

30 Years Ago

From the first week in September 1977:

Recent birthday celebrants include Trenton resident Mrs. Lucy Patterson, Todd County's oldest citizen, who turned 104, and Guthrie citizen Mrs. S. K. Allensworth, who recently celebrated her 101st birthday.

Tom Dye and Tony Borders, both of the Todd County Emergency preparedness Organization, are pictured as they receive instruction on the use of a radiological measurement device.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Miller entertained the Couples' Bridge Club at thir home; attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Wells, Dr. and Mrs. George Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Petrie.

From the "30 Years Ago" Column (August, 1947:) Mr. and Mrs. Horace Settle announce the marriage of their daughter, Reby Nell, to Garland West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West of Allegre. Also, the wedding of O'Dean Watson and Tommy Borders was solemnized at the home of Rev. Roy Sears in Russellville; and Lt. Guy H. Mallory, and Mrs. Mallory have arrived in the states from Germany and are visiting Lt. Mallory's mother, Mrs. James R. Mallory.

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If money was no obstacle, what big ideas would you have?

FOCUS ON
THE FUTURE

POSSIBLE SOLUTION:
Four readers gave us their ideas for a better Todd County.

YOUR BIG IDEAS

Editor's Note — The following ideas are those sent to us by readers who responded to our own Big Ideas in July as part of our yearlong series "Focus On The Future." The purpose of Big Ideas is to get us to think past our boundaries and these four readers deserve credit for putting their ideas out there for all of us to read and to think about.

If these ideas inspire you, please feel free to send us your own Big Ideas and we'll print them.

Jeff Davis Days
By Billy Bryant

We already have the event; we just need to expand, promote, advertise, and the citizens of Todd County need to volunteer and get involved in it. It needs to be at least a four day celebration with a week as a possibility. Here are a few of my ideas for the event:

First Annual Jeff Davis

1. 5K walk-n-run.
2. Golf Tournament Trenton-n-Elkton.
3. High School Band Festival.
4. Little League, Pee Wee, adults softball tournaments.
5. Wee Miss-n-Mister contest with \$100 saving bonds.
6. Miss Confederacy with maybe high school girls with the winner getting a \$1000 for college.
7. A civil war play at the new high school auditorium.
8. Sidewalk sales in all cities and communities with all kinds of food.
9. Civil War Ball at the community house or old court house.
10. Classic car-n-bike contest
11. Maybe some kind of repelling contest at Pilot Rock.
12. Trap shooting contest at the Todd County Gun Club and at the Martin Home Place.
13. Gospel singing or amateur gospel singing contest, or both.
14. For an Encore put on the largest Civil War enactment battle in all of Kentucky. There are many other ideas our citizens can come up with. The idea is to promote our county, bring in much needed money and give our county an event that each year people will put on their calendar to not miss.
15. Horse show.
16. Tractor and antique machinery show.
17. Tractor or truck pull.
18. Make sure that while our visitors are in our county they are made aware of the Robert Penn Warren Home and the Clifty cliffs, Pilot Rock and any other attraction we have to offer.

Three Big Ideas
Big Idea #1: Children Are Our Future
By Russell Shirley

Todd County should offer the best medical, social and educational services in the area to make this a more "Kid Friendly" place. This includes pre-natal care, Head Start for all students, affordable convenient child care, summer programs that include sports, games, crafts and a traveling Bookmobile that can visit each small community. Todd County should also offer free college tuition/scholarships to any TCHS student who graduates with a GPA (grade point average) of 80 or above.

Programs that benefit children will make people want to move to Todd County to raise a family. As more families move in, businesses and jobs will follow.

Big Idea #2: Todd County — A Great Place to Retire
By Renee Shirley

Since there's no Kentucky state income tax on most pensions or retirement, I think wealthy Tennesseans would flock to a Retirement Village in Todd County. It should have a stream or lake stocked with fish, a small golf course, great food in the dining hall and a beauty shop. Living arrangements

could range from small houses with a private yard, or apartments for independent living.

There should be guest houses or guest rooms available for family and friends to rent when they come to visit. A bus or van could take people on shopping trips or an activity. Maid service would be available and people would have the option of cooking in their own small kitchen, having room service or eating in the dining hall. A registered nurse would be available 24 hours a day with a doctor on call and/or making weekly visits.

Big Idea #3: Corvette Raceway/Resort
By Renee Shirley

There should be a resort to tie in with the Corvette Factory and Museum in Bowling Green. I think that Corvette owners would love to race other Corvette owners or just race the clock to beat the clock or see just how fast their cars will go.

There should also be a hotel and restaurant and maybe an outdoor concert stage. This resort could be located off 68/80 and offer package deals with a race, room, museum and factory. They could have buses take the people to the museum and factory while they leave their Corvettes on display at the hotel for other tourists to see.

My ideas and suggestions for Todd County, Ky.
By Randy Pritchett

We need to go away from a farming economy to a retail service-based economy.

We need to look at bringing a Six Flags or a Beach Bend-type entertainment park (here).

We should look at a recreational park area for swimming, boating, horse-back riding, camping, biking, riding and fishing.

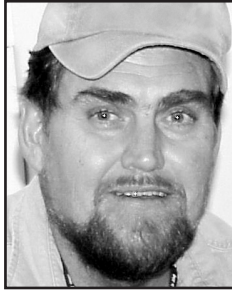
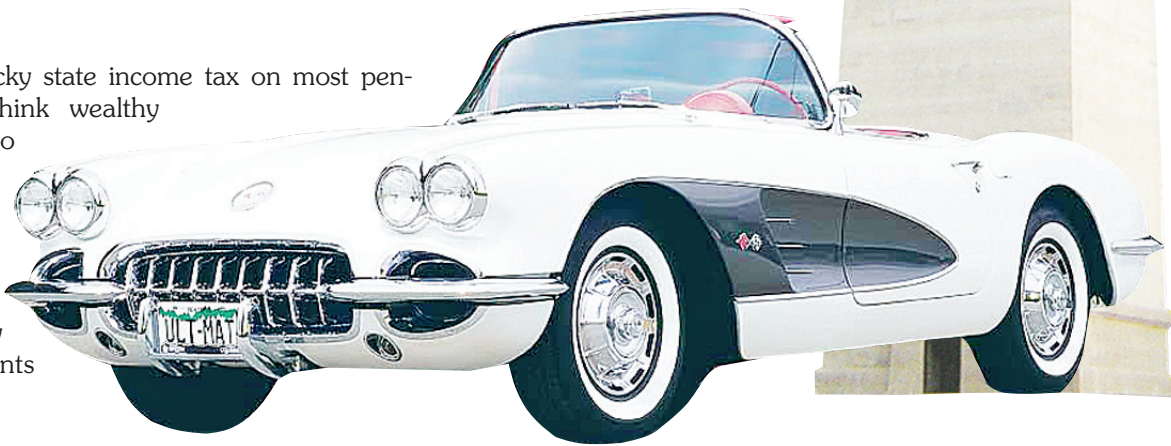
We should have something like a 10 to 14 day musical festival here.

We are going to need a large investment in hotels/motel/lodges.

We need reasonable priced high speed Internet services to bring in new businesses.

We need a first class internet Web site to promote travel and tourism.

Suggestions included a Corvette resort and race track and improvements for the Jeff Davis Days.



Larry Craig

The Passing Parade

Household hints and then some

Bounce Hints (Sent by a reader)

1. All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer! Bounce will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers or cars that are sitting, and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors - Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
8. To freshen the air in your home - Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent thread from tangling - Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
12. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the waste basket.
15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

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A Daddy Tale

I was a little boy for several years of my life and it was a pretty good time for me.

I had a pretty good thing going with my Dad who liked to tease me and permitted me to tease him in return. Dad was pretty close to nature and he would tell me tings about nature that really excited me. The Killdeer bird, which would lure you away from her nest by pretending to have a broken wing, was a fun story for me and I saw lot of kildeers when I would be out in the field following behind Daddy as he plowed.

Once when he was mowing hay filed he came to the house and got me because he had lots of rabbits congregated in the area he had left to mow. He had mowed from the outside in, and the rabbits kept going into the center until they were all



Toby Hightower

Looking Back

congregated in the small area that was left. I took my dog with me and we had a grand time chasing rabbits.

At this time in my life we also had a great fellow named Charlie Key working for us.

Charlie was a black man and he loved to hunt and fish. Charlie often hunted frogs at night and he usually took me with

him. He would shine a flashlight in the frog's eyes and I could sneak up on the frog and grab him.

I tell you all this to set up the situation that I really want to tell you about. One night Charlie and I caught the biggest frog that I had ever seen — big old bullfrog. Well, I knew that Daddy had been mighty nice to give me little rabbits and little squirrels so I decided to give him the frog when I got home. I think that I can say in all honesty that I really was an affectionate child. I knew that Daddy loved bullfrogs and he enjoyed sitting on the front porch at night and listening to them croak in the nearby pond.

Charlie and I got home at around nine thirty and we found that Dad was already in bed and sound asleep. I guess that I was

in a little hurry to make the presentation of my gift, so, after some consultation with Charlie, I slipped the big frog under the covers at the foot of the bed.

I figured that Daddy would be delighted when he woke up and found that he had a nice frog with him at the foot of the bed, but it did not quite work out that way. As a matter of fact, when the frog sort of cuddled up to Daddy's feet and woke him up, Daddy got out of bed about as fast as I ever knew him to. He never bothered to turn back the bedcovers; he just sort of took them with him when he got up.

He was kind of cross about the whole matter until I explained that giving one's father a nice gift ought not to provoke the

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