

## OWEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As sultry summer days descend upon Owen County, memories surface of the old-time revivals that once took center stage in every community.

Revivals lasted anywhere from several days to a couple of weeks, with eventually four days being a preferred number; and according to Mariam Houchens in her book, *History of Owen County, Kentucky*: "Church attendance might have been light in the cold winters of Owen County, but the summer presented a very different picture.

"Summer was when the churches had their two weeks' revivals, known as "protracted meetin's." Worshippers came in buggies from miles away, attending not only their own churches but all the neighboring churches in turn. It somehow worked out that the various revivals followed each other in constant succession.

"By the end of the second week, the meeting would have attained feverish heat, and young couples from many miles away would be attending the services. Many a frying chicken gave up its

life to make a succulent repast for the well-fed preachers."

In 1872, the Concord Association of Baptists held a revival in Owen County. It was attended by crowds from Owen, Carroll, Henry and Gallatin counties who met in the woods on the farm of Josephus Vanderen, about a mile southeast of Dallasburg.

Several local preachers delivered stirring sermons which were accompanied by hymns of praise reverberating throughout the sultry summer air. After three days the faithful proceeded to Mussel Shoals Church where they continued to fellowship and share their faith.

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One proverb stated: "The good people go to camp meetings Friday, backsliders Saturday, rowdies Saturday night, and gentlemen and lady sinners Sunday."

The first revival in the history of Squiresville Church was held in Shelby Thomas' tobacco barn in August 1900.

Mrs. Ira Arnold described this stormy night:

"Often during the evening hour of worship thunder rolled and lightning flashed, but people came. The love of God and a desire to hear the gospel message brought the people together.

"They were accustomed to traveling by horse and buggy, jolt wagons or sleds, also accustomed to the dim light of lanterns and oil lamps so they were undaunted by these handicaps."

Many revivals included services at noon as well as in the evening. Historical Society Board Member Bobby Gibson recalled how the local farmers would come in from the fields for mid-day services and have to scrape mud from their boots on the steps outside the church before entering the sanctuary.

Owen Countian Snowdye Lee Harrison recounted the many revivals she and her father J. A. Lee attended. Reverend Lee was a well-known evangelist in the area during the early 1900's.

"When I was about eight or nine I went with Dad to many protracted meetings and played this little folding organ. We

put it across the back of the buggy, but if it rained it was placed across the front and covered with a black oilcloth."

Snowdye's little child's organ was donated to the Historical Society and now sits in the parlor of the Owen County Historical Society Museum.

Revivals were never complete without a shared dinner. Everyone pitched in with platters of fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits slathered with butter and tables laden with every dessert imaginable.

Snowdye wrote about these dinners:

"Do you remember the long tables of food at these associations? They baked cakes for days and apple pies were piled up five and six high. They were sliced through clear to the plate, but one was supposed to just take the top slice.

"Then there was a stack pie I remember seeing at many of the meetings. Pie dough was rolled out, about the size of a plate. About four or five were rolled out and baked in large pans.

"Sweetened and slightly stewed blackberry or raspberry mixture was spread between the layers of crust. This was called stack pie and

was cut into wedges."

"Good? Yes, indeed."

We find the recorded history of many of these uplifting spirit-filled Owen County Revivals in our newspapers and our county history books; and we read about their spiritual impact in family diaries and letters.

Yet as the 21st century steam-rolled in and folks became fixated on technology and social media, the number of Owen County Revivals dwindled; and today they seem to have little more effect than a candle sputtering in the darkness.

A recent study showed most folks who consider themselves to be Christian spend a total of 2.5 minutes a day reading the Bible and praying. Compare that to the 5 hours a day they spend on their cell phones and the 2-3 hours daily they devote to social media.

Evangelist and author Leonard Ravenhill lamented: "How can you pull down strongholds of Satan if you don't even have enough strength to turn off the T.V.?" (Or your computer or your cell phone?)

Perhaps there is yet time to embrace the essence of old-time revivals that ignited the flames of Christianity and created new hope in the

souls of men and women across the nation; leaving in their wake a rich legacy that remains an integral part of our American history and heritage.

Don't miss the opportunity to talk with collectors of ancient artifacts when the Historical Society presents Ancient Artifact Day on Saturday, August 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall. Tools and arrowheads that were part of everyday life of ancient Americans will be on display. Bring the whole family, stop by, visit and ask questions.

In my article last week on Owen County Doctors, I inadvertently left out Dr. George Greene, who not only was a native Owen Countian and a Lexington gynecologist, but who also prepared a treatise on the many doctors who were connected to Owen County in one way or another and presented this invaluable information to the Owen County Historical Society during the Sesquicentennial celebration in 1969.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Greene for his dedication both as a doctor and as a historian. His documentation is included in "History of Owen County, Kentucky" by Mariam Houchens, available from the Historical Society for \$38.

## OWEN COUNTY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Owen County Public Library calendar of events.

### MONDAY, AUG. 18

10 a.m. Stretch and strengthen exercise. This workout consists of gentle and dynamic exercises that are safe while challenging every fitness level. Move

every muscle for a healthy body. Join Miss Julie and follow the video on the big screen.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

10 a.m. Foods to boost brain health. Join us for an educational morning discussion about what foods bene-

fit our brains with Debbie from Humana.

2 p.m. Cursive handwriting clinic. Learn the proper formation of cursive letters and words following the Zaner-Bloser method. Perfect introduction to cursive handwriting or a refresher class for others. Adults are welcome.

Practical follow-up assignments and activities will be given to participants.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 21

10 a.m. Yoga with Amy. Instructor Amy Martin leads this week's practice. Enjoy gentle yoga poses and deep breathing. Always a treat to

have Amy visit from Northern Kentucky. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome.

11 a.m. Walk in place to the Leslie Sansone 30-minute walking video in the spacious meeting room. Walking with friends makes time pass faster. There is no time like

the present to get moving.

3:15 p.m. UNO Party. Drop by the library after school. Enjoy snacks, friends, and Uno.

6 p.m. Gordon's Gourmet. Each month, Chef Gordon shares kitchen tips, cooking techniques, and tasty recipes. Join us! Everyone is welcome.

## FORD

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a midsize, four-door electric pickup truck in 2027 for domestic and international markets, the company said Monday.

The new electric trucks will feature plenty of interior space to fit five adults and pack enough power to have a targeted 0-60 time as fast as a Mustang EcoBoost but with more downforce, Ford said. The electric trucks will be powered by lower-cost batteries made at a Ford factory in Michigan. The Detroit automaker previously announced a \$3 billion investment to build the battery factory.

The automaker sees this as a "Model T moment" for its EV business — a reference to revolutionary changes on the production line led by the company's founder, Henry Ford, when it began churning out vehicles from a factory more than a century ago. Farley said the changes will upend how electric vehicles are made in the U.S.

"It represents the most radical change on how we design and how we build vehicles at Ford since the Model T," Farley said.

The company said it will use a universal platform and production system for its EVs, essentially the underpinning of a vehicle that can be applied across a wide range of models.

The Louisville factory — one of two Ford assembly plants in Kentucky's largest city — will be revamped to cut production costs and make assembly time faster as it's prepared to churn out electric vehicles.

The result will be "an affordable electric vehicle that we expect to be profitable," Farley said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the announcement. "This is an example of us rejuvenating our U.S. plants with the most modern manufacturing techniques."

The new platform enables

a lineup of affordable vehicles to be produced at scale, Ford said. It will reduce parts by 20% versus a typical vehicle, with 25% fewer fasteners, 40% fewer workstations dock-to-dock in the plant and a 15% faster assembly time, Ford said.

The traditional assembly line will be transformed into an "assembly tree" at the Louisville plant, the company said. Instead of one long conveyor, three subassembly lines will operate simultaneously and then join together, it said.

Other specifications for the midsize electric truck — including its reveal date, starting price, EPA-estimated battery range, battery sizes and charge times — will be announced later, the company said. Farley revealed that the truck will have a targeted starting price of about \$30,000.

Ford said its investment in the Louisville plant will secure 2,200 hourly jobs.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said Monday that the automaker's plans for the Louisville plant will strengthen a more than century-old partnership between Ford and the Bluegrass State.

"This announcement not only represents one of the largest investments on record in our state, it also boosts Kentucky's position at the center of EV-related innovation and solidifies Louisville Assembly Plant as an important part of Ford's future," Beshear said.

Ford said its combined

investment of about \$5 billion at the Kentucky assembly plant and Michigan battery plant is expected to create or secure nearly 4,000 direct jobs between the two plants while strengthening the domestic supply chain with dozens of new U.S.-based suppliers.

Ford previously forecast weaker earnings growth for this year and further losses in its electric vehicles business as it works to control costs. Model e, Ford's electric vehicle business, posted a full-year loss of \$5.08 billion for 2024 as revenue fell 35% to \$3.9 billion.

Ford's new EV strategy comes as Chinese automakers are quickly expanding across the globe, offering relatively affordable electric vehicles.

"We're not in a race to build the most electric cars," Farley told the AP when asked about competition from China. "We're in a race to have a sustainable electric business that's profitable, that customers love."

"And this new vehicle built in Louisville, Kentucky, is going to be a much better solution to anything that anyone can buy from China," he added.

Ford could have opted to launch its EV project overseas to reap lower-cost labor and currency advantages but instead is "taking the fight to our competition" from the plant in Kentucky, Farley said at Monday's event. But the Ford CEO cautioned that "there are no guarantees" with project.

## OWEN COUNTY SENIOR CALENDAR

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The Owen County Senior Center has a variety of events scheduled this month. The center is located at 118 N. Main St. in Owenton.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Options available daily include cards, Wii, cornhole games, puzzles, color therapy, TV, and walking and exercise equipment.

Individuals can call 502-484-3139 for more information. All trips require an RSVP by a certain date. Individuals can call the center for information on the dates.

### MONDAY, AUG. 18

9 a.m. coffee and chat; 10 a.m. Community Resource Mgt. (RSVP); :0 p.m. chair

yoga for seniors DVD.

### Tuesday, Aug. 19

9 a.m. coffee and chat; 11 a.m. color therapy; 1 p.m. Deer Creek Labradoodles therapy dogs; 2 p.m. Walking Club.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

9 a.m. coffee and chat; 11 a.m. word search; 1 p.m. Walking Club; 1:30 p.m. Bingo with Angie Miller (German American).

### Thursday, Aug. 21

9 a.m. coffee and chat; 11 a.m. color therapy; 1 p.m. St. Elizabeth health screenings; 1:30 p.m. presentation by Claire Robbins, nutritionist with Ensure.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 22

10 a.m. leaving to go eat and then to firing squad ceramics.

## OWEN COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

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The Meals on Wheels menu, Aug. 18 through Aug. 11 is as follows:

### Monday, Aug. 18

Chicken Alfredo with penne pasta, sliced carrots, broccoli, slice of bread, tropical fruit juice, snack bar.

### Tuesday, Aug. 19

Flame broiled beef steak, roasted bakers, mixed vegetables, slice of bread, peaches, brownie

### Wednesday, Aug. 20


Ham and beans, spinach, redskin potatoes, slice of bread, applesauce, Sun chips.

### Thursday, Aug. 21

Lasagna rollup with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, slice of bread, grape juice, graham crackers

### Friday, Aug. 22

Chicken strips, mixed vegetables, sweet potato cubes, sun butter, tropical fruit juice, brownie



# LEGAL NOTICE

ESTATE TO BE ADMINISTERED: Sondra Hudgins  
 ADMINISTRATOR: Carey Lee Tamplin, 1680 Old Monterey Rd  
 Owenton, KY 40359  
 DATE OF ADMINISTRATION: 8/7/2025  
 6 MONTH DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS: 2/7/2026  
 ATTORNEY: Mark R. Cobb, PO Box 342 Owenton, KY 40359

ESTATE TO BE ADMINISTERED: Loretta Sue Byrd  
 ADMINISTRATOR: Alexander Shimp, 2109 South Burlington Dr  
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 DATE OF ADMINISTRATION: 8/7/2025  
 6 MONTH DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS: 2/7/2026  
 ATTORNEY: Geoffrey B. Greenawalt, 415 West Main St  
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**PHILIP WALKER** 2 TRACTS → 13 ACRES & 10 ACRES

# ESTATE AUCTION

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23rd @ 10:00AM**  
**348 Hawkins Lane, Stamping Ground KY**



**Tract 1: 348 Hawkins Lane**

- House and 13± acres
- Main level: Living room/kitchen combo, 2BR and 1BA
- Basement has a den, 2 bedrooms, half bath w/laundry area

**Tract 2: 326 Hawkins Lane**

- 10± acres-great hunting land
- Excellent building site
- Mostly wooded

**Tracts selling separately and will not be combined.**

Any inspection for lead base paint or wood destroying organisms must be done prior to auction date and at the expense of the purchaser. **TERMS:** 10% down non-refundable auction day, close on or before October 7, 2025. Any financing required must be arranged prior to auction date. No Exceptions. **NO BUYERS PREMIUM!!**  
 Announcements AUCTION day take precedence over written material.

Directions: US 127S 11.2 mi, left on Ky 368S 12.3 mi; left on Ky 227N 0.6mi, right on Bonds Road (1059)2.7 mi, turn left on Hawkins Lane to auction site.

**PREVIEW: SUNDAY August 17th 2:00 - 4:00PM and on sale day at 9:00AM**

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