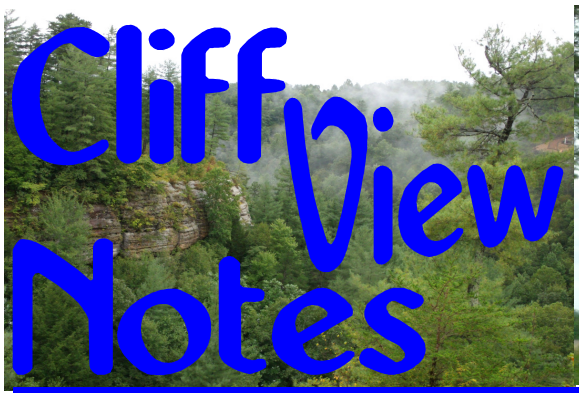

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Explosion!

If you are reading this while visiting us here in the Red River Gorge, you are about to experience a huge explosion. I mean the really, really granddaddy of big explosions! It's imminent and will involve everything in sight. It also lasts a long time starting at the top of the hills, ridges and mountains and slowly working its way down to the valleys and gorges.

But, don't be alarmed. Actually it is another reason you're gonna be so happy you came this month.

We're not talking about an explosion of TNT or dynamite. No sir! That would be terrible. This explosion is the exact opposite - it's wonderful. It's an explosion of color!

Yes, color and oh what magnificent color. Every shade, tint and tone from dark brown, maroon, red, scarlet, orange, yellow, silver and a myriad of variations on those.

Not just the trees either. Grasses, ferns, vines, even weeds get into the act changing to spectacular colors.

This color extravaganza reaches almost every plant, tree or shrub. Even nasty ole poison ivy turns showy with some reds and oranges so shiny and brilliant they seem to be metallic.

Grab the kids and take 'em on the one excursion that won't be forgotten. Heck this explosion is so awesome , they'll probably even put down those cell phones and game controllers!

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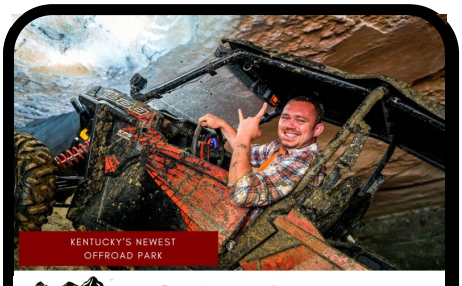

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Cookin' with Jenny

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 2 cups of pumpkin pulp purée from a sugar pumpkin or from canned pumpkin purée
  (I suppose you could use puréed cooked butternut squash but then, it wouldn't be a pumpkin pie would it?)
- 1- 1/2 cup heavy cream or 1 12 oz. can of evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs plus the yolk of a third egg
- 2 teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamon
- 1/2 teaspoon of lemon zest
- 1 good crust

To make pumpkin purée from scratch, cut a medium-small sugar pumpkin in half. Scrape out the insides (reserving the pumpkins seeds to toast) and discard. Line a baking sheet with foil. Place the pumpkin halves cut side down on the lined baking sheet and bake at 350°F until a fork can easily pierce them, about an hour, hour and a half.
Remove from oven, let cool, scoop out the pulp.
Alternatively, you can cut the pumpkin into sections and steam in a saucepan with a couple inches of water at the bottom, until soft (strain before using).

If you want the purée to be extra smooth, press the pulp through a food mill or chinois (fine mesh) strainer.
Preheat oven to 425°F.
Beat the eggs in a large bowl. Mix in the sugars, salt, spices, and lemon zest. Mix in the pumpkin purée. Stir in the cream. Beat together until everything is well mixed.
Pour the filling into an uncooked pie shell. Bake at a high temperature of 425°F for 15 minutes. Lower the temperature to 350°F. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes more, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. About half-way through the baking, you may want to put foil around the edges or use a pie protector to keep the crust from getting too brown.
Cool the pumpkin pie on a wire rack for 2 hours. The pie will come out of the oven puffed up from the leavening of the eggs, but will deflate as it cools.
Serve with whipped cream.

What goes best with a big slice of pumpkin pie slathered with gobs of whipped cream? What else but...

Hot Mulled Apple Cider

Ingredients (Serves eight)

- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon whole allspice
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 dash nutmeg
- 3 cinnamon sticks (3 inch)
- 2 quarts apple cider
- orange wedge
- 1 whole cloves

Combine brown sugar, allspice, 1 teaspoon cloves, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and apple cider in large saucepan.
Bring to boiling.
Cover and simmer for 20 minutes.
Strain to remove spices.
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The Ghosts of Cherokee Springs

by "Scary" Jerry Ison

The early spring of 1861 held the promise of a new life for 17 year old Evangeline Cornett.

Her parents had finally given in and agreed she could marry the love of her life, 21 year old William “Billy” Ison. The wedding was planned for the first week of October, just after the harvest. Then, in April, all was shattered. The Nation was at war with itself; several Southern states had seceded from the union and fighting had begun.

In Eastern Kentucky, sentiments were to be found for both sides. While most wanted to remain in the Union, there were many who saw the Southern Cause as a just cause. Billy was one of those who felt his duty lay with the Confederacy and rode off to join Colonel Jeb Brazelton's 3rd Kentucky Calvary Battalion.

Evangeline’s parents were staunch Unionist and reversed their stance, absolutely forbidding Evangeline to even talk to Billy much less marry him.

As the war progressed, Union forces drove the Confederates out of the area and established a headquarters on the East Fork of the Kentucky River near Beattyville in the summer of 1863.

However, there was still a good deal of sentiment for the South in the area; several families provided shelter and aid to the many Confederate spies and scouts that still roamed the hills and gorges near Beattyville and harassed the Union garrisons.

One of these infiltrators was Billy and on several occasions would meet with Evangeline at the little church known as Cherokee Springs Church. This church was located about two miles up the river from Beattyville near Athol and just over the hill from Craft’s Hollow where Evangeline’s family lived.

It was October 31, 1863, Halloween Night, when on her way to meet her love, Evangeline was stopped by a Union patrol traveling the road from Beattyville to Jackson.

Evangeline was quite nervous and the young lieutenant was suspicious. The patrol allowed her to continue. Even though the Union soldiers had orders not to harass locals, the lieutenant decided to double back and see where this young girl was really going so late at night.

Evangeline went directly to the church where Billy was waiting. Before she could dismount from her horse the Union officer appeared right beside her in the road. At the same time, Billy rode out of the trees bordering the little cemetery behind the church. He didn’t see the soldier, but did see Evangeline.

The lieutenant, spotting Billy, brought his rifle up to his shoulder and aimed. Evangeline dug her heels into her horse’s side and rode toward Billy screaming for him to turn and run.

The sound of the rifle echoed off the church and down the valley. Evangeline, struck through the chest, slumped over the horse’s neck as it charged into the cemetery.

Billy turned and fired at the lieutenant, but missed his mark. He rode to Evangeline’s side and just as he reached her, the Union soldier put a ball from his sidearm through Billy’s heart. He fell against his loved one’s lifeless body and they both fell to the earth in deathly embrace.

The lieutenant noticed Billy had pulled his watch from his pocket and must have been checking the time when the encounter suddenly happened.

The light from the full moon shone on the watch face and it was exactly midnight.

The old church is gone now and not much of the little cemetery remains. The road to the church is now little more than a weedy track, but, if you dare venture down that road on Halloween, at midnight, you’ll hear the pounding of hoof beats racing from the road into the cemetery.

Then, barely audible, comes the anguished cry of a young girl’s faint deathly voice,

“Run Billy. Please, Billy run!”

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It Happened In October

October events in Kentucky's history

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October 8, 1829: Martin Beatty pulled a Jed Clampett, sorta He wasn't *shootin' at some food, when up through the ground came a bubblin' crude. Oil that is, black gold. Texas tea.*
Martin was drilling for water when he struck crude oil. That spot became the world's first oil well.

October 12, 1920: Man O' War won his last race at Kenilworth Park in Toronto. He beat Sir Barton, the first horse in history to win the triple crown, by seven lengths.

Bubbleland

Kentucky's western border with Missouri is pretty much the Mississippi River. However, the river doesn't always flow in a straight line southward. Some times it meanders and one such meandering is the Kentucky Bend, also known as the New Madrid Bend, Madrid Bend, Bessie Bend and, due to the shape of the land within this bend, it is also known as *Bubbleland.*
This 17.5 square mile chunk is located totally outside of the rest of the state of Kentucky. It is surrounded on three side by the Mississippi River and on the south by Tennessee. In fact, to drive from Kentucky into the Bubbleland, you must first head south into Tennessee, then back north. Check your Kentucky road map's lower left corner.
How could this happen? Basically the surveyors made an erroneous assumption when plotting Kentucky's southern border and refused to own up to their mistake.
For many years, the two states fought over who had rights to the area, with Tennessee finally dropping its claim.
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