



**The Frankfort Cemetery is the place to visit if you like historic monuments.**

sure to travel upstairs to look at local artwork for sale.

Next door to Completely Kentucky is Poor Richard's Books which has been in Frankfort for 28 years. It's no Barnes & Noble by any means, but the book selection is pretty good for a local bookstore. We do have a Liz Taylor, spelled "Lizz" who is co-owner with her husband Richard Taylor, who is a former Kentucky poet laureate. The wide selection of books in the store is based on the Taylors' love of books and what they want to sell.

Poor Richard's has old and rare-to-find books starting from under \$1 to over \$135 as well as soon new books and, of course books by authors who are Kentucky natives. Poor Richard's is a must-see for any book lover; however, Lizz warned us that if someone finds a used and rare book and they leave it at the store, chances are when they come back, they won't find it anymore. Go upstairs and past bookshelves, you will see some old rocking chairs with a view of the Old Capitol and Broadway.

Between Completely Kentucky and Poor Richard's is Kentucky Coffeetree Café. Along the walls are floor-to-ceiling shelves with books for sale. The café hosts live music and poetry readings from local artists on the first Friday of every month. The drinks they offer are like those you would find at any small coffee shop, along with specialty drinks depending on the season.

If shopping isn't your thing, go to the Thomas B. Clark Center for Kentucky History. The \$4 admission includes the History Center, as well as two other sites including

the Old State Capitol and the Kentucky Military History Museum.

The history museum is my sister's favorite spot; she tends to like the way that it is set up. There is a huge room devoted to a timeline and instead of pictures on the wall, you will find interactive videos, life-size objects, old cars and games to play. One area is dedicated to the celebrities who came out of Kentucky both past and present.

After leaving the history museum, we decided to give Marshall's another try. This time it was open and we found ourselves wandering into the lounge where there are pictures hanging on the wall of when they shot *Dreamer*.

Right next door to the diner, there is a little restaurant called Melanie's on Main which serves relatively cheap sandwiches, soups, salads and daily specials. However, it is only open during lunch. The owner, Melanie Baker states that there are a lot of state workers, judges and attorney's who come in and have nicknamed it the "Courthouse Café."

Heading uptown towards Kentucky State University, we stopped at the Frankfort Cemetery that is the resting place for Daniel and Rebecca Boone, many Kentucky governors and painter Paul Sawyier, among many others. The cemetery also holds a huge military exhibit starting with the Revolutionary War and has graves dating back to the late 1770s.

The view overlooking Frankfort from Daniel Boone's grave is breathtaking. On one side you have the downtown shopping, bars, library and restaurants, and on the other is the capitol looming large above the city. The river stretches for miles on either side right below you.

One of Frankfort's biggest projects recently has been restoring the Grand Theater. It was once Frankfort's only movie theater. Located on St. Clair, for years it was abandoned and is now bought and being changed into Frankfort's only art house. Regal Cinemas has donated movies, chairs and equipment.

The people working to restore the theater have a

program called "Sponsor a Chair" where someone can come in with \$200 to donate. This pays for a chair for the theater with the person's name inscribed on it.

Progress at the theater is evident, as a marquee has been raised in front of the building. The business is volunteer only. No one is paid to work there, yet the volunteer rate has grown.

The Grand Theater shows old movies or movies just coming out on DVD and host concerts and shows. Recent shows have included *Some Like it Hot*, *Good Night and Good Luck*, and *Wizard of Oz*. In conjunction with the Kentucky Book Fair, Oscar winner Patricia Neal will attend a screening of *Hud* at the theater on November 10.

Check out the Grand Theater's Web site at [www.savethegrand.org](http://www.savethegrand.org) for a history of the project and a schedule of upcoming events.

Out of the many tourists who come to Frankfort, I asked one why he likes coming here so often.

U.S. Army Staff Sargent Lee Scarborough explained that he keeps coming back because of the people he has met and the history.

"I went to a wedding at Buffalo Trace a couple of years after I read a book about Simon Kenton who hunted in Kentucky, and he talked about traveling from Ohio to the Indian hunting grounds which is on Buffalo Trace," Scarborough said.

Being from Knoxville, Tennessee, and being stationed at Fort Knox, Scarborough comes here as much as he can and he loves eating at Gibby's because the food and service is good and the location is in the heart of downtown Frankfort. For two people he states, the price is approximately \$16.

So if you find yourself with nothing else to do, plan a day trip to the Capital City. Go a scenic route down Leestown Rd. that takes you past a view of the Capitol, or take an even more scenic route down Old Frankfort Pike. Experience what Frankfort has to offer.



**Daniel Boone's Grave at the Frankfort Cemetery receives many visitors. Although some have questioned whether Boone is really buried in Frankfort, most accept this as his resting place.**