

## This weekend, springtime fun chugs down track

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Sure signs of spring - tourist trains and floral festivals - abound this week.

Back on track The Indiana & Ohio Scenic Railway, which actually runs between Mason and Lebanon, opens its 1994 season with roundtrip excursions departing from Mason at noon and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Departures from Lebanon are at 1:15 p.m. Saturday and 2:15 p.m. Sunday. Regular fares are \$9 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 kids ages 3-12; this Saturday kids ride free when accompanied by adult (398-8584). The Whitewater Valley Railroad, which runs between Connersville and Metamora, Ind., chugs into its new season with round-trip departures from the Connersville station at 12:01 p.m. EST Saturday and Sunday (\$11 adults, \$5 kids; 317-825-2054).

The canal town of Metamora, Ind., launches its 1994 tourist season with May Day festivities Saturday-Sunday (317-647-2109).

Blooms abound The 1994 Cincinnati Flower Show, presented by the Greater Cincinnati Flower & Garden Show Society, will bloom at Ault Park with nine pavilions of garden and floral exhibits and themed gardens, along with a lecture series and gardeners' market. Hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday (\$10; 762-3390). Krohn Conservatory, Eden Park, unveils its Mother's Day floral show Friday with a pink-and-white color scheme, from hydrangeas and lilies to begonias and col eus. The show will continue through May 29 (10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; 352-4086). The Hamilton County Park District will showcase its wildflowers at a Wildflower Weekend 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve. Ev ents include a lecture by wildflower expert Tom Borgman at 6:30 p.m. Friday; nature hikes and slide programs Saturday and Sunday (free; 521-7275).

Classic tales "The Phantom of the Opera," the classic 1925 silent version starring Lon Chaney, will be accompanied by Jack Doll Jr. at the Wurlitzer organ in a 7:30 p.m. Friday screening at Emery

Theatre, 1112 Walnut St. (\$4 adults, \$2 kids; 721-2741). The School for Creative and Performing Arts will present the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" as its season finale, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, and May 5 through 8 at the Taft Theatre (\$6-\$15, 632-5910).

Sore feet, good cause

The Covington-Kenton County Jaycees' second annual Humana River Hop steps off with a 5-kilometer fitness walk or run and a 10-kilometer run at 9 a.m. Sunday from the Cincinnati Public Landing. Registration, \$10, begins at 8 a.m.; proceeds benefit Kids Helping Kids (474-1399).

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## Post Tips - Opera, symphony join for 'Kismet'

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The Northern Kentucky Symphony ends its second season this weekend with a bang. The symphony is joining forces with the Cincinnati Opera, Northern Kentucky University's Dance Department and Cincinnati Music Theater to present the Tony-award-winning adaptation of "Kismet."

The musical takes the audience to ancient Baghdad for a story of love lost and then found.

Cincinnati Opera Outreach artists Teri Ann Johnson, soprano, Kim Sven, mezzo soprano, tenor Brent Billock and baritone Kirk Walker will perform under symphony music director James Cassidy. The concert features such favorites as "And This is My Beloved," "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," and "Stranger in Paradise."

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday at Greaves Concert Hall on the NKU campus.

Tickets are \$7.50 and can be reserved by calling 431-6216.

### Hop the lazy river

The Second Annual River Hop, presented by the Covington-Kenton County Jaycees and Humana Health Care Plans, Inc., will be Sunday.

This is one of those events for all you disgustingly fit people. You can pick from a 5 K run or walk, a 10 K run, or a Children's Fun Run, all beginning at Cincinnati Public Landing.

A free clinic will also be offered on race day by a Nike running technician who will answer questions and offer advice.

Proceeds from the River Hop benefit Kids Helping Kids, an adolescent drug and alcohol rehabilitation program.

Registration is \$8 before race day and \$10 on the day of the event. Registration forms are available at the Nike Factory Store in Dry Ridge and Moore's Nautilus locations. For more information call 474-1399.

- Caption: PhotoCincinnati Opera Outreach soloists in "Kismet" are, clockwise from lower left: Teri Ann Johnson, Brent Billock, Kirk Walk, Kim Sven and Philip Farris, accompanist.
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## Floral fantasia

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The fifth annual Cincinnati Flower Show abounds with more exotic blooms and gardening inspirations than ever before, today through Sunday in Ault Park. The show's nine pavilions will showcase international exhibits, a community horticulture and design competition, themed gardens and a gardeners' market. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday; admission is \$10 (762-3390).

### Spring fling

The Cincinnati Ballet's Spring Dance Festival takes its final bows with a world-premiere performance of "Rite of Spring," choreographed by Mauricio Wainrot; as well as "Agon" and "Serenade," at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday in Music Hall.

Tickets are \$9 to \$45 for the evening shows, \$6 to \$20 for the matinee (749-4949).

### HOT ticket

What: George Burns, the cigar-chomping, indomitable 98-year-old comedian and certified living legend. Where: Music Hall, which incidentally is older than George. When: 8 p.m. Sunday. What to expect: George Burns, who's been around long enough to see two Russian revolutions, began his show business career the same year Wilbur and Orville took their first spin at Kittyhawk.

His 100th birthday shows in 1996 at Caesar's Palace are already sold out, but tickets are still available for those who want to catch the former vaudevillian work the Music Hall crowd on Sunday evening.

George's wry wit is sprinkled with reminisces about his 91-year career, including the years he played straight man to his partner and wife, Gracie Allen. Cincinnati vocalist Mary Ellen Tanner will open the show. Tickets: Remaining tickets are mostly in the balcony and gallery (\$25-\$38); a few main-floor tickets, mostly singles and partially obstructed views, are also available (\$115). They're available at TicketMaster (749-4949) and the Music Hall box office (721-8222).

Sports The Cincinnati Cyclones begin semi-final play against the Fort Wayne Komets on the road this weekend, but don't hit home ice until game three, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Cincinnati Gardens; admission \$6-\$12 (749-4949).

River Downs, 6301 Kellogg Ave., continues its spring/summer meet with racing daily except Thursdays. Gates open at 11:30 a.m., post time is 1 p.m.; admission is \$3 for the clubhouse, \$2 for the grandstand (232-8000).

The Covington-Kenton County Jaycees' second annual Humana River Hop, 9 a.m. Sunday, features a 5-kilometer fitness walk and 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer runs, all beginning and ending at the Cincinnati Public Landing. Race day registration, \$10, begins at 8 a.m.; proceeds benefit Kids Helping Kids (474-1399).

### Controversial drama

The Ensemble Theatre Company is hosting the American debut of Canadian playwright Brad Fraser's "Poor Super Man," a provocative and explicit drama exploring relationships between men. The play, which opened last night at the Ensemble Theatre, 1127 Vine St., will run Wednesdays through Sundays through May 15. Because it includes explicit language and frontal nudity, no one under the age of 18 will be admitted (admission \$14.50-\$17, call 421-3555 for details).

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- Memo: Where to go, what to know

### Weekend Picks

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## Local United Way honors volunteers, adds to board

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Northern Kentucky United Way and Community Chest honored community volunteers, inducted new board members and introduced the chairman of its 1994 fund-raising campaign at its annual luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Four Seasons Country Club in Crestview Hills.

Jeffrey P. Norton, president and chief executive officer of Liberty National Bank of Northern Kentucky, will lead the 1994 Northern Kentucky campaign that kicks off August 22.

Norton is a new member of the United Way board in Northern Kentucky and was chairman of a legislative task force for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce last year. He has done volunteer work with Kids Helping Kids, Northern Kentucky University Foundation and Leadership Northern Kentucky.

Last year, the United Way campaign raised about \$2 million. George Berry, who served as chairman of the 1993 campaign, is the 1994-95 chairman of the United Way board in Northern Kentucky. He is director of distribution services for Square D Company.

Michael Hammons, director of boards and commissions for Gov. Brereton Jones and a Park Hills resident, was the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

Hammons, an attorney, has been active in a number of community volunteer positions, including chairman of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center board.

Five awards were presented at the luncheon to groups or individuals who have provided volunteer service to agencies funded by United Way: Paul and Kate Michels received the Spirit of Volunteerism award for two decades of volunteer efforts at Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center in Ft. Mitchell. They've worked on the school's fund-raisers such as the Redwood Express, Redwood 500 Derby and the Cotton Follies.

In addition, Paul Michels & Sons Paving and Excavating has donated labor, equipment and materials to build new playgrounds at the center. The Volunteer of the Year award went to the Brighton Center Guild, a 23-year-old organization that holds fund-raising events to benefit Brighton Center. The Wal-Mart store in Florence won the Corporate Community Service award for its efforts on behalf of the Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky. The store worked with the agency to heighten awareness of child abuse. Burlington Pharmacy Home Care received the Corporate Spirit of Volunteerism award for its work with Senior Services of Northern Kentucky. The pharmacy helped senior citizens with questions about medications, side effects of drugs, Medicare and Medicaid. Brian Cruet's work with the Substance Abuse Prevention Center, operated by Comprehensive Care Centers of Northern Kentucky, was recognized with the Youth Volunteer of the Year award. The senior at Walton-Verona High School is also a founding member of the Teen Leadership Youth Board of Northern Kentucky. Other new members of the United Way board were announced at the meeting, including Matthew Franks of Toeppen Construction, Timothy Kazior of Boone County Fiscal Court, Cheryl McDaniel of Procter & Gamble, Sandra Strauss of State Farm Insurance, William Vermillion of Star Bank, Rita Wetterstroem of the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati International Airport, and Joseph Wind of Wenz-Neely Company.

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## MODERN PIONEERS - Chamber salutes educators, businessmen, clergy as Frontiersmen

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Jack Moreland helped put the tiny Dayton Independent School District on the map.

Moreland, the superintendent, had battled for years to keep 1,600 students in school with a property tax base that was dwarfed by richer towns. Moreland thought students in poorer districts should not be penalized because of where they lived.

So he helped the Council for Better Education file suit against the governor, the legislature and the state Department of Education to balance funding in public schools.

The lawsuit led to a landmark court ruling that eventually turned into the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990. Now, Dayton schools are funded on a level with wealthier towns.

Moreland's work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Tonight, he will be one of nine people who will receive the prestigious Frontiersman award from the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a banquet at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell.

The Frontiersman award is given to people who have long histories of outstanding service to the Northern Kentucky community; have helped their own profession or industry; and have exemplified high standards of personal integrity and family responsibility.

Normally, one Frontiersman award is given each year.

But officials decided to expand the awards this year because of the chamber's 25th anniversary, said Ed Buechel, the outgoing chairman. Besides Moreland, the other recipients for 1994 are Realtor Vera F. Angel; Dr. Leon Boothe, president of Northern Kentucky University, and his wife, Nancy Janes Boothe; road builder R.C. Durr; banker John O. Finnan; Bishop William A. Hughes of the Diocese of Covington; and business leaders Frank B. Sommerkamp Jr. and his wife, Dr. Patricia J. Sommerkamp.

Mike Carr, the chairman of the Dayton Board of Education, said Moreland's leadership has helped children throughout Kentucky.

"The services we can provide to our children can be expanded," Carr said. "We can provide them with the family resource center, we can help with other needs besides books, pencils and papers. We can help them overcome the obstacles of coming to the classroom."

Carr said Moreland's work has caused educators from Texas, Illinois and Massachusetts to seek his advice.

"Jack is a guy who is tenacious in his approach," Carr said. "When he feels something should be done . . . he's like a pit bulldog. If one avenue is closed, he finds another way."

The same can be said of the other recipients, said Jim Huff, the current chamber chairman.

"There were a lot of people in the community who were deserving," Huff said. "This is an opportunity to catch up and reward these people."

Here are brief biographies of the other recipients:

Ms. Angel was twice selected as Realtor of the Year by the Kenton-Boone Board of Realtors, where she has served as a president, vice president, director, secretary and treasurer.

She has been a Covington City Commissioner and state director of the Northern Kentucky chapter of the American Cancer Society. She also has served as secretary of the Kentucky Association of Realtors and has been the only woman to serve as president of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The Bootes have lived in Northern Kentucky since 1983. Leon Boothe has served on the board of directors of the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau; Cincinnati United Way; American Red Cross; Kentucky Bicentennial Commission; Wood-Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory; and Kids Helping Kids.

He was the acting president of Illinois State University and dean of the College of Arts and Science at George Mason University before he

was named president of NKU.

Mrs. Boothe has served as honorary chairwoman of the Northern Kentucky Interfaith Commission and board member of the Wesley Foundation. She also has helped raise money for the Salvation Army; the Northern Kentucky Heart Association; Northern Kentucky United Way; the Women's Athletic Association at NKU; and the Cincinnati Fine Arts Fund.

The Cincinnati Enquirer named her Woman of the Year in 1990. Last year, the NKU Board of Regents gave her its Perseverance and Accomplishment Award.

Durr, of Richwood, has been a leader in the construction business for 50 years. He began his company with one dump truck and a loader. Now he runs one of Kentucky's largest road construction firms.

He has worked extensively on projects in Kentucky and West Virginia and has laid more than 300 miles of roadway. He is chairman of the board of the Bank of Boone County and serves on the Boone County Water and Sewer Commission.

He also has served as a board member of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation and has raised money for the Dinsmore Homestead.

Finnan, the president and chief executive officer of Peoples Bank of Northern Kentucky, moved to Northern Kentucky in 1981.

He has served on 10 community boards and has chaired 12 major fund drives. A graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky, he has served as chairman of the Northern Kentucky United Way Campaign and as president of the Northern Kentucky United Way Board.

He also has served as chairman of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Year 2000 planning and zoning committee; the Salvation Army Camp fund drive; and the Thomas More College annual fund campaign.

Rev. Hughes was named bishop of the Diocese of Covington in March 1979 by Pope John Paul II.

During the past 15 years, he has established a number of programs to help Northern Kentuckians, including the Pastoral Ministry Program and Office; the Justice and Peace Center; the Pastoral Office for Hearing Impaired; the Office of Youth Ministry; and the Cathedral Foundation.

He has advocated programs to increase African-American participation in the church and to bring awareness to problems facing the homeless in Northern Kentucky.

He also has sponsored many charitable organizations, including the Parish Kitchen; Welcome House; the Northern Kentucky Association for the Retarded; and Be-Concerned. He serves as chancellor of the board of trustees at Thomas More College.

The Sommerkamps have had long and distinguished careers in Northern Kentucky.

Frank Sommerkamp is vice president of Government Affairs for Cincinnati Bell, where he has worked for 40 years. He has served as president of the St. Pius X School Board; the Northern Kentucky United Way and Community Chest Board of Directors; and the Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau.

He also has served as chairman of the board of trustees for Thomas More College and the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation and Corporation Committee.

In 1987, he received the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's Neil McElroy award for his leadership. He also was instrumental in promoting the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act in the business community.

Dr. Pat Sommerkamp has had a long career in industrial training and education. She also has been a regent at Northern Kentucky University; a member of the Behringer-Crawford Museum Board; commissioner of the Kenton County Water District; and a member of a special task force of the Boone County Board of Education.

She also served on the Camp Marydale Development Board and the Human Services Council of Northern Kentucky.

- Caption: PhotoVera F. Angel; Leon Boothe; Nancy Janes; Boothe R. C. Durr; John O. Finnan; Bishop William A. Hughes; Frank B. Sommerkamp; Patricia J. Sommerkamp; Jack Moreland

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## Pot of bean soup to boil Oct. 15 for annual bash

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The 20th annual "Bean Bash" will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Turfway Park.

Three community organizations benefit from the fund-raiser: Kids Helping Kids, an adolescent drug and alcohol rehabilitation program in Boone County; BAWAC, an evaluation, training and job placement service for mentally and physically handicapped adults, serving seven counties; and Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center, dealing with special needs and day care for disabled pre-school children, as well as offering services for disabled adults. Activities will include helicopter rides, a hot air balloon, oral and silent auctions, a Las Vegas-style Monte Carlo room, a kids' activity room, raffles, a horse race and live musical entertainment by Ebby and "The Southern Comfort Band" with Pam Thompson, vocalist.

Food will be "all you can eat" of bean soup, homemade corn bread, fresh tomatoes and onions, coleslaw and soft drinks. Other beverages will be for sale. Oral auction items will include a Royal Caribbean Cruise for two; Hidden Dog Fence; bicycle and helmet; chest freezer; video games and DJ entertainment; automobiles; condominium stays; and gift certificates. Raffle prizes include a year's supply of gasoline, courtesy of Giles Conrad; and a week in the Grand Cayman Islands for two, courtesy of Busald, Funk, and Zevely Law firm.

Giles Conrad is chairman of the event, assisted by Jeanni Reusch, vice chairwoman. Other executive board members are Greg Schmitz, Betty Roth, Jim Heister and John Wilmhoff. Publicity chairwoman is Brenda Sparks. Forest Harmon is chef in charge of food, assisted by Virginia Lainhart, kitchen facilitator. Holly and Bernie Ruschman of "Hats and Boots" will give instructions in line dancing.

Tickets are \$3 for adults; \$2 for senior citizens; and free for children under 12 years. Call 282-7725.

### Putman scholar

Robin Hassler, Covington resident, employed in the radiology department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center North, is the first recipient of a scholarship, named in memory of the late Dr. Louis R. Putnam. Sally Putnam, wife of Dr. Putnam, made the presentation. The award is worth \$500. Dr. Louis R. Putnam was born in Ashland, and joined St. Elizabeth Medical Center staff in 1968, specializing in pulmonary medicine and allergies.

He shared a practice with Ronald G. Fragge, M.D., and Philip B. Schworer, M.D., and worked from offices in Covington and Florence.

Besides serving on numerous hospital committees, he volunteered as a physician for the Wyoming High School football team from 1974 to 1990. He also conducted the children's physical exams for "Special Olympics."

Robin Hassler was one of nine St. Elizabeth associates who applied for the scholarship. She is enrolled in the Radiation Therapy program at the University of Cincinnati, and is scheduled to graduate in September, 1995. A scholarship selection committee considered applicants' financial need, employment record and commitment to the medical center. DAR luncheon

Mary Ingles Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Highland Country Club, Ft. Thomas. Mrs. Clinton White, chapter regent, will preside. Mrs. Henry Pogue IV is program chairwoman. Mrs. Paul B. Kiel, chapter regent of the Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter, DAR, Ft. Thomas, will present a program on "The Continental Congress - 1994." Hostesses will be Martha Pelfrey and Mrs. Donald McLennon. Public relations chairwoman is Mrs. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. Holiday plan

"The Ease of Holiday Planning" will be the subject of a program for the Town Club of Cincinnati, at noon Oct. 4 at club headquarters, 448 Carew Tower. Cocktails will be available at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Jackie Woods, director of catering for the Maisonette Group, will be guest speaker. Shirley Fishel will be honored for her many years of service to the Town Club. Mrs. E.T. Maza will be chairwoman of the day. Hostesses will be Mrs. William Ackerman, Mrs. Ralph Binns, Ms. Janice Flanagan, and Mrs. Harry C. House. Artist of the month is Gayle Gillette Hummel, who will display some of her recent paintings. Mrs. J. Robert Barrett is president of the Town Club. Woman's Club

Ft. Thomas Woman's Club will have a luncheon at noon Oct. 6 at the clubhouse. Ted Bumiller will present a program on "Australia, The Land Down Under." Hostesses will be Mrs. Victor S. Perry, chairwoman, assisted by Mrs. Alfred Heringer, Mrs. Bruce Hunter, Mrs. William Kellogg, Viola Corman, Mrs. Vernon Schneider, and Mrs. John M. Popp. Publicity chairwoman is Mrs. William Horst.

Covington Art Club will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 3 at the clubhouse. The Spiritual Values Department, hosted by Mary Middleton, will present a speaker, Emma Shipp, director of Elderlife at St. Luke Medical Center. Her husband, David Shipp, will provide music.

A tray luncheon, provided by the Arts and Crafts Department, will follow. Registrars will be Violet Leers and Mrs. William Loyal. Hostesses will be Mrs. Wilfred Bullock and Virginia Held. Publicity chairwoman is Mrs. Paul Carlotta. Alice Kennelly Roberts, a retired teacher and writer, writes this column on people and social events weekly in The Kentucky Post.

- **Caption:** PhotoBean Bash organizers are, from left, Brenda Sparks, Judy Clabes, Bob Zapp and Jeanni Reusch. In above photo, Robin Hassler accepts the Dr. Louis R. Putnam Scholarship from Putnam's wife, Sally Putnam.

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## Volunteers stir the pot for charity

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Like a big plate of great northerns with some corn bread and onions, the Bean Bash is tough to walk away from. "I think it's time for me to quit, but when you start to think about what it all stands for, it's just hard to quit," veteran volunteer Dan Houston said of what's likely become Northern Kentucky's biggest one-day charity event.

From 2-7 p.m. Saturday, it's that time again at Turfway Park.

Houston, who runs the bar, and dozens of other volunteers have made the Bean Bash work over the past 20 years. They cook the beans, line up the sponsors, see that there's enough corn bread, sweep up after the crowd goes home.

More than \$400,000 has been collected for charities in the past two decades. Once a political fund-raiser, the Bash became totally a charity event a few years after its beginning. All the money collected goes directly to charity, with no overhead, sponsors say.

This year marks the Bash's 20th anniversary. Sponsors are shooting for record receipts, hoping to raise \$70,000 for Redwood School, the Boone Adult Workshop and Kids Helping Kids.

Jeanni Reusch, vice chair of the Bash's executive board, bubbles like the bean kettles over this year's event.

"It has the atmosphere of an old-fashioned country picnic," she said, enumerating activities such as music, dancing, a children's playroom, line dancing lessons, tethered hot air balloon rides and all the beans and corn bread you can eat for \$3. When one Bash ends, planning for the next one begins.

One thing that had to be planned around this year was Turfway's renovation on the open-air ground floor, where the Bash usually is held.

The Bash is moving upstairs to the enclosed second floor, a place that Mrs. Reusch says will allow far more room for people and activities. This year's charity auction will be bigger, with more valuable prizes.

Though the action increases, many of the volunteer workers, like Houston and bean cook Forest Harmon, remain the same.

Harmon has been stirring the bean pots for 11 years now, and he is proud that the event has garnered \$313,000 for charity during his tenure, and never ran out of beans.

"One year all we had left was an 8-ounce coffee cup," he said of the batch of beans he cooks for the Bash.

Harmon begins his day before dawn, blending 350 pounds of great northern beans, 300 pounds of ham hocks, onions and some secret ingredients into big kettles. The concoction simmers for hours over a wood fire, constantly stirred by Harmon and helpers.

At age 67, Harmon is looking for someone to take over as the chief bean cook, but he won't be surprised if he's back next year for Bean Bash XXI.

Houston, 65, estimates he puts in more than a 12-hour day, starting at 8 a.m. to get things arranged, and then staying until 9 or 10 p.m. for the cleanup.

Virginia Lainhart will also be on hand for another Bash, coordinating her network of corn bread bakers.

There are now so many bakers involved, Mrs. Lainhart doesn't know them all. They bring hundreds of pounds, from fried corn bread to muffins. Like Harmon and his beans, Mrs. Lainhart said she has never come up short on corn bread.

As long as the enthusiasm and commitment of the volunteers lasts, the Bean Bash won't run out of gas.

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## Bean bash

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The 20th anniversary Bean Bash, held Saturday at Turfway Park in Florence, raised a record \$75,000 - a \$29,000 increase over 1993. Money goes to the Boone Adult Workshop, Kids Helping Kids and Redwood School. Some 3,000 people enjoyed beans, corn bread and activities. Above, Lary Brosner gets a hug from singer Pam Thomas after buying a private performance for \$250 during the auction.  
JAMES WEBER/for The Kentucky Post

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## Numbers to call when you need assistance - In Case Of An Emergency Help!

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### GENERAL EMERGENCY

Ambulance: 911 Fire: 911

Police: 911 American Red Cross: 579-3900 Coast Guard, Cincinnati: 922-3820 Crime Stoppers: 352-3040

Tip line for crimes. Offers reward, and service is confidential. FBI: 341-3901 Kentucky Disaster and Emergency Service: 485-4134 Kentucky State Police: 1-800-222-5555; Dry Ridge: 491-1111; LaGrange 502-222-0151; Morehead: 1-606-784-4127 Kentucky Water Patrol: 1-800-828-BOAT Suicide Prevention Crisis Counseling: 281-CARE

A 24-hour hotline is staffed by mental health professionals. Can call about any crisis or problem situation they are trying to deal with. Also provides information and referrals for people with other problems. ULH&P emergency: 651-4182 SUBSTANCE ABUSE/OTHER ADDICTIONS Alcoholism Council: 281-7880

Offers advocacy, counseling, prevention and education for alcohol and other drug-related concerns. Provides information and referrals to other related programs. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; calls after 5 directed to the United Way Helpline. Al-Anon Family Groups: 771-4070

A 24-hour helpline for families who live with people who suffer from alcoholism. Groups include Adult Children of Alcoholics and Alateens. Meetings held every night of the week. The helpline has meeting schedules available for Kenton, Boone and Campbell counties as well as surrounding counties. Alcoholics Anonymous: 491-7181

A 24-hour helpline for people who want to do something about their drinking problem. Offers counseling and meeting schedules for all of Northern Kentucky Alcohol and Other Drugs Council: 282-7880 An information and referral center for any problems relating to alcohol or drug abuse. Gamblers Anonymous: 244-9779

Provides information about gambling problems. Also provides counseling and therapy for people who admit to having a problem. Several meetings held each week. In Northern Kentucky a meeting is held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Florence Christian Church, Florence; call Gamblers Anonymous for locations outside of Kentucky. **Kids Helping Kids: 513-575-7300**

**Long-term adolescent alcohol and drug treatment program. Treats ages 12 to 21. Works with families as well. Positive peer pressure program.** Narcotics Anonymous Information Hotline: 820-2947

Gives information about drug abuse and meeting schedule. Transitions: 291-3660

Organization has branches throughout Northern Kentucky; offers chemical dependency treatment and referral, DUI education and treatment. Provides half-way houses for substance abusers, ex-offenders and offenders. HEALTH AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease Information (Cincinnati Health Dept.): 357-7300

Offers same-day testing for sexually transmitted diseases and free HIV testing. For more information, call 357-7300 for STD testing and 357-7350 for free and anonymous HIV testing. STD testing fees are on a sliding scale according to income. American Cancer Society: 331-8887

Referral and services for cancer patients. Provides hospital equipment, help with medication, medical supplies and offers counseling sessions. 24-hour help-line, 1-800-227-2345. American Diabetes Association: 281-0002

Has loan programs for glucose monitors and offers general education. Dietitian on staff is available for additional help. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. American Heart Association: 281-4048

Office has pamphlets on cholesterol and blood pressure. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arthritis Foundation: 271-4545

Has support groups and free literature. Also offers course that helps individuals cope with arthritis. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cancer Family Care, Inc.: 431-0645

Counseling agency provides emotional support and problem solving for cancer patients and families. Helps coordinate social services for patients. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drug and Poison Information Center: 558-5111

Provides information on the assessment and treatment of acute poisonings or chronic drug or chemical exposure or poisonings. Staffed by pharmacists. Hoxworth Blood Center: 451-0910

To donate, call for locations. For other information, call 558-1200. Mental Health Association: 431-1077

Referral service for anyone in need of mental health services. Volunteer services include programs to help youths build self-esteem and help the elderly break out of isolation. Offers ministry for jail inmates. Has other self-help groups, helps with housing and provides education and advocacy.

Plans a community Christmas dinner for anyone who is alone. Has Family Mentor Network that supervises volunteer mentors to help stabilize and prevent crisis situations, and links families to resources and helps teach daily living skills.

Distributes a teen crisis card with listings for helplines and a guidebook listing mental help services. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Northern Kentucky Comprehensive Care: 578-3208

Offers counseling and social services for mental health, mental retardation patients and drug and alcohol abuse. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nutrition Helpline (United Way): 721-7900

Answers questions about diet or nutrition. Will answer questions in 24 hours or send information in the mail. Open 24 hours; free. HANDICAPPED SERVICES Northern Kentucky Association for the Retarded: 491-9191

Serves the mentally retarded in Northern Kentucky. Trains people and places them in competitive employment. Also an advocacy group. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. BAWAC: 371-4410

Offers job placement, evaluation and adjustment program and a sheltered workshop for severely disabled adults. Citizens Advocacy Program: 491-3344

Serves developmentally disabled, including education and community awareness workshops. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 1-800-372-2907

An advocate for deaf and hard of hearing persons. Not a direct service organization. Cincinnati Speech and Hearing Center: 221-0527 (TDD-221-3300)

This United Way agency provides interpreting services, sign-language classes, hearing tests, speech/language therapy, sells and repairs hearing aids, sells assistive listening devices and offers other community services for the deaf. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Center for Independent Living Options: 341-4346

Helps people with significant disabilities to live independently by providing core services, advocacy, and support. Programs include affordable housing, personal care attendants, training programs in independent living skills, peer support groups and assistance to businesses and individuals dealing with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The center was founded by individuals with disabilities and is governed, managed and staffed by a majority of professionals with disabilities. It is a regional center, working in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Local office is at 1 Sperti Drive, Florence. New Perceptions, Inc.: 344-9322

Serves infants, preschoolers and adults with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. Has a home-based infant stimulation program and provides integrated preschool opportunities. Also has adult services in work activity center and supported employment. At 1 Sperti Drive in Edgewood. Northern Kentucky Easter Seal Center: 491-1171 Offers speech therapy and hearing-aid fitting for adults and children; child care for children 2-5 years and adult daycare. Short-Long Term Residential Care: 261-0909

Provides services to mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals. Has group homes for adults. Has respite center in Burlington which allows family time to themselves. Also provides activities and outings. SpecialLink: 491-2464

Assistive technology center for people who want to determine the proper computer assistance programs and devices for their situation. Address is 36 W. Fifth St., Covington. BUSINESS/CONSUMER Better Business Bureau: 421-3015

Provides information on businesses. Handles complaints about businesses for consumers. Offers arbitration and mediation for many auto manufacturers. Mediation and arbitration may be available in other instances. Has literature that lists national charities and whether they meet BBB standards as well as other topics that may help in decision-making. Consumer Products Safety Commission: 684-2872

Takes complaints regarding safety of items used in home. Does not handle automobiles, food, drugs and cosmetics, or alcohol, tobacco and firearms. Also federal number 1-800-638-2772. Consumer Protection Hotline: 1-800-432-9257

Part of the Kentucky Attorney General's office. Provides forms to those who have complaints about merchandise or companies. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Summer hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce of Northern Kentucky: 291-5000

Provides business services and information for small business. Also has mentor network for those who need confidential counseling about a business problem. Has newcomer package for new residents and provides services for its members and serves as an advocate. Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet: 502-564-7760

Answers questions about its 10 departments: Alcoholic Beverage Control; Crime Victims Compensation; Housing, Buildings and Construction; Department of Insurance; Mines and Minerals; Public Advocacy; Public Service Commission; Kentucky Racing Commission; Board of Tax Appeals, Financial Institutions.

EXTENSION SERVICES Boone County: 586-6101

Has five agents: Agriculture, home economics, horticulture, Northern Kentucky area food and 4-H. Offers educational information from the University of Kentucky on subjects in those areas. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Campbell County: 572-2600

Offers information pertaining to agriculture, horticulture, home economics and youth. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kenton County: 356-3155

Offers information through home economist, agricultural agent and 4-H agent. Also, the home economist offers assistance through the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and Family Development and Management Program. SOCIAL SERVICES United Way Helpline: 525-6566

A 24-hour hotline for social service needs. Be Concerned: 291-6789

Offers supplemental food-shopping program for low-income families from January to October. Serves 800 families a month every three weeks. At Christmas time, has a Christmas store serving 1,300 low-income families. Has a clothing store open to any low-income resident of Kenton, Boone or Campbell counties every Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brighton Center: 491-8303

Offers emergency service, housing aid, financial and job counseling, preschool programs, sports, recreation and neighborhood organizing, alternative education for children with special problems and a runaway shelter. Teen and parenting programs, and counseling and casework services. Distributes government commodities. Cabinet for Human Resources Ombudsman: 1-800-372-2973

Handles complaints and problems regarding programs administered by various subdivisions of the Cabinet for Human Resources. Catholic Social Services Bureau: 581-8974

Offers counseling, parent education, adoption services and also has a deaf ministry. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at 3629 Church St., Covington. Covington Community Center: 491-2220

Full range of services, including emergency assistance for food and financial assistance. Echo (IntEr CHurch Organization): 261-5857

Serves the needs of the poor and homeless in the community, including food, utilities versus income, and education. Has soup kitchen. Located at Henry Hosea House, 901 York St., Newport. Erlanger-Elsmere United Ministries: 727-0300

Provides emergency rent, utility money, prescriptions, baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas; has a food pantry and clothing. Serves Erlanger-Elsmere area. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Family Service-Northern Kentucky: 291-1121

Individual and family counseling, including alcohol and drug abuse. Family life education department has regular workshops. Also has credit and budget counseling. Special services include sexual abuse treatment, aging. Located at 615 Greenup St. in Covington and at 11 Shelby St. in Florence, phone 525-2602. Hours vary. Fairhaven Rescue Mission: 491-1027

Has a clothing ministry for women and children and a thrift store open to the public. Serves meals occasionally and for special events. Located at 260 W. Pike St. in Covington. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call for assistance. Goodwill Industries: 261-3662

Clothing store with furniture and other wares. Donations taken any time. Located at 25 W. 7th St. in Covington. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Open until 8 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Also has store at 7855 Tanners Lane, Florence, open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Legal Aid of Northern Kentucky: 431-8200

Provides legal assistance in civil cases for low-income or elderly people. Most cases are family, housing, consumer or public benefits. Northern Kentucky Area Development District: 283-1885

Located in Florence. Distributes money and manages state programs on aging, food, handicapped services. Northern Kentucky Community Action: 581-6607

Programs include Head Start for children 3 and 4 and weatherization for low-income, elderly and handicapped. Has work experience program for unemployed and senior community service project neighborhood centers to help in emergency situation. Locations in Kenton, Boone, Campbell, Grant, Gallatin and Pendleton counties. Northern Kentucky Community Center: 431-5700

Offers counseling and referral programs; emergency assistance; transitional shelter for the homeless; employment assistance. Also has a housing program and mortgage counseling. Provides technical assistance to neighborhood organizations; recreation, sports, day care. Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Ombudsman: 1-800-372-2991

Advocates quality care and appropriate legislation for family care and nursing facility residents. Investigates and resolves complaints, provides community education and in-service training for nursing home staff. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or on call. Parish Kitchen: 581-7745

Serves free meals from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. seven days a week at southeast corner of Pike and Russell streets in Covington. Storehouse Ministries: 431-0500

Serves free meals daily from 3 to 5 p.m. Men's housing open 24 hours daily at 222 Pike St., Covington. St. Vincent DePaul Society: 341-3219

Helps those in need of furniture, clothing and food. Provides help with utilities and rent when funds are available. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Salvation Army: 491-5180

Offers food and spiritual and emergency counseling; for family and marital counseling call 431-1063. Located at 340 W. 10th St. in Newport. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Senior Services of Northern Kentucky: 491-0522 or 292-7968 (information and assistance) or 1-800-255-7265 (long-term care ombudsman services)

Provides Meals on Wheels, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, protection to report a person who may need help, outreach (finding seniors and informing them about available service), emergency response system, transportation to medical appointments, long-term care ombudsman services, information and referral. Serves eight counties. Veterans Affairs: 1-800-827-1000; Northern Kentucky Regional officer Carl Turner: 261-0448 Vocational Rehabilitation: 1-800-372-7172

Provides information about how to become a client for vocational rehabilitation. Offers counseling, guidance and placement. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Welcome House: 431-8717

Offers emergency food and clothing; also may help pay rent, utility bills or prescriptions. A 24-hour shelter for women and children at 141 Pike St. in Covington. Emergency assistance open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and by appointment and Monday through Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. CHILD AND SPOUSE ABUSE Child Protection Services (Cabinet for Human Resources): 292-6340

A place to report child abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, exploitation and dependency. Takes inquiries from prospective foster parents and adoptive parents. A clearing house for referrals to other agencies. Child Abuse 24-hour Hotline: 1-800-752-6200

Callers can report child abuse or neglect anonymously. Office also gives general information about abuse or neglect or dependency. Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky: 491-LOVE A 24-hour hotline for parents having a difficult time with parenting who feel they may lose control or become abusive. Several programs are provided, including prevention and treatment of child and sexual abuse, parenting skills, support groups for troubled teens and for children. Women's Crisis Center: 491-3335ivors. Offers support groups, education programs and help with job placement. Also offers court advocacy. CIVIL RIGHTS Commission on Human Rights: 1-800-292-5566

Agency enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. CHILDREN/FAMILY Children's Home of Northern Kentucky: 261-8768

Provides residential treatment program for 24 boys ages 10 through 15. Program is structured to bring boys back to a family setting. Provides foster care and home training, parent education classes, and outpatient therapy for families, individuals and couples that is child-focused. Intensive family services include a home-based family therapy program aimed at families at high risk of having children placed outside the home. Diocesan Catholic Children's Home: 331-2040

Provides long-term residential treatment for children with emotional problems. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 1-800-843-5678

Offers information and referral services for parents of missing children. Kentucky State Police also handles information with child abuse hotline at 1-800-752-6200. Holly Hill Children's Home: 635-0500

A private, non-profit facility that houses about 20 children with family or domestic problems. Homeward Bound Runaway Shelter: 581-1111

Open 24 hours a day for children 12 to 17 to provide temporary shelter and crisis counseling. Madonna House: 291-2855

Group home for pregnant women and single mothers 18 and older with a child 2 and under. Provides spiritual, vocational and personal help. Mothers of Special Children: 356-8499

Support group for mothers of special children with any type of disabilities. 24-hour line. Also can refer to group for fathers of special children. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 559-8000

Provides information, support for families. Provides educational workshops and fund raising to promote research. 24-hour hotline. Support group meets second Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at Children's Hospital. Children's Law Center: 431-3313

Provides legal advocacy for children through Court Appointed Special Advocates, legal representation, research and policy development. Information and referral and training and education. Healthy Moms and Babes: 389-5295

Health education program for women and children. Does pregnancy screening, offers information and referral for prenatal medical care and prenatal and postnatal education. Offers education regarding infant growth and development, parenting classes, and adolescent health education, including growth and development and addressing issues of abstinence.

- Memo: Where do you turn when you need help?

Even long-time residents of a community may find themselves at a loss in a time of crisis. The list that follows provides some guidance for those who find themselves in need of various kinds of help. The list was updated by Kentucky Post intern Melissa Bartlett from one we published several years ago. Save this list and keep it by your telephone. Periodic updates will be published.

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## Students' drug use back on rise - Pot, LSD, inhalants common, experts say

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The kids call it a "blunt." They like to mix it with "sess."

A "blunt" is a cigar laced with LSD or marijuana. "Sess" is marijuana 10 times more potent than that of a generation ago.

Those are new terms in a new era of kids and drugs.

More - and younger - kids in Greater Cincinnati are using drugs that often are more powerful than those available a few years ago, say drug experts and school officials.

Although the next major survey of drug use in Hamilton County schools isn't scheduled until March, preliminary interviews indicate the survey will show drug use is skyrocketing after several years of decline.

"We're getting strong indications that things are changing for the worse," says Ann Collins, executive director of Citizens Against Substance Abuse, which surveys students' drug use every two years.

"We sense significant increases in marijuana, LSD and inhalants. Alcohol appears to still be a serious problem."

Anderson High School principal Mike Hall, a national expert on students and drugs, figures that about 10 percent of high school students are chemically dependent and fears things are getting worse.

"There's been a tremendous amount of LSD in Cincinnati area schools over the last year; it has just been rampant," Hall observes. "Marijuana and inhalants also are up. And all this is on top of the drug of choice - alcohol."

Sums up Tom Pflaumer, pupil services supervisor for the Hamilton County Office of Education: "We're headed in the wrong direction after making some progress a few years ago."

In 1987, the CASA survey of Hamilton County seventh through 12th graders found that 75 percent had used alcohol or other drugs. That dropped to 62 percent in 1989, to 56 percent in 1991 and 55 percent in 1993.

"But it looks like we're headed way up in 1995," says Ms. Collins. "That's based on feedback we're getting from school officials who deal first-hand with the problem."

Ms. Collins sees two reasons for the increase.

"Drug-prevention money began to tighten up a couple of years ago and that may be a direct link to increased drug use," she notes.

"And, we've gotten away from reciting the horror stories to kids about what drugs can do to them. We may need to get back to Drug Horror 101."

**Dr. Richard Heyman, medical director of Kids Helping Kids, a drug-rehabilitation program, says adults have simply gotten too soft on drug-using kids.**

**"Because we made such good progress a few years ago, people are now taking it easy," he says. "We need to get back to work."**

Compounding the problem, experts say, is that many kids don't seem aware of the dangers posed by inhalants, marijuana and LSD.

Gigi Graham, who is lecturing on the dangers of inhalants at 100 Hamilton County schools this year, says from 30 to 50 percent of fourth-through 12th-grade students at each school tell her they have tried inhalants or know someone who has.

"That's a frightening percentage," she says. "It tends to be a group activity and there's often a lot of peer pressure to participate. It can cause liver, kidney or brain damage and can be fatal."

"There are some real horror stories about inhalants," adds Hall. "A kid sprays paint thinner into a bag, sticks his nose into it and it can coat the inside of his lungs and suffocate him."



Ms. Graham says she suspects the spring survey will show an enormous jump in marijuana use.

"A lot of kids don't believe there's much danger in it," she notes. "Because it's grown from the earth, they think it's naturally good for them. It's sort of a bizarre environmental view."

Today's potent marijuana can cause lung damage and memory loss.

"Smoking a joint in 1994 is a lot more dangerous than smoking a joint in the 1960s and '70s," says Heyman. "Most marijuana today is about 10 times stronger."

LSD is now widely available to students.

"The police have been telling us for the last two years that LSD was making a comeback," Ms. Collins says. "School officials say many students now talk about LSD as a common fact of life."

Experts say drug-troubled kids need help from parents and teachers.

Howard Ottenheimer, a psychologist who sees many young substance abusers and their families, says parents are often surprised to learn they're a big part of the problem.

"In my opinion, the most easily recognized symptom of adolescent drug abuse is what's happening in the marriage," he says. "A child's strong relationship with drugs can often be directly linked to a weak relationship with his parents."

"If a child can't form a relationship with his parents, he's going to form it with something else and it's often drugs. If it's not easy to talk over a problem with mom, it's easy to smoke a joint and take away the pain. It's a family problem that needs a family solution."

Schools also need to get deeply involved, says Hall, who has traveled to 32 states in the past five years to talk about the comprehensive anti-drug program at Anderson High School.

"We do about 40 things," says Hall. "Coaches speak to teams every week about drugs. Students counsel other students, parents 'adopt' students at risk and we organize all kinds of support groups."

"We seek out the 10 percent of kids in any school who are chemically dependent. We'll never completely lick the problem, but we can decrease it."

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