

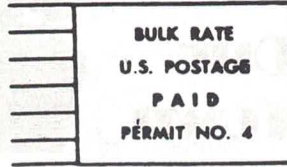
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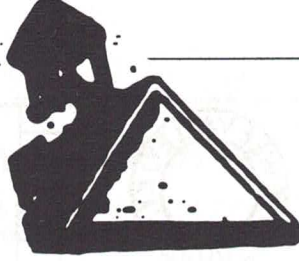
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MAY COUNCIL MEETING

The sixth regular meeting of the Pewee Valley City Council was held on Monday, June 2, 2003. In attendance were Beach Craigmyle, Michael Logsdon, Bob Rogers, Steve Rowland, Suzy Walser and Kevin Arave. Also in attendance were City Clerk Janette Chapman, Mayor Clayton Stoess, Jr., and City Attorney John Singler.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Marvin St. John, of Edgewood Way, expressed concern about the condition and maintenance of three houses behind Town Hall on Central Avenue. He wondered whether Pewee Valley has the power to enforce property upkeep. Mr. Craigmyle responded that the city has a nuisance ordinance to address such situations. The City is required to act if a petition signed by two residents is filed, and a property owner in non compliance can be fined up to \$25 per day. Mayor Stoess said that he is aware of the problem and is trying to work with the property owners and their church to solve it. Mr. St. John agreed that he would not exercise any formal action while the Mayor works to resolve the issue for the next two months. It was noted that water is backing up onto these properties, which may be a City problem.

Rev. LaVerne Snyder of the Salem Assembly Church of God said that there is a serious water problem on Hwy. 146. Around 1974, a permanent ditch that acts as a drain for several properties was dug. The drain backs up and neighbor Mr. Littrell's back yard fills with water; this problem has persisted for the past 18 months. City Historian Gin Chaudoin stated that original drain pipe on Hwy. 146 was put in by the State between 1910 and 1914. When that system failed, the state put smaller pipe on top of the original pipe, in 1985. Mr. Rogers reported that he is interviewing engineering firms to look at drainage problems, including this one on Hwy. 146, to determine the extent of the flaws and the party that is legally responsible for repairs.

John Bishop thanked Mr. Rogers for having drainage pipes cleared for him.

COVER PHOTO

A leisurely summer day in Pewee Valley was captured on film by noted photographer Kate Matthews sometime during the turn of the last century. Annie Fellows Johnston, who was writing the series of Little Colonel books during this time, may have modeled some of her literary characters after these real Pewees. Do you have any "leisurely summer day in Pewee Valley" photos you'd like to share to document life in Our Town around the time of the turn of the 20th century? Send them to the Editor to be featured in an upcoming issue. Submitted photos cannot be returned.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Robert Hamilton reported that there were 138 runs made during the past month; 60% were fire runs, and 40% were emergency response calls. The Department is working with the property owner of 100 Central Ave. to burn the building as a training exercise.

There was no police report as the contract with the Oldham County Police Department for special patrols of Our Town was not renewed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Culvert Fee Reimbursement Update: Mr. Crainmyle, Mr. Rowland and Mayor Stoess meet to review each culvert fee reimbursement request, and, if all appropriate information has been submitted, the request is approved and forwarded to the City Treasurer for payment.

*Transportation Task Force and 329 By-Pass: The addition of a turn lane from Houston Lane to Maple Avenue through Pewee Valley was one of the traffic congestion solutions proposed by consultants hired by the Oldham County Fiscal Court at a public meeting held May 29th. This proposal was not well received. Apparently Fiscal Court never received the petition signed by many Pewee Valley residents expressing their vehement opposition to any widening of Hwy. 146, including turn lanes, through Our Town. The petition will be sent again to the County Judge. It was noted that three road improvement projects (including the 329 By-Pass) have already been approved by the

state; these would take priority over other projects advanced by Fiscal Court.

*Street Light Outages—589-3500

*Garbage Pickup missed by some residents—Call Rumpke 568-3800

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Craigmyle reported that the Pewee Valley Web Site is being redesigned and should be up and running within 30-60 days.

Mr. Rogers reported that he is still taking care of pot holes on Edgewood and Muir's Lane.

Ms. Walser reported on progress on the Pewee Valley Summer Band Concert and Ice Cream Social, to be held on Sunday, August 10th at 6 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church. She hopes to have pony rides and a moon walk.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Stoess showed two versions of new street signs for Our Town, one in green with white letters and one in black with white letters, designed to be more reflective than the brown ones currently in place. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$1,500 to purchase new street signs in green and white. The City Historian requested that these signs have the pewee bird flying into, rather than out of, Pewee Valley.

Mr. Rowland gave the second reading of the ordinance establishing the budget for fiscal

year 2003-2004. Total expenditures proposed under the new budget amount to \$911,200, more than \$70,000 less than the current budget. The property tax rate, at 17.22 cents, remains the same. The proposed budget includes \$115,000 to repay culvert fees. Also included are \$122,000 for roads (down from \$188,000 this year); \$81,000 for public safety (down from \$142,500 this year); and \$50,000 for waste collection (up \$5,000 over this year's budget). There was some discussion among the Council members concerning the Tree Board budget item; Jim Brewer reported that 50% of the budgeted amount goes for tree removal and maintenance. On a roll call vote, the proposed budget passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion, the Council voted to hire Mel Melburn of Construction Solutions as City Engineer, on an as needed basis at the hourly rate of \$85 per hour. He is to develop an assessment of the City drainage issues and propose a system wide approach to correcting drainage problems.

The Council discussed procedures for collection of delinquent property taxes. Mayor Stoess will send a letter to delinquent property owners giving them 30 days to pay the tax due prior to taking formal legal action. The Mayor requested that Mr. Craigmyle and Mr. Rowland draft an ordinance dealing with procedures for collecting delinquent taxes.

Mayor Stoess also proposed using \$5,000 to hire someone part-time for two days a week to work at Town Hall. The money allocated

for payments to Council members could be used for this purpose, as the current Council members have agreed to waive these payments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon unanimous vote of the Council.

Letter To the Editor:

I started working on a web site several months ago for community interests. I am currently working on other projects, but the site has a working community forum that can be used. The address for the site is www.40056.com. I thought it would be a neat way of collecting feedback from the readers or to perform informal polls, or even just to allow people to present problems and solutions for the city. Not everyone can make the (Town Council) meetings.

--Scott Hack

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DEATHS

Georgetta Bell, age 84, died May 31, 2003, at her home. Survivors include a daughter, Marcella Hill; a son, Paul F. Bell; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Virginia S. Morris, age 81, died May 25, 2003, at Baptist Hospital East. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ovel Dee Morris, who died in 1993. Survivors include a son, Roger Morris; four daughters, Janice Raiser, Patsy Foster, Donna Adair and Marsha Gilligan; a brother; four sisters; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PEWEE VALLEY BURNS

The historic church, dating to 1869, was destroyed in a fire June 17th. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The building that burned had been used as a fellowship hall since a new sanctuary was built about 15 years ago. Mayor Stoess and the City Council members extend their sympathy and prayers to the congregation. A fund has been established for contributions to help with the rebuilding; donations can be made at any National City Bank branch. The church property is located at 7102 Old Floydburg Road.

DEEDS

George & Claudia Duffy to John & Jill Schloemer; 148 Rosswoods Dr.; \$295,000.

Watch Hill, LLC to Harvey & Margaret Gilley; 406 Watch Hill Ln.; \$130,000.

James & Robin Brewer to Andrew & Rose Sears; 8108 Houston Ln.; \$380,000.

Harlan & Addie White to Karol and Mary Koehler; 208 Rebel Dr.; \$228,000.

BUILDING PERMITS

Roger Hack; 2128 s.f. attached garage; 322 Mt. Mercy Dr.

J. Koontz (owner); The Jones Group (bldr.); 550 s.f. addition to residence; 327 Central Ave.; \$30,000.

Bruce & Jennifer Henderson (owner); Montco Builders Inc. (bldr.); 1,450 addition to residence; 112 Mt. Mercy Place; \$112,000.

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PEWEES OF NOTE

Paul Christian Stokell has earned a master's degree in theological studies from the Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He is currently employed at St. Aloysius and has been involved in its parish ministry since 1999.

Christine Mitchell, has been selected to have here biography included in the National Dean's List 2002-2003 directory for her academic accomplishments.

Gina Vaile graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Eastern Kentucky University. She was selected as a member of Who's Who Among American College Students. She is the daughter of Tim and Margaret Vaile.

Kal Clark was the SOHS recipient of the 2003 U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award. He is a National Merit Scholarship winner, a member of the National Honor Society, SOHS speech and debate teams, and an all state athlete.


Bill Weber is the star in "Murder in Cherokee Park," a murder mystery-comedy being performed at the Clifton Center in Louisville this month.

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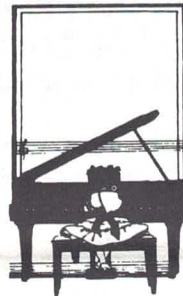
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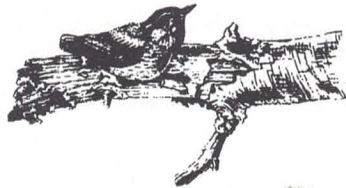
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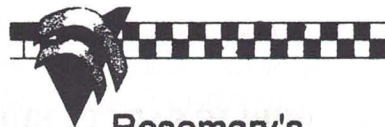
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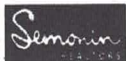
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ST. ALOYSIUS ANNOUNCES :

These changes in our schedule will take effect on Saturday July 19, on the weekend after the annual parish Picnic:

. The Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. will remain in place. The time for this Mass was changed from 5:30 p.m. last summer.

. The early morning Mass on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. will also remain at the same time.

. The late morning Sunday Mass, now held at 10:00 a.m., will be moved to 11:00 a.m.

. The 12:00 noon Sunday Mass will be moved to 5:00 p.m. This means St. Aloysius will become one of six Catholic parishes in the area to have a Sunday late afternoon liturgy.

Changes will also take place in our Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.). Classes will be moved to Sunday mornings from Wednesday evenings, beginning with the 2003 - 2004 school year.

. K-8 students will attend class from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. These classes will be held at Saint Aloysius School. Families of K-8 students will have the option of attending the 8:00 a.m. Mass and staying for class, or arriving later in the morning for classes and remaining on the campus for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Ample time has been given for movement of traffic, parking, and arrival to Mass and class in a timely and safe manner.

. Adult-level classes and Scripture Study will be offered from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

. High school students will take part in classes from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., prior to the new Sunday afternoon Mass. This is the first time in nearly 15 years that Saint Aloysius has offered classes for high school-level children. After the 5:00 p.m. Mass, youth will be able to take part in Youth Group and Youth Choir activities.

We will see this new way of doing things bring forth new and positive opportunities to make Saint Aloysius Church a stronger, more vibrant community of faith.

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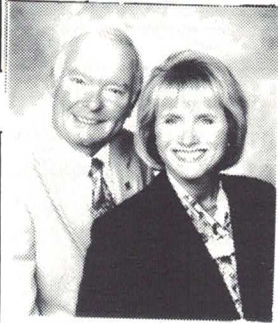
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