

OWEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A refreshing breeze broke through the hot, sultry day as dulcimers, guitars, a harmonica and even a washboard joined in together to celebrate an afternoon of old-time hymns and favorite songs of the past.



**BONNIE STRASSELL**  
On Saturday, June 21, music wafted across the backyard of the Owen County Historical Society Museum as memories of Owen County revivals were created. Beloved hymns such as "Amazing Grace," "I'll Fly Away and "When we all get to heaven" took center stage as some of the visitors sang along as we journeyed into the past The Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' meets every Tuesday from 10-2 at the Odd Fellows Hall; and welcomes anyone who would like to stop in and listen.



**The Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' celebrated America's favorite hymns and songs of the past at the Historical Society's Summer Concert on Saturday, June 21.**  
Some of its members are a beat as the chorus of dulcimers and guitars blended well into their 80's; and yet their nimble fingers don't miss perfectly in a cornucopia of

harmonious music. The simple sweet sound of the dulcimer has been around since the early 19th century among the Scotch-Irish immigrants in the Appalachian Mountains. Although the dulcimer was never known to be part of the Scottish or Irish culture, it has been speculated that the first settlers in the mountians of Appalachia were unable to make the more complex violin because of lack of tools and time, resulting in an instrument that was easier to build and play. Soon the Appalachian dulcimer traveled throughout Kentucky; and today it is considered a core instrument in the American old-time music tradition, The dulcimer is intricately tied to our history. In times of sorrow and strife, joy and laughter, its melodious voice reaches across time and distance to form a tapestry of color and cadence that binds

the souls of one generation to the next. There is not doubt the musicians who are a part of the Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' take to heart the idom to "stop and smell the roses." But instead of roses, these dedicated folks appreciate the simple joys of life with their focus on getting together with friends and playing hymns and songs that continue to captivate the hearts and delight the souls of the American people. A special thanks to all who made this memorable concert a success, including the Society's president, Darrel Baker, who didn't allow his age to keep him from helping move picnic tables. Thanks also to our younger members, Elijah Ayres and Jacob Lily whose help was greatly appreciated. A big thank-you to Bear Dog BBQ, whose brisket and bbq sandwiches are indescribably delicious.

KAYS BRANCH AND BEYOND

**BY WANDA NEW**  
Summer officially began on Friday and if you dare to venture outdoors you can feel real quickly that it sure feels like summer with temperatures in the 80's and 90's all week. That will be good for all the farmers who have waited for drying weather to cut hay, this week is It. I know Ray, Tim and Rick will be out in that heat and Nathan Ambrose is cutting some of Fay True's hay too. I cannot handle heat that well but I usually have to help them haul it in. I am getting up before the sunrise to trim and drag the vines off my lake while it is cool. It is nice for a couple of hours early. And I see deer out grazing then too. Everything has grown so fast with all the rain it is looking like a jungle if we don't keep after it. I will bushhog some of our main travel area, I like it pretty. Ray mowed around the cabin last week for me. I never could reach Beth and family; they are probably in their pool trying to keep cool. Danny's birthday was June 21. We went to my cabin on Monday evening and had to hold umbrella above the fire to roast hot dogs and baked potatoes because it started raining just as we got the fire built. But we managed and Rays sister Jean came and ate with us. There weren't many coals left to cook breakfast after it rained a half inch here, but the rain


sounded good on the metal roof. I did a little painting job for Ron Holland last week. His sister Donna and husband were there in their camper to visit for about 5 days from New York, so I got to see them before they left. Unfortunately, Ron got his leg tangled in his oxygen hose and fell on his deck so in addition to his Wegner's issues he is sore from those injuries. He could use your prayers. Gabe and Toree went to a Billy Strings concert Sat night in Lex. so grandmothers Amy, Barbara and Joyce kept Ila Daisy and the 7-week-old baby, Piper Helen, who was a handful all night. Sometimes they just can't get settled and quiet. Jennifer and Fay again had church service at Jennifer's house In Lex. and Everett Roberts cooked fish for Mt. Vernon church member's picnic. They had a house full, I'm sure they had to stay in from the heat. It's usually not this hot at end of June. Fay said her brother in law, Buddy Coyle, passed away last week. They will go to the funeral on Monday. He was married to Fays sister, Sue who passed several years ago. The Harrods had a busy week with family. Tona took granddaughter Kitty to classes at Broadway Clay every day to create something special. She had given Kitty a guitar several months ago so she spent some time helping her learn some of the important pointers. Tona's niece

and her 2 boys came and spent 2 nights, so Beth came from Bardstown to visit them and she took Kitty home as she left. John and Tona played music Monday at the Owen County Democratic Party's picnic at the Fairgrounds. Tona and Kitty were the Winner of the egg toss; those were tough eggs. They also played at the first Owen County Craft Market Evening sale on Thursday. Patrick said he had a pretty easy week. He is helping Charlie Schimmoeller build six-sided coffins and also pine box caskets in case anyone may be interested. You can hear people say you can find almost anything at the 127 yard sale so this is a good example. He will have them under his big white tent at my yard sale which is coming fast. Aug. 7-10. Call for your space at my mother's near Old Cedar Church. Patrick had lunch with his family at the Ashbrook Hotel in Frankfort on Wed. and his weekly lunch with Richard. On Friday they went to the Summer Solstice celebration, longest day of the year, at AMA on Elkhorn creek. Hannah and Trina were there too, just in sight of Eric's Four Fingers Fireworks tent. Charlie said their picture is on a big billboard at Spaghetti junction on Versailles Road, you can't miss it.

July 4th is coming soon. Dara and Pat have been picking gooseberries off vines Trina gave them a few years ago. She makes some type of "jam" to pour over ice cream. They have raspberry vines along their road but the birds are eating most of them. I have vines at the lake that have produced the most I've ever seen so I am taking something to pick in and hope they are still there when I get there. Friday was the perfect evening for Hannah's monthly dinner at Holly Hill Inn with her guest Deborah White, who is a vegetarian but they were very accommodating to her needs with a vegetarian friendly menu. They enjoyed an awesome meal at a table on the porch and afterward strolled thru the Gardens there where they grow some of their produce on site. Hannah had another varied week of events. Monday was a Focus on Race Relations discussion of Juneteenth holiday. Tuesday was an Inter Faith council meeting with 19-year-old lady speaking on her faith experience and thoughts. Next day at Liberty Hall was a discussion with a district court judge on constitutional rights. Next day back at Liberty Hall was a special tour on slavery which she said

was interesting. Saturday she did spend some time working on her property and was tired but had accepted an invitation to a "Funky Ball" with people dressing outlandishly and dancing . She didn't join in the dancing but stayed awhile and talked to people. She is a "people person." Charlie said Chris and Joel had company over the weekend but I couldn't get in touch with them. Mark Schimmoeller has a birthday the 28th, he had just gotten back from a writers' conference in Vermont for 10 days. He was a participant and was part of the staff to help with some things. He had a good meeting with an agent and had a good workshop but was glad to get home and now he must catch up on all the green growth. Retired mail carrier Clint Swigert also has a

birthday the 26th. Leah Ambrose has been trying to save some orphan birds that were in a big tree the boys had cut down recently, they did not know until the tree hit the ground. She is feeding them until they get strong enough to fly. I haven't heard any cicadas lately, I guess their time here is over for 17 more years. That is so amazing. I hope everybody's air conditioners work well this week, I feel bad for people who must work outside when it's so hot. Be sure to stay hydrated. Someone else is dreaming of the job you hate, the home you complain about, the smile you forgot to wear and health you take for granted. Don't let difficult times make you forget your blessings.



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<b>OWEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 2023-2024</b> Pursuant to KRS 424.250, below is the Owen County School District Budget.	
<b>Fund 1 - General Fund Recapitulation</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,639,266.90</b>
<b>Annual Receipts</b>	
General Real Property Tax	\$3,525,700.00
PSC Real Property Tax	\$800,000.00
Delinquent Property Tax	\$70,000.00
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$700,000.00
Sales and Use Tax	\$100,000.00
Penalties & Interest on Tax	\$1,000.00
Omitted Property Tax	\$15,000.00
Earnings on Investments	\$61,000.00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Building Rental	\$8,200.00
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	\$20,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$40,000.00
SEEK	\$7,505,096.00
Vocational Transportation	\$30,000.00
National Board Certification Reimbursement	\$2,500.00
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes/State	\$23,000.00
On-Behalf Pay/State Sources	\$4,106,755.00
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$100,000.00
Fund Transfer	\$792,266.04
Sale of Equipment & Disposal of Buildings	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Fund 1 Revenues</b>	<b>\$17,901,517.04</b>
<b>Total Fund 1 Revenues and Balance</b>	<b>\$20,540,783.94</b>
<b>Annual Expenditures</b>	
Instruction	\$10,858,767.90
Student Support Services	\$1,053,521.00
Instructional Staff Support Services	\$1,034,158.00
District Administration Support	\$719,222.00
School Administration Support Services	\$1,278,359.00
Business Support Services	\$496,445.00
Plant Operations & Maintenance	\$2,453,512.00
Student Transportation	\$2,042,805.04
Food Service Operation	\$6,634.00
Community Services	\$11,817.00
Debt Service	\$40,742.00
Fund Transfers	<u>\$44,801.00</u>
Contingency	\$500,000.00
<b>Total Fund 1 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$20,540,783.94</b>



**LEGAL NOTICE**

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OWEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of Owen County, Kentucky (the "Board of Education") at a regular meeting on June 16, 2025, passed and adopted a Resolution entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OWEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY ("BOARD"), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025 IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,700,000 (SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE OF UP TO \$1,270,000 OR DECREASE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BOARD) (THE "BONDS") THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, OF THE PROCEEDS OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BONDS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO KRS § 66.480; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.**

The Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$12,700,000 of the Board of Education's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 ("Bonds") (subject to permitted adjustment) to be issued for the purpose of financing upgrades to Upper Elementary School and Owen County Central Office and Athletic improvements (the "Project").

To assure the payment of the Bonds, it is necessary that the Board of Education authorize the levy of a tax ("Bond Tax") sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds; provided, however, it is now anticipated that other available taxes and revenues of the Board of Education will be sufficient to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds without the collection of the Bond Tax. Section 5(C) of the Bond Resolution, which levies the Bond Tax reads as follows:

That pursuant to Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS § 66.111, there is hereby authorized to be levied, and the Board hereby does so levy, without limitation as to rate or amount, each year that the Bonds remain outstanding, a Tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal and interest requirements on said Bonds; provided, however, that said Tax shall be collected only to the extent that other receipts from existing Board taxes or other sources are not sufficient to provide for the full payment of the debt service payments on the Bonds each year.

That by the adoption of the Resolution the Board of Education covenants with Owners of the Bonds that it shall, if necessary, collect each year a Bond Tax in a sufficient amount and appropriate in its annual budget, together with other monies available to it, an amount of funds sufficient to pay the "debt charges" on the Bonds as defined in Section 66.011 (4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The Bonds are to be sold at a publicly advertised competitive sale. The Bonds will mature over a term not to exceed 20 years. The Resolution establishes a Sinking Fund to provide for the payment of the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds as same become due.

A copy of the Resolution is available in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

This summary has been prepared by David B. Malone of Step-toe & Johnson PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OWEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
By: /s/ Melissa Moore, Secretary