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SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — KFC founder Colonel Sanders' pressure cooker, black bow tie and dozens of other personal items are up for public auction Tuesday night, along with his former home and a dinner house Sanders opened after selling his iconic restaurant chain.

Harland Sanders, still known as the face of the worldwide chain originally known as Kentucky Fried Chicken, established the Shelbyville property as the first headquarters of his restaurant business in the late 1950s. He sold the property, which included his home and the Claudia Sanders Dinner House, to Tommy and Cherry Settle in 1974, who have run the restaurant since then.

"Colonel Sanders was the original celebrity chef," said Bill Menish, whose firm, The Menish Group, is conducting the auction. "The feedback has been worldwide, so we needed to have an auction that would cater to that worldwide audience."

Online pre-bidding concludes with a live, in-person auction for the Sanders memorabilia on Tuesday evening. Sealed bids for the restaurant and Sanders' former 5,000-square-foot home, which he named Blackwood Hall, will be taken until Friday.

Sanders' personal watches, an original cash register, his cutlery set, a bust sculpted by his daughter and a



Auctioneer Jonathan Klunk shows a black bow tie worn by KFC founder Harland Sanders, Wednesday, in Shelbyville, Ky. (AP PHOTO/DYLAN LOVAN)

commercial gas range from the colonel's former residence are among the items up for bidding. The bust had a bid of \$4,400 on Tuesday morning, and the cash register was bidding at \$5,000.

Sanders sold KFC in 1964 to a group of investors, but continued as a brand ambassador for the company.

Menish called Sanders a "marketing genius" for creating the character of the colonel.

"He didn't dress like that before he was starting to build Kentucky Fried Chicken,"

Menish said. "He adopted the colonel: the clothes, the bow tie, the glasses, the goatee."

One of the most intriguing pieces could be a personal 1964 planner with a handwritten herbs and spices recipe that was later the subject of an early 2000s lawsuit filed by the KFC Corp. to keep the contents private. KFC later dropped the legal action, saying after reviewing the planner the ingredients didn't match Sanders' secret blend of 11 herbs and spices and was likely for a stuffing recipe.

"What a keepsake,"

Menish said.

The current high bid Tuesday was for a 1955 certificate naming Sanders as an honorary Kentucky Colonel that is fetching \$7,500 so far.

One of Sanders' signature black bow ties is also up for auction. The highest online bid for the tie was more than \$4,000 on Tuesday.

Auctioneer Jonathan Klunk said there's a little-known secret behind the bow tie.

"Not a lot of people know; he did wear clip-ons," Klunk said.

MHM program celebrates food and tradition

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The Miners Hall Museum in Franklin will host a special program, "The Tables that Built Us," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2. In this program, Chuckie Hessong, owner of the Laughing Rooster Eats blog, will celebrate the flavors, traditions, and stories that helped shape Southeast Kansas.

Hessong is the author of a new cookbook, "The Tables that Built Us," that features foods and recipes that connect to the area's rich heritage. The book was released to coincide with Pittsburg's 150th anniversary celebration this year.

In her presentation, Sunday, Hessong will celebrate the immigrants and families whose heritage contributed to the remarkable cultural tapestry of Southeast Kansas and honor the diverse cultures that helped build our communities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sam-

ple a few of the recipes in Hessong's new book and other refreshments will be served. Admission is free, but the museum requests that persons interested in attending call ahead (620-347-4220) so they may provide adequate seating.

This program is presented in conjunction with the museum's quarterly exhibit, "Blueprints of American Grit: McNally and 150 Years of Pittsburg Progress," which is on display July 1-September 26. The exhibit is hosted by Celebrate Pittsburg/Pittsburg 150, Sarah Runyon, president.

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Date	Time	Event Name	Location	Date	Time	Event Name	Location
07/29	5:30a	Wednesday Morning Group Run/Walk	Gorilla Village	07/31	6p-8p	Music on the Patio - Jeff Simpson	Lake View Cafe
07/29	10a-4p	Exhibit: Blueprints of American Grit: 150 Years of Pittsburg Progress	Miners Hall Museum	07/31	6p	Live: Rachel Deweese	The Corner Patio
07/29	2p	Crawford County Fair: Barnyard Olympics	Crawford County Fairgrounds	07/31	6p	Crawford County Fair: Ty Ellis	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/29	5:30-6:30p	Tao Yin Yoga + Sound Meditation	Eclectic Soul Studio	07/31	6p-11p	Crawford County Fair: Barnyard Bounce Bash	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/29	6p-11p	Crawford County Fair: Barnyard Bounce Bash	Crawford County Fairgrounds	07/31	7p-11p	Board Game Nite	The Game Shoppe
07/29	7p	Coal Miners Rodeo	Crawford County Fairgrounds	07/31	7p	County Fair: Mutton Busting & Bull Bash	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/29	8p	Crawford County Fair: No Saints Tomorrow	Crawford County Fairgrounds	07/31	8p	Live: Jerry Pringle	Kansas Crossing Casino
07/30	10a-4p	Exhibit: Blueprints of American Grit: 150 Years of Pittsburg Progress	Miners Hall Museum	07/31	8p	Crawford County Fair: DJ Brown & The Bourbon County Revival	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/30	11a-12p	Mama Miles	Lincoln Park	08/01	8a-12p	Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market	Farmers' Market Pavilion
07/30	6p-11p	Crawford County Fair: Barnyard Bounce Bash	Crawford County Fairgrounds	08/01	8a	Southwind Shop Ride/Lady's Club Ride	Southwind Cycle and Outdoor
07/30	6:30p	Southwind Thursday Ride/Cycling Club Ride	Champions Plaza	08/01	10a-12p	August Bison Saunter	Prairie State Park
07/30	7p	Thursday Night Karaoke	Pickled Pete's Bar & Grill	08/01	12p-6p	Shriners Sportsmen's Event	Mirza Shrine Center
07/30	7p	Couples Dance Lessons	Dirty Mule Restaurant & Bar	08/01	5p-11p	Commander board game nite	The Game Shoppe
07/30	7p	Spider-Man Trivia Night	The dRink Yard	08/01	6p	Crawford County Fair: Demolition Derby	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/30	7p	Coal Miners Rodeo	Crawford County Fairgrounds	08/01	6p	Crawford County Fair: Dustin Treiber	Crawford County Fairgrounds
07/30	8p	Crawford County Fair: Outlaws Reloaded	Crawford County Fairgrounds				
07/31	10a-4p	Exhibit: Blueprints of American Grit: 150 Years of Pittsburg Progress	Miners Hall Museum				
07/31	3p	Crawford County Fair: Kids Tractor Pull	Crawford County Fairgrounds				

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