

Historical Society celebrates pioneers and the Kentucky River

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Sights and sounds of the Kentucky River joined with American history last week when the Historical Society celebrated Kids Pioneer and Kentucky River Days. The result was an amazing cornucopia of patriotic and old-time music and early American crafts and games celebrating Owen County and America's history.

Families came from Northern Kentucky to Grant and Franklin Counties to enjoy the nostalgic and fun-filled day. The day began with a journey back to pioneer Kentucky. My husband Tom Strassell and I have been historical re-enactors for over 40 years; and bringing the frontier to life for visitors has been an integral part of our lives. Tom demonstrated how to light a fire with flint and steel and he explained the importance of muzzle-loading guns, tomahawks and knives, all of which were included in his display. Kids enjoyed making candles, punched tin decorations and a button-on-a-string. Cane poles were on hand for them to build their own fishing poles to take home. Soon the adults were joining the kids to make their own early American crafts; and it wasn't long before families gathered to enjoy races with rolling hoops and wooden buckets of water. Old-time checker games, marble competitions and hopscotch added to the fun.

Our annual Kentucky River Day was also celebrated and was set in motion by Becky and Dave DeBruler playing America's patriotic songs on the banjo, dulcimer and guitar in the museum's backyard. As Dave's skilful fingers glided along guitar strings, Becky's spirited banjo joined in, and along with their melodious voices, the air was filled with music from America's past. Visitors joined in singing long forgotten tunes; and nostalgic memories of American history took root and blossomed. Our day ended on a high note (literally) as Owen County favorite Faye Shelton presented a lively ren-



Luke Schoultheis watches big brother Gabriel hammer a punched tin decoration.



Father and son from Frankfort race with rolling hoops.



Cassadee Schoultheis shows off her skills at old-time marbles.

dition of riverboat melodies on the museum's ruby-red calliope. As Faye's slender nimble fingers glided up and down the calliope keys, showboat songs of the past reverberated throughout Owenton. Although the Historical Society calliope is air-powered, calliopes on riverboats ran by steam. They produced shrill loud music that could be heard for miles, and in the early 1900's, Owen Countians would rush to the river when the calliope announced the coming of a showboat. Our thanks to everyone who made this celebration of America a great success. Thank you, Elijah Ayres and Chloe Harmon. Your untiring work and dedication to the Historical Society and our vision is amazing. Special thanks to Johnson's Country Ham Mobile who made time in their busy schedule to come to our event and offer their delicious food to our visitors. Also, thanks to Julie Donahue who continues to bring news and updates on our Facebook page; and who passes along all the inquiries about Owen County history and genealogy.

Schedule announced for church's 150th anniversary

Cedar Hill Baptist Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20, the church announced. Each day will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. followed by a morning worship service at 11, with special music from the Borne Family and the preaching of God's word, the church announced. A fellowship meal will follow. At 2 p.m., there will be a special service to honor all the saints who have gone before us, organizers said. The Ol Elkhorn Pickers Club will perform at 6 p.m. "We will recount Cedar Hill's history through song and wonderful memories from several faithful pastors who have led our congregation over the years." Cedar Hill fun fact: During WWII, the church bought a war bond in April 1942 and placed it at People's Bank for safekeeping

until maturity. Church is located at 3930 Cedar Hill Baptist U.S. 127 South in Owenton.

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Cannibals among us: Ever been chewed out or chewed up?

Two cannibals were eating dinner, and one said to the other, "I really don't like my mother-in-law. The other replied, "Well, just eat your noodles then."

Two cannibals were eating a clown. One turned to the other and asked, "Does this taste funny to you?"

There are tons of cannibal jokes circulating nowadays. It's striking to me that someone found humor in cannibalism, a subject that's far from funny, and began making corny jokes about it.

Here's one more of those jokes before I move on: What did the cannibal get when he was late coming home for dinner? Cold shoulder.

We'd like to think we're far removed from cannibalism in our modern American culture, and, literally, that's true enough. But figuratively, we can be guilty of devouring our neighbors with gossip and backbiting.

I once worked as a reporter in a small town where the mayor, an elderly and seemingly harmless man, was severely at odds with nearly the entire city council, or perhaps the city council was severely at odds with him. More than 30 years later, I recall the pain in his voice as he talked to me about how it felt to be "chewed on" by those slanderous folks.



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What that mayor endured more than three decades ago is still going on in lots of towns and cities today. Sadly, it's also going on in our churches, as well. Just about every preacher in the early church warned against such shenanigans. Lay aside all evil speaking (1 Peter 2:1). Speak evil of no one (Titus 3:1-2).

Do not slander one another (James 4:11). Solomon had a remedy to the problem of slanders, a rather harsh one: "Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended" (Proverbs 22:10). I've seen towns and communities and, yes, even churches suffer for years the ill effects of quarrelsome, slanderous sorts who do nothing more than stir up strife by trying to devour everyone around them. They boast about chewing up others or chewing out others.

They're a sad lot, trying to make themselves feel better by devouring others, which reminds me: Did you hear about the cannibal wife who asked her husband: "What in the world make you think I wanted a subscription to People Magazine?"

"Oh, I'm sorry, dear," he responded. "I thought it was a cookbook."

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