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# The Call of the Pewee

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**Photo by Kathie Hodge**

## **TWO NEW ONES, LIKE THIS**

Our Town now has two brand new police cruisers to add to two older ones - providing one good car per officer.

The two new ones, both Ford

Crown Victorias (as are the older ones), cost a total of \$24,853. The purchase was authorized by the City Council on March 1.

Two other cars in the police stable, which have been used as back-up cruisers, are being offered for sale.

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# OUR TOWN



*By Lee Heiman, City Clerk*

## HIGH COST OF GOVERNING

The cost of running Our Town has been much greater than expected over the past several months.

One increased expense came from the considerable overtime pay due Police Chief Larry Walls and Officer Stormy Hoskins in the absence of ailing Officer Kevin Epley, before two new policemen were hired in January. Also, overtime while the two new officers have been in training.

Another unanticipated expense resulted from legal fees in connection with the litigation between the City and CSX Transportation in regard to the blowing of train horns. These charges were additional to the nominal fee for retention of Stewart & Roelandt as the City's legal counsel.

As a result, the City Council on March 1 approved an additional \$25,000 for the Police Department budget for this fiscal year (which ends June 30) and an additional \$5000 for the administrative budget that includes payment of legal fees.

These amounts are from the Mayor's contingency fund, which comes in handy in case of emergencies.

## SNOW JOB!

Another extra expense for the City this winter has been for keeping the streets usable in the wake of two heavy snows. This, however, hasn't brought Roads Commissioner John Bishop's expenses - so far - above the budgeted amount in spite of considerable repaving costs last fall.

What it has cost for keeping the streets open after two deep snows in February: approximately \$1115. This includes use of graders for snow plowing, and spreading of gravel in slick spots.

## NEW HOME FOR POLICE

The Red Caboose on the Old Town Square will soon become headquarters for the Pewee Valley Police Department.

Police plan to begin making arrangements to move in upon termination on April 6 of the current lease on the Caboose - the lease held by John Stewart Jr., who has subleased to a roofing company.

City Councilmembers visited the Caboose during their monthly meeting on March 1 to determine if it was suitable - or could be made suitable - for the police quarters. The Council afterward approved such use.

The police office now is to the rear of the City Council meeting room in Town Hall. The move to the Caboose will make it possible to enlarge the Council room to accommodate more visitors.

## SOME ELECTION NOTES

Approval of one of the State Constitutional amendments in the November 1992 election will result in a difference in the terms of City officials (including Pewee Valley's) who will be elected in next November's voting.

The amendment moves the times for municipal elections to even-numbered years. Thus:

The Mayor elected in 1993 will serve a single 5-year term. The next regular election will then take place in 1998, and every 4 years thereafter.

City Councilmembers elected in 1993 will serve a single 3-year term. The next regular election will then take place in 1996, and every 2 years thereafter.

By the way... Filing deadline for City offices in the upcoming November election is 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, at the County Clerk's office.

And voters: If you need to register to cast your ballot in the May 25 primary election, your deadline is April 27, same place.

The County Clerk's office is on the first floor of the new Courthouse on Jefferson Street in LaGrange.

### **The Call of the Driver**

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## HORN-BLOWING APPEAL

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Hopefully, for the sake of the many Pewees who have been suffering the blasts from CSX trains for lo these many months, it's not the end of the line.

Oldham Circuit Judge Dennis Fritz has ruled in favor of a permanent injunction that keeps Pewee Valley from enacting its ordinance banning the blowing of train horns within the city limits.

But John Frith Stewart, the City's legal counsel, feels that there are solid grounds for appeal of that verdict, and he has taken steps to do so.

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The following portion of a DEAR ABBY column was submitted by a "Call Of The Pewee" reader:

DEAR ABBY: Here is my favorite, and first-memorized, short poem, from an automobile magazine published around 1940:

"Car speeda  
"Train meeta,  
"They greeta  
"Saint Peta."

Author unknown



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The fourth production for this season at the Little Colonel Playhouse in Pewee Valley will be "First Night", a romantic comedy. Directed by Rob Lusk, the show is now in rehearsal. Production dates are April 15, 16, 17, 23, and 24th at 8:00 p.m., and a 2:30 p.m. matinee on April 25.

Mark your calendars now for an entertaining evening. Next month's "Call" will have more details about the play.

## RADON TEST

A recent radon study in Oldham County indicated unhealthy levels particularly in the Goshen and Pewee Valley areas.

Because radon is not seen or smelled, homeowners are usually not aware of any danger from it.

But luckily, county agriculture extension agent Eric Matthews, using \$1,000 from a federal grant, will test about 140 homes for free. If your home or business building is not among those tested for free, Matthews will test it for only \$4. If that is too much, Matthews volunteered to cut the cost to \$2 for any who can't afford the \$4. The important thing is for all residents to be aware of any unhealthy amounts of radon that might be present in their home or business.

If you want the test, call Eric Matthews at 222-9453. It will only take a moment and it could help you and your family stay healthy.



## ST. AL CONCERT BY FRENCH PIANIST

French pianist Nada Loutfi will be the featured artist at the second in a series of free concerts presented at St. Aloysius. She will play a program of classical music on Sunday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church on Mt. Mercy Drive.

The concerts, free and open to the public, are sponsored by St. Aloysius Catholic Church and New Performing Arts. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the cost of the concert at the church and also one Ms. Loutfi will present the following day for inmates at the Kentucky State Reformatory and Luther Lockett Correctional Complex.

New Performing Arts is a non-profit organization specializing in developing the performing arts in smaller communities.

The third and last in the concert series, the vocal trio of Price, King and Crutchfield, will perform at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on May 23.

### \* Barbara A. Paris, CPA

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## 8 A GREETER NEEDED

If you're a fairly newly arrived Pewee, chances are that you were welcomed to Our Town by the City's official Greeter. For years this job was performed by Councilmember Kathie Hodge, but then she turned over the Greeter duties to Nancy Futral.

But now Nancy, in turn, is looking for a successor.

So here is an opportunity for someone - or a couple - to become not a Greetee but a Greeter.

Anyone, newcomer or old-timer, interested in doing this job of visiting new arrivals and handing out packets of City information should phone Nancy at 241-1628 - and she will greet you with a warm hello!

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Brent Keeling, 17, a senior at St. Xavier High School in Louisville, competed on the Feb. 15 television game show "Jeopardy." He wasn't the big winner in the teen tournament, but did win \$1,000 in prize money and a free trip to California!

Brent and his parents, Bev and Bill Keeling, live on Sunnyside in Pewee Valley.



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**TINA NEUBAUER, Enrollment Chairman**

In appreciation for the Volunteer Fireman in our community, we reprint this portion of Ann Landers' column which appeared recently in the Courier-Journal:

### **WHAT IS A FIREMAN?**

He's the guy next door — a man's man with the memory of a little boy. He has never gotten over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with warts and worries and unfulfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us. He's a fireman.

He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.

A fireman is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men.

He's a man who saves lives because he has seen too much death.

He's a gentle man because he has seen the awesome power of violence out of control.

He's responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life — hot coffee held in numb, unbending fingers — a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling — the camaraderie of brave men — the divine peace and selfless service of a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities. When he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man. He lives it.

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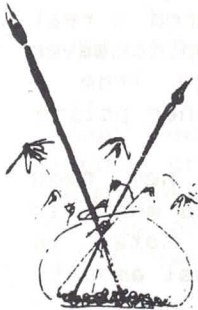
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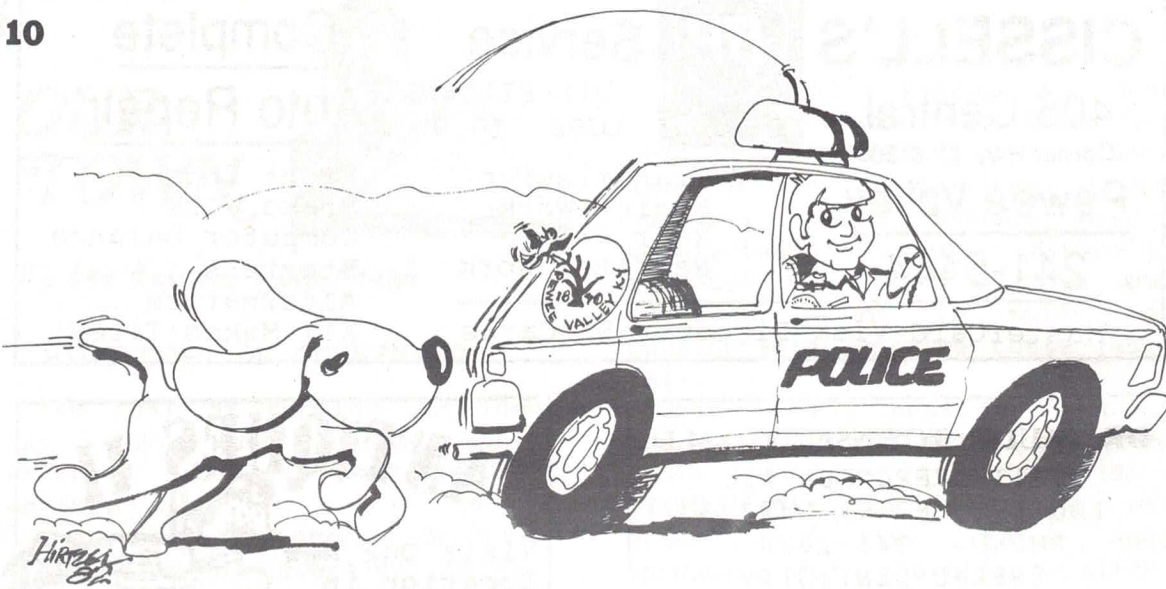
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## THE CHASE IS ON

Soon after Pewee Valley bought a Volkswagen Rabbit for Chief Wall's police car, Bill Hirtzel of Rebel Drive drew the above cartoon to depict a common occurrence in Our Town...an Elm Avenue beagle always lying in wait to give chase after this "biggest Rabbit of all"!

Pewee Valley's newest police cruisers are a far cry from the little Volkswagen that became residents' "pet" when it became Chief Walls' main vehicle 12 years ago.

"The Call Of The Pewee" reported in April 1981 that "Peweesees who'd become accustomed to seeing officers in big gas-guzzling cruisers are doing double-takes when they spot the new little car for the first time."

We went on to say: "Some folks call it cute. Police Commissioner (at that time) John Hendrickson calls it economical. Chief Walls calls it the way to go."

In place of what would have been the front passenger seat, the Chief built a unit he called his office-on-the-road, containing all the equipment needed for radio, radar and siren operation plus a desk for writing reports.

At that time when high gasoline prices were first hitting us, the little car was considered a real money-saver, getting up to seven times as much mileage from a gallon of gas as the other police cars got.

In 1981, cruisers had been consuming up to \$1400 a month in gasoline. The current total is less than a third of that amount.