

OWEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There were no gypsies telling fortunes, horse traders looking for the best deals or gamblers trying their luck in the alleys around town. Yet, a flavor of long-ago County Court Day seemed to permeate the air as folks gathered last week to celebrate Sweet Owen Day.

While not exactly Court Day, Sweet Owen Day gives opportunities for Owen Countians and for those in surrounding areas to display and sell items, eat a variety of food and join family and friends in celebration of the culture and traditions of our hometown.

For those who grew up in Owen but moved away, Sweet Owen Day offers a chance to return home, reminisce and share stories of their grandparents, who many years ago

looked forward to escaping the humdrum of everyday life to travel to Owenton on the fourth Monday of every month and to join in this Owen County tradition.

Although fortune telling and bear wrestling of past Court Days weren't part of the venue, folks came from every community both inside and outside Owen County to enjoy the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club, cheer the participants in the 5 K run, listen to a variety of music, browse the many craft booths and sample the great food of the day.

Age made little difference when it came to enjoying Sweet Owen Day. From babies in strollers to the elderly, one could sense an atmosphere of camaraderie that is ever present in rural America.



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Soon to celebrate his 95th birthday, R.C. Swigert, who served in WWII and has probably celebrated many Sweet Owen Days, spent a few hours at the celebration. Accompanied by his wife, Mary, and his daughter Teresa, who made it a priority that her parents would be able to join the festivities, R.C. and Mary were given the opportunity to once again experience the strong community spirit and connection with neighbors and friends that many times define the unique and rich cultural heritage of a small town. During WWII, R.C. injured his leg. He spent 22 months in Walter Reed Hospital; but in December of 1954, he was given permission to return home for a visit with his family. On December 23 of that most memorable

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FBC NEWS

BY BRO. BRAD BANKS

Our present series, “How Great a Salvation,” led us to John 10:27-30 with a message entitled, “The Eternal Security of Salvation.” The message revealed that eternal security is due to the Shepherds relationship, gift, promise, and authority. Sunday evening opened the Word to Colossians 1:24-29, with a message on “A Ministry of the Mystery.” The Rooted Kids Ministry will enjoy an evening at Bi-Waters farm tomorrow afternoon. The Main Street Youth will have a

Lock-In on Friday, October 3, from 7:00pm to 7:00am. The youth have kicked of small group bible studies. The girls are studying the “Gospel of John” and the boys are studying “No More Excuses.” Our students and children meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our Children’s Church Ministry is offered during the 11:00am worship service. Come check out our new children’s ministry room. The FLC is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 1:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am – 1:00pm, and Monday/Tuesday/Thursday from 4:00-

8:00pm. Our weekly service times are Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 6:30pm. The Sunday School gatherings start at 10:00am. Our Wednesday service begins at 6:30pm. Our church would like to remind you that you can connect with us through our website at owentonfbc.com, Face Book at FBC Owenton, download our church app, join us on twitter or Instagram. You can also call the church office or email us at office@owentonfbc.com. God bless you, your family, and our community. See you Sunday!

Banker: 'If I won't help my sick mother, why would I help you?'

You may have heard about the pastor who approached a wealthy banker requesting a financial contribution for the local soup kitchen. “We’ve heard that you make \$500,000 a year, yet you haven’t given a penny to help us feed the hungry,” the pastor said. “Wouldn’t you like to contribute to our fundraising drive?” The banker asked, “Did you also hear that my mother is ill, and that she has huge medical bills, or that my father is blind and unemployed, or that my daughter’s husband died, leaving her broke with four little children?” The pastor acknowledged he had not heard about any of those

hardships. “So,” the banker said, “if I don’t give them any money, why would I give any to you?” The Bible lets us know that the Lord would not be pleased with such a person as that. “Whosoever hath this world’s goods, and seeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:17-18). Clearly, the Lord wants us to be generous toward those around us. When we see a need, He wants us to meet it, if we are capable. Long years ago, I finished a late-night shift in a



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rather large city where I was working as a journalist. I walked out of the building around midnight and was walking down the sidewalk toward my car when a man, obviously down on his luck, approached me and asked for money. I told him I had very

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued orders on July 31, 2025 and September 11, 2025, scheduling public comment meetings to be held on October 13, 2025 at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at Hopkins County Fiscal Court, 56 North Main Street, Madisonville, KY 42431; October 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at Bluegrass Community & Technical College: Keenland Room, 500 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508; and October 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at Middlesboro Community Center, 705 N. Petersborough Ave., Middlesboro, KY 40965 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company applications for adjustment of its electric and gas rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case Nos. 2025-00113 and 2025-00114.



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 801
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING NOISE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF OWENTON, KY
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY OF OWENTON AS FOLLOWS:
It is hereby unlawful for any person to cause or for any person in ownership or possession of property real or personal to allow to originate from the property, sound that is a public disturbance noise. The following sounds are determined to be public disturbance noises:
(A) Frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal combustion engine within a residentially zoned area, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of others.
(B) Frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any building, structure, apartment, or condominium, which unreasonably interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of a person or persons on public or private property, other than the property from which the sound emanates, such as sounds from musical instruments, audio sound systems, band sessions, or social gatherings. Church chimes or school bells are exempt from these sounds.
(C) Sound from portable audio equipment, including audio equipment in motor vehicles such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the source/or outside the property of the operator.
(D) EXCEPTION: Emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the application of this section.
(E) ENFORCEMENT: Violations of this section shall constitute a violation, and the penalty shall be a fine of not less than \$20, or more than \$100 for each violation of this section.
Given first reading in regular session this 14 day of August 2025. Given second reading and adopted in special session this 19 day of August 2025.

SIGNED:
LEIGH HAWKINS,
MAYOR

ATTEST:
SHERRY HAMILTON,
CITY CLERK

This is who I am

Prior to her execution in 2002, serial killer Aileen Wuornos admitted to murdering six men. Yet she insisted her crimes did not reflect her true character: “This is not who I am.”

In September 2024, after Colt Gray was accused of killing two students and two teachers at a Georgia high school, his mother wrote to the victims’ families: “My son Colt is not a monster. He is my oldest baby...quiet, thoughtful, caring, funny and extremely intelligent.” In other words: This is not who he is. I’ve interviewed domestic abuse survivors who told themselves the same thing about their abusers: This isn’t who he (or she) is, even as they nursed fresh wounds.

The day after conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot to death, The Bulwark ran a piece titled “Is This Who We Are?” about political violence in our nation. “Violence increasingly defines us. But maybe not as much as how we choose to respond to it,” the authors wrote, noting the immediate blame and finger-pointing. “If we aren’t



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yet broken we surely seem hellbent on tearing ourselves apart. Can anything be done about this? Or are we too far gone already? Maybe we are doomed to spiral into increasingly violent cycles of recrimination and counter-recrimination, with both sides convinced all the way to their deathbeds that the other side is to blame.”

Because this is not who we are. But it is who we are. As human beings, we all carry the potential for great evil. People snap. To insist This is not who I am is self-deception. Who wants to admit their depravity? Better to pretend, right? But the harder, truer confession is: This is who I am. A sinner in need of grace.

King David knew all about that. After committing adultery with Bathsheba, he arranged to have her husband killed. The longer he denied his sin, the more tormented he became: “When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long” (Psalm 32:3). guilt and shame wreak havoc on mind and body.

That’s why people fall back on the coping mechanism: “I couldn’t possibly do that, even though I did.” But David also knew the blessed relief of confession: “For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you (God), you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge” (Psalm 51:3-4). What a model: honesty without excuse. He also wrote, “Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, favored by God] is he whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered” (Psalm 32:1, Amplified Bible). That is also who we are — or who we can be. Freedom comes when we’re honest about ourselves—our thoughts as well as our actions. Who hasn’t, at least mentally, wanted to murder someone? I love the promise: “If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us...and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Faithful is who God is. Forgiven and cleansed is who we are. And when I admit my sin and receive his mercy, I can say with confidence: This is who I am.

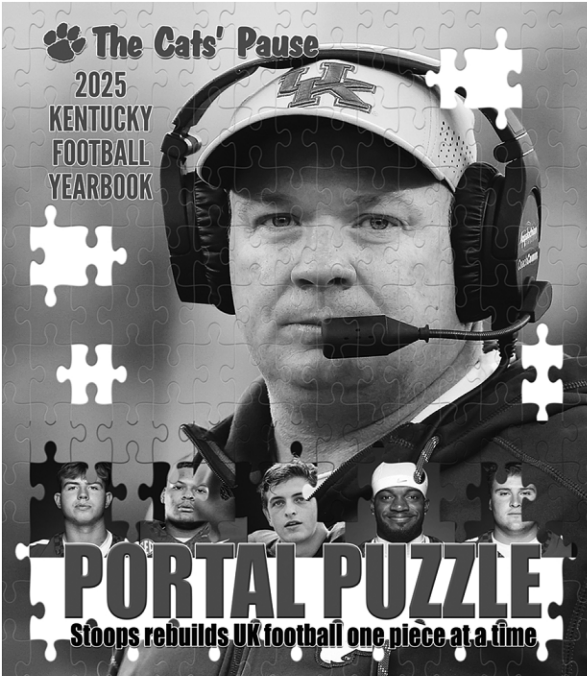
OWEN COUNTY LIBRARY CALENDAR

Owen County Public Library calendar of events.	tor Carmen Williams as she leads the painting class step-by-step to ensure success for all. Great family fun! Appropriate for ages five through 105.
MONDAY, SEPT. 29 10 a.m. Stretch and strengthen. Do you want to stretch and strengthen for better health? Come participate in all standing exercises. Move every muscle to prevent muscle atrophy. Join Miss Julie and follow the video on the big screen. 5:30 p.m. Painting with Carmen. Join instructor	TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 10:30 a.m. Storytime. Let’s get groovy at Storytime with Pete the Cat! This program is intended for young children and their parent or caregiver.

OWEN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 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, Sept. 29 9 a.m. coffee and chat; 11 a.m. book club; 1 p.m. walking club; 1:30 p.m. cleaning	Tuesday, Sept. 30 9 a.m. leaving for trip to tour Kentucky Castle in Versailles

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