

Filling a void by serving others

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Something was missing. Lisa Raterman had been out of college for about a year in 1990, and the Covington resident missed the activities she was involved in on the Miami University campus.

She had lost touch with most of her high school friends. She was in a new job, but she had few professional contacts.

Then, a friend took her to a get-together for the Covington-Kenton County Jaycees.

"I joined like two months later at a meeting," said the 27-year-old sales representative. "And it probably took me about four or five months to really get active."

But she did get active. Today, Ms. Raterman is membership development vice president for the 145-member Covington-Kenton County chapter. She will probably also be the next president of the organization since she is thusfar running unopposed in the election, which will be held in June.

Ms. Raterman is proof that things around the old service club clubhouse have changed substantially in recent years. Organizations like the Jaycees, the Lions clubs, Kiwanis and Shriners had a reputation as boisterous social clubs with wild conventions and, of course, no women allowed.

In the 1980s, however, legislation was passed prohibiting service clubs in this country from banning female members. Women have jumped at the opportunity to get involved, and today they make up about half of the local Jaycees membership.

Down the road at the Erlanger Lions Club, women are also well represented in the "invitation only" membership. Sixty-four-year-old Greta Brown of Crescent Springs joined the organization after being restricted to the Lioness Club. She likes it a lot. And club organizers say the feeling is mutual.

"In the last five years especially, there's been a strong emphasis that women are really an untapped market for membership," said Lions International spokeswoman Karen Goldsmith. "They are very much doers, and they play a very active role. They have definitely made the organization stronger. It's really kind of been a jolt to the 'same old, same old' mentality."

"I just think women have a different leadership style," said Ms. Raterman, whose organization concentrates on developing leadership skills.

Members of these clubs perform a lot of activities these days. In fact, most members will tell you that the days when their clubs were considered primarily social are over. Today they want to be known for the services they provide to help those in need.

"We have social activities, but we're not intended to be a social organization. It's a service organization," said 14-year Lions Club member A.C. Brown of his 125-member organization in Erlanger.

Mrs. Brown agrees.

"It is an organization that helps the less fortunate. The Lions have an eyesight committee that helps people with eyeglasses and exams, and we also provide seeing eye dogs Then we have requests for hearing aids and the welfare committee, which helps people with rent, electric bills, medical bills, food and clothing."

The Jaycees have a similar orientation.

"It's a community organization," said Ms. Raterman of the Jaycees. "Our major emphasis is our community work, and we've stayed true to the original charter to remain true to our community We do about 20 service projects a year."

Ms. Raterman said the Jaycees, a club for adults ages 21- 39, perform three major charitable events a year, including the Steinford Foundation toy distribution at Christmas, which provides toys for 1,200 local needy children every year. They also sponsor Santaland to give about 500 inner-city children a chance to meet Santa every year. **And in June, they sponsor the Annual Humana River Hop race to benefit the Kids Helping Kids drug rehabilitation program.**

The Erlanger Lions Club may be best known for its annual Lions Club Carnival at Lions Club Park in Erlanger in July. Funds raised help

members provide a range of services from eye exams and hearing aids to food and clothing.

The group also sponsors a multitude of youth sports teams and local scholarships.

Still, despite their good names, most club officers will tell you that membership in service clubs in general is ailing.

"Membership around the world is going down," said Ms. Goldsmith of Lions Clubs. "In the United States, it's going down a little faster. That's why attracting younger members as well as women is really a primary focus right now."

Ms. Raterman had similar comments.

"One of the problems the Jaycees and other organizations have is a decline in membership. I think anymore there are so many opportunities for people to get involved that you really have to pick and choose. A few years ago I belonged to five or six organizations, but because of time constraints I had to choose just one or two."

So today, clubs, even those who accept members by invitation only, are selling hard. They're playing up to community-mindedness and emphasizing the potential of resume-enhancing qualities of membership to attract young professionals as well. They're playing down the "good ole boys" party atmosphere.

"I can understand where those perceptions and misperceptions come from," said Ms. Raterman. "They had huge parties in the past, and it's a public relations problem. We want people to know we're not a bunch of drunks who party all the time One of the things we're really trying to work on is its young professional atmosphere."

"They were social outlets as well as opportunities for volunteering," said Ms. Goldsmith, "and it was the social aspect that men didn't want women to infringe on. Many now are realizing you can have just as much fun now, but it's a slow-going process." FA

XService club facts

The Jaycees

200,000 members nationally 500 members in Greater Cincinnati National club is 75 years old this year Next membership recruitment event is a regional Jaycees social on March 3 at Devou Park Memorial Building Jaycees Showcase with a national speaker will be held at the Devou Memorial Building on April 20.

For information call 431-4256. Lions Club International 1.4 million members 42,000 clubs worldwide Approximately 40,000 female members worldwide The Erlanger club is one of the largest in this area with 120 members

For information, call 282-9969.

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Award honors Boothe for reaching out to others

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Northern Kentucky University President Leon Boothe grew up in a poor family in St. Louis. He says he was able to succeed because a lot of people helped him along the way.

In return, Boothe, in his personal life and through the numerous boards he serves on, has devoted himself to making Greater Cincinnati a better place to live and work.

"I've always tried to lead a life that reflects a respect for everyone regardless of their origin," Boothe said. "That's what democracy is all about it. I think that's what the American creed stands for."

The National Conference of Christian and Jews believes Boothe has done a good job. He will receive the group's Distinguished Service Citation, which goes to those who have distinguished themselves in their personal and professional lives in furthering the cause of intergroup understanding in the Cincinnati community.

Also being honored are Jerome S. Teller, a Cincinnati attorney, and Dr. John M. Tew Jr., a director with the Mayfield Neurological Institute and chief of neurosurgery at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The award traditionally has been presented to leading citizens of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

The awards dinner will be May 25 at the Hyatt Regency in Cincinnati.

Boothe, who has been NKU president since 1983, has a special interest in international education and has chaired several sessions and panels on the issue.

He is currently chairman emeritus of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In the past, he has chaired the American Council on Education's Commission of International Education. He also served as regional vice president representing the United States for the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education and was on the Board of Directors of the Council on International Educational Exchange.

Locally, Boothe serves on boards and works with a variety of organizations, such as the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati Chambers of Commerce, Brighton Center, American Red Cross, Kids Helping Kids and the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Council.

Boothe was the first Northern Kentuckian to serve on the board of directors of the Cincinnati chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He also serves on its national executive board.

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Baseball nostalgia

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The eighth annual Major-League Old-Timers Baseball Game, at 1 p.m. Saturday at Blue Ash's re-created Crosley Field, 11540 Grooms Road, will salute the 25th anniversary of the last game played at the original Crosley Field. Tributes are planned for Johnny Vander Meer, Jim Maloney and Ken Griffey Sr., who are among the "old-timers" slated to play; there will also be a memorial salute to Gus Bell.

Saturday's schedule: 8 a.m., gates open; 9:15-11:30 a.m., Team One National Showcase Baseball Game (high-school players); noon-12:45 p.m., organist and player warmup; 1 p.m., player introductions and recognition; 1:45 p.m., national anthem and ceremonial first pitch; 3-3:30 p.m. (approximately), autograph session.

Admission is free (745-8510).

Single file

Comedy returns to downtown - a location surely in need of a few good laughs - at least temporarily, as promoter Harry Moore brings nationally known comedians Earl David Reed and John Pinney to Landmark Center in Carew Tower (formerly the Ray Combs Comedy Connection, of which Moore was a manager) for shows at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$8 and \$10.50 (reservations 581-2863).

Boot-scoot into the weekend with local favorites the Frazier River Band, which will provide a country tone for Coney Island's Friday Night Live! series, 8 p.m. Friday in Moonlite Gardens. Doors open at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show (232-8230).

The Beach Boys of summer

The Cincinnati Reds invite fans to "hit the beach" along the Ohio River: After our boys of summer take on the Florida Marlins at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in Riverfront Stadium, the Beach Boys will take to the field to perform a post-game concert of their ageless hits. Tickets for the game and concert are \$11.50-\$17.50 (421-4510).

Music al fresco

The Cincinnati Zoo's Jazzoo Series features three concerts this weekend: Stephen Stills, at 7:30 tonight (\$18 adults, \$5 kids); Cincinnati's own Ass Ponys, 7:30 p.m. Friday (\$5); and Christopher Cross, 7:30 p.m. Sunday (\$15 adults, \$5 kids). Tickets for each show are available at TicketMaster (749-4949).

The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, under the baton of Erich Kunzel, perform its "Symphantasy VIII: A Sound Explosion" audio and visual spectacles at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Riverbend Music Center at Coney Island. The patriotically themed concerts will feature Beethoven's "Battle" Symphony and Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, to the accompaniment of Rozzi's Famous Fireworks (\$24-\$28 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn; 381-3300).

Two days in Eden

The 13th annual Day in Eden festival is actually two days of fun - noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday throughout Eden Park. The family-g geared festival, which includes booths from Cincinnati neighborhoods, will feature eight entertainment stages. Sixties rockers the Byrds will headline the show, performing 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Seasongood Pavilion.

A Day in Eden boasts food, a "Creation Station" for kids and free admission to the Cincinnati Art Museum and Krohn Conservatory all weekend. Festival admission is also free; free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Parking Company of America lot down the hill on Gilbert Avenue (352-6144).

Timeout sports

The Humana River Hop, a race and walk benefiting Kids Helping Kids, steps off from Cincinnati's Public Landing at 9 a.m. Sunday. The event, sponsored by the Covington-Kenton County Jaycees, will include a 5-kilometer run, a 10-kilometer run, a 5-kilometer fitness walk and a children's fun run. Registration, 8 a.m. Sunday, is \$10 (241-0100).

The Cincinnati Cheetahs take on the Rockford Raptors at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Deer Park High School stadium, 8351 Plainfield Road (\$7.50 adults, \$3.75 kids; 985-3985).

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Bean Bash branches out

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Bean Bash, Inc., is growing by leaps and bounds. Hours are being extended; benefiting charities are increasing; and the list of corporate sponsors is getting longer.

The 1995 event will be from 2 to 10 p.m. Oct. 21 at Turfway Park in Florence.

Giles Conrad, chairman, anticipates proceeds to total \$100,000. Charities to reap the reward will be Kids Helping Kids; BAWAC Rehabilitation Program; Redwood School; and the 1995 guest charity, Northern Kentucky Area 7 Special Olympics.

Corporate sponsors will include PNC Bank, Huntington Bank, Bank of Boone County, Hilltop Resources, Century Construction, Carlisle Construction, The Kentucky Post, Dealers Wholesale and Waco Oil Company.

Besides the traditional bean soup, cole slaw, cornbread, tomatoes and onions menu, entertainment will include music, line dancing, children's games, Monte Carlo, hot-air balloon rides and silent and oral auctions.

Two special raffles will be held for a one-year supply of gasoline at any Waco/Shell station, and a luxury vacation on Grand Cayman Island, including air fare, hotel and \$500 spending money, donated by Busald, Funk and Zevely law firm.

More than 100 auction items, valued at \$150 to \$6,000 will include trips, diamonds, furs and furniture.

Serving on the executive board, along with Giles Conrad, chairman, are Jeanni Reusch, vice chairwoman; and Greg Schmitz, James Heister and Betty Roth. Brenda Sparks is publicity chairwoman.

Admission charges are \$3 for adults; \$2 for senior citizens; and children under 12, admitted free. For more information, call 956-7206.

DAR meeting

Mary Ingles Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 7 at Greyhound Tavern in Ft. Mitchell. Mrs. Henry Pogue IV, chapter regent, will preside. Guest speaker will be Jim Reis, Kentucky Post columnist and author of "Pieces of the Past," who will speak about Mary Ingles. Hostesses will be Martha Pelfrey, Mrs. Donald McLennan, Paige Byam and Brooke Byam. Mrs. Nancy Guenther is publicity chairwoman. Town Club

The Town Club of Cincinnati will meet, beginning with cocktails at 11 a.m. Oct. 10 at club headquarters in the Carew Tower. Luncheon will follow at noon.

Guest speaker will be Hamilton County Sheriff Simon Leis, Jr., who will discuss his work as prosecutor and his views on obscenity cases. Informal modeling of fashions will be presented by Mondy. Ukrainian art will be featured. Mrs. John Blaga will be chairwoman of the day, assisted by hostesses Mrs. Rupert Doan, Mrs. Norman Nelson and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson. Janice Flanagan is publicity chairwoman. Fall craft show

Dixie Gateway Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will host a Fall Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Turkeyfoot School, 3230 Turkeyfoot Road, in Edgewood.

Craftsmen will display handmade country ornaments, tents for children, finger puppets, kids' crafts, floral arrangements, pressed flower cards, dolls, jewelry and seasonal decorations. Proceeds benefit the association's scholarship fund.

Eva Mae Jones is publicity chairwoman. For information, call 727-0248. Art club

Covington Art Club will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 9 at the clubhouse. Georgia Nelson will display her collection of hats, and will both describe and model them. A tea will follow, with Mrs. Cliff Hart, chairwoman. Registrars will be Mrs. Charles Perry and Mrs. Cliff Hart. Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Kelly and Mrs. Allen Jahnke. Mrs. Paul Carlotta is publicity chairwoman. CompCare friends

The Friends of Comprehensive Care Centers of Northern Kentucky are selling 1996 Entertainment Books for \$35. Proceeds benefit the programs they sponsor, one of which will be a Halloween party for the residents of the Children's Psychiatric Hospital, 502 Farrell Drive in Covington. For information, call Chris at 578-3201. Willie Brankamp is publicity chairwoman.

Xi Delta Kappa

Xi Delta Kappa sorority of Northern Kentucky recently elected new officers: Shirley Lilly, president; Lisa Bowman, vice president; Hanne Tandrup, recording secretary; Jo Feebeck, corresponding secretary; Aloma Webb, treasurer; and Mary Schmidt, extension officer. The first service project will be the organization of a bingo game for the residents of St. John's Nursing Home, Highland Avenue, Covington. For information, call 331-1664.

Cancer society

Northern Kentucky Unit of the American Cancer Society recently elected new officers of its board of directors: Ray Bollhauer, president; Steve Howard, president-elect; Lesley Rizzo, secretary; and Anita Mangold, treasurer.

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

- Caption: PhotoRepresentatives of the charities that benefit from the Bean Bash are, from left, Mike Lyons of Special Olympics; **Betsy Smith of Kids Helping Kids**; and Danny Murray and Ann Moore of Redwood School. The mountain bike will be auctioned at the Bean Bash.
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Numbers to call when you need assistance

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Where do you turn when you need help?

Even longtime residents of a community may find themselves at a loss for an answer.

Today's Perspective Extra page provides some guidance for locating help for a variety of needs.

Our list was updated from one published last year by Kentucky Post intern Meredith Hughes and clerk Rhonda Pettit.

GENERAL EMERGENCY

Ambulance: 911 Fire: 911

Police: 911 American Red Cross: 579-3900 Coast Guard, Cincinnati: 922-3820 FBI: 341-3901 Kentucky Disaster and Emergency Service: 485-4134 Kentucky State Police: 1-800-222-5555; Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties: 491-1111; Grant/Pendleton Counties 428-1212; Gallatin County (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. People can call about any crisis or problem situation they are trying to deal with. ULH&P emergencies: electric: 651-4182; gas: 651-4466 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: 784-2444

A 24-hour helpline for families who live with people who suffer from alcoholism. Groups include Adult Children of Alcoholics and Alateens. 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

An answering service that connects individuals with volunteers who provide callers with information about counseling, therapy, and meeting times. **Kids Helping Kids: 513-575-7300**

Long-term adolescent alcohol and drug treatment program. Treats ages 13 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, Inc.: 491-4435

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

Offers same-day testing for sexually transmitted diseases and free HIV testing. AIDS Information: 357-7350

Offers free and anonymous HIV testing. 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 helpline: 1-800-227-2345. American Diabetes Association: Ky. Affiliate: 1-800-766-1698; Southwest Ohio Service Area: 281-0002

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

Office has pamphlets on cholesterol and blood pressure. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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. Poison Control 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. 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. Operates two group homes. Also an advocacy group. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 and offers 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 information and advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing persons. Not a direct service organization. Provides telecommunications equipment to deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired persons. 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. Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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. It is a regional center, working in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. New Perceptions, Inc.: 344-9322

Serves infants, children and adults with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. Provides home-based infant stimulation program and provides integrated preschool opportunities. Also has adult services in work activity center and community-based employment. Office for adult services at 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. Redwood: 331-0880

Serves children and adults with disabilities through more than 17 therapeutic and educational programs. Services include early intervention, therapeutic child care, preschool, nursing support, employment training, therapy, supported employment and more. Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Short-Long Term Residential Care: 261-0909

Provides services to mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals. Has group homes for adults. SpecialLink: 491-2464

Assistive technology center for people who want to determine the proper computer assistance programs and devices for their situation. 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. 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. Monday-Friday. Chamber of Commerce of Northern Kentucky: 291-5000

Provides services and information for small business. Also has Business Solutions Center 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 seven agents: one agriculture, two home economics, one horticulture, one food/nutrition and two 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 three home economists, one agricultural agent and three 4-H agents. Also, one of the home economists offers assistance through the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and Family Development and Management Program. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. SOCIAL SERVICES United Way Helpline: 525-6566

A 24-hour information referral and crisis helpline 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. 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, and alternative education for children with special problems and a runaway shelter. 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. 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 store. Serves Erlanger-Elsmere area. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Family Service-Northern Kentucky: 291-1121

Individual, family counseling, including alcohol and drug abuse. Has credit and budget counseling. Special services include sexual abuse treatment, aging. 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. Offers after-school children's program that includes tutoring and a meal, from 3 to 5 p.m. daily. Located in Covington. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call for assistance. Goodwill Industries: 261-3662

Clothing store with furniture and other wares. Donations taken. 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 from 9:30 a.m. to 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 ages three and four and weatherization for low-income, elderly and handicapped. Has job training program for unemployed and senior community service project neighborhood centers to help. 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. Has housing program and mortgage counseling. Provides 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, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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. District council office (for assistance) open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 341-3219. For the warehouse and pick-up service, hours are Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 341-3212. Salvation Army: 491-5180

Offers food, emergency counseling, and family and marital counseling. For spiritual counseling call 431-1063. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Senior Services of Northern Kentucky: 491-0522, 292-7968 or 1-800-255-7265.

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, home care services for home-bound older adults, older workers training program, information and referral. Serves eight counties. Veterans Affairs: 1-800-827-1000

A national toll-free line that directs calls from Northern Kentucky to the Louisville office of the Department for Veterans Affairs. Counselors available by phone Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kentucky Center for Veterans Affairs: 502-595-4447.

Provides general information about veteran affairs, handles state veteran benefits and represents veterans when they make a claim. Vocational Rehabilitation: 1-800-372-7172

Provides information on how to become a client for vocational rehabilitation. 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. 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. Programs include prevention and treatment of child and sexual abuse, parenting skills, support groups for troubled teens and for children. Women's Crisis Center: 491-3335 or 1-800-928-3335

Helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Offers shelter, walk-in counseling services and 24-hour hotline. Provides counseling for rape and sexual assault victims and incest survivors. Offers support groups, education programs and help with job placement. Also offers court advocacy. In Maysville or Buffalo Trace area, call 564-6708 or 1-800-928-6708. 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 16. Program is structured to bring boys back to a family setting. Provides foster care or, if appropriate, family care, home training and parent education classes. 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. The Kentucky Department of Social Services in Louisville has a 24-hour hotline that also handles calls concerning child abuse 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: 344-1191

Has five small apartment units for pregnant women and single mothers 18 and older with a child 2 and under. Provides spiritual, vocational and personal help. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mothers of Special Children: 356-8499

Support group for mothers of special children with any type of disability. 24-hour phone line. Meetings held the second Thursday of every month at New Perceptions Inc. in Edgewood, 7:30 p.m.; free babysitting provided. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 559-8000

Provides 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, referral, 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.

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Bean Bash to include McBee

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Former state Rep. Bill McBee will celebrate his 63rd birthday Saturday among friends at a charity event he started more than 20 years ago - the Bean Bash.

McBee is among those scheduled to attend the annual event that traditionally has been a draw for vote-seeking politicians. This year's bash will be held from 2 to 10 p.m. at Turfway Park in Florence.

"I don't know how long he will stay, but he plans to be there," said McBee's wife, Anne, a lawyer in Florence.

McBee was a popular Democrat who was convicted in the BOPTROT investigation into corruption in state government. The five-year probe focused on bribes given to lawmakers by lobbyists and others to influence banking legislation and rumored horse-racing legislation.

The investigation resulted in the convictions of 21 people, including 15 legislators.

McBee spent time in a federal prison but has been released while he recovers from a variety of ailments, including cancer.

Mrs. McBee said her husband is looking forward to seeing old friends at the Bean Bash Saturday.

The Bean Bash will help fund four charitable organizations: Kids Helping Kids, a longterm treatment program in Milford, Ohio, for chemically dependent youths; Redwood School and Rehabilitation Center in Ft. Mitchell, which provides therapeutic and educational services for children and adults with disabilities; BAWAC, a Florence agency that provides vocational rehabilitation for the handicapped and disabled; and Kentucky 7 Special Olympics, which provides sports for the mentally disabled.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors. Children under 12 are admitted free.

There are activities for people of all ages, from hot-air balloon rides to children's games to line dancing to Monte Carlos.

There also will be an oral auction for a variety of gifts as well as two raffles, including one featuring a trip for two to the Grand Cayman Islands.

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Bean Bash charity a tonic for McBee

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It was a good feeling for Bill McBee, basking in the warm greetings of old friends and seeing the charity event he created still going strong.

McBee hasn't had many good feelings of late, and it's seldom that he's feeling good. He has been under treatment for cancer of the esophagus and other ailments. His once robust frame has dwindled to under 150 pounds.

Before the illness, he faced the humiliation of prison, stemming from charges in the federal BOPTR0T probe of corruption in Kentucky state government.

Whether sick, in trouble or playing the role of the cocksure political operative, as he did as a state representative, McBee has never been without friends. He was among them Saturday at the 20th annual Bean Bash at Turfway Park. "How you doin'? You ol' . . ." one well-wisher after another asked. He kissed the women, shook the men's hands and hugged everybody. It was tonic for the 63-year-old McBee, who says he is picking up a few pounds and feeling better. A hernia gave him problems Saturday. It's going to require another date with a surgeon, he said.

Beside putting him among friends, the Bean Bash also brought McBee back to an event he started and one that has proven strong enough to keep going while he was in prison.

"I never thought it would get this big," he said, with no small amount of awe.

Indeed, McBee or anyone else who attended the early Bean Bashes never envisioned an event that would raise some \$100,000 for charity in a single afternoon. The gathering began as a fund-raiser for McBee's legislative campaigns. It was held at the Mid Valley Pipe Line Park, a picnic grove on Limaburg Road.

McBee was popular among his peers in Frankfort, and he even attracted a number of political heavyweights. U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford was a frequent guest.

Political opponents were few in those early years, so McBee began earmarking Bean Bash proceeds for charity. The crowds grew, and the bash was moved to Turfway Park.

McBee lost his House seat in 1990, and his BOPTR0T conviction followed. He was sentenced in 1994 to 15 months in a federal prison for extorting bribes as a legislator and lobbyist. He remains on parole.

Bean Bash supporters carried on. Partly, that was out loyalty to the founder. But raising money for the Boone Adult Workshop, Redwood School and Kids Helping Kids, an anti-drug effort, has also stimulated the scores of volunteers who have stayed involved.

One of those is Forest Harmon. He has been cooking the beans for 13 years now.

Harmon was at Turfway by 4:30 a.m. to get the fires started under the kettles, where 50 pounds of Great Northern beans would simmer with white pepper and ham hocks while Harmon stirred with a ladle the size of a canoe paddle.

"I started with one pot, and now I've got six," Harmon said as a gauge of the Bash's growth.

This year a fourth charity, the Special Olympics, was included, which helped increase corporate donations. Bean bash leaders were still counting the money Sunday, but it appeared that the goal of \$100,000 was going to be reached.

That would be an increase from \$76,000 last year, and up from \$46,000 just two years ago.

If it's up to him, McBee will be back each year, being the consummate good ol' boy, and taking an immense pride in an event that has gotten a lot larger than any single individual, even one who, bad or good, always seemed a little larger than life.

- Caption: PhotoFor 13 years Forrest Harmon of Florence has been stirring up the soup for the annual Bean Bash charity event. On Sunday he fired up the kettles at 4:30 a.m. at Turfway Park in Florence. Terry Duennes, The Kentucky Post
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