we enjoy.

There is a lot to be said how one perceives things, so what seems like work to one may even be fun for someone else. The only drawback to all the happening's taking place

is that the next 60 days or so, is that they move too fast. Before you know June is over, and it's the 4th of July. It only picks up speed from there and then it's August(((.

So soak up every day, enjoy each minute, and make memories that will last

more than the fast days of summer.

That said take care of yourself, mother nature, and as always BE KIND.

Request for Qualifications

City of Salt Lick

Salt Lick Green Sinks Nature-Based Flood Mitigation

The City of Salt Lick will be accepting statements of qualifications for the Salt Lick Green Sinks Nature-Based Flood Mitigation Project for professional engineering services. Firms interested in applying should visit www.gwadd.org/rfps-public-comment or contact Kristen Royse at (606) 780-0090, ext. 2209 or email kristen.royse@ky.gov for the full Request for Qualifications. Statements of qualifications must be received by 3:30 PM local time by Friday, June 20 th , 2025.

The City of Salt Lick reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities, and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The City of Salt Lick is not responsible or liable for any costs incurred by the consultants replying to this request. The City of Salt Lick is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. Kentucky Relay Service for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-648-6056.

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ABC Company, Inc. d/b/a Hilltop Landing, LLC hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ2 Retail drink license, Quota Retail Drink License, Quota Retail Drink package, Sampling, Distilled Spirits & Wine storage licenses no later than November 1, 2025. The premises licensed will be located at 12 Camp Judy Layne Rd, Kentucky, 40387. The owners are Richard and Virginia D Wright, 178 Springhill Ln, Wellington Ky, 40387. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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Advertisement for Bath County Schools

Surplus Sale

The Bath County Schools' will have a surplus sale on June 12th, 2025 at 11:00am at the Bath County school bus garage, 645 Chenault Dr, Owingsville, KY 40360.

Items to be sold, but not limited to

- 1 School bus
- 1 2004 Chevrolet 2500 2wd
- Inflatables
- Cafeteria tables
- Kitchen Equipment
- Workout equipment
- Solar Car
- Box Trailer
- Desks
- Scrap metal
- Bus parts

and much more

Items can be viewed the day of the sale starting at 10:00am

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(606)768-2730

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Commercial & Residential Service

The Bath County Fire Taxing District is accepting bids for a 2 door commercial fire engine. Engine shall have at a minimum 1000 gallon poly tank with at least a 1250 GPM top mount Pump. Interested parties can contact Ike France at 859-473-0968. Bids can be submitted to the Bath County Fire Taxing District, PO Box 1444 Owingsville, KY 40360. Bids shall be postmarked by 06/12/2025

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Notice of Bid Opportunity for Hay Cutting at Crossroads Elementary

For Bath County Residence only:

The Bath County Schools will be accepting bids for the opportunity to cut hay on the acreage at Crossroads Elementary School.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their Name, Phone Number, and Address to:

Bath County Board of Education
Attn: Phil Dettwiller
405 West Main Street
Owingsville, KY 40360

Deadline for submission:
All bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 12.

Bid Opening:
Bids will be opened on Monday, June 16 at 10:00 AM at the Bath County Board of Education office.

A random drawing will be conducted upon the opening of the final bid. The selected bidder will be granted the opportunity to cut hay for one summer season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Menifee County Fiscal Court is accepting bids for the following:

Installation of a 22ft long metal bridge. This bid will be for the installation of abutment, wing walls and footers.

Please contact our office for bridge specs.

Located on Ratliff Road located off KY HWY 1274.

All Bidders must be State Approved Contractors. Company winning the bid will be subject to Menifee County occupational and net profit taxes.

Bids should be received in the Menifee County Judge Executive office no later than Monday, June 23rd, 2025, by 3:00pm. Bids need to be sealed and marked on the front of the envelope.

Bids will be opened during a fiscal court meeting on June 24, 2025 at 8:00am.

The Menifee County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Salt Lick Watershed Conservancy District, will be received at Bath County Conservation District Office, 71 Miler Drive, Owingsville, Kentucky 40360 until 9:00 a.m., local time, Friday, June 20, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The program of work for which bids are to be submitted consists of the mowing, debris and garbage removal for three (3) watershed lakes located in Bath and Menifee Counties as described below.

The Work for this Project is located in Bath and Menifee Counties:

FRS No.1 latitude/longitude 37.992756°, -83667868° Big Salt Lick Road, Menifee County
MPS No.3 latitude/longitude 38.0567500°, -083.5970028° Clear Creek, Bath County
FRS No.5 latitude/longitude 38.024563°, -083.621378° Carrington Green Rd. Bath County

The Contract Time allotted for the completion of this Contract is Twenty (20) consecutive calendar days.

General Liability Insurance shall be required.

State or Federal Wage Rates do not apply for this project.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of bid opening.

Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

The Bath County Water Shed Board reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids.

The sealed bid for this Project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for Salt Lick Watershed Conservancy District". The bid may be mailed to: Bath County Conservation District Office, 71 Miler Drive, Owingsville, Kentucky 40360.

Salt Lick Watershed
Mike Downs, Chairman
Date: June 2, 2025

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