KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Award of Distinction

On November 10, 2017, the Kentucky Historical Society will be presenting The Award of Distinction to Pewee Valley’s own Donna Russell. This award is presented to a non-paid individual who, as a volunteer, board member or member of an organization, has made a significant contribution to state and local history.

Donna has had a significant impact on the preservation of Pewee Valley’s deep roots. She has spent endless hours researching, collecting and documenting the rich history of our town.

While she may have only been the official Town Historian for the City of Pewee Valley since 2015, her contributions to preserving the city’s unique heritage started in 1987, when she and her husband, David, saved Sunnyside/Edgewood, one of Pewee Valley’s oldest and most historic homes, from demolition. It was the second antebellum home the Russells have restored. The first, another Italianate built by Daniel McCulloch, was in Louisville’s Portland neighborhood. Today, David and Donna bear the unique distinction of being the only people who have restored two homes featured by artist Walter H. Kiser in his weekly Louisville Times column “The Neighborhood Sketches,” published from 1934 to 1942.

In 2002, Donna met Steve Locke, creator of the http://www.oldlouisville.com/ and www.little-colonel.com, online, after he posted information to the Little Colonel website about Sunnyside/Edgewood. The two began collaborating on the website, with Russell doing much of the detective work in Pewee Valley and later Boerne, Texas, where Little Colonel author Annie Fellows Johnston lived from 1905-1911.

In 2007, Russell learned that the Oldham County Historical Society was planning a Little Colonel exhibit in LaGrange in 2008. She invited

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The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on the Wednesday, September 6, 2017. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Paige Bjorn, Bethany Major, Michele Pisano, and Norman Schippert. City Attorney John Singler and City Clerk Laura Eichenberger were also present. Council Members Rex Florence and Henry Walser were absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Mayor Rogers reported the 2017 Property Tax bills have been mailed.

OPEN COMMENTS
Robin O’Bryan presented a petition requesting that the Council pursue the extension of the sidewalk on Ash Avenue to Old Floydsburg Road. It has become a safety issue navigating Ash Avenue.

Cory Adkinson also presented a petition regarding the extension of the sidewalk. Nine property owners that would be affected are in favor and some offered to pay for the sidewalk in front of their property.

Mary Jane Kinser requested the area along the railroad tracks in front of St. Aloysius to be mowed/trimmed. Mayor Rogers responded he would talk with the mowing service.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
Don Helton thanked the Council for their support of the project. The City is being recognized as a Centurion Corp and will receive a brick for a veteran. He suggested the Council consider Mayor Bob Rogers as the veteran to receive the brick certificate.

Michele Pisano motioned to present the brick certificate to Mayor Rogers in recognition of his service to the Country and to Pewee Valley. The motion was seconded by Paige Bjorn and all Council Members present voted in favor.
POLICE REPORT

There have been issues with bicyclists (groups) riding in the area and not stopping at stop signs. Chief Larimore has stopped one group disregarding the stop sign and gave them a warning. If this continues, citations will be issued.

Total police activity for August:
Traffic Stops - 243   Courtesy Notice - 189
Traffic Charges - 90   Code Enforcement - 14
Motorist Assist - 6   Criminal Invest. - 7
Accidents - 1   School Patrols - 30
DUI - 0   Complaints - 29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kentucky Division of Water is performing an audit on the City’s Stormwater program this week.

Mayor Rogers thanked the donators to the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky for their generous donations.

Mayor Rogers thanked Glenn Rowland for sandbagging the front of Town Hall in anticipation of the remnants of Hurricane Irma.

The annual CASA Superhero 5K Run is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. Registration begins at 8 am. The Run starts at 9 am. The route for the Run has been moved to begin at the former bank at 307 LaGrange Road.

Donna Russell has been chosen to receive the Kentucky History Award of Distinction. The Award will be presented to her, November 10th, at the Kentucky History Awards Ceremony.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Michele Pisano (Public Safety): No report.

Bethany Major (Town Hall/Festivities/Central Park): The next event is Movie Night in the Park, Saturday, September 30th. The movie starts at 8 pm and a craft table at 7 pm.

The next Concert in the Park is Saturday, October 14th, 4 pm. Jenny and the Jets will perform.

The Pewee Valley Historical Society is meeting September 20th. The survey results on the Sesquicentennial Celebration have been received. The Historical Society would like for three Council Members to serve on the Sesquicentennial Committee. Bethany and Norman volunteered.

Norman Schippert (Sidewalks): Norman Schippert stated he will talk with City Engineer, Mel Milburn and the State Highway Department to see if there are any State funds for the Ash Avenue sidewalk request.

Henry Walser (Communications/Website/Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration): No report.

Rex Florence (Insurance/Finance/Water Quality): No report.

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Bob Rogers (Roads & Drainage/Environmental Board/Mowing): The approaches to the railroad tracks at Muirs and Wooldridge have been planed and resurfaced. We are waiting for the County’s asphalt contract, then piggy-back on the contract and do the shoulders on Tulip. The next road project will be Wooldridge and Old Forrest. The City has salt for the winter.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Pewee Valley Board of Adjustments and Appeals - Mayor Rogers introduced Pewee Valley resident Tom Clark. Dr. Clark has been a life-long member of the community, was head of the Board of Health, named Oldham County “Man of the Year” two years ago, serves on the EMS Board, and is a local dentist.

A motion to appoint Tom Clark to the Pewee Valley Board of Adjustments and Appeals to fill the vacancy left by Alan Gould was made, seconded with all Council Members present voting in favor.

Special Event/Temporary Sign Permits - St.

Aloysius submitted the Temporary Sign Permit request for: Night at the Races, November 4, 2017; Trivia Night, January 27, 2018; Fish Fry, February 14, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018; Summer Picnic, July 14, 2018; and Arts & Crafts, October 27, 2018.

Motion was made, seconded with all Council Members present voting in favor.


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A Temporary Sign Permit request was submitted for the CASA Superhero 5K Run, October 28, 2017.

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OPEN COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for open comments.

Upon approval of payment of outstanding bills, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.
A special thank you to Council Member Michele Pisano who coordinated efforts to raise money for the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky. A total of $1,525 was collected through citizen donations with the City of Pewee Valley matching $1,500.

**PEWEE PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

- Koss and Mary Kinser to Brianne and Thomas Spargo III, 120 Tulip Avenue, $201,000
- Andrew Koch and Monica Koch to Jessica and Michael Bunch, 119 Mt. Mercy Place, $440,000

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**PEWEE RESIDENTS**

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Nancy Theiss of the OCHS; Steve Lock; Delinda Buie of Special Collections at the University of Louisville’s Ekstrom Library; Suzanne Schimpeler, President of the Pewee Valley Historical Society; and Sue Lynn McDaniel, an Annie Fellows Johnston expert from Western Kentucky University and Chautauqua impersonator, to get together at Edgewood and discuss ways to collaborate that eventually included:

- A Kate Matthews exhibit at the University of Louisville and digitization of the Kate Matthews Collection at Ekstrom (http://digital.library.louisville.edu/cdm/description/collection/matthews/)
- Publication of the Little Colonel Driving Tour booklet, co-authored by Locke and Russell;
- A signage grant from the OCHS for Little Colonel sites in Pewee Valley;
- A day-long event in Pewee Valley that included home tours, food and special historic exhibits at different sites;
- Inclusion of Steve Locke’s personal collection of Little Colonel artifacts at the exhibit in LaGrange.

In 2010, author Rusty Williams published “My Old Confederate Home” and Russell, along with PVHS President Suzanne Schimpeler, Pewee Valley Cemetery Board member B. Utley Murphy, and representatives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans, put together a special event for Confederate Memorial Day. Donna opened Sunnyside/Edgewood for tours, conducted tours of Confederate Hill, and authored a second publication specifically about the Kentucky Confederate Home’s impact on Pewee Valley.

In 2014, the City of Pewee Valley provided space for a small museum at Town Hall. Since then, Donna has been responsible for working on museum exhibits, securing – and making –donations of artifacts, and developing interpretative signage. Started with items donated primarily by one family, the museum has expanded to include an art gallery in Town Hall; a complete collection of Annie Fellows Johnston books; Little Colonel-related toys, dolls and games; items from the 1970 Centennial; mid-century equipment from the Pewee Valley Post office; Kate Matthews photos; and more.

In 2015, Donna was appointed Town Historian by Mayor Bob Rogers. In that role, she is responsible for touring visiting scholars, genealogists and writers; working with various county agencies as requested; writing grant applications; developing agendas and keeping minutes for the PVHS, etc. She is the Oldham County Historical Society’s go-to person for anyone requesting information related to Pewee Valley.

In 2016, Donna began work on the Pewee Valley Historical Society’s website http://www.peweevalleyhistory.org/. Although far from finished, it includes photos and historical information on National Register properties, other historic sites, famous Peweeans, maps, and reference materials. Russell has spent hours researching and digitizing photos, art and materials from the Kentucky Heritage Commission, Filson Historical Society, Louisville Free Public Library, Oldham County Library, Oldham County Historical Society, Kentucky Historical Society, the City of Pewee Valley’s archives and private individuals. The goal is to make the city’s history accessible to residents, scholars and genealogists and preserve it for future generations.

Also in 2016, Russell headed the effort to restore and dedicate Pewee Valley’s mail crane, which had been languishing beneath a tree since 1968. She also worked with Pewee Valley Postmaster Andrea Braden on developing a special cancellation to commemorate the event. And she worked with the Oldham County Historical Society on development of their Pewee Valley exhibit at the renovated museum in LaGrange by providing Executive Director Nancy Theiss with images and suggestions.

In 2017, Russell was the keynote speaker for the State Marker dedication at The Beeches and coordinated a special exhibit at the Pewee Valley Museum specifically for the event.

This year, she intends to continue adding to the museum and website and begin planning for the Pewee Valley’s Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2020. The centerpiece of the project is to turn Pewee Valley into a virtual museum through a signage program with QR codes that will link directly to the historical society’s website.
October programs offered from the OCCES:
- Landscaping for All Seasons – Thursday, October 5th, Oldham County Arts Center, Crestwood. Call 241-6018 to register.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection (includes pesticides) – Saturday, October 21st, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Oldham County Fairgrounds. Details at http://www.oldhamcounty.net/oldham-county-solid-waste-recycling
- Monarchs in Mexico, Monday, October 23rd, 6:30 p.m., Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, 12501 Harmony Landing Road, Goshen. Sponsored by Oldham County Master Gardener Association.

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**YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS THESE EVENTS EITHER!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

Pewee Valley Concert in the Park
Saturday, October 14th, 4:00 pm
featuring Jenny and the Jets

The annual Arts & Crafts Day in Pewee Valley
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Pewee Valley Woman’s Club
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Saturday, October 28th.

The CASA Superhero 5K Run
Pewee Valley
Saturday, October 28th.
Registration begins at 8 am
The run starts at 9 am

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Pewee Valley Yule Log Celebration
Sunday December 3rd
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.