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From Our Files

10 Years Ago

December 31, 2014

Woodford County Schools is introducing more nutritious offerings in its cafeterias to come into compliance with new federal standards to reduce sodium and fat content. "My goal is to get kids excited, to show them something different," said district chef Courtney Quire. "What's better than the smell of fresh-baked breads? Or, looking over and seeing me actually grill their lunch."

Joseph Barr, a 2008 graduate of WCHS, has been named the new pro at Moss Hill Golf Club (the former Woodford Hills).

The Woodford Sun hosted a reception at Addie's at the Woodford Inn in honor of Nancy Turner, who just retired after 50 plus years at the paper.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services data administrator, Drew Chandler, a Versailles resident, has been named to the Kentucky Wireless Interoperability Executive Committee by Gov. Steve Beshear.

Versailles mayor Brian Traugott has been named to the executive board of the Kentucky League of Cities.

The parents of Paige Arys Porter of Versailles announced her engagement to Zachary Gordon Slone, also of Versailles. Porter is vet technician with the practice of

Dr. Clint Bevins, and Slone is an officer with the Versailles Police Department. Both are graduates of WCHS. The wedding will take place on Oct. 10.

The Lady Jackets basketball team rebounded to finish third at the Mingus Beef Jerky Bourbon County Holiday Classic with wins over Powell County and Nicholas County after falling in their first game to Anderson County in a thrilling heart-breaker.

25 Years Ago

January 6, 2000

Versailles and Woodford County entered the new year quietly, with no problems from the supposed Y2K bug.

The city council has heard the first reading of an ordinance to adopt an interlocal agreement with the Woodford County government for financing the new recreation center.

Two well-known former educators in local schools, Laura Jeanne Noel, 75, and Frances R. Dixon, 97, have died.

The Woodford Sun has entered its 132nd year of publication.

State Attorney General Ben Chandler of Versailles was sworn in Monday for his second term in that office.

Dr. Corey T. Stith has begun his practice of dentistry in Versailles.

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High School Mat Jackets won their 1999 Woodford County Invitational Dec. 29 and 30.

40 Years Ago

January 3, 1985

Loren "Squirrel" Carl, a county police detective, has become the first avowed candidate for sheriff in this year's elections.

Last Saturday's high temperature reading of 68 degrees broke a 95-year-old record for Dec. 29. The old mark of 66 degrees was set in 1889.

Mervin Wash and Dr. Frank Watts have received pins denoting longtime membership in McKee Lodge No. 35, IOOF, Wash for 50 years and Dr. Watts for 35 years.

Among those attending the Kentucky-Wisconsin Hall of Fame Bowl game in Birmingham, Ala., last weekend were Patrick Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Armon Portwood, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lacefield, and Mr. and Mrs. James Woodrum, all of Midway.

The Woodford County Yellow Jackets were defeated by Clay County, 64-62, in the Ashland Invitational Basketball Tournament last Thursday night.

Sophomore Marc Richardson won the 155-pound championship in last weekend's Woodford Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Concerns about subdividing land in small communities

BY BOB VLACH
 WOODFORD SUN STAFF

A zone change request from A-1 (agricultural) to A-4 (small community) in order to create a 6.13-acre lot at 3081 Cummins Ferry Road in Nonesuch was recommended for approval after a public hearing at the Dec. 19 meeting of the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission.

While not speaking directly to the Cummins Ferry request, Moe Bakke, who lives on Patterson Road, where he and his wife farm, said he does not see how the community benefits when rural land is subdivided into lots for private businesses or saleable lots.

He cited enforcement as an issue, noting several junk cars are sitting on property near his home in Nonesuch. That illegal use has gone unchecked without a business license, he said. He then urged the commission to do a better job of enforcing rules and regulations.

Commissioner Rich Schein said small communities are not going to be small communities for long if that land continues being subdivided into residential lots, which is legal under the zoning regulations.

If the request to rezone the Cummins Ferry Road property is approved by the Woodford Fiscal Court, the remaining parent farm tract at 3151 Cummins Ferry Road (Transition Reins, LLC) will be 55.887 acres.

Dale Avenue rezone

The commission recommended a request to rezone .49 acres at 104 Dale Avenue (Dale and Macey, LLC) from R-2 (two-family) residential to R-3 (medium density) residential.

A four-unit townhouse is located on the lot, and rezoning the property will make the existing townhouse a legal use. No new construction is proposed with the zone change request, and the lot's size limits its use to four units, Planning Director Steve Hunter noted.

The zone change recommendation now goes to the Versailles City Council.

Re-zoning to small community

The commission recommended the approval of Travis and Alex Applebee's request to rezone 3.8 acres at 720 Delaney Ferry Road from R-1B (single-family residential) and A-1 (agricultural) to A-4 (small community), which goes to the Woodford County Fiscal Court for final approval.

The tract currently cannot be subdivided into two lots unless the applicants are able to acquire road frontage on Carpenter Pike, Hunter explained. He noted lots in a small community are not eligible to be rezoned

R-1B under the Comprehensive Plan.

STR hearing postponed

The commission voted to postpone requests to rezone property at 251 Church Street in order to operate a short-term rental in the residence. An attorney representing Lauren Javernick and Silvestre Morales said her clients are out of town and are asking to postpone the hearing until next month so they can be available to answer questions about their plans for the property.

A neighboring property owner asked to be heard, and after a discussion between the commissioners and their attorney, he was not allowed to speak.

In-family conveyances

The commission approved five applications for in-family conveyances. A plat for 2543 Pinckard Pike (Howard Eugene Hodge II) creates two in-family lots. A plat for 687 Kidds Mill Road (Andrew Freseth) creates two in-family lots. A plat for 2485 Pisgah Pike (Whitney Dunlap III) creates two in-family lots. A plat for 3450 Oregon Road (Joshua Slugantz) creates two in-family lots. A plat for 1074 Pauls Mill Road (Dwight Lancaster) also creates two in-family lots.

All the properties are located in the agricultural A-1 zoning district, with each plat also showing a remaining parent farm tract that has been made smaller by the creation of the in-family lots.

The Legends

The commission approved a subdivision plat that creates 14 single-family residential lots on 3.68 acres in The Legends subdivision at 906 Troy Pike.

Audit report

Chad Robinson, a certified public accountant with Kerbaugh, Rodes & Butler, reported to the commission that its financial statements for last fiscal year were materially correct, which is an unmodified opinion, "and that's what you're shooting for. So that's a good thing." He noted revenues were better than anticipated and expenses were lower.

Internal controls of financial reporting have been a deficiency for several years because the small planning commission staff makes the segregation of duties almost impossible, Robinson explained. "We just recommend that the commission continue to oversee things, and where you can make sure that you're reviewing financial statements ...," he said.

The commission voted unanimously to accept the audit report.

Plan for 2 Woodford Reserve warehouses goes to commission

BY BOB VLACH
 WOODFORD SUN STAFF

A development plan to construct two more Woodford Reserve barrel warehouses at 1220 Georgetown Road (Ky. 341) was sent to the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission following a review by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) on Dec. 26. The only unaddressed issue is whether there's a need for another water tank/tower to provide fire protection.

"My concern is the protection of any other warehouse that's around it," Woodford County Fire Chief Melvin Montgomery, who serves on TRC, said.

His concern about a 750,000-gallon tank being sufficient for fire protection must be resolved before the development plan moves forward to the commission, county engineer Mary Beth Robson noted. No one representing property owner Brown Forman Corporation was at the meeting to address Montgomery's concern.

Lucas Garrett, who represented Brown Forman at the Dec. 5 TRC meeting, said 10 warehouses were originally planned for this site where two are now planned. He said if the existing tank does not have sufficient

water storage to provide fire protection for two more warehouses that will need to be addressed.

Mortonsville lots

An amended subdivision plat creating five lots on 21.3 acres at 5630 McCowans Ferry Road (DeCamargo property) in the small community of Mortonsville was reviewed and sent to the planning commission. A fire hydrant will be required if there is sufficient water pressure.

Other plats

An in-family conveyance (Jacqueline A. Manzo, wife to Mark Manzo, husband) creating a 24.3-acre lot with a remaining 33.635-acre lot at 898 Carpenter Pike was reviewed and sent to the commission.

A plat consolidating residual farmland at 1081 Hifner Road and creating a 1.13-acre in-family lot (Joshua A. and Lucy K. Slugantz, son and daughter-in-law to Cheryl Slugantz, mother and mother-in-law) on Deer Haven Drive was reviewed and sent to the commission.

Montgomery noted that there may not be sufficient water pressure to require fire hydrants to serve the lots being created with the plats.

Clippings from our past...

Editor's Note: Due to gaps in our archives, the Sun will be publishing occasional, time-appropriate excerpts of The Woodford Sun, Woodford Weekly and Woodford Pennant, in addition to the Bluegrass Clipper, which is largely about Midway.

Bluegrass Clipper

January 5, 1905...

Farmers Bank of Midway's quarterly report shows total resources of \$95,048.44 and deposits of \$57,325.97. C.W. Parrish is the cashier. The quarterly report of Citizens Bank of Midway shows resources of \$145,816.15 and deposits of \$76,009.004. John A. Steele is the cashier.

The wind which blew so fiercely here on Tuesday was especially severe in the vicinity of Pisgah Church. Two-thirds of one side of the roof was blown off and one corner of the historic old building was damaged. Many trees were blown down in the cemetery. The church is over 100 years old, and the roof, which is made of tin, was put on in 1868 following the war. Dr. Rutherford Douglas was pastor there for more than 30 years.

Page three of this issue had a chronological review of 1904, including all important events of the Russo-Japanese War, business failures, foreign news, disasters, lynchings, federal, state and local government and politics, sports, fires, crimes, industrial, weather and a necrology.

Gov. Beckham appointed Judge R.L. Stout to fill out the unexpired term on the circuit court of Judge Cantrill who moves up to the Court of Appeals. The appointment was greeted by enthusiasm in Woodford County. He followed this with the appointment of James T. Wilhoit as county judge to replace Judge Stout.

The new year came in as mild and pleasant as a lamb, but was on its good behavior

for only a day. Monday, the rain fell in heavy showers and at night it turned into snow, Tuesday saw the earth covered with the heaviest blanket of winter yet. This followed a number of heavy rains last year. By Wednesday, the thermometer nearly got to zero.

Steele & Co. grocers went out of business.

Samuel H. Shouse died on Friday at his home on McCoun's Ferry Pike. He had been an invalid for several years. He was born in Woodford County in 1827, the youngest of 10 children born to Samuel and Catherine Perry Shouse. His grandfather, Henry Shouse, came from Pennsylvania in the 1790s, and settled on the farm where Mr. Shouse died. He was a farmer all of his life and was married in 1857 to Miss Mary J. Orr, who survives. Five of their seven children are living — Fannie, Mamie, James, Albert and Henry. He was a magistrate of the Mortonsville District and twice elected representative from Woodford County to the legislature. He was vice president of the Harris-Seller Banking Company and a consistent member of Hillsboro Baptist Church.

R.A. Woolums and family, former Midway residents, have recently moved from Richmond to Versailles.

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January 1, 1925...

When the Midway graded and high school resumes its sessions next week, it will occupy a handsome new building on Winter Street, one of the finest in the state accord-

ing to state professionals. Including furnishings, the investment will be \$100,000. The grand amount was met from \$28,000 in insurance proceeds from the burning of the last school, a \$40,000 bond issued by Midway, and the balance came from a wealthy Midway citizen whose gift was contingent on the person remaining anonymous. Frankle & Curtis were the architects and the general contractor was Jackson Lumber Company of Lexington.

There was a 25 percent decrease in marriages in Woodford County in 1924, with 12 licenses issued. There were 64 burials in Versailles Cemetery, three fewer than the year before. There were 66 criminal cases, a large jump from 1924, which had 49.

The home and contents of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guyn on the Munday's Landing Pike burned on Monday. The estimated loss is \$20,000.

Neville Graddy, his cousin Lafe Crutcher, had a miraculous escape early Sunday morning. Graddy was driving his Buick when it skidded on ice, went off the road and overturned. Both occupants escaped unhurt, but the poor Buick was utterly wrecked.

The four fine English broodmares purchased by Sen. Camden landed safely in New York and arrived via transport to Heartland Farm here over the weekend.

The Christmas entertainment at Grier's Creek School, provided by teachers Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Tromper, was enjoyed by a large audience that crowded the schoolhouse.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lea Sudduth, 75, wife of William

Sudduth, of Montgomery Avenue passed away from pneumonia.

The dance at Pisgah School last Tuesday was a delightful success with sandwiches and the melodies of the Woodford Six.

J.R. Bond and W.B. Cogar

have filed to run for Woodford County Sheriff.

Mrs. Francis Breckenridge Steele of Midway passed away suddenly while visiting her daughter in Quantico, Virginia, per a telegram received shortly before the deadline. She was the widow of Captain

John Andrew Steele, C.S.A., and the daughter of Gen. John C. Breckenridge, C.S.A. Her body will arrive by train on Saturday, and she will be interred with her late husband in Frankfort in a funeral to be overseen by Rev. E.C. Lynch of Versailles.