

# ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People

The following is the eleventh in a series of articles about the community of Cedar Grove and the west-central part of Estill County that have been compiled by Jerry G. Rose and are from information included in his book, "ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People"

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## Cedar Grove Methodist Church - Part 1 A Church is Born By Mary Cain Continued from last week

This was about a hundred years ago, to be exact, the year was 1881, when James Wilcox and wife Ann, deeded this property to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Thus, Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, as it is known today, was born.

It is not, and never has been, a large church, but if its doors were closed today, "it's made its mark." For it has produced some fine Christian men and women from its pulpit. God has called into the ministry of the church, three pastors. The late J.R. Noland, brother of Mrs. B.G. Hall, Hallie and Grace, also the late R.A. Selby, brother in law of Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Cain, both men served for years in the Kentucky Conference and now Elmer Hardy, pastor of the Bybee United Methodist Church, Mad-

son County.

Everyone is always welcome at the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church.

Reprinted from an article written by Mary Cain and published in the local newspaper circa 1991.

### Cedar Grove United Methodist Church 1881-2006

James Wilcox was the man who said "We need a church here." And so, he gave the land which the neighbor men helped clear. The logs were sawed by hand for the lumber that was needed. And after much hard labor, they finally succeeded. We are sure the ladies helped to strengthen them in their labor. By cooking nourishing meals, it was neighbor helping neighbor. We could visualize the hacks on the toll road stopping in. Travelers then could find spiritual and physical strength again. We joined the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal in 1939. "The Methodist church" was all of us combined. The United Brethren Church joined us in 1968. We've been the "United Methodist" ever since that date. We could never name the people who tore down and added to the original, one-room building to make this enjoyed by me and you. Think of the altar rail - how man have found peace there, repenting of their sins or

just giving Him ever care. Think of the vows said -- whether children dedicated or couples, so in love everyone felt elated. Think of the communion cups that have been filled. Wild, homegrown or florist flower put in place. The covered dinner and dishes washed, someone filled each and every space. Think of those who gave us music (Mary Cain for many years). Old time hymns sun with joy and bringing sometimes tears. Think of the children and youth who have found God and also fun in the shadows of the church when their lives have just begun. Think of all the ministers of various personalities. But each one with the same goal: to bring Christ to you and me. After struggling across a might stream, an old man reached the other side. But, to save the young man who followed, he built a bridge across the tide. We too have had some bridges built by members of the past. But other streams lie ahead, so let's build each bridge to last. We now have the opportunity to accomplish greater things than ever dreamed possible and experience the joy it will bring. We cannot do these things alone, but by trusting Him as our guide. God's Spirit will be the architect and we'll bring others across the tide.

Gladys White Stewart

# Stickney Farm named "2016 Tree Farm of the Year"

More than a hundred people attended the Conservation Field Day on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Stickney Family Farm on Lilly Ferry Road off KY-82 in Irvine. The event was hosted by the local Conservation Service, the Extension Service and several others.

The Stickney farm is at the end of a road off Lilly Ferry Road and sits above the Red River next to Twin Creek and just downstream from the Lulbegrub Creek which was named by Daniel Boone and divides Clark and Powell counties just across the river. The Twin Creek School was located on this farm and is still used by the Stickneys.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of an award to Jack, Teresa and Caleb Stickney as 2016 "Tree

Farmer of the Year." Caleb was unable to attend.

The Stickneys have been on this farm about 30 years and have made good use of conservation practices. They also raise shittite mushrooms for sale and personal use.

Jack Stickney talked about the beauty of the Estill County area and said, "You don't need to plant trees in Kentucky, just encourage them in their growth."

The Stickneys also experiment with various trees including the chestnut tree which was wiped out several years ago. Concern was mentioned for several modern day harm to various trees including the elm and oak.

The group also toured the Stickneys' greenhouse which is referred to as a "high tunnel."



Clara Chmiel (right) and family take a peaceful rest.

## Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mentors

I ran into one of my 8th grade football coaches the other day. The 8th grade was many moons ago, but I remember that football season like it was yesterday. My coach was Bud Tucker and I thought for sure he was out to kill us! Now that I am older I sure do appreciate how he hard he pushed me to be my best.

You see, Bud would push me a lot harder than I thought I could go. We would run until tears would be flowing. Then, when I thought we would be done he would say, time for the 4th quarter. We would run some more. He made the team tough and taught us to fight through and finish strong.

The 4th quarter drill was at the end of every practice. We would be tired and just about out gas. The 4th quarter drill was either ladder drill or running around the field. It showed the team how to muster up what we needed to push through when you were wore out.

I can remember one practice, two of my teammates and I were destroying drill stations. We were giving a 110%. Then we walked between one station and Bud made us do all the stations over again while the rest of team watched us. He told us we were leaders and needed to act like it. I didn't realize it then but what a life lesson I got that day.

I have been blessed with some great 4th quarter mentors in my life! Coach Tucker, Hardy, Miller, Niece, Ballard, Winkler,

Arvin, Richardson, and some I might have forgotten. These guys were my football coaches whom at the time I had no idea they were preparing me for the 4th quarters of life and molding me into who I am today.

I guess I am writing about my old football days because I am coaching 3rd and 4th grade tackle team. I've got a special group of kids who play their guts out. This Saturday they play the Goliath (Montgomery County). I believe we will be the David and take out the Giant.

If you are a coach, then be a mentor and don't take your duties lightly. Be a 4th quarter mentor. Be the coach that years later you hear thanks from your players. What you do on the field may stick with a kid throughout life. I don't necessarily remember how many games we won or lost. I mainly remember the life lessons learned. Now I want my kids to want to win. If they lose I want them to hate it but learn from it. If we lose I don't want them pointing fingers or making excuses. I hope one day my kids come back 20 or 30 years removed from the game and say thanks for preparing me for life.

To all my coaches  
THANK YOU!

Now for some hunting! This weekend is youth deer season! Good Luck! Be Safe! Please send pics of your hunt.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Jack and Teresa Stickney receive the "Tree Farmer of the Year" award for 2016. Son Caleb was not able to attend.



High school students and others visit the Shittite mushroom exhibit on the Stickney Farm.

## Ladies Night Out

For Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

You're invited to a Ladies Night Out!

Join us for a free dinner and presentation by  
Bonnie Cowan, GE Healthcare Breast Imaging Clinical Marketing Leader  
Sharon Whitaker, Marcum & Wallace Hospital Radiology Director

Monday, October 16  
5:30 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church

Sign up for this free educational event by Thursday, October 12th  
by calling 606-726-2106 (option 2).

All women who attend will receive a free dinner, gift and door prize chance.

