

OPINIONS

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Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

“By awakening the Native American teachings you come to realize that the earth is not something simply that you build upon and walk upon and drive upon and take for granted. It is a living entity. It has a consciousness.”

Edgar Cayce, Kentucky psychic, prophet and mystic

“When the trigger's movin' backwards
And the pin hits the shell
When my soul's sinkin' slowly
To the warm pits of hell
Won't you tell my baby

sister

That I'll be back in the fall

'Cause it's better to have false hope
Than no hope at all.”

From the song: ‘The Harvest’ by eastern Kentucky singer/ songwriter, Tyler Childers

“The discoveries of Psychometry will enable us to explore the history of man, as those of geology enable us to explore the history of the earth. There are mental fossils for psychologists as well as mineral fossils for the geologists; and I believe that hereafter the psychologist and the geologist will go hand in hand — the one portraying the earth, its animals and its vegetation, while the other portrays the human beings who have roamed over its surface in the shadows, and the darkness of primeval barbarism! Aye, the mental telescope is now discovered which may pierce the depths of the past and bring us in full view of the grand and tragic passages of ancient history!”

Joseph Rodes Buchanan (1814-1899). Buchanan was an American physician and professor of

physiology at the Eclectic Medical Institute in Covington, Kentucky. Buchanan was the first to use the term psychometry.

Martha Mills, late March, 2025

“Oh, Baby, I got one!”

I heard Amber say with excitement in her voice, on a recent archaeological adventure on our property along Fleming Creek, in central Fleming County, known locally as the fading community of Martha Mills.

Amber and I, and our ‘Number One Son’, Cassidy, have been looking around the property off and on for aver a year.

On that particular outing, our good friend, Johnny Jett, known far and wide as a master craftsman and one of two stars from Fleming County you may have seen on Barnwood Builders TV program, had executed some backhoe work in an attempt to find the exact location of the mill that once stood there.

“Backhoe archaeology 101,” is what Johnny called it!

Although we didn’t find any millstones Amber did find a nice Na-

tive American artifact, a bifurcated Paleo-era projectile, known as a ‘Fox Valley’ style.

Johnny’s Barnwood Builder partner and fellow Fleming County craftsman, Sherman Thompson, is also a relic hunter and a future publication I am working on will be an effort to highlight folks like Johnny and Sherman and the wonderful artifacts they and I and Amber and Cassidy and others have been found through the year.

I am an avid student of history, particularly the pioneer and Native American history of northeast and central Kentucky.

We have an abundance of fascinating history in the region of Kentucky we call home.

The various, fresh water and saline springs that have flowed in abundance in our region have attracted the attention of Kentuckians for over 10,000 years.

Early Native American peoples, we identify and refer to as belonging to the “Paleo Culture” called our region home in very ancient times. The evidence of their ex-

istence is largely based on the stone projectile points they utilized in hunting, and those stone projectile points are very unique in their shape and are fairly easy to identify by archaeologist and collectors, alike.

The lance-shaped projectiles, which are commonly referred to as ‘arrowheads’, were never used with a bow and arrow.

They were propelled by hunters through the use of an atlatl, or spear-throwing mechanism, which added extra power and force of propulsion through a special shaped device that acted as an extension of the hunter’s arm, and was used to help throw spear points greater distances, with greater force, than simply throwing such projectiles over handed would do.

Archaeologists believe Paleo hunters and their families were nomadic in nature and though loosely belonged to large social groups of like-minded clans and extended families, mostly lived and travelled in groups that seldom exceeded three dozen individuals.

Members of the Paleo Culture were not at the top of the food chain. They were not even among the top five Alpha predators that lived in our region, and the fact that they were able to co-exist with an abundance of such aggressive and dangerous animals (large predatory cats such as saber-toothed tigers, dire wolves, grizzly bears and other, now-extinct and larger bear family groups, mountain lions, and large grey wolf packs) for thousands of years, lends testament to their ability to master their environment and thrive in extremely dangerous times.

Though commonly characterized as being ‘big game hunters’ who pursued large fauna such as big-horn bison and a variety of elephant species, paleo people primarily focused on plant foraging and hunting, fishing and trapping, smaller species, though they did pursue larger game like the bison and elephants.

Over 350 Paleo sites have been studied in Kentucky and more research is being conducted all the while.

COMMUNITY

Nancy Green “Pancake Queen” Spring Festival

Date of Event: Saturday, April 26th

Time and Location: 10am-3pm at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Mt. Sterling, KY

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The Third Annual Nancy Green “Pancake Queen” Spring Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26th at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Mt. Sterling, KY from 10am until 3pm. The festival will include a full day of pancakes, live music, street vendors, food trucks, raffles, a drum circle, Jr. Chef Culinary Competition and the First Responders Chili Cook Off!

The festival will kick off at 10am on the Courthouse Lawn with a welcome by local officials and a special performance by the Morehead State University Black

Gospel Ensemble. Live music will be performed on the Courthouse Lawn from 10am- 3pm, hosted by local musician Barry Reed with 75 Split and sponsored by the Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Tourism Commission. The Gateway Regional Arts Center will host a community drum circle and a performance by the Gateway Community Youth Chorus. The Arts Center on Main Street and the History Museum, next to the Courthouse, will also be open for visitors during the festival!

A pancake breakfast will be available for purchase starting at 10am as part of the fundraiser for the Nancy Green Leadership Scholarship Fund. The Nancy Green Culinary Scholarship is available to minority students from Montgomery County High School, who will attend a 2 or 4 year College or University majoring

in Culinary, Communications/Media or Business. Application information is available on the website www.theNancyGreenProject.org

The public will pick the winner of The First Responders Chili Cook Off between 10:30am and Noon by sampling chili prepared by the Fire Department, Police Department and the Sheriff’s Office. Bowls of chili will be available to purchase beginning at Noon, until they run out. The winner will be announced at 1pm and receive the trophy for “Best Chili in 2025”!

The 4H Junior Culinary Competition will begin at Noon on the Courthouse Lawn hosted by Ivan Ralls and sponsored by Fritts Million Insurance and will feature three teams preparing food from Kentucky Proud products. A panel of celebrity judges will pick the

winning team and they will receive \$250!

The Nancy Green Project would like to thank all the generous sponsors for this year’s festival: Presenting Sponsor, Community Trust Bank, Supporting Sponsors: Traditional Bank, Mt. Sterling Kiwanis Club, People’s Exchange Bank, Fritts Million Insurance, Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Tourism and T-shirt Sponsor, Big Ass Coffee of Hawaii. Thanks also to the In-Kind Sponsors: Kroger, MOCO Black & Hispanic Achievers, Gateway Regional Arts Center, Townsend Sorghum, Dairy Queen, Ale 8 One, Montgomery County Fiscal Court and the City of Mt. Sterling!

The festival is being held to honor the life and legacy of Nancy Green, the Original “Aunt Jemima” born into slavery on March 4th, 1834 in Montgomery Coun-

ty. She moved from Kentucky to Chicago with a local family to help raise their children. She was a nurse, chef, caregiver and became known in the community for her delicious pancakes. In 1890, she was hired by R.T. Davis Milling and became known for her portrayal as the original “Aunt Jemima”. She was the advertising world’s first living trademark and spokesperson, model, businesswoman and entrepreneur. Nicknamed the "Pancake Queen" after selling more than 50,000 boxes of pancake mix at the 1893 World’s Columbian Fair. Green became well known for her culinary skill and ability to market her product across the country. She was so popular, that her notoriety affected trademark laws, and in 1915 the “Aunt Jemima Doctrine”

became law in this country and is a trademark law in America still today. Nancy Green was also instrumental in the growth of Olivet Baptist Church, the oldest in the city of Chicago, Illinois, which was established in 1850. She was a missionary, activist and philanthropist, who fought for equality. Olivet Baptist became the largest congregation in Chicago with more than 9,000 members by 1920. Nancy Green worked tirelessly within the Bronzeville community to advocate against poverty in Chicago until her death on August 30th, 1923.

For more information about the festival and donations for the Nancy Green Leadership Scholarship Fund, visit the website www.theNancyGreenProject.org

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



Photo courtesy of FC Sheriff Tim Smith Facebook page

The second week of April is dedicated to National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time to honor the men and women who are always ready to respond when you call. This week we proudly recognize and thank our dedicated dispatchers, the first First Responders, who remain calm under pressure and play a critical role in saving lives each day.

Established in the early

1980s, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week acknowledges the vital contributions of dispatchers who often work behind the scenes and rarely receive the spotlight. They are an essential part of our emergency response system, and we are grateful for their unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

A heartfelt thank you to our dispatchers for everything they do for Fleming County.

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Good Friday Fish Fry

Amity Lodge No. 40 F. & A.M. will have its “Good Friday” fish fry at the Lodge hall located at 102 E. Seventh Street in Millersburg, KY on April 18, 2025.

The "all you can eat meal " (dine in only) will be served from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, or until the fish is gone. The menu will consist of fish, baked beans, cole slaw and hush puppies. Cost this year will be \$10.00 including drink. Carry out will also be available. Thanks in advance.



NOTICE

Starting April 21, 2025
All week
Monday - Friday
The City of Flemingsburg Utilities Will Be Flushing Hydrants, You May Experience Low Water Pressure and/or Discolored Water for the Next Few Days.

Thanks Flemingsburg Utilities

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FREE CLEAN-UP WEEK FOR RESIDENTS OF FLEMINGSBURG ONLY

The City of Flemingsburg will be conducting a Free Clean-Up Week Monday through Friday April 21st thru 25th. There will be a roll off dumpster located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (497 E. Water St.) from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. every day that week. Residents will be responsible for hauling, unloading, and placing items in the dumpsters. CITY EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE HANDLING ANY ITEMS. Only City residents will be given access to the dumpster. The attendant on duty will verify residency by checking photo IDs. Please have IDs readily available. We have the right to decline any items. Residential only, businesses will not be permitted.

- Prohibited items include (but are not limited to)
- Batteries
 - Tires
 - Trees
 - Lawnmowers
 - Paint - unless dried up

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice to Unknown Heirs of Lula Mae Davis

Notice is hereby given by J. Richard Reid, Warning Order Attorney, to any and all heirs that a legal action has been filed in the Fleming Circuit Court on 16th day of June, 2024.

For more information, please contact J. Richard Reid at 740 Kenton Station Road, Maysville, Kentucky 41056. Phone No. 606-956-9641 or Email: richard@reidlawky.com

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Notice to Unknown Heirs of Douglas Robinson

Notice is hereby given by J. Richard Reid, Warning Order Attorney, to any and all heirs that a legal action has been filed in the Fleming Circuit Court on 27th day of September, 2024.

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The City of Flemingsburg is seeking applications for the position of Police Officer.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 20 years of age & will be 21 years of age at the time of academy graduation.
- Possess a valid operator's license.
- High School Graduate or have successfully completed a G.E.D. examination.
- Never been convicted of a felony.
- Is not prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm.
- Discharged under honorable conditions, if having served in the U.S. armed forces.
- Candidates must be POPS certified or able to obtain such certification through DOCJT/ KLEC within one (1) year of appointment to position.

Application will be accepted through the month of April 2025.

People interested in applying for this position may pick up an application and complete job description at City Hall 140 West Electric Ave Flemingsburg, KY 41041 or at the Flemingsburg Police Department 150 Clark Street Flemingsburg, KY 41041 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday- Friday or on our website at www.flemingsburgky.org.

For additional information, please contact Chief Daniel Pollock at (606) 845-2321 or at daniel.pollock@flemingsburgky.org.

The City of Flemingsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any applicant who needs ADA accommodation in the employment selection process shall request the accommodation from the city clerk.

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