

OPINION

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ANCIENT SYMBOLS

Human artistry reached new heights of design, manufacture and ceremonial use.

Although the woodland people: Adena and Hopewell cultures, still hunted and gathered for most of their resources, farming played a bigger role in the lifestyles of the inhabitants of villages that reached populations of upward to 50 individuals. And though they had no written languages that we are as of yet aware of, they left their marks and symbols.

One of the symbols I continue to find on Hopewell village sites are the swirling designs that some archaeologists suggests is a symbol for water.

From interpreting the artistic works of the people who occupied this area, we know they were deeply religious and conducted their everyday life activities around their religion and it likely played a hand in the construction of the various geometrical earthworks and burial mounds in northeast Kentucky.



About 30 years I found a series of broken pottery shards in a Mason County tobacco patch that had examples of the design as well as other geometrical designs, such as the chevron design along with the swirling symbols.

We believe that the Native woodland people held

to the notion of their being two worlds they lived in: The above world and the below world where various creatures and entities along with symbols shaped the future of the villagers and how they approached the different seasons and how that impacted agriculture.



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

I've been diving a little deeper than normal with my Native American research of late, dear reader.

I'm particularly hung up on the activities of the native population about two thousand years ago, during what archaeologist call the late Woodland time period.

The Woodland period was a time when the Native American groups that lived in the Ohio River Valley became more involved in earthwork projects and burial mound construction.

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

Who Is a Hillbilly?

Have you ever known somebody who has been referred to as a "hillbilly"? Maybe, you have been called a hillbilly. I remember once I was referred to as "hill folk". According to Wikipedia "Hillbilly is a term historically used for white people who dwell in rural, mountainous areas in the United States, primarily in the Appalachian region and Ozarks. As people migrated out of the region during the Great Depression, the term spread northward and westward with them."

Derogatory language against Appalachians includes the terms "Redneck" and "Hillbilly." These terms often come up in comedic use, stereotyped as the role of the "hillbilly fool". The term "Hillbilly" was first coined in 1899, around the time coal industries made an appearance in the Appalachian commu-

nities.

We have likely made decisions about certain classes of people, because of movies and television shows. Some examples of such could be TV shows like "The Beverly Hillbillies", "The Andy Griffith Show", and maybe "The Waltons". In the 1940's and 50's there was a popular radio show - "Lum and Abner".

Lum and Abner was an American network radio comedy program created by Chester Lauck and Norris Goff that was produced from 1931 to 1954. Modeled on life in the small town of Waters, Arkansas, near where Lauck and Goff grew up, the show proved immensely popular. In 1936, Waters changed its name to "Pine Ridge" after the show's fictional town.

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis is a 2016 memoir by JD Vance about the Appalachian values of his family from Kentucky and the

socioeconomic problems of his hometown of Middletown, Ohio, where his mother's parents moved when they were young. It was adapted into the 2020 film Hillbilly Elegy, directed by Ron Howard and starring Glenn Close and Amy Adams. Vance became a Senator from Ohio in 2023 and Vice President of the United States in 2025.

Often entertainment productions use names such as "Bubba", "Bo", "Gomer", "Billy Bob", "Jethro", and more. Other derogatory terms such as hick have been used. A hick is someone who is gullible or unsophisticated. A hillbilly is someone who comes from the backwoods or a remote mountain area.

Blame Li'l Abner, The Beverly Hillbillies, Petticoat Junction, Andy Griffith and even The Simpsons for the fact that some names have long been stereotyped as aw shucks, rube, hick, hayseed, country bumpkin names.

But lately, cowboy names have undergone something of a style revolution. With the rise of all things woody and rugged, former "hillbilly names" like Abner and Jasper, Cal and Gus, Wyatt and Waylon have been rapidly making their way back from that cartoony pigeonholing.

Quite often the use of these names come from people who live close to the borders of the so-called locations. I have noted that many who use these terms are recent transplants from "hillbilly" regions.

In retaliation there is a joke - "What separates hillbillies from apes? - The Ohio River."

Emma Joke - "Why was the baby ant confused? - because all her uncles were ants."

The wisdom of John Ed - "A good advertising man is a fellow who can make a gross exaggeration sound like an endorsement."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NICHOLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
will be holding their regular monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 1:00.

NICHOLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm at 110 S. Broadway St.

NICHOLAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MEETING
The Nicholas County Water District monthly board meeting will be held at the water district 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

CARLISLE-NICHOLAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Carlisle - Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce will meet the 1st Monday of each month at 8:30am at the Neil Building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
The EDA meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00PM.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Park and Recreation committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30p.m. in the Court house. Public is welcome to attend.

NICHOLAS COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT #2
Sanitation District #2 (Lake Carnico area) meets the third Friday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Nicholas County Courthouse.

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL
City Council meeting, second Monday of each month at 7 PM, City Hall.

CARLISLE ROTARY CLUB
The Carlisle Rotary Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at

Carlisle Depot.

SATURDAY LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE - WORTHINGTON LODGE - ARLINGTON ROOM

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