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Brand new Wal-Mart opened its doors this week in 1986



PULASKI'S PAST

By Tricia Neal

We have made it to the end of another month, so it's time for one more look back on October of 1986!

This week in 1986, a brand new Wal-Mart hit the scene – but there was concern over whether Pulaski County Park and the YMCA swimming pool were going to be able to remain a part of the county's landscape.

Here's what was newsworthy in Pulaski County this week 40 years ago, from the pages of The Commonwealth-Journal.

HENDERSON DENIED ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

An unfavorable recommendation from Somerset police and a petition signed by more than 100 members of the West Somerset Baptist Church killed an entertainment permit request for a restaurant-lounge on Ringgold Road. Somerset City Council denied the request last night after a public hearing at which Charles E. Henderson, who sought the permit, made an impassioned plea before city officials and church members filling council chambers. ... Henderson wanted to convert his home and garage at 109 Ringgold Road, located near the Baptist church, to a lounge named Chazz's. Plans called for a dance hall with a capacity of 150 to 200 persons. A previous attempt to obtain an entertainment permit for the location also had been denied. In their petition, signed last year and reaffirmed this month, church members said the club would create noise pollution, drug and alcohol problems, be too close to the church and would conflict with church activities, generate a need for increased police patrols and be detrimental to the community. Henderson denied all points raised in the document. He said young people needed a place to go so they wouldn't have to leave Somerset for entertainment.

AMBULANCE SERVICE CHARGING FOR MILEAGE

In an effort to get back some of the money lost on long-distance runs, out-of-county residents who use the Somerset-Pulaski County Emergency Medical Service will now be required to pay mileage costs to and from the hospital. The ambulance advisory board last night agreed to follow the recommendation of manager Billy Miller to charge non-residents round-trip mileage for use of the ambulance service. ... Miller said the service was losing money on long-distance runs. Instead of increasing the price for everyone who uses the ambulance service, he said he looked at the possibility of getting extra revenue through added mileage costs. ... The additional revenue expected to be generated from round-trip mileage will be used to help maintain the vehicles and pay employees on long-distance runs, the ambulance manager said.

BEECHER HOUSE SUED

Somerset's Beecher House is being sued by a woman who claims its failure to maintain a sidewalk adjacent to the building resulted in her falling and breaking a hip. In the suit, Shirley Marie Beasley said medical expenses to date have cost $6,225.15 with an additional $65 for ambulance transportation. She and her husband are seeking further damages.

DRY FACTION URGES VOTING

The local anti-liquor organization is attempting to make it more difficult for the county's "wet" forces to mount any local-option petition drives in the next year. Standing Against Liquor Together is urging supporters of a dry Pulaski County to vote in next month's general election. Since a local-option petition must be signed by 25 percent of those who voted in the last general election, the larger the voter turnout, the more signatures that will be needed. SALT chairman the Rev. Harold Brown says his organization has sent letters to its members and to local churches, urging them to get out the vote next week. ... "Our number one objective is to get people out to vote and get them involved in the political process at the local, state and national level," Brown explained. The secondary objective, he acknowledged, is to boost the number of signatures that would be needed for a local-option petition.

YMCA POOL'S FUTURE IN DOUBT

The YMCA swimming pool on Elliott Drive may not open next summer unless major repairs are done to the aging facility. Lee Gentry, executive director of the Pulaski Family YMCA, told the Somerset Kiwanis Club Thursday night that the pool is in such a bad state of repair it must remain closed unless some unforeseen way is found to make it safe. According to Gentry, the concrete structure is cracked and water has been leaking from the pool. ... John Drake, director of the city parks department, said an insurance agent told the parks department it would cost $10,000 just to make the pool safe. In addition to deteriorated concrete, a hazardous situation apparently exists in the mechanism which dispenses chlorine into the water, Drake said. ... The YMCA pool is more than 38 years old.

PARK COULD BE SUBLEASED

Pulaski County Park could be under new management by the first of the year. County Judge-Executive Darrell BeShears said this morning that the park could be subleased to a group of local developers as soon as Jan. 1. ... The developers discussed several ideas for the park during Friday's meeting. ... The ideas include a concession stand and a lodge "down the road," according to BeShears. An earlier proposal to charge admission to the park itself was dismissed after Corps officials vetoed it, he added. ... The park, which costs the county $40,000 a year to operate, is one of the first areas that will face the budget cutting ax this spring if no additional revenues are obtained to shore up the county's coffers.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

-Actions are said to speak louder than words, but when members of the Somerset Business and Professional Women's Club selected the 1986-87 Woman of Achievement, it was a non-action that spoke loudest. After Donna Hunley was nominated for the award, no one brought forward a second name for nomination. ... Hunley, a vice president at First and Farmers Bank, was thrilled with the decision.

-Wade L. Bumgardner, Rt. 4, Somerset, was honored as Kentucky's burley state winner in the Outstanding Young Tobacco Farmer Award Program. He received a commemorative plaque and a cash award at a recognition banquet Oct. 22 in Richmond, Va. Bumgardner, 27, was one of 13 state winners from the 11 tobacco producing states in the southeast. ... Bumgardner and his wife, Alicia, and their two children, operate a diversified tobacco, field crop and livestock farm. The farmer is active in the Kentucky Young Farmers Association, the Lake Cumberland Feeder Calf Association, and serves on the Southern States Cooperative Board of Directors.

MILITARY NEWS:

-Airman 1st Class Kevin W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Davis of Eubank, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Herlie J. Black of Eubank.

-Airman Denver J. York, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. York of Bronston, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 1986 graduate of Pulaski County High School.

-Preston D. New, son of Lee and Geneva New of Eubank, recently enlisted in the Air Force's delayed enlistment program. New, a 1981 graduate of Eubank High School, is scheduled to attend Air Force Basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, in December.

NEWS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES:

-"Somerset never had anything like this." Wal-Mart department manager Lynn Shadoan proudly made the observation as he stocked shelves at the new Wal-Mart Discount City which opens its doors at 9 a.m. tomorrow. The 82,000-square-foot Wal-Mart, located on South U.S. 27 at Bourbon Road, is the largest single-store retail outlet in Somerset. It replaces the Somerset Plaza Wal-Mart which closes its doors at the end of business hours today. The massive new Wal-Mart is expected to have a major impact on the area's economy, attracting shoppers from the several-county Lake Cumberland area. Also, store manager Tommy Coleman said employment will increase from the 112 at the Somerset Plaza store to 228 at the new location. ... Wal-Mart is the first anchor store in Grand Central Place, a shopping complex being developed by Correll Enterprises. ... Assisting Coleman with management of the new store will be assistant managers Mary Jane Brewster, Randy Anderson, John Pennycuff, Joe Ellis, Jane Lovett, Diane Blevins and Bob Hayes. Joy Jarvis is in training to be an assistant manager.

-Jim Cherry of the Medicine Shoppe in Somerset was presented the 1985 "Good Neighbor Medallion" by Medicine Shoppe International. Cherry previously won the award for offering free health-care screenings held in conjunction with local health-care professionals. ... Cherry received the yearly medallion for conducting these free services on a continuing basis.

-Clay Parker Davis, president and chief executive officer of Citizens National Bank, has been appointed to serve a one-year term on the Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association. ... Davis has served the past two years as a member of the council. ... The council is responsible for developing ABA positions on federal legislation and regulatory issues on banking.

SCHOOL NEWS:

-A Somerset woman has been honored as Kentucky's outstanding business education teacher for 1986 by the Kentucky Business Educators Association. Neva Correll, 712 Correll St., a business teacher at Somerset State Vocational-Technical School, ... was originally nominated by a teacher from Wayne County and selected by a special committee who reviewed her resume. ... She is active



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Lou Ellen Cooper, left, and Janice Sims, both supervisors with the store-planning crew at the new Wal-Mart Discount City in Grand Central Place, inspect merchandise available tomorrow morning when the store opens at 9 a.m. The 82,000-square-foot store is the largest single-store retail outlet in the Somerset area and replaces Wal-Mart in Somerset Plaza.

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