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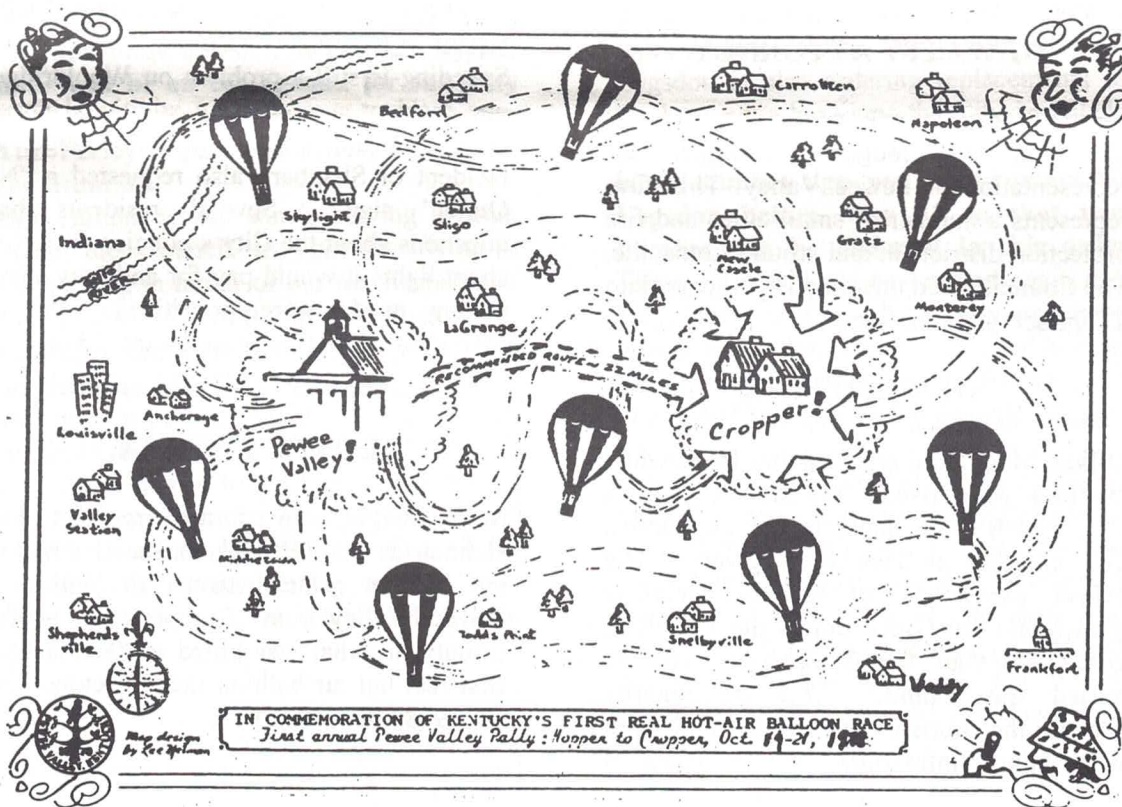
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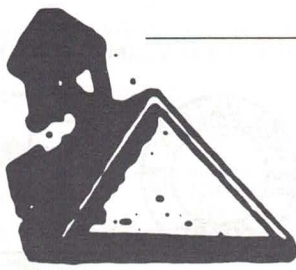
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APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

The fourth regular meeting of the Pewee Valley City Council was held on Monday, April 7, 2003. In attendance were Kevin Arave, Beach Craigmyle, Michael Logsdon, Bob Rogers, Steve Rowland, and Suzy Walser. Also in attendance were City Clerk Janette Chapman, Mayor Clayton Stoess, Jr., and City Attorney John Singler.

## NEW CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Stoess recommended to the Council the firm of Hodge & Singler for representation of Pewee Valley. This firm represents a number of small cities and fire protection districts in and around Louisville. The Council voted unanimously to enter into a contract with this firm.

## POLICE REPORT

Officer Mike Head reported that 16 speeding citations were issued last month, and six DUI arrests were made in the city limits. Ten courtesy notices were given. The officer explained that speeding citations usually are not issued unless the vehicle is going more than 10 miles per hour above the posted speed limit. This is primarily because the courts do not like to be clogged with minor infractions, but it poses a

problem when we would like to enforce a 35 mile per hour zone.

## FIRE REPORT

The Pewee Valley Fire Department made 13 fire runs and 15 EMS runs during the month of March. The Department asks that any resident with an old vehicle to donate on a tax deductible basis please consider making this donation to the PVFD.

## CITIZENS' CONCERNS

A resident of Castlewood Drive requested that the City put up a street sign, even though Castlewood is a private drive. A resident of Bentbrook Place requested that "No Outlet" and Children at Play" signs be installed. Litter concerns were raised with regard to Rollington Road and Wooldridge. Speeding is still a problem on Wooldridge; one resident requested an additional speed bump be installed at the one land bridge. A resident of Shagbark also requested a "No Outlet" sign. Several residents had questions about the City's policies on which street lights it would pay for and how street paving needs were prioritized. Mayor Stoess stated that these issues should be

## COVER PICTURE

Map designed by former resident Lee Heiman as the "official unofficial map" of the balloon route between the cities of Pewee Valley and Cropper, in Shelby County, in what was billed as "Kentucky's first real hot air balloon race," October 14-17, 1978. See story, p. 7.

addressed and formal policies would be developed. In the meantime, he reminded those present that he has created the "Action Request" forms for citizens to bring problem issues to the Council's attention; these forms are available at City Hall (in the box on the door) and on the City's web site ([www.peweevalleyky.org](http://www.peweevalleyky.org)).

Concerns about the widening of Ky. Hwy 146 were expressed. The Council again requested citizens to contact their government representatives to show support for the 329 Bypass extension as a solution to traffic problems rather than considering widening Hwy. 146 (See contact information for representatives on p. 9.) Dorothy English is circulating a petition expressing support for the 329 Bypass; contact her at 241-8841 (business phone) if you want to add your name to the petition.

**Mayor Stoess noted that the 329 Bypass issue will be on the agenda for the May Council meeting and that Representative Tim Feeley is slated to attend to address the situation.**

Don Helton, whose son is serving in Iraq, asked the Council to consider flying a special flag in honor of our servicemen and women deployed in the Middle East. The Council voted unanimously to fly the flag, provided by Mr. Helton, and requests that anyone aware of other Pewee Valley residents (or their children or grandchildren) give those names to a Council member so that their service can also be recognized. Mayor Stoess thanked Dorothy English for the yellow ribbons and flag on the Town Sign, which were placed in honor of those in service in Iraq.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Mr. Craigmyle reported that a new web site host for the City web site has been selected, at a cost of \$45 per month. This will save the City approximately \$1,400 on the contract with the former web site provider, who agreed to terminate the contract in recognition of the City's dissatisfaction with performance.

Mr. Logsdon discussed the options for new street signs to replace the non reflective ones now in place. The same provider will make green and white reflective signs with the Pewee bird for an additional cost, but the cost is less than starting over with a local provider. The City Attorney will look into whether the current signs are contractually defective so that a break in the price of replacements might be obtained. **Mr. Logsdon is also ordering replacements for the house number signs the City installed a few years ago. If you are missing your house number sign, you must contact Mr. Logsdon before May 31 so that your number can be included in this order.** These signs will not be ordered again until May, 2004, so if you don't get your number in with this order, you will not be able to get a sign for another 12 months. **Contact him at 241-8453 or [mllogsdon@earthlink.net](mailto:mllogsdon@earthlink.net).**

Mr. Rogers reported that the Central Ave. water line work has been completed and the Rest Cottage Lane water leak has been controlled. **The City is trying to attend to potholes; if you know of one that needs attention, please contact him at 241-7340.** The Council noted informally that it is its intention to contribute \$1,000 toward the

Edgewood Manor paver restoration at such time as this project may be undertaken.

Ms. Walser reminded the Council of the clean up project scheduled for April 26 at Town Square.

### **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Upon recommendation by Mayor Stoess, the Council unanimously appointed the following:

**Ethics Commission:**

Rev. Paul Jeanes, St. James  
Episcopal Church  
Barry Kellond, Dogwood Lane  
Pat Payne, former Council member

**Cable Rate Commission:**

George Graham, Woodridge Ave.

**Sidewalk Commission:**

Judy Hall, Rest Cottage Lane;  
Greenways leader  
Jerry McMahan, Mt. Mercy Place  
Cindy Hack, Mt. Mercy Place;  
realtor  
Ken Hayes, Ash Ave.

**Waste and Storm Water Commission:**

Tom Clark, former Council member  
Greg Rose, former Council member  
Bruce Henderson, Mt. Mercy Place  
Dick Fillipini, Woodridge Dr.

### **READ THIS! FROM THE PVFD!**

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District would like to remind all Pewee's that creating gardens and planting flowers around fire hydrants is a bad idea. These plants can obscure hydrants from sight and make them difficult to reach. In the event of a fire precious time can be lost trying to locate these "camouflaged" hydrants. A better idea is to keep the area around your fire hydrant free from any obstructions so that fire crews may easily spot them when needed.

We also ask that you do not paint or otherwise alter the appearance of area fire hydrants. The high visibility yellow enables firefighters to quickly find the hydrants, especially at night. The caps are color coded based on the amount of water it is capable of flowing during fire operations. Painting the hydrant or its caps an aesthetically pleasing color to you could lead to problems at a large fire later.

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District thanks you for your cooperation in keeping the fire hydrants accessible. If you have any concerns about hydrants, their locations, or any other fire related topic please feel free to contact us at the station, our phone number is 241-0025. Or you may check us out on the web at [www.peweevalleyfire.org](http://www.peweevalleyfire.org).

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## DEEDS

William and Susan Cooper to Rodney and Suzanne Scannell, 207 Elm Ave.; \$225,000.

Superior Homes Inc. to Jason and Jennifer McMeans, Lot 12 the Woods of Pewee Valley; 107 Rollington Rd.; \$105,000.

David and Charnell Dea to David and Mary Green, 302 Wooldridge Ave.; \$335,000.

Laura Goodan-Graham, trustee to George and Laura Graham; 7620 Woodridge Dr.; FCV \$310,000.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Woodfield Homes Inc. (builder); Thomas Thompson (owner); basement remodel; 210 Rebel Drive; \$22,000.

The Jones Group LLC; 209 Cherry Hill Rd.; \$205,000.

Donna and Mark Zwischenberger (owner); William Nunnelley Inc. (builder); second floor dormer addition; 360 s.f.; 112 Ash Ave.; \$30,000.

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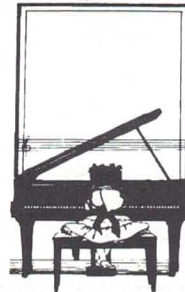
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## DEATHS

**Jane Ogg Basham**, age 84, died March 22, 2003. She was a 1940 graduate of the University of Louisville, a former social worker for Oldham County and the state of Kentucky, a former administrative assistant and judge pro tem for County Judge James A. Hall, administrative assistant for Judge Wendell, former secretary of Oldham County Community Chest, former member of LaGrange Literary Club, and a member of Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a daughter, Claudia (Clayton Jr.) Stoess; two granddaughters; and one grandson.

**Arlene Smith Parsons**, age 69, died April 10, 2003, at Baptist Hospital Northeast. She was a former nurse for Caritas Medical Center and a member of Crestwood Baptist Church. Survivors include three sons, Alvin "Buzz" (Tracy) Parsons, Jerry D. (Debbie) Parsons, and Michael (Barbara) Parsons; two daughters, Sherry (Phillip) Strohmeier and Tammy Sue Parsons; and seven grandchildren.

### PEWEE VALLEY CEMETARY

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**Bill Herdt 241-4194**

**Bert Stoess 241-4202**

**B. Murphy 241-8049**

## Many Ways to Get from Pewee Valley to Cropper, if You Go by Balloon

The October, 1978, edition of *The Call of the Pewee* reported on the first annual "Pewee Valley Rally: Hopper to Cropper":

"Like so many blossoms suddenly rising out of the foliage, dozens of hot-air balloons will make their colorful way into the sky above Pewee Valley in the late afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 14.... This event, brainchild of Floyd Jernigan, will be what he terms the first real balloon race ever to take place in Kentucky. The so-called balloon race held in connection with the Kentucky Derby Festival, is, he explains, actually a follow-the-leader rather than a race, the winner being the balloon that lands closest to another balloon designated as the 'hare.' The (Pewee) race, on the other hand, will be a contest to get somewhere first. The 'somewhere' will be a finish line set up in the village of Cropper, in Shelby County, about 22 miles to the east of Pewee Valley. The race will start at approximately 5 p.m. Oct. 14 from various locations in Pewee Valley...and will end no later than 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Cropper. The winning balloonist will be the one who has flown his craft to the finish line, or nearest it, in that seven-day period. After the first lift-off, all pilots must stay aloft at least 30 minutes, no matter which way the wind happens to be blowing. During the week, each balloonist is permitted to take off and land as many times as he desires in an effort to better his position. Each ascent must begin at the point of the previous descent.

Pewee Valley's City Council is not only supporting the race but participating to the point of providing traffic control and

signs to direct visitors to the various lift-off spots, and offering a rotating winner's trophy (assuming this is to be an annual event), plus a smaller one that the 1978 winner can keep....

Floyd has invited over 100 balloonists to take part and he expects at least 25 or 30 of them to be in the race. He plans to have them around for a briefing in the Old Town Square area about 3:30 or 4:00 where spectators will have an opportunity to chat with them."

The menu for the spectators included chili, pumpkin pie and coffee from the Pewee Valley Woman's Club, and- hot dogs and soft drinks in the Caboose sold by the Oldham County High School Band.

## PEWEES OF NOTE

**Matthew K. Carron** was named to the Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester.

**Adam Fauver** was named to the Dean's List at Hanover College for the winter/spring semester. He is the son of Kathy and Willie Hensley.

**Kara Thompson** was named to the Dean's List at Georgetown College for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Thompson.

**Christa Borders** has accepted membership into the Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually honored at Eastern Kentucky University. Golden Key is an academic honors organization recognizes students' academic and leadership achievements.

Jason Andrew Arnold and Virginia Helen Vaile have been named to the Dean's List at Eastern Kentucky University for the fall semester.

**Douglas G. Chambers** was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in December. A 1982 graduate of OCHS and 1986 graduate of Morehead State University, he serves with the I Corps in Fort Lewis, Washington. He is the son of Willard and Arlene Chambers of Pewee Valley.

**Spc. Nathaniel P. Bourke** of the Kentucky National Guard was deployed to Kuwait in February and is serving in Iraq. He is the grandson of Peter Good.



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Marine Corps Pfc. Micah P. Retzlaff is serving aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima and Amphibious Ready Group in the Mediterranean Sea. Retzlaff's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces. He is the son of Cindy and Craig Retzlaff.

Jeff Helton is currently serving in Iraq as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Helton.

  
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222-3210

**Rep. Tim Feeley**  
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241-9670 (home)  
225-5995 (office)  
[tim.feeley@lrc.state.ky.us](mailto:tim.feeley@lrc.state.ky.us)

**Sen. Ernie Harris**  
P.O. Box 1073  
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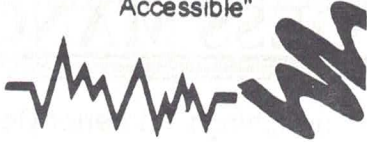
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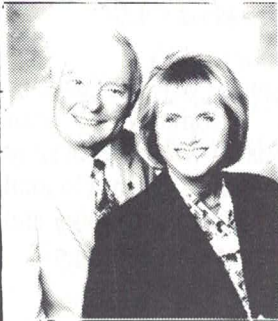
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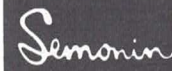
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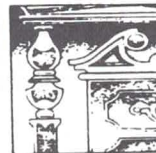
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