

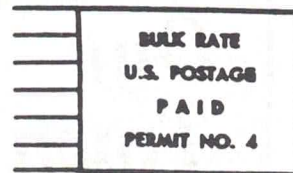
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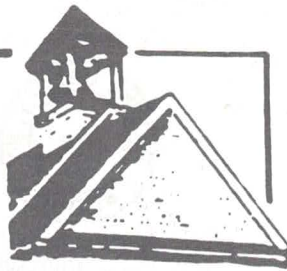
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Father Schweizer congratulates T-shirt design winner, Erika Blanco, as Principal Rita Yates looks on. [Story on last page]

# Our Town



Barbara Webster, City Clerk

NEWS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 1999 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

## PROPOSED CITY BUDGET CONSIDERED

The Council heard the first reading of Ordinance #3, series 1999, to adopt the annual budget for the City for the fiscal year July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. It shows proposed revenues of \$454,500 and proposed expenditures of \$411,275.

## PROPERTY TAX RATE UNCHANGED

The Council heard the first reading of Ordinance #4, series 1999, to establish the tax rate for ad valorem taxes on real and personal property for the fiscal year 1999-2000. It proposes that the tax remain at the current rate of 18 cents per \$100. That should generate about \$160,000, according to the city's proposed budget.

## ONE..OR MANY...GREETERS

City Greeter Suzanne Schimpler is thinking of organizing a group of City Greeters. If you would like to be involved in helping newcomers to Pewee feel welcome, contact Suzanne at 241-4242.

## ETCHED VIN # DISCOURAGES THEFT

An Oldham County Police Officer will be on hand Saturday, May 29, to etch VIN numbers on citizens' car windows. Citizens need to call Pat Payne at 241-8112 to schedule an appointment.

Certificates will be given out so citizens may notify their automobile insurance agents and thereby qualify for a 10 per cent premium reduction on comprehensive insurance. The VIN number etched on the car windows discourages car theft.

## EVIDENCE LOCKER MOVED

Councilwoman Pat Payne reported that the Evidence Locker in Town Hall will be moved to the Oldham County Police Department thereby freeing up room in the closet.

## POLICE REPORT

Oldham County Police will continue to monitor the times of garbage pick-up within the City limits. A garbage truck driver was reprimanded last month for violating the garbage ordinance.

Another concern of policemen is that all the pot holes on Rest Cottage Lane have created a hazardous driving situation for patrol cars.

## STREET SIGNS FOR REST COTTAGE

Councilman Johnson has ordered a stop sign and a 15 mph sign to be placed on Rest Cottage Lane.

MAYOR'S NIGHT IN: MAY 20

"Mayor's Night In" this month will be Thurs. May 20. Mayor Kincer will be at Town Hall at 7 p.m. to listen to any complaints, compliments, ideas, etc. that citizens would like to voice.

CABLE TV COMMISSION REPORT

Allen Arrington, Cable TV Commission Chairman, reported on a cable commission meeting in Jefferson County which he attended. Effective on June 1, 1999, Intermedia is deleting the \$2.31 line item charge for taxes which now appear on customers' basic rate bills. However, the second tier charges for extra service will increase. The City of Pewee Valley will have no cause to pursue a claim for charges to their citizens incurred after June 1, but will continue to pursue refunds of the tax for the citizens back to 1995.

PEWEE VALLEY TREE BOARD REPORT

Jim Brewer gave the Tree Board report and presented their 1990-2000 proposed budget to the council. The total proposed budget is \$17,500, with \$2,000 of the monies transferred from the property budget and \$3,000 transferred from the roads budget. These monies represent amounts which are budgeted by the Tree Board to remove fallen trees and stumps which would normally be paid out of the City's Property and Roads budget.

THANKS, MERHOFFS!

Ted and Dorcas Merhoff have volunteered again this year to plant the Town Square fire pit with flowers. The Tree Board will fund the cost of plants and supplies for the project.



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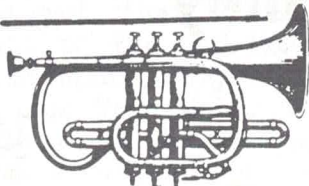
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## OPEN HOUSE AT THE POST OFFICE

Postmaster D. D. Hendrickson invites our community to enjoy light refreshments at the Pewee Valley Post Office during an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, May 26. The Post Office is celebrating the issue of a new stamp - the "1950 Celebrate the Century" stamp. You may want to wear some 50s style clothes when you get your mail that day!

## STUDENT CAST PRESENTS SUMMER SHOW

The next play onstage at The Little Colonel Playhouse will be the Summer Youth Production, with high school and college age cast. "The Life of the Party" is the play, to be presented July 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. and on July 11 at 2:30 p.m. Elizabeth Vaughan is the director.

Try-outs for the play will be held on Sat. May 23 and Sun. May 23 at 2 p.m. at the Playhouse in Pewee Valley, corner of Mt. Mercy and Central. Any high school and college age youth is invited to the tryouts.

## TREE BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Pewee Valley Tree Board has changed their monthly meeting date to the 2nd Monday night of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. in our Town Hall. The public is welcome at the meetings, and they invite volunteers to join and participate.

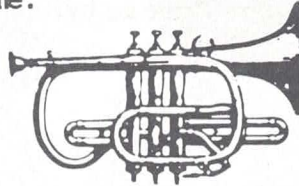
## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Sat. June 5th is the date for the annual Confederate Memorial Day observance at the Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery on Maple Avenue, beginning at 1 p.m. Re-enactors, members of various Confederate organizations, history buffs and interested persons will be present. Cannons will be fired, and John Bersot, Sr. will have a display of about 75 flags.

Curt Carter, Past Commander of John Hunt Morgan Camp and an Oldham County resident, will speak on the topic "Causes of the Civil War--the Southern Perspective".

The observance is sponsored by the John Hunt Morgan Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans; United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Order of the Confederate Rose.

The public is cordially invited to come.



## CITY'S BAND CONCERT: JUNE 19

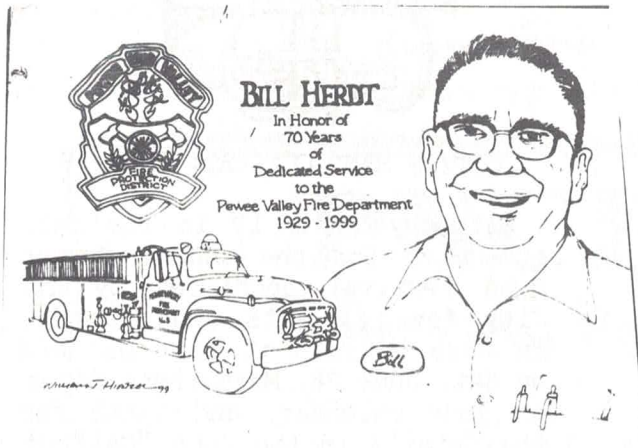
Saturday, June 19 is the date scheduled for the annual Summer Band Festival sponsored by our City for residents and friends. In case of rain it will be held on Sat. June 26. Mark those dates on your calendar, and watch for the details in the June "Call of the Pewee". Councilman David Funke is coordinating the event.

## FIRE FIGHTERS HONORED AT EVENT

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District hosted their annual Awards Dinner in March. Two fire fighters honored that night were Bill Herdt and Carol Akers.



[Above] Assistant Chief John Storrie [center] and Chief Jim Kehl [right] present Bill Herdt [left] with a framed print in honor of his 70 years of service to the Pewee Valley Fire Protection District and the Community.



Above is a close-up of the print given to Bill. It was drawn by William Hirtzel.

Bill's sisters, Gin Chaudoin and Sis Marker, wrote this article about Bill. They, too, still live in Pewee Valley.

On Nov. 7, 1916 a fireman was born! Bill Herdt is a lifelong resident of Pewee Valley. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II as a mechanic in Alaska. This was his occupation before and after his years of military service.

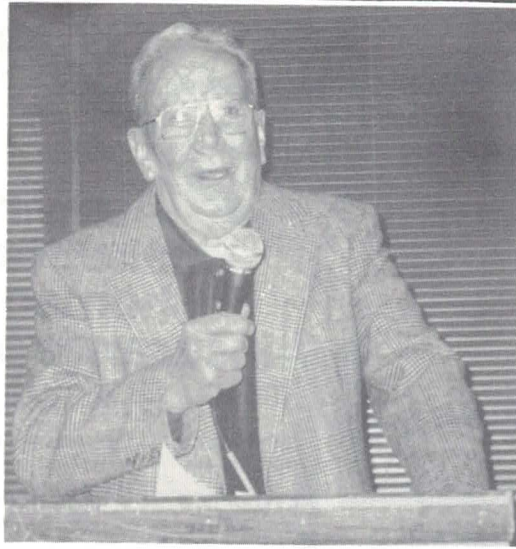
He was sitting behind the wheel of a car at a very young age and learned to drive a Model T since his father was a Ford dealer. At 12, he was driving everywhere! He chauffeured his mother, sisters and a friend to see a former school teacher who resided in Princeton, Kentucky. He had no driver's license, but his mother was with him; but she did not possess a driver's license either. As a matter of fact, Bill and his sisters never took a driving test. 1933 was the first year an operator's license was issued - with no test required!

Long before riding mowers were popular, Bill rigged up his own version to cut the family lawn. His first grade chair served as a seat and was placed in a coaster wagon, which he hitched in some way onto an old gasoline-powered engine. The grass got mowed.

The squeaky bell on the Town Hall was our way of hearing a fire alarm. This was before a siren was installed. Bill is always ready for a fire run! In the 1920s and 30s there were times when the engine would leave while the alarm was still

sounding. One of us who lived nearby would run across the tracks and twist the black button that was housed in a box on the front of Town Hall. Sometimes Bill would be the first at a fire destination with no one else on the engine; but soon other faithful firefighters would arrive. He has left his business unlocked and unattended to fight a fire. Some kind soul would come in and stay until his return.

Bill and his good buddy, Roger Smith, probably 13 years old at the time, were the only two people fighting a field fire at the old Fresh Air Camp, now known as Lloydsboro Subdivision in Pewee Valley. Bill can tell you the rest of the story!



Bill Herdt tells the rest of the story as written by his sisters.



[Above] Chief Tim Kehl presents firefighter/engineer Carol Akers with the Firefighter of the Year Award for 1998.

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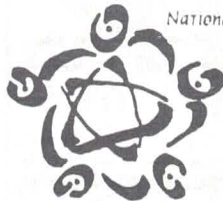
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MidAmerica Bancorp is the holding company for Bank of Louisville and Bank of Louisville FSB [the banks in LaGrange and Pewee Valley]. The name change brings Jefferson and Oldham County banking centers together.

The "Confederate Home Messenger" was published monthly from October 1907 until December 1911. It included news from the Confederate Home located in Pewee Valley. The pages are filled with stories of the Civil War from the old Veterans, plus advertisements from Louisville and Oldham County.

These issues have been reprinted, bound and indexed into a 216-page volume. This would be a fine addition to any library.

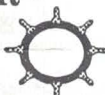
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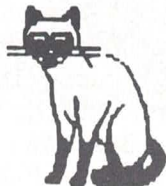


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## COVER STORY

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR SCHOOL AND  
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Have you heard the sounds of children playing in Our Town? If so, it may be coming from the new playground at St. Aloysius School on Mt. Mercy Drive! The new play site was given a special blessing by Father Vincent Schweizer, Pastor at St. Aloysius, in a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 29.

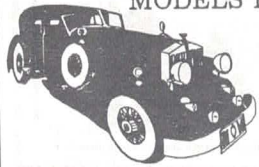
The new playground is the culmination of an 18-month effort by a group of parents, teachers, school administrators and parish staff that included playground design/selection and fundraising.

Sixth grader Erika Blanco was recognized for her winning design for a T-shirt for the playground. Third grader Alex Singer won the Second Place design award. Both children were awarded savings bonds. Erika's design is on T-shirts worn by the school children at the dedication and on all Fridays in May.

The new playground is open to the community in the evenings and on weekends.

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Michael & Betty Beyerle [Owner], 672 sq. ft. addition to accessory building, 106 Ash Ave.

Rick McKay [Owner], Stuart Bauer Pools [Applicant], 20x40 inground pool, 7607 Woodridge Drive.

John Karlen [Owner], 360 sq. ft. barn, 117 Ash Avenue.

Lee Clore [Owner], Bramer-Ferriell [Builder], 4-bedroom residence, 3440 sq. ft., 8105 Houston Lane.

Jeff Holbrook [Owner], 4-bedroom residence, 3300 sq. ft., 103 Wooldridge Place.

Bob & Sherry Cooke [Owner], Elite Homes [Builder], 5-bedroom residence, 3694 sq. ft., 109 Sedley Court.

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