

Community News

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Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 5:30pm

Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna

The Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will meet Thursday, August 19, 5:30 p.m. at Steam Engine Pizza.

Thursdays and Saturdays at 7pm

Wagersville Community Church

Services are being held each Thursday and Saturday at Wagersville Community Church of God at 7 p.m. with ministers David Frymyer and David Frymyer Jr. If you don't have a home church, you have an open invitation.

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 11:00am

Mt. Carmel Christian Friend's Day

Mount Carmel Christian Church, Furnace Junction, Ravenna, will be hosting "Friend's Day" on Sunday, August 22, 2021, starting at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be held after the morning service. All are welcome.

Sunday, Monday-Wednesday, August 22-25

South Irvine Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

The South Irvine Church of Christ will be having a Gospel Meeting August 22-25: Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Monday thru Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Three ministers representing three generations of Halls will be speaking: Jack Hall of Madison County (Sunday evening and Monday), his son Brian Hall of Garrard County (Wednesday evening), and Brian's son Isaac Hall of Garrard (Sunday morning and Tuesday). Jack has served as elder, minister, preacher, and speaker at workshops and seminars throughout Kentucky and other places. Brian has served as a deacon, elder and missionary to Guyana. Isaac has served as minister and preacher and is studying counseling. These three will bring a unique perspective and presentation to our theme this year: What our world needs today is greater and more love. God loves you, Jesus loves you, and we need to love one another. Everyone is invited to attend. Due to concerns for the spread of illness, we ask that everyone who attends please wear a mask. For more information call 606-975-0550.

Thursday, August 26, 2021 -- 5-7 pm

Hospital plans free Family Night Event

Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital will offer a free event for families on Thursday, August 26th at West Irvine Intermediate School (located at 155 River View Road).

The event will be set up as a drive-thru/pick-up event in the back loop of the school. A family night meal kit can be picked up anytime between 5 and 7 p.m.

"We want to offer families the opportunity to make a healthy dinner and memories at home," said Arielle Estes, Marcum and Wallace Hospital Director of Development. "We will provide the recipe and ingredients for families to enjoy time together in the kitchen."

Please call and sign up for your Family Night Meal Kit by Monday, August 23rd by calling 606-726-8185. This free event is sponsored by: Mercy Health - Marcum and Wallace Hospital.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 5:30 pm

River City Players/Save the Mack To Meet

River City Players/Save the Mack will be meeting Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park in the first pavilion. We are so happy to be able to host an Annual Meeting this year. As the Delta variant has become more widespread, and Estill County has moved into the red, we believe an open air meeting will be the safest. Meet and Greet will be at 5:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 pm. RCP will provide water. Picnic or snacks on your own.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Ravenna Railroad Festival

Vendor space is now available for the upcoming Ravenna Railroad Days Festival. The 2021 Ravenna Railroad Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation's campus on the former CSX Transportation rail yard property off Kirkland Avenue in Irvine. Those interested in space for both standard booths, as well as food beverage may visit www.railroadfestival.com for applications, vendor information, and guidelines.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6-7:30pm

Estill Woman's Democratic Club

The Estill County Woman's Democratic Club will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 (2nd Tuesday of every month) at the Estill County Golf Club, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Come join us. Together we can make a difference.

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Panola Baptist Church

Panola Baptist Church will have their annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 26. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11, followed by a pot-luck lunch. Frankie Fitch will be preaching and singing in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome.



This wonderful, unique photo from the Nelson McIntosh Collection shows a family with eleven children born about a year apart and grouped in a stairstep manner. This is believed to be an Estill County family from around 1930 and possible from the Millers Creek, Fitchburg, Pryse, Cob Hill area. The lady with the hat may be a teacher or possibly related to Nelson McIntosh. (Nelson McIntosh Collection)

Genealogist saves unique set of Estill County family photos

One of the largest, and more unique, collections of photos from the history of Estill County could have been lost forever except for the quick thinking of a local historian who retrieved them and passed them on to someone who would have been related to the families in the photos.

Some time in the mid-1980's, Roger Glynn Richardson spotted a box of photos in a yard sale that apparently came from an estate. Apparently, someone had removed the photos because they wanted the albums, or frames, they were in.

Richardson recognized them as being from the McIntosh family which is one of the larger family groups in Estill County. He passed them on to a fellow historical society member, Irene McIntosh Patrick, who kept them for many years until her death in 1998.

The photos were primarily from the Dudley McIntosh family and were shared among descendants of that family and returned each time.

Recently, the entire set of 300 photos or more, dated from the late 1800's through around 1970, has been scanned and can be shared with those who are interested with credit given to Nelson McIntosh.

It's believed they were collected by the family of Dudley and Mary Woosley McIntosh. Dudley was one of the many children of Jesse and Rebecca McIntosh who settled here in the early 1800's.

No one can be sure, but the actual curator of the photos seems to have been their son Nelson McIntosh who is the subject of many of the them and may have been the photographer of some.

The Millers Creek area near where they lived, not far from the crossing, has been a cross roads for many years. Although it is sparsely populated now and only commuters pass by on what we call the River Road, it has been an active area for around 150 years.

First, it was iron ore from the Fitchburg furnaces that passed by on the way to barges in the river. Later, timber was being moved from Estill County and areas east to be floated down the river. Later, after the railroad was built, timber, coal and oil were transported through the Millers Creek area until all of them played out and movement on the railroad stopped a few years ago.

All the while, farmers, like many of the McIntosh family, seemed to have prospered well on the lands they owned until recent years. Beautiful hay and cattle fields along Millers Creek have slowly overgrown with brush and recent flooding added to their demise.

Throughout the early part of 1900, the area around where the Mount Tabor Church was located, just past the railroad crossing, produced a number of families which are chronicled by the photo collection of Nelson McIntosh.

One of the more unique photos is shown here

(above) of a family with eleven children who are placed stair-stepped in the photo according to their ages; averaging one new baby per year for eleven years.

We're hoping to find the identity of this one from 1934 and believe it is likely a McIntosh family or neighbors from the Millers Creek area. Email us at <news@estilltribune.com> or contact us by Facebook.

The other photo is of Simpson Green McIntosh, another son of Dudley, who had 12 children but in three nearly distinct families.

His first wife, Sarah B. Richardson McIntosh, gave him Lana Francis and Abraham Lincoln (often abbreviated A.H.L.), but she died in 1900.

Simpson Green remarried, to Lizzie Chaney, and children born were John, Clara, a baby girl who died, Ida Mae, Lillie Mary, and George...

George, you say, who's George?

Simpson's second wife, Lizzie, also died, leaving him with five more children to raise. By this time the older two by his first wife were nearly grown, but it would be difficult for Simpson to raise the younger five on his own and work as well.

So, he took them to an orphanage in Indiana where they stayed while he worked for a Whisman relative on a farm not far away.

Simpson later returned for his children but the youngest one, George, was gone. Apparently, the orphanage had allowed a couple to adopt him without Simpson's permission.

Clara, John, Ida Mae and Lillie Mary were returned to him while George was left with a couple in Logansport. He was raised first as George McIntosh but later became George Mc. Lough. Although he was very young when adopted, he retained the "Mc" in the middle of his name throughout his life and was apparently called "Mike" by some, which was the name placed on his gravestone.

George was an auto mechanic and died in his 60s in the Logansport area. He had one daughter who has passed and a granddaughter still lives in the area. We don't know if he ever had contact again with his biological brother and sisters.

Lillie Mary McIntosh, who married Burton Bailey and became Lillie Bailey, was only slightly older than her brother George and it is said that she remembered him by naming one of her sons, "George" Bailey, in her brother's honor.

The third set of Simpson Green McIntosh's children from his marriage to Florence Walters (later Wiloughby), included Miles Standish, Franklin Benjamin, Etta Della (Woosley) and Leroy, who is believed to be the only one of the eleven that is still living.

If you're interested in the Nelson McIntosh collection of photos, all can be seen at <www.EstillTribune.com/Nelson.html>. Share or use with credits given.



Simpson Green McIntosh is shown with the middle group of his three sets of children. Photo was likely taken in Logansport, Indiana near an orphanage where he left his children while he was working. Unfortunately, one of the children was adopted out, apparently without his permission. Missing is George McIntosh who became George Mc. "Mike" Lough. Left to right are Lillie Mary McIntosh (Bailey), Simpson, John, Clara, and Ida. (Nelson McIntosh Collection)