

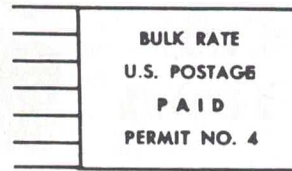
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OLDHAM COUNTY, 40056

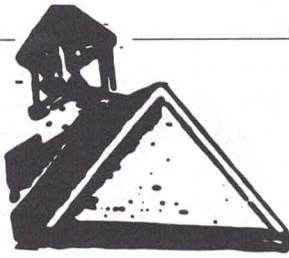


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2001 City Council Members (L to R): Suzanne Schimpeler, Roy Smith, Jim Marquardt, Peter Johnson, Kevin Fuqua, Nathan Stewart are sworn in January 4, 2001

Our Town



Doris Ann Robbins, Acting City Clerk

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Hall bell was rung at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 4 to open the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting for the year 2001.

NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN

City Attorney John Frith Stewart administered the oath of office to the members of the 2001 Pewee Valley City Council, who all swore that they had never fought a duel, as is required under Kentucky law. Two members, Suzanne Schimpeler and Roy Smith, are new to the Council. Council member Schimpeler lives in the house on Central Avenue in which she grew up; she returned to Pewee Valley several years ago and completely restored the home. She has a degree in interior design and a Masters in nursing, interests she combined in a career in health care delivery design out of state. She now works for Burdorf's Interiors as a designer. Her father also served on the Town Council, and her mother was a founder of the Civic Club.

Council member Smith is a native of LaGrange and a graduate of OCHS. He has a degree in electrical engineering which he utilized in his 24 year career with CSX. Now he works for an international railway

consulting firm and travels extensively to share his expertise. His wife is a native of Pewee Valley and was a member of the City Council in the 70's. He has been actively involved in Our Town's ongoing quest for a railroad "quiet zone."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report showed a combined operating account and Municipal Plus Account balance of \$448,727.32, LGAF program balance of \$14,531.30, and Municipal Aid Road Fund balance of \$22,979.02.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Vandalism in Our Town, especially the uprooting of the address signs, was a concern. Council member Peter Johnson has a number of the signs that have been removed; if yours is missing, call him and you may be able to retrieve it. Officer John Meadors of the OCPD urged citizens to report **all** vandalism, because individual instances are often part of a pattern that the police can discern and "nip in the bud."

POLICE REPORT

This month saw 33 citations issued in Our Town, 27 of which were for speeding (plus 14 "courtesy notices" given for speeding with no ticket issued). Officer Meadors explained that citations were down slightly due to weather conditions. There were three property damage accidents and three uniform offenses.

SNOW REMOVAL SUCCESS

Mayor Jim Kincer and the Council members heartily praised Glenn Rowland, who is the man to thank for getting you out of your driveways and on to Christmas shopping during the recent bouts of winter weather.

He has worked tirelessly to keep the streets in Our Town free of ice and snow. Council member Nathan Stewart reported that the city has used double the snow removal budget to date. Let's hope for milder weather in the next couple of months!

TOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

Council member Kevin Fuqua addressed the issue of vacant office buildings and homes in the city and what to do about property that has not been maintained. Council members are to submit questions about specific problems to the City Attorney prior to the next Council meeting, and the City Attorney will address possible legal remedies. Council member Stewart will follow up former member David Funke's efforts to explore solutions with owners of these properties.

OPEN BURNING

The Council approved the survey included in this issue of *The Call of the Pewee* which was designed by Councilman Stewart to determine the preferences of residents on this issue. Any changes to the current local ordinance on open burning will be based on survey responses, so please complete it and deliver it to Councilman Stewart.

The current city ordinance was enacted in 1994 and permits the following:

- burning leaves during daylight hours
- cooking fires
- fires for recreation or ceremonies
- burning natural growth, for land clearing
- burning household rubbish
- fires to control weeds or pests
- fires for warmth of outdoor workers
- limited commercial rubbish disposal
- other fires at discretion of fire chief, upon prior notice

The fine for non-compliance is from \$50-\$500 per occurrence and per day.

Kentucky law requires only that you burn judiciously so that your fire does not spread. As happened last summer, however, the fire marshal can ban or restrict open burning based on weather conditions or drought. Such state power then overrides the city ordinance. Currently, no state restrictions or bans are in effect.

OTHER BUSINESS

Drainage Issues: Greg Rose researched courthouse records to see who is responsible for the hole (possibly caused by collapse of old City drainage networks) at Salem Assembly of God church. It appears the hole is located in the old state right of way and may be its responsibility. Mayor Kincer suggested asking the police to put up a caution sign around the hole. Council members Marquardt, Stewart, and Smith will meet with Bill Monhollan, state traffic engineer, about Central Ave. traffic and the hole.

Economic Development: After discussion, the Council agreed to contribute \$3,000 to the Oldham County Economic Development Authority (OCEDA), to be applied toward the executive director's salary, provided that a citizen of Pewee Valley, appointed by the Council, shall serve on the OCEDA advisory board. The contribution is renewable annually at the option of the Council.

Reappointments: Mayor Kincer reappointed and the Council voted to accept Barbara Webster as City Clerk, Steve Reeves as City Treasurer, and Doris Ann Robbins as Tax Collector.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Tax Rate Changes: The Council initiated review of decreasing the municipal insurance tax rate and increasing the property tax rate. This matter will be taken up in full at the February meeting. Interested citizens are invited to attend and share their concerns.

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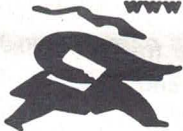
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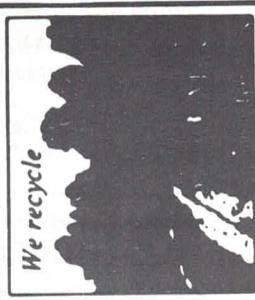
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Editor's pick of the month: The Unofficial Guide to Planning Your Wedding, by Eileen Livers. Our daughter, Kate, became engaged over the holidays; she lives in Boston and the wedding will be here, so guess who's doing the planning.

Spouse's pick: Flashing Before My Eyes, by noted sports writer Dick Schaap, who dedicates the book to his wife this way: "For Trish McLeod, a beautiful Scottish Highlander, my third and final wife, of whom Mickey Mantle once said to me, 'You're overmarried.' If I were not already in love with her, I would have fallen for her the day she met Reggie Jackson for the sixth or seventh time, and he said to her, 'What's your name again?'" and she said, 'Trish. And yours?' Reggie did not laugh." The remainder of the dedication involves Wilt Chamberlain and cannot be reprinted in a community newsletter.

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OPEN BURNING SURVEY FOR PEWEE VALLEY

In response to concern from citizens of Pewee Valley both for and against open burning within the City, the City Council would like to survey the residents to get your stance regarding this issue. Please mark your survey and return it to Nathan Stewart by February 15, 2001. (Address is on the back of this page; simply fold, staple closed, and mail.)

Please circle Yes or No for each question

- 1) Are you satisfied with the City's current burning policy? (See article, p. ___) **Yes / No**
- 2) Would you prefer a less strict open burning policy? **Yes / No**
- 3) Would you prefer to ban ALL open burning within the City? **Yes / No**
- 4) Would you prefer to ban LEAF burning within the City? **Yes / No**
- 5) Would you prefer to restrict LEAF burning to certain weekends? **Yes / No**
- 6) Would you support a LEAF burning ban if the City provided alternative removal methods? **Yes / No**
- 7) Would you support a YARD WASTE (sticks and leaves) burning ban if the City provided alternative removal methods? **Yes / No**
- 8) Would you prefer to limit burning to only yard waste (sticks and leaves)? **Yes / No**

Additional Comments:

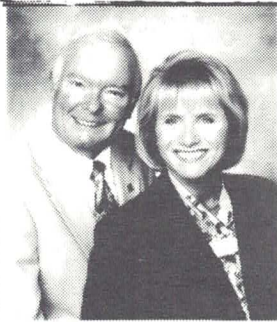
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BILL HERDT HONORED

The new Pewee Valley Fire House has been dedicated in honor of Bill Herdt, owner of Herdt Motors, in recognition of his 71 years of service to the all-volunteer department. He was 13 when he joined the fire department, along with friends Joe Atirfill, Junie Huber, Jack and Roger Smith, and Norris Summers. The weekly meetings doubled as teen entertainment in those pre-TV days. As there were no fire hydrants then, the youngsters were usually put to work filling the fire truck's 3, 30-gallon tanks with cistern water, using a bucket brigade. Later, Mr. Herdt graduated to being a driver, working over the years with fellow volunteers such as Luther Davis and Norman Turner, both of whom played crucial roles in the development of the professional department we enjoy today. Mr. Herdt is still on call daily, is still a driver, and supervises truck maintenance.

Mr. Herdt is a life long resident of Our Town whose grandfather changed his blacksmith business (founded in 1898) to Jacob Herdt and Son in 1910. Automobiles were first sold there in 1926. In 1941, the business began selling and servicing lawn mowing equipment. Mr. Herdt's sisters, Virginia Chaudoin and Louise Marker, also live in Pewee Valley. His wife, Martha Norris Herdt, was a teacher, counselor, and assistant principal at OCHS prior to her death in 1991. Descendents of the petunias she planted around Herdt Motors pop up there each summer, where Herdt still does some car repair, in addition to his work on the fire trucks. And if you're newly transplanted here from "the City," watch out when he starts talking Gravely tractors;

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Bill Herdt (Photo courtesy of The Oldham Era)

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DEATHS

Clifford Lee Wisdom, age 52, died December 27, 2000, at Tri-County Baptist Hospital. He was the owner of Wisdom Drywall and a member of Pewee Valley Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, the former Diane Shehorn; a son, Jeremy Wisdom; a daughter, Kimberly Wisdom; four brothers; and six sisters.

Margaret Rothenburger, 99, died December 22, 2000 at Friendship Manor. She was a retired employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Survivors include a daughter, June Obermeier; a niece, Marianne Tyler, who cared for her; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.


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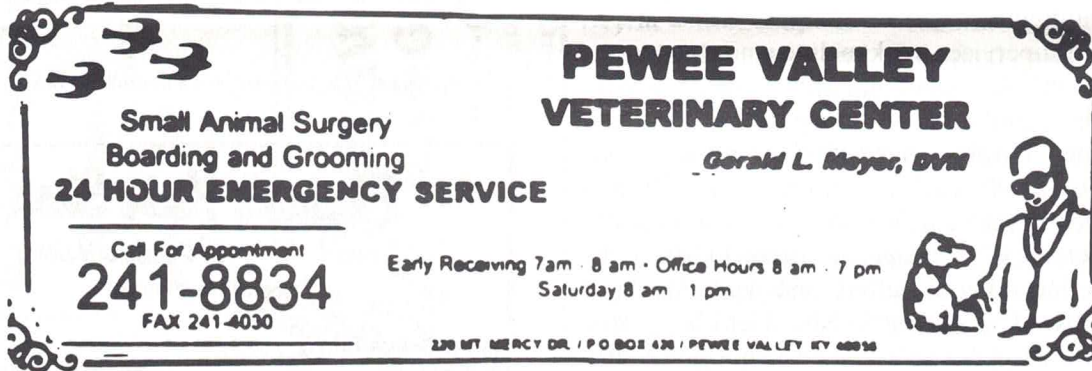
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PEWEE "DEWEES" OF NOTE

Annie Kieseletter has been chosen by audition to be a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan Singers at Kentucky Wesleyan College. A freshman majoring in elementary education, she is the daughter of Vanessa and Russell Kieseletter.

A LITTLE "GARDEN OF EDEN"

The following letter appeared in a recent issue of the *Oldham Era*:

To the Editor:

Having grown up in Pewee Valley, I was pleasantly surprised to see an article concerning the Pewee Valley Fire Department and Bill Herdt on the Kentucky Fire Wire, an Internet page. I can still remember hearing the siren blaring at our home on Dogwood Lane and listening for the volunteers from across the town rushing to the fire station. I can remember the men washing the trucks and training every week while I was participating with activities at the Little Colonel Playhouse. I can remember how fascinating it was to sit on top of the trucks every spring while the firefighters were standing in the middle of LaGrange Road collecting for Crusade for Children.

It's been nearly 30 years since I left that little 'Garden of Eden,' as Macky Fletcher called it in the City's Centennial Celebration so many years ago. I was the Pewee Bird sitting on top of the ladder in the pageant. Since then, I've earned two college degrees, garnered 20 years as a successful educator in two states and three schools, and become a Captain of a small volunteer fire department in my own community. But, I still look at Pewee Valley as home; as changed as it is. Good luck to all the crew of the Pewee Valley Fire Department and thanks especially to Bill and all the others who kept my childhood safe and supplied so many fond memories.

--Bill Duncan
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DEEDS

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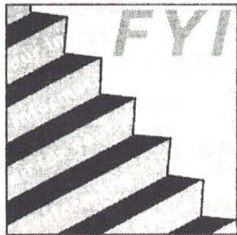
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NEWS FROM "THE CALL" OF THE PAST

January, 1971: *What's In A Name*

Pewee Valley may be a Paradise to us, but in Memphis, Tenn., it's just a little drainage ditch. Looking up a zip code earlier this month, Pewee Postmaster Matthews Fletcher came upon a Pee Wee Valley Street which was listed in Memphis, and his curiosity caused him to write to the postmaster there for information as to how it got that name...the reply: "When a certain section of Memphis was in the planning stage, the developer's map indicated a small depression, with a drainage ditch in it. This hadn't appeared on the city map...when the developer was asked about it, he said 'It's really not important, it's such a small valley, so if you've got to call it something, just call it Pee Wee Valley.' And then the street built beside it inherited the name, presumably."

Black Tuesday

Bad day for Pewees: Tuesday, Jan. 19. That was the day daylight burglars took some valuable silver, clothing and a color TV set from the C.K. Monheimer's house on Central Ave. and \$68 in cash from Dr. George Perrine's office on LaGrange Rd.

January, 1972: *Honorary Baby*

The newest "honorary citizen" of Pewee Valley, so designated by a special certificate signed by City officials, is the first baby born in 1972 at the Pewee Valley Hospital - Christopher Lee Ritchey, born to the Forrest Ritcheys of Middletown, with the assistance of Dr. Harold Funke, on Jan. 2.

January, 1974: *Vignettes of Pewee Valley*

The "Little Colonel's" grandfather, Colonel George Weissinger, was known for his temper. One day he returned home to find

his man servant, who was quite a rascal, dressed in the Colonel's evening clothes and ready to depart for a night of festivity. As he saw the servant standing before the wardrobe his anger rose and he began beating the servant with his cane. The struggle grew intense but the servant seemed to be gaining the upper hand, so Colonel Weissinger pulled the wardrobe over. It caught the servant with his head under the monstrous piece of furniture with his body protruding. Since the servant was not seriously hurt, he extricated himself, made amends to the Colonel and all was peace for a time.

January, 1975: *Vignettes of Pewee Valley*

(Reprinted from the Oldham County Index, April 19, 1902)

PEWEE VALLEY

is the first town in Oldham, on the road from Louisville, is 17 miles from the latter city, and is without a doubt the most beautiful suburban hamlet to be found in the State. Here beautiful homes have been built by lovers of a quiet retreat, and in the summer season the streets are alive with gay equipages, and the morning and evening trains to and from the city are crowded with business men of every calling, who spend the summer in Pewee Valley....

The Suburban Commercial Club is a recently organized body of public spirited citizens of this and adjoining towns and country who already have gone to work with a zeal that promises grand results in the future. One important work they have mapped out is the building of a boulevard from Anchorage to Beard, a distance of six miles, which of itself will add greatly to the beauty and desirability of this section as a residence locality. The electric railway, already completed and in operation from

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A number of beautiful homes and rustic scenes are given in this issue of the Index, for many of which we are indebted to Miss Kate Matthews, a lover of Nature and Art, who has sketched many beautiful scenes in and around Pewee. In conclusion, come and see us as we are, take dinner, and stay all day. You will look for a home here before you rest again.

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