

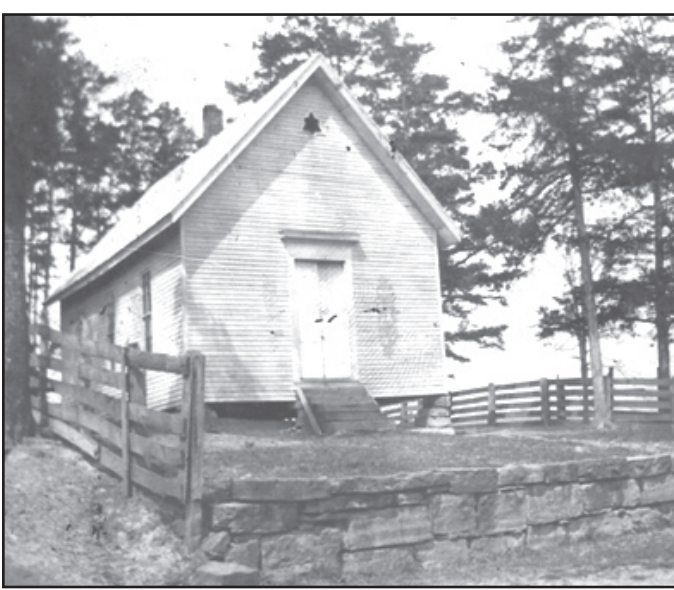
# ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People

The following is the tenth 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 Very Early Years

Perhaps no institution identifies more with the community of Cedar Grove and has lasted the longest as has the Cedar Grove (United) Methodist Church. The church was built about 1881 on land deeded by James and Ann (Finney) Wilcox. The church was nestled on a ridge of virgin cedar trees. Mr. Wilcox and some dedicated friends built the church. The sills were hand hewn from trees surrounding the area and the interior plaster was mixed with hog hair to bond the plaster. The original pews were made from poplar wood.



The original building faced the old KY 52. It was just a plain building with wood stoves and men's and women's toilets located behind the building. Later the building was turned sideways and moved backwards to make space for a new sanctuary.

The following Article and Poem were written by Mary (Wilcox) Cain and Gladys (White) Stewart describing the early history of the church.

### A Church is Born By Mary Cain

Many things, worth remembering, are lost from history because someone failed to pass it on by written word or words of mouth.

Let's do a little reminiscing that might be interesting to some people. Some of our young folk may not know that old highway 52, many years ago, was called a turnpike and that it was the stagecoach line between

Richmond and Beattyville through Irvine. We must remember, the road was not smooth and hard as it is today, but more or less rough and rocky, and pulling a coach loaded with passengers and baggage was hard work for the team to pull up a steep rough hill. So, ever so far apart, there were stables where the tired team horses were relieved and fed and a fresh team hooked to the coach

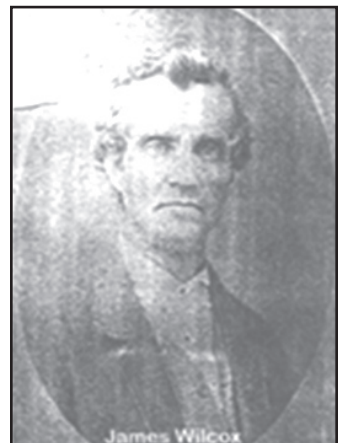
Our uncle used to tell how the driver of the coach, when he reached the top of Rice Station hill, would give the signal, by blowing a horn and anyone wanting to ride the coach would be out by the roadside.

These horns were made by hand from the horn off the head of some farmer's herd of cattle. And, they could be heard for miles.

About three miles west of Irvine, on the north side of the turnpike, and about halfway to the Kentucky River, a ridge runs parallel with the river. This ridge and the area to the turnpike was covered with large virgin timber, so much of the timber was cedars, they gave to this place its name, Cedar Grove.

This James Wilcox owned the land between the turnpike and the river, and the unique thing about him was, he had the fore-sight and good judgment to realize the community needed a church. He therefore proceeded to stake off a plot of ground, bordering the turnpike, and set about with some free help to erect a building. It was slow, for with no modern tools, even the sills had to be hewn by hand after the trees were cut. These were the days when hog hair was mixed with the plaster to make it hold together.

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James Franklin Wilcox arrived in Cedar Grove in the mid-1800s. He purchased considerable land in what would become the Community. He deeded the land for the establishment of the Methodist Church.

## Annual McIntosh Reunion Has a Good Attendance

Close to a hundred family and friends turned out on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Ravenna Veterans Park for the annual McIntosh Reunion for the descendants of James and Rosa Puckett McIntosh.

Everyone enjoyed a lot of great food including Carl McIntosh's soupbeans.

The hat contests are always a hit and winners this year in the youth category were: most unusual - Eli Eversole, prettiest - Jaydah Woodley, and ugliest hat - Landon Williams.

Adult winners were Ruby Anglin with the most unusual, Kayla Barnes with the prettiest, and Nathaniel Anglin with the ugliest hat.

Judges were Arthur Spicer, Clay Hatton, Katrina Flannery, Margaret Pitts, Audrey Adams, Mil-lard McIntosh, and Kelsey Townsend.

Winner of the crochet cape was Louise McIntosh.

Sherry Lynn McIntosh won a handmade quilt by Vivian Lane.

Those attending included: Carl McIntosh, Wayne Wise, Wilma Wise, Larry McIntosh, Clay Hatton, Wanda Hatton, Steve Barnhart, Betty Gregory, Vivian Lane, Larry Lane, Sherry McIntosh, Brianna McIntosh, Haley Anglin, Ruby Anglin, Andrea Anglin,

Aiden Anglin, Nathaniel Anglin, Kathy Begley, Nora Helton, Teddie McIntosh, Ray McIntosh, Laura McIntosh, Paula Fowler, Katelyn Fowler, Anna Fowler, Carl Fowler, Mary Spicer, Arthur Spicer, Raymond Barnes, Margaret Pitts, Alvin Pitts, Carla Knox, Dallas Knox, Lou Ellen Gray, Willa Barnes, Audrey Adams, Logan Lane, LaKrysta Lane, Eugene McIntosh, Wanda McIntosh.

Also, Brandon McIntosh, Sherry K. McIntosh, Mil-lard McIntosh, Louise McIntosh, Rebecca Wasson, Harlan Wasson, Madalene Wasson, Pam Smyth, Steve Smyth, Kourtney Townsend, Ryleigh Townsend, Alex Townsend, Jaydah Woodley, Vadis Abney, Doug Flanary, Katrina Flanary, MaKenzie Flanary, Jordan McIntosh, Javin Wilson, Kayla Barnes, Terry Barnes, Marsha Barnes, Billie Eversole, Kevin Eversole, Eli Eversole, Betty Shepherd, Jack Campbell, Gloria Campbell, Shelby Barnes, April Williams, Landon Williams, Kelsey Townsend, Jackie R. Rogers, Becky Rogers, Marshall McIntosh, Betty McIntosh, Tommy Lane, and Sherri L. McIntosh.

Look for photos in next week's edition or go online to our Facebook page or to www.estilltribune.com.

## Natural Bridge Association's Annual Dinner on October 13

The Natural Bridge State Park Association will hold its Annual Dinner meeting Friday, October 13th at the Woodland Activity Center (multi-purpose building). The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. Dinner tickets will be on sale in Beattyville at the Three Forks Tradition, Citizens Bank and Don Begley Auto Sales and various locations in Powell, Wolfe and Estill Counties. The cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. Tickets will be available at the door on October 13th.

The Hilltop Pickers, a bluegrass/gospel band from Beattyville will provide entertainment. The public is encouraged to attend, particularly our legislators and county and city officials. County participation will be competitive this year and a trophy will be presented to the county with the largest representation.

The evening's activities will include presentation of two scholarships, membership signup, election of officers, and a Memorial presentation for Board members who died this past year. Members are asked to bring two gifts each to be used as door prizes. A few select items will be auctioned off during the evening for the Scholarship Fund.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Jeff Crowe, formerly of Estill County. Jeff is the General Manager of Heaven Hill Visitors Experience, The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience and the Bourbon Heritage Center of Louisville. He is the former CEO of Tour SouthEast Kentucky and the Estill Alliance.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 13th for a special evening of food, entertainment and fellowship with other counties.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Although the start end dates can vary slightly depending on the organization and source, Red Ribbon Week generally takes place the last full week in October, with the weekends before and following the last full week included as appropriate celebration dates. This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 23 - October 27, 2017. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America. In recognition of this month, the Youth Services Center is sponsored a poster contest at ECMS. Pictured Below is contest winner, Kylah Covey and her poster.



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## 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.

