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Edgewood, 120 Central Avenue, is the site of a new subdivision in Pewee Valley, and the topic of discussion among community preservationists.
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Our Town

By Lee Heiman, City Clerk

We're no "speed trap," but speeding continues to be the problem that police have to contend with most. So what's the hurry?

Police Chief Larry Walls' monthly report shows these citations in September:

Speeding 21, DUI 1, disregarding stop sign 2, no registration plates 2, no brake lights 1, disregarding railroad flashing light 1, reckless driving 1, driving on a suspended driver's license 1.

Police investigated four accidents: Sept. 2, Ash at Old Floydsburg Road; Sept. 15 and 23, LaGrange Road at Central Avenue; Sept. 23, near Ash Avenue on LaGrange Road. The first and latter mishaps involved injuries, but not to any Pewee Valley residents.

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Halloween!

Saturday, Oct. 31, will be the big night for spooks and goblins --and again this year Pewee Valley volunteer firemen will be waiting at the firehouse that evening with treats for all little non-tricksters who stop by there on their rounds.

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City Council has approved an amendment to the County's zoning ordinance that requires zoning-map-change applicants to specifically describe the proposed use and improvements to be placed on the property involved, including a time frame for completing the development.

The new section of the ordinance is referred to as "Plan Certain."

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Any Pewee Valley resident who needs a new automobile decal should phone Town Hall, 241-8343, and leave his or her name. The Police Department will see that you get one promptly.

The decals were distributed several months ago to identify cars that belong to Our Town's residents. There is still a supply on hand for Pewees who may have lost the original or added a new car to their stable.

The decal should be removed from any car sold to a non-resident.

Permits

A permit has been issued by the County Planning & Zoning Commission for the first residence to be built in the new Stoney Creek subdivision off Ash Avenue in Pewee Valley.

This will be a four-bedroom home built by Michael McMinoway of Crestwood for T. Perdedew at 1085 Stoney Creek Ct., (subdivision lot No. 1, at the corner of Ash Avenue). There are 12 building lots in the subdivision.

Two other permits for new houses have been issued:

To M.J.M. Properties, Inc., of Crestwood for a four-bedroom residence for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trapp at 7300 Shadowood Lane in Shadowood subdivision off Highway 22.

To Elite Homes, Inc., for a three-bedroom home for Elna Hammel at 413 Rebel Drive.

Other permits:

To Mary Zavitson, 310 Wooldrige Ave. for a carport, a storage building and an addition to the residence.

To Michael Scott, 139 Highway 22, for a storage building on his property.

To Bobco, Inc., for a swimming pool (brrrr!) for Dennis and Barbara Perrey at 7617 Woodridge Drive.



Johns



Beverly



Turner

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

In the upcoming Nov. 3rd election, voters will be asked to fill six seats on the Pewee Town Council. Three incumbents (pictured above) seek three of the seats. They are: Harry Johns, Ralph Beverly, and Norman Turner. Councilmen John Falvey, Charles Dittmeier and Tom Montgomery did not file for re-election, nor did anyone else, for the remaining three seats. Three Pewee residents of long standing are seeking write-in votes for the three vacant seats. They are (as pictured below), Bill Durham, Kathie Hodge and John Bishop.

Councilmen serve two-years. Mayor Vivien Reinhardt begins her third year of a four-year term in January.



Durham



Hodge



Bishop

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VOTE NOV. 3

BAZAAR & LUNCHEON OCT. 15

The ladies of St. Ann's Altar Society are hosting their Autumn Bazaar & Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10:00

til 2:00 in Allgeier Hall at St. Aloysius. Luncheon will be served from 11:00 til 1:00 for \$2.50 per person. Many handmade items, including a quilt, will be offered.

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EDGEWOOD

Time is running out for Edgewood Manor, the 120-year-old home built by Louisville Courier-Journal founder Walter Haldeman. It stands in the path of the proposed entrance road from Central Ave. into the new Edgewood Manor subdivision, 21 one-acre lots being developed by Esposito-Adams. The developers will give the house to anyone who will move it to a new location in the subdivision. They estimate that the cost of the lot, moving the house, a new foundation and restoration will amount to from \$250,000 to \$300,000. The floors and architectural features are in good shape. Even all the outside shutters are intact. Restored, it will resume its uniqueness and beautiful elegance.

Originally called Sunnyside by Haldeman, the estate has had only three owners. It's turn-of-the-century residents—the socially prominent Craig family, named it Edgewood Manor, the fictitious name given it by famous author-neighbor Annie Fellows Johnston in her "Little Colonel" series. The first school in Pewee Valley was taught by Fannie Craig in the small clapboard building that still stands in the shady rear of the house. Third owner, Elinor Sedley, lived in the house until her death last Dec. 29 at age 97.

At least 50 town residents, distressed that the "history" in historical Pewee Valley is disappearing, met Oct. 9th at the Firehouse to organize and work toward preserving homes and districts of historical significance in Pewee Valley and Oldham County. Robert Polsgrove and Claudia Brown from the Kentucky Heritage Council in Frankfort met with the group and will assist in documenting and registering historical sites in Our Town. Although registration does not prevent the owner from altering or demolishing the property, it legally identifies and recognizes its historical importance and is the first step in encouraging its preservation. If you are interested in supporting or working with this group, call Karen Graves at 241-6308.

Meeting and Open House Dates

● The developers of Edgewood Manor subdivision will meet with interested persons, 7.30 p.m., Thurs Oct. 15, at the Pewee Valley Woman's Clubhouse, Mt. Mercy Dr., to discuss alternatives to destroying Edgewood. Everyone interested in the preservation of Edgewood and other historical homes in our county are invited to come.

● On Saturday, Oct. 17, Edgewood will be open so that interested persons and prospective buyers may walk through the house.

LUTHER DAVIS

Luther Davis, who played a big role in getting the Pewee Valley Fire Department started, died on Sept. 27 at 87.

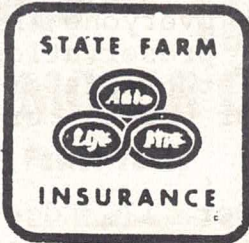
The volunteer fire department -- now the Pewee Valley Fire District encompassing not only Our Town but adjacent areas-- was a major part of Luther's life for many years, during which time he served a lengthy term as its chief.

He also figured prominently in Pewee Valley life as a plumbing and heating contractor.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jimmie Lee Pike; three sons, four daughters, 16 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

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STAGES

MURDER MYSTERY
AUDITIONS



It's time for another round of auditions at the Little Colonel Playhouse in Pewee.

Try-outs for the next play—a murder mystery entitled "Laura", by Vera Caspary and George Sklare - will be held at 7 p.m., Wed. and Thurs. October 14 and 15 at the Playhouse on Mt. Mercy. The cast requires 5 men and 3 women. Linda Vincent will be directing. Production dates will be Dec. 3, 4, 5, and 10, 11, 12.

Backstage help is also welcomed, with set construction, props, lights, etc. For more information, call 241-7510 or 241-9906.

LAST LINK OF FREEWAY OPENS

Opening of the last link of the Gene Snyder Freeway late last month brings I-65 and Dixie Highway much closer to us. Previously, you know, the farthest west Pewees could go on it was to Taylorsville Rd.

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New Pewees:

The Sanders'

Kathie Hodge

When Ben and Mary Sanders moved to Oldham County, they felt fortunate that their greatest concerns were waging war on the moles and keeping the deer out of their corn!

Six years in the heart of St. Matthews prompted the Sanders to look for a quieter community with an older home. That they found last spring in an 120-year-old home on Central Avenue. "We have remodeled older homes before, but not to this extent," Mary says. They insist the charm and character of this home kept them going through the renovations.

Father Sanders, as he is known to his parishioners, grew up in a small town similar to Pewee Valley--Chilhowie, Virginia. After graduating in history from the University of Virginia, Ben entered Drew Theological School in New Jersey to prepare for the ministerial field. Twenty five years in teaching and in parish ministry have been spent mostly in Virginia and Tennessee. Six years ago he came as rector to the Calvary Episcopal Church on 4th St. in Louisville. He describes his ministry as unique, with parishioners from eight counties, including Oldham.

Mary Sanders is from Nash-



John, Mary, Ben, Greg

ville, Tennessee and a graduate in education from the University of Tennessee. Later Mary decided to go back to school for nurses' training--something she says she "always really wanted to do." She works fulltime as a staff nurse at Humana Hospital University in the neonatal unit. She occasionally fills in at Tri-County Hospital.

Their oldest son, Michael, is a freshman at Kenyon College in Ohio. Greg, 16, is a junior at Oldham County High, and wasted no time setting up his own odd job service in which he claims, "I'll tackle anything!" John Sanders is the youngest, a fourth grader at Crestwood, and a member of Cub Scouts.

Following a busy summer the Sanders hope to settle down and really enjoy an Oldham County fall, complete with "starry nights and the smell of burning leaves."