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From Our Files

10 Years Ago
 April 9, 2015

A request for a conditional use permit to operate a bed and breakfast in Cedar Ridge subdivision, which triggered Letters to the Editor published last week, was withdrawn by the homeowner.

A delegation of WCMS students received an award of excellence at the annual Kentucky United Nations Assembly. The award acknowledged the delegation's professionalism, knowledge, and effort during the three-day event in Louisville. WCMS eighth grader Allison Miller was elected Secretary-General of the Assembly and also received the individual award for outstanding speaker.

WCMS seniors Austin Horn and Jordan Batts were named as National Merit Scholarship finalists. They are one of 15,000 students from a total of 1.5 million entrants to be recognized.

WCMS juniors Madison Cissel and Jordan Crowe were named to the prestigious and competitive Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics held during the summer at Morehead University.

Loren "Squirrel" Carl, former Woodford County Sheriff/US Marshall/Congressional aid, was named to the Woodford County regional board of Kentucky Bank.

William "Bill" Routt, Versailles native and lifelong resident, died at age 79. Routt founded Routt Plumbing, Heating & Air. In retirement he worked on antique automobiles. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Libby, and three daughters, Debbie Donnell, Rhonda Chism, and

Cathy Manley, and two sons, Joe and Tommy.

Melissa Corman was one of the first in the state to purchase the new "Donate to Life" donor awareness specialty license plate. Her son, Zac, saved many lives through organ donation.

The Woodford Plaza property sold for \$1.35 million at a Master Commissioner Sale to Community Trust Bank.

WCMS baseball lost to District rival Franklin County, and then split a doubleheader against Danville. The Bat Jackets are now 4-5. The Lady Jackets softball team, meanwhile, continued their great start with a record of 7-1-1 and ranked 5th in the State. Max Andreoni, wrestling in the 152-pound class, continued his incredible season with a fifth place finish in the 26th Annual NHSCA National High School Wrestling Championships held last week at the Virginia Beach convention center. The meet had 3,200 wrestlers from around the country who had qualified for the premier event.

25 Years Ago
 April 13, 2000

Woodford Fiscal Court has withdrawn its request to the U.S. Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing on a proposed campground and marina project on the Mercer County side of the Kentucky River at Cummins Ferry.

Fiscal court has received a draft budget of \$12.7 million for the next fiscal year.

Josh Wilhoit of Versailles is a finalist in the male division of Foster Grant's National Model Search.

A heavy Sunday morning frost caused devastating

losses at Kaenzig Brothers Orchard & Farm Market on Pinckard Pike.

Edgar Clay "Ed" Neal Sr. 84, a retired builder, farmer, and transportation supervisor for Woodford County Schools, died April 7 at his residence in Versailles.

Dr. Rachel A. Pemstein, 46, a veterinarian and owner of Equinox Farm, Midway, died April 6.

Southside Elementary School's Site-Based Council has begun interviewing candidates for the school's principal.

40 Years Ago
 April 11, 1985

A brief snowstorm, accompanied by several thunderclaps, struck Monday afternoon. The same storm system caused a 40-minute delay in the National League opening game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Montreal Expos at Riverfront Stadium.

A proposal to waive the city's property tax has been scrapped upon advice that it would be illegal.

James D. Rouse of Woodford County has been elected a director of Farmers Bank Corporation, Frankfort.

Woodford County High School juniors who have been named Governor's Scholars are Anthony Doyle Atwood, Gary W. Gillis Jr., Michele A. "Micki" Hill, and David Wooten.

WCMS students have formed a Students Against Drunken Driving (S.A.D.D.) chapter at the school.

Megan Reynolds and Lori DeArmond, juniors at WCMS, have been selected

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Letter to the Editor

Say "NO" to proposed zone change on Troy Pike

I am writing about the requested zone change from A1 to R4 on Troy Pike to be taken up by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission. This requested change should not be approved for several reasons.

The traffic in the proposed development is already congested. On any school day, there are personal vehicles backed up along Troy Pike from Southside Elementary beyond the cemetery entrance to where the proposed development would connect to Troy Pike. On most weeknights, there is traffic backed up along Troy Pike coming off of the Bluegrass Parkway to the light at Old Dry Ridge Road. Adding 500 new residents with their vehicles to this area would seriously compound the traffic problem.

In previous meetings members of the commission acknowledged that there are already sight line problems with potential accidents with traffic at the Bluegrass interchange.

This area is already overdeveloped. There are already approved projects in this area that will result in hundreds of new residents and their vehicles. There are up to 25 homes being built as part of Rose Ridge Phase 5. There are 200+ homes planned for the project adjacent to Adena Trace, where ground work has begun. There are 200+ apartments with retail in planning for the Anderson Properties project on the southeast section of the Troy Pike/Falling Springs Blvd interchange. The Legends subdivision is still under development, and all phases have not been completed. Even without this proposed change, the impact of all of this results in 1200-1500 new residents and 500+ vehicles and associated traffic impact. If approved, the proposed change would increase this by an additional 25+%.

The change adds to existing safety issues associated with new access points to Troy Pike. There is already a challenge taking a left turn out of The Legends and Helmsley developments during rush hours. This proposed development would most likely require yet another traffic signal since it is proposed to have an access point located opposite Helmsley Lane. With the schools and walking paths in the area, there is too much potential for human/vehicle or vehicle/vehicle interaction resulting in accidents, as well as a risk

to the significant bicycle activity in the area.

This proposal goes against the spirit and requests from the community expressed during the most recent Comprehensive Planning sessions. One of the consistent themes during those planning sessions was to retain the rural character of Woodford County and to guard against overdevelopment. Many in the community, including myself, feel that this area is being developed in a manner that ruins the rural character of this area.

This development will impact infrastructure. The impact of approved developments is already a challenge to water and sewer utilities, and this proposal adds to it. There is also an impact on schools. Yes, we have a new high school, which is great. However, the middle and other schools may not have the capacity for this influx.

Downtown traffic and the Montgomery Avenue area will be impacted with more families traveling to and from the Troy Pike area to Kroger and other retailers in the Lexington Road area. Residents on Montgomery Avenue have already voiced concern about the number of vehicles cutting through their neighborhood. I understand some relief for this will happen when the Rose Ridge and Legends developments are connected to Huntertown Road, but that will only be moving the traffic to a different neighborhood and isn't a real solution. The better choice is to limit the number of homes and apartments being developed so that fewer people are traveling.

I would like to emphasize that I am not against growth. I realize that without growth, communities cannot thrive. However, communities can also lose their character when they are overdeveloped. I ask that the commission take a hard look at the overall growth currently taking place as well as that which has been approved and still to be built. It is okay to say no to a project. Unfortunately, projects are seldom rejected. We risk finding ourselves looking like Jessamine, Franklin, and Scott counties, where growth has resulted in overbuilt communities and too much sprawl . . . no one wants this for Woodford.

Mick McNulty
 Versailles

Correction

An article in the April 3 edition of the *Sun* about how many applied to be the next Woodford County Public Schools superintendent incorrectly stated that search committee member Mary Ruth Hertwick teaches at Woodford County Middle School. She now teaches at Simmons Elementary.

Clippings from our past...

Editor's Note: We are publishing excerpts from the Woodford Pennant from January to April, 1861, which chronicled the outbreak of the Civil War in Woodford County.

The Woodford Pennant March 30, 1861

Editor Charles Kirk's essay "A Short Lesson on Kissing" appeared on page 1: Kissing, like human language, we devoutly believe to be an invention of Heaven. We have no doubt that the first thing Adam did when he awoke from his "deep sleep" and beheld Eve by his side, radiant with celestial charms, was to snatch the beauteous thing in his arms and imprint upon her ruby, pouting lips, a smack so hearty and loud as to draw the attention of "every animal and creeping thing" in Paradise; and as much as we love to dwell upon the wondrous beauties of this famous garden . . . there is nothing in the bright picture which fancy and scripture paints, more luscious, and tempting than the first blissful, glorious kiss of the first pair. No doubt every cherubim in heaven was peeping over the crystal battlements to catch the sight and sound. The first class we shall notice is the "formal" kiss . . . a child of rigid etiquette and may be termed "lip service", a kind of honor with the mouth when the heart is far away. The next is the "kiss religious" . . . the mother's kiss on the darlingest baby, the warm imprint on a sick child like a guardian angel, or the soft kiss on the brow of a penitent tear from the child's eye. The "kiss matrimonial", the forced compliment of sated love when the marriage wings of romance are clipped, the eyes of sentiment dim, and airy-land is found a barren waste. This is the kiss used for purposes of peace after the close of a domestic insurrection. The final class is the "kiss amatory", the king and prince of all kisses, the acme, the top, the summit of terrestrial bliss, the rose of boyhood's dream, and the comet that shoots with momentary, yet luminous brightness. We had intended to discourse somewhat on the "kiss stolen" and the "kiss traitorous", but we regard the former as having but little merit, and the latter as abolished since the days of Judas.

FOR SALE: A Negro girl, about 14 years of age and a valuable house servant. For particulars, inquire at the Pennant's offices.

A special dispatch from the Charleston Mercury who wrote ex-Attorney General Black remarked that he would not be surprised to see President Davis and lady dispensing the hospitalities of the federal White House in less than ninety days.

The Pennant published the entire speech of James B. Clay, son of Senator Henry Clay, given at the Southern Rights Convention in Frankfort on March 20 (which was reported on in the last edition, but the full text of Clay's speech was not available by last week's deadline). He closed his remarks after assailing the actions of the Kentucky commissioners at the Peace Conference held in February, and arguing Kentucky's interests were allied with those of the Southern Confederacy, saying: What are we to do? That is the question. Proposition after proposition, effort after effort have been made to secure our just rights. There is no hope. This crisis is one in which no lover of his country should suffer himself to be deluded with fallacious hopes. If you, people of Kentucky, think recognition of and protection to slave property necessary to secure your rights, I tell you plainly you will NEVER GET IT FROM THE NORTH! I have been among them and have talked with the high and low. My opinion is not made up from conversation with Seward or Chase, but from the opinions of those who are called to conservative Union men in the North, and I tell you there is no hope. What is to be done? Shall we have a Convention? The Legislature won't give it to you. They won't trust you because they are afraid you might take it into your silly heads to secede. The day for a State Convention is passed. A Border State Convention, if held at an early day, may do. If it can resolve upon some proposition upon which the

Border States will consent to remain and which will bring back the seceded States, is the last hope I can have. If they can accomplish nothing, then it is FOR YOU to determine whether you will live at the tail end of the Northern Confederacy, or go full communion with that of the South. The Pennant editorialized on page two of this speech: This report and last week's is not so full as we could wish. It does not convey one-tenth of the fire and fervor of the orator, nor the glowing and burning language in which Mr. C thrilled and electrified the immense audience.

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington published amongst its papers one on the microscope of the plants and animals which live on and in the human body.

The regular army of the Southern Confederacy will consist of eleven regiments containing 11,000 men, commanded by four Brigadier Generals, and the navy will have four commanders, four captains and 600 marines.

The editor of an esteemed newspaper recently published this with which we most heartedly agree and endorse, "We don't want money desperately bad, but our creditors do, and no doubt they owe you. If you pay us, we'll pay them, and they'll pay you."

One of our wealthiest and most intelligent subscribers, who has heretofore been a leading Oppositionist to disunion and secession, returned from the South a few days hence, wholly changed in feeling and sentiment. He said the policy of the Southern States he has visited is irrevocable. He says they are more willing to unite with Mexico than a reunification with the North.

The Circuit Court of Woodford County begins its April term next Monday. There are thirty Commonwealth criminal cases on the docket — Hilary Davis for killing Thornton and a negro of Major Josiah Fox. The civil docket is not unusually large.

Fiscal Court defers decision on in-family conveyances of A-1 land

By SCOTT WHITE
 MANAGING EDITOR

Editor's Note: A significant portion of the Woodford County Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, April 8 focused on the near-record flood which is ongoing. This portion of the meeting is part of the main flood story, which begins on Page 1.

At the last meeting of the Woodford County Fiscal Court, Magistrate Mary Ann Gill proposed a motion to provide directives to the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission on changes to a proposed ordinance text amendment significantly changing the scope of in-family conveyances of land zoned Agricultural-1 was tabled. This motion was tabled.

At the court's Tuesday, April 8 meeting, Judge-Executive James Kay pointed out that parliamentary rules require that a tabled motion must be taken off the table and then voted upon, otherwise the tabled motion would be deemed lost. In short, this meant that unless the court acted on Gill's motion at the April 8 meeting, which would be non-debatable, then there would be no ability for the court to act on the in-family conveyance issue until a new motion was made.

Kay emphasized that if Gill's motion was not acted upon, it does "not mean this is the end of the discussion or that no action on this will be taken. We need to resolve this. I just want people to know that though we have worked deliberately, some may say slowly, but this is still alive. We are going to continue to work on this. We have been very open, transparent and accessible. We have spoken to dozens of folks about this individually, we have heard from people for and against this at Fiscal Court meetings, including tonight with Lori Garkovich's comments about the impact of housing on rural karst geography and received a lot of written comments by mail and email."

Gill said she favored taking no action at the meeting, particularly since it was non-debatable.

"We need to be able to talk about this as

a court. I think we are close to a resolution, maybe not for everyone, but a majority. So, I think we will need a new motion," she said.

Magistrate John Gentry added, "I agree with Squire Gill. We do need to come up with a new motion, and hopefully do it at the next meeting."

Kay said he will schedule an ordinance committee meeting before the next court meeting, and, assuming a new recommended motion is approved, then the motion will be in writing, posted on the county website, sent to all magistrates and then discussed and voted on.

Contracts

The court approved several contracts: \$750 per indigent burial plus necessary attorney fees with Blackburn and Ward Funeral Home; \$7,629.63 with Furniture Solutions for filing and storage at the Government Center; \$21,920 with Jose Hernandez for constructing a concrete pad for the Division of Waste Management's burn box to sit upon; \$10,000 to the Woodford Foundation for expenses related to emergency housing for flood victims; \$10,000 for EMT paramedic training; and, \$9,640.10 with Harp Enterprises for maintenance of voting machines.

Ordinances

The court heard the second readings of two ordinances, which means these will become law 30 days after publication: an amendment to the budget realizing unbudgeted receipts of \$505,574.56; and, a zone change from R2/Co1/B1 to B1 for 5695 McCracken Pike requested by Burnworth Properties, LLC.

Woodford County Rodeo

The court approved a facility use request from the Woodford County Farm Bureau to put on the annual Woodford County Rodeo on August 15-16 at the county fairgrounds.

Jack Jouett House

Linda DeRossett, director of the Jack Jouett House, announced this year's grand opening for the season will be on April 19 at 2 p.m., with an appearance by Jack Jouett himself who will share his story. There will also be music and cake.