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Owenton man named America's best bank pool player

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For legendary pool player and Owen County native John Brumback, who was recently named the greatest bank pool player in American history by "The Best In Billiards," his lifelong passion for the game began at age 12 with a little sibling rivalry.

The spark came when his older brother, Randy, received a pool table as a high school graduation gift.

"He would not let me play on it unless he was there with him," Brumback recalled with a laugh, remembering the competitive matches they played as boys. Randy usually came out on top, but those losses only fueled John's determination.

"I wanted to get better just so I could hold my own, maybe beat him someday," he said.

Determined to improve, Brumback secretly practiced whenever his brother left for work. He would carefully remove the table cover, making sure to remember exactly how it was positioned so he could replace it before Randy returned



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John Brumback enjoys a game of pool at friend Greg Estes' home in Owenton. He was recently named the best bank pool player in American history.

home.

"My brother never knew I practiced in secret," Brumback said. "I started banging pool balls, practicing everything that he did, how he held the stick, and that's how I

pretty much got started."

Today, Brumback still speaks proudly of Randy, who passed away 10 years ago, "He was good at

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John Brumback is shown in this undated photo playing pool at his family's home in Owenton.



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Food Truck Friday returns to Owenton Aug. 21.

Food Truck Friday on tap Aug. 21

BY ANN CARTER
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Food Truck Friday returns to the Old Courthouse Square on Friday, Aug. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., promising an evening filled with food, music and family-friendly fun.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and a hearty appetite as they relax and enjoy the festivities on the lawn.

Entertainment, sponsored by German American Bank, will feature local bluegrass favorite John Harrod and Kentucky Wild Horse Band, who will fill the square with

down-home tunes throughout the evening.

Food vendors will include Bare Dog BBQ, where local pitmaster Spencer Lawson will be serving up his popular smoked meats and savory sides. Guests can also fill

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Lady Rebels past and present celebrate 20 years of volleyball

BY STAFF REPORTS

Hurley Clark:
Colligan Laneair:
Rice Courtney:

The Owen County Lady Rebels volleyball program celebrated 20 years of volleyball this week by hosting its first alumni game, bringing former players back together for a night full of competition, memories, and plenty of laughs.

Twenty Lady Rebel alumni returned to Floyd Grithon Gymnasium to lace up their shoes and take the court once again. For some, it

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Coach Josie Colligan is shown with alumni Kendall Whobrey, Skye DeCandia, Lexie Kelly, Audrey Farrar, Maddie Morgan, Makayla Boothe, Lauren Cordona, and Coach Gracie Leneair.

Sports briefs

From staff reports

REBELS FOOTBALL ALUMNI NIGHT TO BE HELD AUG. 28

OWENTON — Rebels Football Alumni Night is set to be held on Friday, Aug. 28.

Owen County is scheduled to host longtime rival Grant County for a non-district game on Rebels Football Alumni Night.

All football alumni from Owen County are invited to attend the upcoming event. Alumni are asked to arrive early and be signed up by 6:45 p.m.

All alumni will be recognized before the Owen County-Grant County game, starting at 7:10 p.m.

Each alumnus will receive a coupon for a free drink and popcorn courtesy of Commonwealth Credit Union.

The Owen County-Grant County game is slated to kick off at 7:30 p.m.

CCHS BAND GOLF SCRAMBLE TO BE HELD AUG. 15

WHEATLEY — The CCHS Band Golf Scramble is set to be held at Fairway Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Proceeds from the golf scramble will benefit the Carroll County High School Band.

Registration is \$70 per player or \$280 per team.

Hole sponsorships are available starting at \$100 apiece.

The entry fee for longest drive and closest to the pin is \$10 per player.

Mulligans and skirts will be offered for \$5 each.

Golfers will begin lining up at 8:30 a.m.

The scramble will start at 9 a.m.

Information about Fairway Golf Course is available online at www.playfairwaygc.com.

To register for the scramble or sponsor a hole in the event, call 502-662-1386.

MBMS VOLLEYBALL TEAM RELEASES SCHEDULE

OWENTON — The Maurice Bowling Middle School volleyball team has released its schedule for the 2026 season.

The Lady Rebels are preparing to make their 2026 middle school volleyball season debut later in the month.

Familiar rivals fill the Maurice Bowling Middle School volleyball team's 2026 schedule. The opponents on the MBMS volleyball team's 2026 schedule include Henry County, Gallatin County, Eminence, Carroll County and Trimble County.

The players comprising the Maurice Bowling Middle School volleyball team's roster are Tillie Beckham, Emma Blackwell, June Popp, Hayden Carter, Gracelyn Cox, Harley Delaney, Kate Grace, Reese O'Toole, Skylee Small, Lockett Beckham, Josie Colligan, Iris Fleming, Bella Luna, Clara Riley, Lacie

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Cedar Hill to celebrate 150th anniversary

BY STAFF REPORTS

Cedar Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 20, the church announced.

The event will include a choir that will sing a medley of hymns at 2 p.m.

Those interested in being part of the choir are asked to join a rehearsal scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 16. Several more rehearsals will follow.

"Make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord' with us," organizers said.

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