

BEAN BASH PLANS ARE GOING ON

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The date and time are set. The 175 pounds of beans are donated. Even country music star Billy Ray Cyrus has promised an autographed - albeit sweaty - shirt to be auctioned off.

Little by little, the 200 volunteers whose time and labor run the Bill McBee Bean Bash are making the arrangements that have kept the fund-raiser going the past 18 years.

McBee, a former state legislator, faces a federal prison term after pleading guilty to extortion and bribery charges, but the event will go on, organizers said.

To reassure people, the three social service agencies that divvy up the proceeds from the Bean Bash will advertise the event in local newspapers, said Jeanni Reusch, its coordinator.

"They want to thank McBee for hosting it all these years . . . and to let everybody know that once again this fall, winds will be blowing and beans will be simmering," Ms. Reusch said.

The Bean Bash will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Turfway Park Race Course.

McBee has no plans to abandon the event, said his wife, Anne McBee. They plan to host the event "as long as they want us. If we are not the sponsors, we'll continue to be donors," she said.

Anne McBee was among 19 people at an organizational meeting Wednesday night in Florence for the Bean Bash. McBee had planned to be there but had had a couple of doctor appointments earlier that day, Ms. Reusch said. During the meeting, organizers discussed details such as the price of beer and liquor, who would bake corn bread and whether to print tickets to be sold ahead of time.

Outside the meeting, the social service officials talked fearfully about cutbacks if the Bean Bash ever ends.

Last year, some \$33,000 was split among the Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center; BAWAC, a work center for adults with disabilities; and Kids Helping Kids, a group that helps youth overcome drug and alcohol problems.

"We only have two fund-raisers a year. A little golf outing and the Bean Bash," said Pam Thompson, the accountant at BAWAC.

"If we don't have that money, that eliminates a staff position, which eliminates slots for clients," she said. "It's a major portion of the budget."

She said the agency serves 150 people a day.

Kids Helping Kids uses part of the money for scholarships for children whose family can't afford the program's tuition, said Susan Travis, who helped start the program in Northern Kentucky.

"We would really miss it if we

didn't have it," she said.

The agency representatives said they didn't know if they could continue the event without McBee, whose reputation over 19 years in the legislature has attracted U.S. congressmen, governors and state lawmakers to the event.

Most of the money is made during an auction of donated items. Organizers said it's too early to tell if attendance or donations would suffer because of McBee's legal problems.

To help offset a possible drop-off in donations, organizers are putting together a major raffle in which 250 people would take \$100 chances on something like a trip to Cancun. To raise additional money - and also to reduce alcohol consumption - beer and liquor will likely be sold for a nominal fee this year.

As the meeting drew to a close, Anne McBee thanked those who came.

"This is important to us as McBees. Just thank you," she said.

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DEVELOPER BUTLER WINS CHAMBER AWARD

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Bill Butler's associates will tell you he's not one to rest on his laurels.

He's going to receive a community award this evening, and he plans to use the occasion to call for the governor to appoint a new Northern Kentucky Economic Development Task Force.

Butler - William P. Butler, chief executive officer of Corporex Companies Inc. - will receive the highest award bestowed by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Com

merce this evening, the Walter R. Dunlevy/ Frontiersman Award.

Butler was vice chairman of the Northern Kentucky Economic Development Task Force appointed by Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. a decade ago. He considers the award a chance to review Northern Kentucky's progress in the past 10 years and devise a plan for the next decade.

It's time for Gov. Brereton Jones to appoint a new Northern Kentucky Economic Development Task Force, he said.

"We could do it ourselves, but because that first task force was appointed by the governor, it had clout," Butler said. "It was significant."

To have the same stature and significance, a new task force "would have to be appointed by the governor again."

"When you look at the past 10 years and where we were then, we didn't think all these things we proposed would happen, and, in fact, they have happened," he said.

The task force report issued in October 1981 included these recommendations:

A \$70 million commercial complex at the foot of the Suspension Bridge. (It is now the site of RiverCenter office tower, Embassy Suites Hotel and Covington Landing.)

A new interchange at I-275 and Mineola Pike, a half interchange at I-275 near Northern Kentucky University and the construction of an access road from Turkeyfoot Road to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Dudley Road. (The interchanges and Thomas More Parkway were among the first projects undertaken after the report was issued.)

A civic center as part of the complex envisioned near the Suspension Bridge. (State funds have been allocated for design work on a civic center/ convention center in Covington near the riverfront.)

Developing "technology parks" along I-275 between Northern Kentucky University and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. (The Northern Kentucky University Foundation holds property for that kind of development near the Three Mile Road interchange and land along Thomas More Parkway has developed with professional offices.)

Creating a single water and sewer district to replace 14 districts operating in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties. (Officials in the three counties are considering ways to create a single water district. State legislation has cleared the way for local governments in Northern Kentucky to turn maintenance of sewers over to the Sanitation District No. 1 of Campbell and

Kenton Counties.)

Among a lengthy list of recommendations, the task force report also endorsed merging the county governments of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties. The task force also recommended merging the planning commissions of the three counties and the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission into a single planning and zoning body.

Butler, as vice chairman of the 1981 task force, prepared a first draft of the group's report and recommendations. His draft served as an agenda for subsequent meetings of the task force and became the basis of the final report with only minor revisions.

"In substance, what has occurred since 1981 is Phase I only," Butler said.

"We have formed a foundation on which to build a vibrant economy and culture via continuing efforts at unity in Northern Kentucky and major developments."

Butler's company, Corporex, was chosen master developer for RiverCenter. That project and others, Butler said, provide a strong record for lenders to review in financing new projects.

The award Butler will receive this evening at the annual dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is presented to recognize long-term community service.

In addition to his business interests, Butler established the Robert M. Butler Foundation to focus on the needs of Northern Kentucky. He has been a primary supporter of Be-Con, a Covington-based organization that

feeds and clothes poor people throughout the year. He has served on a committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Butler served as a trustee of Thomas More College for seven years and has been a director of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

He has been involved in Kids Helping Kids, Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center, Welcome House and Boy Scouts of America. He was the 1991 chairman of the Northern Kentucky United Way campaign.

In his business projects locally, in addition to RiverCenter, Butler developed Lookout Corporate Center in Ft. Wright, Four Seasons Sports Country Club in Crestview Hills and the

Commonwealth Hilton on Turfway Road in Florence. He is developing CirclePort industrial and office park along I-275 between I-75 and the airport.

Corporex specializes in industrial and office buildings, industrial and office park developments and construction and investment services. In addition to operations in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Corporex has facilities in Nashville and in Florida.

The Walter R. Dunlevy/Frontiersman award has been presented to 13 times in the past 24 years.

Last year the award was presented to William T. Robinson III, an attorney who has held leadership positions in a large number of civic projects and community organizations. In

1990, the award recipient was Ken Lucas, current Boone County judge- executive who, among other community activities, has been chairman of the board of regents of Northern Kentucky University.

These individuals also received the award: Merwin Grayson Jr., 1989; Paul W. Hemmer Sr., 1988; Wayne and Fran Carlisle, 1987; Walter R. Dunlevy, posthumously, 1986, when the Frontiersman Award was renamed to honor the executive-director and president of the chamber from 1968 until his death in 1985;

Joseph Scanlon, 1978; Ralph V. Haile, 1977; Wallace Lucas, 1976; Henry E. "Bud" Pogue, 1975; W. Robert Ellis, 1970, and Monsignor John Murphy, 1969. Orie S. Ware, 1968.

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CHARITIES DISHING UP SOUP FOR ANNUAL BEAN BASH

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Four hundred gallons of bean soup, onions, tomatoes, cole slaw, corn bread, hot dogs and soft drinks.

These are the ingredients for a three-way "Bean Bash for Charity," to benefit BAWAC, Kids Helping Kids and the Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center.

The event will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Turfway Park Race Course in Florence. Activities for children will include games, juggling, face painting and making animal balloons.

Entertainment will be by Ebby and the Southern Comfort Band; Bill Elliot, Nascar Racer for Budweiser; Joe Walters of the Cincinnati Bengals; Pam Thompson; Gary Burbank; Andy Furman; Tem House; Bryan Greene; and Music-To-Go D.J.'s.

Those expected to make special appearances include Oscar Robertson; U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford; Melissa Ebert, Mrs. Kentucky, U.S.A., 1991-92; Jennifer Enders, Miss Richmond, U.S.A.; and Danny Purnell and Kaylee Birteil, Little Mr. and Miss Florence. Charlie Riley will be emcee.

Silent and oral auctions will be held; and raffle prizes will include a shopping spree at the Florence Mall and a vacation for two in the Grand Cayman Islands. Jeanni Reusch is coordinator of the event. She is assisted by Kathleen Sketch, Dan and Virginia Lainhart, Anne McBee, Betty Roth, Dave and Joanie Yeazell, John and Karen Wilmhoff, John and Carol Smith, Brenda Sparks, Betsy Smith, Pam Thompson, Hazel Draud, Charlie Riley, Ronnie Jones, Charlene Vater, Lyn Henderson, Steve Schilffarth, D an Houston and Galen McGlasson.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Last year, the event raised \$30,000 to benefit the three charities. BAWAC is a vocational re

habilitation center in the Florence Industrial Park. It provides evaluation services for adults with disabilities, and provides them with a normal work environment for developing vocational skills.

Kids Helping Kids is an adolescent alcohol and drug treatment program in Hebron.

Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center in Ft. Mitchell provides programs for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

For information about the "Bean Bash for Charity," call 371-8718.

Honors for research

Russell Stephens, 87-year-old resident of Campbell County, was honored recently at the Campbell County Library for his contributions to historical research and genealogy in Northern Kentucky.

Ken Reese, president of the Campbell County Historical Society, presided. Warren Shonert came from Pendleton County to appear on the program. Dr. James Claypool, archivist of Northern Kentucky University Library, spoke about Stephens' many accomplishments. His wife, Thelma Stephens, joined him for the celebration. Dr. Morris Garrett of Ft. Thomas was coordinator

of the program.

Ft. Thomas Woman's Club

Ft. Thomas Woman's Club will meet Thursday at the clubhouse. Lunch will be served at noon with the program following at 1 p.m.

Mary Bunning will present a program of slides on buildings and landmarks in Washington, D.C. Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Shearer, chairwoman, assisted by Mrs. Charles Sickmeier, Mrs. Robert Caudill, Mrs. Charles T. Best, Jr., Mrs. Bernard Sadosky, and Miss Virginia Woodburn. Publicity chairwoman is Mrs. Ann Horst.

Night at the Races

Northern Kentucky Goodwill Housing Corporation Board sponsored its fourth annual "Night at the Races" recently at Turfway Park.

The event benefits the Clemens B. Deters Memorial Goodwill Village Apartments, 16th and Russell streets, Covington.

The apartments offer special safety and accessibility features to provide independent living for men and women with disabilities. Eric C. Deters, president of the board, and his wife, Lisa, were co-chairpeople of the event.

More than 150 guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and silent auction. Joseph S. Byrum, Goodwill executive director, was present, along with board members, Nick Ziegler, Chuck Atkins, Mayor Denny Bowman, Bill Hub, Don Eger, and Kevin Murphy.

Others present included Monte and Carol Rovekamp, Vera Angel, Dennis and Mary Rae Barron, Mark and Lori Simendinger, Mike Kessling, David and Connie Wallace, Ron and Helen Taylor, John Weber, Mike Mills, Bob Blau, Cheryl McDaniel, Dr. Michael Berling, Jean Jordan, Verne and Belle Crane, Jerry Bamberger, and Brad Stamper.

Covington Art Club

The spiritual values department of the Covington Art Club will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 5 at the clubhouse.

Speaker will be Alice Kennelly Roberts. Music will be by Sarah Harvie. A business meeting will be held at noon, followed by a tray luncheon hosted by the arts and crafts department of which Mrs. Ray Betz is chairwoman.

Mrs. R. T. Acra and Mrs. Paul Jones are co-chairwomen of the luncheon. Registrars are Miss Annabel Hall and Mrs. Charles Perry. Hostesses are Mrs. Carl Vocke and Mrs. Lew Smith.

Making new friends

New Friends of Northern Kentucky will meet at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 7 at Town and Country Restaurant.

Drs. Julia and Harry Carter and Joyce Pearson of the Wood Hudson Cancer Research Center will present the program. New residents of Northern Kentucky are especially invited. For information or to make reservations, call 341-4585 or 525-1853. Lorraine Rabenold is publicity chairwoman.

Honors for pastor

Tyrone Clenney, Covington native and 1957 graduate of Holmes High School, was honored recently in Louisville at a banquet of the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Clenney, now pastor of the Greensburg Baptist Church, is a contributing writer to a new manual to help people with special needs and mental disabilities get more involved in church programs.

Clenney helped organize the group in 1990 to develop a manual when there were no books available on the subject. Any church interested in this type of ministry may get information by calling 1-502-245-4101 or 1-502-932-4990.

- Caption: PHOTOOrganizers of the Bean Bash for Charity show some of the items that will be on the auction block. The women, from left, are Hazel Draud, Jeanni Reusch, Pam Thompson and Betsy Smith. Terry Duennes, The Kentucky Post

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Alice Kennelly Roberts, a retired teacher and writer, writes this column on people and social events weekly in The Kentucky Post.

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BEAN BASH TO FEATURE ATHLETES, RADIO CELEBRITIES

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Bill McBee slumps behind his desk and runs his fingers through his wavy, white hair. He takes a draw on a cigarette and blows smoke into the air.

It's crunch time for the 18th McBee Bean Bash, the annual mixing of Northern Kentucky's wealthy businessmen, dirt-under-the-fingernails blue-collar workers and political hopefuls in

the name of great northerns and charity.

The beans (375 pounds) and ham hocks (250 pounds) are ready. So are the cowboy boots, Cincinnati Bengal tickets, Florida vacations and other prizes. The cook, servers and other workers are in the wings.

Now McBee has one last worry - the crowd.

Organizers hope for 2,000 people, about the same as last year. But they're promoting an event in transition.

It started as a political fund-raiser and has retained its political feel, even though proceeds since year one have all gone to social service agencies. The bean bash is a field day for candidates who pump hands, pass out material and recruit votes for the election just around the corner.

"It's a good place for political figures to be if they're running for office," McBee said. "But this year we're trying to get away (from that)."

The big-name guests this year are former and current Cincinnati athletes Tommy Helms, Jim O'Toole and Joe Walter and radio personalities Gary Burbank

and Andy Furman. Normally big-name politicians from downstate and even Washington are the featured guests. This year McBee expects the politicians but isn't guaranteeing their appearance.

McBee himself lost his state representative seat in 1990. He figures he'll be involved with the bean bash forever, but he admits he isn't as visible in its planning.

"I've been trying to stay in the background," he said.

McBee was among former legislators and other Frankfort political insiders indicted this summer during a federal investigation into corruption in state government. McBee, like most of the others, pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

Will his part in the investigation hurt the bean bash? Not so far, he said.

"We'll wait and see," he said. "I'm not even going to get into that part of it, because you just don't know."

Nevertheless, coordinator

Jeanni Reush said there's plenty to be excited about, what with several big prizes and new additions.

"We're just going to grow. Pretty soon, we'll be the biggest party in the area," she said.

The bash is from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Turfway Park Race Course. Admission is \$3, \$2 for senior citizens and free for children under 12.

Food is free. That includes beans and ham hocks, homegrown tomatoes, home-baked corn bread, onions and cole slaw. Hot dogs and soft drinks are also available.

Beer will be 50 cents this year, liquor \$1.

Vocalist Pam Thompson, Ebby and the Southern Comfort Band and numerous magicians and jugglers will entertain.

There also will be a short horse race, simulcast betting on races at Keeneland, a children's activity room, and, for the first time, an adult gaming facility. That will feature six blackjack

tables, two beat-the-dealer tables and several gaming wheels.

Nearly 100 prizes worth at least \$100 each will be auctioned off, including week-long condo vacations in Ft. Myers and Ft. Lauderdale, and shirts from county music stars Billy Ray Cyrus and Naomi Judd and NASCAR driver Bill Elliott.

Two big raffles will be held - \$1 a ticket for a \$500 shopping spree at the Florence Mall and \$50 a ticket (a maximum of 500 tickets sold) for a vacation for two to the Grand Cayman Islands, including air fare and \$500 cash spending money.

All work is volunteer. All prizes and food are donated.

All proceeds will go to the Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center; BAWAC, a work center for adults with disabilities; and Kids Helping Kids, a group that helps youth overcome drug and alcohol problems.

The groups received about \$33,000 last year.

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OPINION: THE BEAN BASH - A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Bill McBee's annual bean bash last year raised \$33,000 for three agencies. His admission that he accepted a bribe doesn't diminish the worthiness of this important community event.

A little redemption has finally visited the sorry story of legislative corruption.

Bill McBee, the former state representative from Boone County, pleaded guilty in the scandal this summer and is awaiting sentencing. His involvement signaled the depth of wrongdoing in Frankfort. He was one of the General Assembly's more influential members, yet he freely took and handed out bribes.

We'd welcome a public explanation and apology from him, but he's been quiet - dignified, but quiet.

He has, however, broken that silence to say a word for his 18th McBee Bean Bash, a charity festival that bears his name and benefits Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center; BAWAC, a work center for adults with disabilities; and Kids Helping Kids, a group that helps youth overcome drug and alcohol problems.

The groups received about \$33,000 last year - enough to make them a little nervous about losing the event in the aftermath of Mr. McBee's legal trouble.

Sometimes, in the rush to assume the worst about politicians - especially those whose ill deeds are a matter of court record - we might forget their contributions to the community's well-being.

So consider a bowl of beans this weekend. The cause is a good one. And in a way, a man who owes all of us an apology is trying to give one.

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DESPITE CLOUD, BEAN BASH STILL COOKIN'

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Political ties or not, the Bean Bash shows no signs of running out of gas.

The future of one of Northern Kentucky's premier gastronomical and charitable traditions appeared in jeopardy earlier this year after its innovator, former state Rep. Bill McBee, pleaded guilty to federal bribery charges in a scandal that has reached deep into Frankfort.

Money raised each year at the Bean Bash goes to three area charities. The big question this year was whether people would turn out for an event when the prime sponsor and some of his closest political associates have tarnished their own reputations.

Apparently there was no reason to worry.

Despite competition from Tall Stacks '92, the Bean Bash drew 1,800 to 2,000 people to Turfway Park on Saturday. That's a slightly smaller crowd than a year ago, but the amount of money collected may have been even larger than usual, although the exact figure won't be known for several days.

The charitable organizations that count on the money from the annual October event are heaving sighs of relief.

"This is encouraging in light of everything," said Pam Thompson of BAWAC, a work center for adults with disabilities. "We knew Tall Stacks would be competition. But the community is supporting this, and we'll go on."

Other recipients are Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center, a facility that deals with developmental disabilities in adults and children; and Kids Helping Kids, a self-help group for youngsters with drug or alcohol problems.

Hazel Draud of Redwood estimated that the Bean Bash crowd was down by 10 percent this year, "but they're buying more raffle tickets than usual. It's a benevolent crowd."

Unlike the previous 18 years, McBee kept a low profile during the organizational stages of the event and didn't lasso an entourage of political types from Frankfort and around the state.

Even with the proceeds earmarked for charity, the Bean Bash always has had political overtones, and politicians were almost as numerous Saturday as ham hocks and great northern beans.

There were no speeches, no governors, no statewide contenders. There were plenty of candidates for other offices and scores of politically active people who fall into that catchall phrase "loyal supporters."

As always, when so many with a bent for politics gather, the emphasis was on being visible and talking politics.

Democratic congressional candidate Floyd Poore drew attention when he joined radio personality Gary Burbank and other grandstanders on stage to pantomime as "The Supremes" while Pam Thompson imitated singer Diana Ross.

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bank said.

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John Salyers, Congressman Jim Bunning's field representative, talked election wagers with state Rep. Pete Worthington, a Democrat from Fleming County and speaker pro-tem of the Kentucky House. They just might have called some of each other's bets.

McBee didn't take center stage, but he didn't hide out in the wings, either.

"Hello, Willie," he yelled across the racetrack's ground-floor area as a friend arrived.

That was the extroverted McBee people have come to know.

"A lot of people told me, 'I came for you.' This is one of the greatest things that could happen. It made Anne and me feel good," McBee

said, referring to himself and his wife.

A number of those in attendance said they feel no animosity toward McBee and lauded him for continuing the event.

He took a chance, got caught and he is going to pay, they said.

Politics was far down on the list of priorities of many at the Bean Bash, if it was a consideration at all.

Jack and Alma Robinson of Covington said they drop by every year to watch the simulcast of races from Keeneland upstairs at Turfway and to enjoy

the beans, corn bread and entertainment.

Judy Yost, an adult client of Redwood, was among those who seemed enthralled by all the people she saw and the friendly greetings she received.

It's people like Judy who have been the real benefactors of the Bean Bash.

Those who have worked hard for the event - from McBee to the volunteers cooking beans, selling raffle tickets and pouring beers - intend for it to live on.

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'BEAN BASH' GOES ON DESPITE INDICTMENT ABOUT 1,800 TURN OUT FOR ANNUAL CHARITY AFFAIR \

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Some of those attending said they feel no animosity toward McBee and lauded him for continuing the charitable event.

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McBee was there to greet friends as they entered the ground floor of Turfway Park racetrack.

"This is one of the greatest things that could happen," he said. "It made Anne and me feel good," he added, referring to himself and his wife.

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Poore is running against Republican Rep. Jim Bunning whose field representative, John Salyers, spent part of his time at the bash talking election wagers with state Rep. Pete Worthington, a Democrat from Fleming County and speaker pro-tem of the Kentucky House.

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1,800 ATTEND 'BEAN BASH' DESPITE MCBEE INDICTMENT

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MURDER TRIAL MOVED TO ROWAN COUNTY

SANDY HOOK -- A lack of unbiased jurors prompted a judge yesterday to move the trial of an Eastern Kentucky man accused of beating a 72-year-old woman to death.

Special Judge Kelley Asbury moved the trial of Buddy Alfred Porter, 39, of Isonville, to neighboring Rowan County.

"Apparently, too many of them (the jurors) had already made up their minds," Elliott County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Hutchinson said. He said the trial was rescheduled for Dec. 14.

Porter is charged with murder and first-degree burglary in connection with the death of Shirley Gilliam, whose body was discovered Aug. 12, 1990, at her home outside Sandy Hook.

Porter's girlfriend, Clarsie Doolin, 36, of Isonville, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in June for conspiracy in the killing. She also got a five-year sentence for second-degree burglary, but it was to run concurrently with the other sentence.

Doolin was expected to be called as a witness against Porter, but attorneys announced earlier this month that she had refused.

MAN CHARGED IN COUSIN'S DEATH

WINCHESTER -- A Winchester man has been charged in a Sunday morning shooting that killed his cousin.

Christopher Graves, 20, of Winchester, was arrested and charged with reckless homicide by Winchester police after his cousin, Billy Pankey, 18, also of Winchester, was killed after being shot in the face.

An argument between Pankey and another man prompted Graves to get a 32-caliber pistol from his home in hopes of protecting his cousin, police said, but Pankey attempted to stop Graves when a shot was fired.

"He was going to defend his cousin when the gun accidentally discharged," said Winchester Police Chief William Jackson.

Pankey was shot about 1:30 a.m. Sunday and taken to an intensive care unit at the University of Kentucky Hospital, where he died later that night.

Graves was lodged in Clark County Detention Center on \$10,000 bond, where he remained in custody last night.

Police said alcohol might have been a factor in the shooting.

PULASKI MAN DIES WHEN CAR HIT BY TRUCK

SOMERSET -- A Pulaski County man died yesterday when his car was struck by a log truck.

George Earl Davis, 21, of Somerset pulled out of a side road onto U.S. 27 and into the path of the log truck, according to a news release by Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron.

Davis was pronounced dead at the scene of the wreck a half-mile south of Somerset. The wreck occurred just before 6 a.m.

The driver of the log truck, 54-year-old James Gregory of Pulaski County, was not injured.

The two drivers were not wearing safety belts, the news release said.

FIRE LEAVES VERSAILLES FAMILIES HOMELESS

VERSAILLES -- A fire in a two-story apartment building in Versailles yesterday destroyed one apartment and damaged a second, leaving two families temporarily homeless, fire officials said.

The fire broke out about 11 a.m. in an upstairs apartment in the building on Morgan Street behind the Versailles city government building. A second apartment suffered water damage as firefighters worked to control the blaze, said Fire Chief Frankie Shuck.

Shuck said the fire appeared to start near a space heater that was sitting too close to a couch, Shuck said.

One woman sleeping in the apartment at the time of the fire escaped the flames even though the apartment had no fire alarm, Shuck said. The woman apparently woke up because of the smoke in the apartment.

Shuck said the fire was still being investigated, and the fire department had not made a damage value estimate. The other two apartments in the building were unharmed by the fire, Shuck said.

HARASSERS' PHONE LIST INCLUDES NOE HOME

RUSSELLVILLE -- A confidential phone list of people suspected of harassing the gay owners of a Russellville bed and breakfast includes the home phone number of Russell County Attorney Tom Noe.

Noe says he will ask a special prosecutor to investigate the release of the list and see if any laws have been broken.

Noe said he had recommended to inn owners James Turner and James Cates that they trace calls after they announced plans to open an all-male inn and received many obscene or threatening phone calls. Noe said he "obviously wouldn't have made any harassing calls."

Turner said the phone numbers were identified by the Annoyance Call Center in Birmingham, Ala., as "numbers of those making harassing calls." He said he did not think Noe made the call, but it was made from his home.

Noe said he was not surprised his number is on the list because he called the inn owners several times to follow up on questions or to check on their situation.

Noe said he thinks his number was either incorrectly included on the list or that someone used his phone test box, a line allowing phone use from the outside of a building that is usually used to test line trouble.

Russell County Sheriff Dannie Blick said the list was intended to be used as a starting point to see who might have made harassing phone calls. Blick said he did not know how or when the numbers were tracked by the phone company.

PROFESSOR SUES TO HALT PAPER'S TAKEOVER

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- A Marshall University journalism professor filed a lawsuit yesterday seeking to halt the takeover of a student newspaper criticized for its policy of publishing the names of rape victims.

Dwight W. Jensen filed the suit in Cabell County Circuit Court seeking an injunction against university President J. Wade Gilley. A hearing is scheduled today.

The suit seeks to prevent Gilley "from either taking over The Parthenon or punishing any of the people who opposed him on that issue," Jensen said.

Gilley said Friday he was replacing the board of publishers with an 11-member board over which he would have more control. The former board was run by Marshall's journalism school.

The Parthenon published a special issue yesterday to protest the new board and Gilley's "attack" on the constitutional right to free speech.

Gilley did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment on the lawsuit yesterday. Earlier, he said the new board would represent the university community.

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SALVATION ARMY AUXILIARY TOASTS HOLIDAYS WITH TEA

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The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Covington will sponsor "Holiday Tea and High Fashion" from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Metropolitan Club, RiverCenter in Covington.

Kelsey Yerger, Metropolitan Club chef, will prepare an assortment of delicacies to complement five varieties of teas. The first course will include plate rounds, chicken liver pate, mushroom turnovers, and a variety of finger sandwiches. The second course will feature tea breads with cheddar cheese straws, caviar puffs, choux paste puffs, Welsh batch scone, and preserves. The third course will consist of pastries, including Yule log, chocolate Swiss roll, mince pies, gingerbread men, and Christmas cakes.

The fashion show will highlight holiday finery from Miss Martha's in Ft. Mitchell. Judy Penker and Linda Visceglia, owners of the shop, will be commentators.

Sue Morrison of Edgewood is chairwoman of the event, assisted by Flo Alfred of Villa Hills and Wanda Edwards of Ft. Mitchell, co-chairwomen. Mary Middleton of Ft. Mitchell is president of the auxiliary.

Other committee chairwomen are: Betty Bradshaw of Park Hills and Ruth B'Hymer of Ft. Mitchell, program; Nancy Petersen of Covington, invitations; and Jean Clinkenbeard of Florence, publicity.

Colin Fruit Cakes from Corsicana, Texas will be on sale. The Classic Cake

will be \$7.50 and Deluxe Cake, \$10.50. Flo Alfred will take orders at 331-7577.

Tickets for "Holiday Tea and High Fashion" are \$20 per person. Proceeds will benefit the children's recreation programs at the Salvation Army, Covington. For reservations, call Georgia Combs at 331-3636 or Eleanora Miller at 371-6248. Seating is limited. DAR silent auction

Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is meeting today at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club with a business meeting beginning at 11 a.m. Luncheon will follow. A silent auction will be held with

Mrs. T. H. Hume, chairwoman. Hostesses are Mrs. Robert Rouse, Mrs. Gordon Hood, Mrs. Kenneth Schulte, Mrs. Harold Allen, and Mrs. Jeffery Calender. Sue Puffenberger is publicity chairwoman. Christmas Craft Corral

St. Catherine of Siena Mothers' Club will have a "Christmas Craft Corral" from 1 to 6 p.m. Nov. 29 in the church undercroft, 23 Rossford Ave., Ft. Thomas. A "Children's Corner" will permit children to do their own Christmas shopping. Local artists will have handmade crafts for sale. A combination raffle will have hourly drawings. Raffle prizes will include a Reds sports

weekend package; heirloom quilt; a dance package from Pearman Studio of Dance in Ft. Thomas; and a hand-crafted jewelry box. Food and bakery goods will be sold. Admission is 50 cents per person. Karma Klingenberg is publicity chairwoman. For further information, call 781-4120. Children's chorus

Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will have a luncheon meeting at Town and Country Restaurant on Saturday. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Dorothy Sanders, president, will preside. The "Select Chorus," from three elementary schools in Ft. Thomas, under the direction of Dan Kemplin, will perform a variety of musical selections. Janet Willig is program chairwoman. Art Club musicale

Covington Art Club will have a luncheon at noon Nov. 24 at the clubhouse, with Mrs. Ray Betz and Mrs. Kermit York, co-chairwomen. A musicale will be presented at 1 p.m., with Mr. Donald W. Druey playing the dulcimer. Registrars will be Mrs. Lawrence Miller and Mrs. William Frey. Hostesses will be Mrs. Roger McGuire and Mrs. John Lawson. Fall craft show

The Parent-Teacher Organization of Mary, Queen of Heaven School will hold its annual fall craft show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the school, 1130 Donaldson Road, Erlanger. The cafeteria and classrooms will be filled with hand-crafted items for sale. Free baby-sitting will be available in the kindergarten. Students from the eighth grade will participate in the program to raise money for a class trip. Baked

goods, snacks, coffee and soft drinks will be sold. Proceeds will be used to update school textbooks. Adult admission is \$1, with students and children admitted free. Nancy Ryan is chairwoman of the event, assisted by Mary Scheitz, Judy Kappes, Marg Scheitz, Carole Simon, Mary Beth Flaherty, and Clovis Clark. For further information, call 371-7854. White Cane Drive

Florence Lions Club is kicking off its annual "White Cane Drive" on Nov. 23, with volunteers collecting donations of money at Wal-Mart,

Sam's Wholesale Club, Florence Thriftway Supermarket and K-Mart. The drive will last through Dec. 24. Last year \$17,000 was collected. This year the goal is \$20,000. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club's eyesight projects, Kids Helping Kids, and Boone County substance abuse programs. For further information, call Roy Grimes at 371-5407. Golden Age officers

Cardinal Chapter 64 of Catholic Golden Age will install officers at a meeting Sunday in the Social Hall of Mother of God Church, Covington. Registration will be at 2 p.m. with installation at 2:30 p.m. Mary Marxem will present musical entertainment. A collection of canned goods, paper products, and clothing will be made for Be-Con. New members and guests are welcome. For information, call Lou Sensel at 282-9363 or Mel Snyder at 261-5705.

- Caption: Mary Middleton, Susan Morrison, Wanda Edwards and Flo Alfred are organizing the Salvation Army "Holiday Tea and High Fashion" Dec. 8. Terry Duennes, The Kentucky Post
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Alice Kennelly Roberts, a retired teacher and writer, writes this column on people and social events weekly in The Kentucky Post.

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CHARITABLE BASH RIDES 'DEEP POCKETS' TO SUCCESS

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The weather was cold.

The competition included the regional Tall Stacks celebration.

Its sponsor had legal troubles.

The economy was bad.

And the crowd was half what organizers expected.

But the Bill McBee Bean Bash raised \$44,000 on Oct. 17 for three charities, far surpassing last year's \$33,000.

"Less people with deeper pockets," said Jeanni Reusch, coordinator of the

event that annually brings all segments of Northern Kentucky together for bowls of beans, a few beers and a good cause.

Bash organizers passed out the checks Tuesday to the three charities: the Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center; BAWAC, a work center for adults with disabilities; and Kids Helping Kids, a group that helps youth overcome drug and alcohol problems.

Ms. Reusch said organizers had anticipated a crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 people but wound up with 1,000 to 2,000.

But McBee, the former longtime

Boone County legislator who pleaded guilty this year to bribery and extortion charges, said those who came rallied to his and the charities' support.

"Some people thought it was going to be a failure," McBee said. "All my friends kicked in more because they wanted it to look good for me."

The event lost its political feel - no candidates were introduced and big-name politicians were absent - but McBee said the donations proved that having sports figures and radio personalities as guests was just as attractive.

Kids Helping Kids will use its share of the money - \$15,322.28 - mostly for scholarships for youths whose families can't afford the intensive, long-term treatment, said Betsy Smith, director of development.

Donations, which are 40 percent of the agency's budget, are down, so "we're really pleased to see this is up," she said.

BAWAC, suffering from major cuts in federal funds, will use its share - \$16,416.29 - for operating costs, said Pam Thompson, BAWAC's accountant. The Bean Bash is BAWAC's major

fund-raiser, basically paying for a staff position and opening more slots for clients.

Redwood will use its \$12,367.29 to fund an after-school program for students with handicaps and a day-care program that combines children with handicaps and those who don't have handicaps, said Joyce Leach, Redwood's special events coordinator.

"It's needed," she said of the money. "While you depend on government funds and United Way funds, we do a lot of special events."

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CHILDREN'S STORIES FLOW FROM HER HEART TO HER PEN

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It's not easy for Villa Hills author Joyce Prewitt to put her pen down. Stories she has had bottled up for more than 25 years just keep pouring out on paper.

What started out last Christmas as a single book, "Father's Gift," has flourished into a collection of three children's books in a single year.

"These stories have been in my heart," Mrs. Prewitt said. "It's just taken me awhile to get them down on paper."

"Father's Gift," a children's story which takes a heavenly look at the creation of Santa Claus and the birth of Jesus, has recently been joined by "Baby Smart" and "Tunnel of Love."

While "Baby Smart" answers all those questions children ask about newborns, "Tunnel of Love" goes to the other end of a child's unquenchable thirst for answers and explains the mystery of death.

"I write about subjects that are hard for families to talk about," the author said. "These books help open the door for families to discuss subjects they might otherwise try to avoid."

Mrs. Prewitt said subjects such as death often are so close to a person's heart that it makes it difficult to speak about.

The Villa Hills author said in her own experiences as a mother of three, she too has been faced with answering sticky questions about babies, death and even Ol' Saint Nicholas himself.

"They're all hard subjects to talk about," she explained. "But now as a grandmother it seems easier to understand."

Mrs. Prewitt wants to share

that understanding with Northern Kentucky parents and children.

"The questions and the issues are still the same today as they were when I was growing up," she said. "It just seems that kids are more exposed to these issues today than they ever were before."

In writing these children's books, Mrs. Prewitt said she has tried to put something on the book shelf that will uphold family values and encourage the self-esteem of children.

The author has also packaged the books as a collection of binder stories. "I call them 'Binder Blessings,'" Mrs. Prewitt said. "I wanted children to be able to take the books with them to school in their notebook binders."

The result of Mrs. Prewitt's efforts are three-ringed soft-covered books which are filled with black-and-white illustrations that children can color.

Mrs. Prewitt, which filled her first children's story with

characters from her family, has continued in this tradition.

"My characters in 'Baby Smart' are my grandchildren," Mrs. Prewitt said.

The author also said inspirations for her books came from her work with Kids Helping Kids, a group that helps children with drug and alcohol problems. Mrs. Prewitt has worked with Kids Helping Kids for 12 years.

"I work with these children and I see a longing for a children's book that is filled with meaningful messages," she said. "I also see too few children's books that carry a Christian message."

Mrs. Prewitt said she has every intention to continue her new writing career. "I've got a lot of stories to share." Copies of all three Binder Blessings are available at the Blue Marble in Ft. Thomas. The books can be bought separately or as a collection. The books are being sold for \$4.95 each.

- **Caption:** Joyce Prewitt Illustration from "Tunnel of Love," which teaches kids about death.

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