COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

No luau for Guthries, but islands have big draw

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Bill Guthrie and family vacationed in Hawaii, and did it their way - with a little help from Frommers.

That is to say they made all their own reservations for the plane, and where they would stay once there, and used a road map and a rented car for seeing the island instead of the usual tour guide.

From Frommers, a publication which gives lodging and travel information for different countries, Guthrie and his family planned their trip. Several phone calls made the reservations for lodging, and did not result in the national war debt as he suspected they might.

He discovered that after 5 p.m. a two-minute call can be made to Hawaii for 75 cents.

Guthrie, his wife Phyllis, son Josh, mother-in-law [illegible] and aunt (Sue's sister) A[illegible] Woods departed the mainland on May 27 for the warm, b[illegible]. They flew from Cincinnati to Denver, Los Angeles, and then to Honolulu. Their final stop was Lihue on the island of Kauai.

Flying time from Los Angeles was about nine hours.

They spend four nights on Kauai, four nights on the island of Hawaii, two nights in Honolulu, and one night at a lodge in the Kilauai Volcano national park.

While on Kauai, they stayed in a cottage they had rented from a Dutch-Micronesian couple. It was beautiful, according to Guthrie, and affordable for six people at $100 per night.

There was a kitchen with a microwave, two bathrooms, a patio with a gas grill, a garden with bananas and papayas growing in abundance. Beautiful native flowers were growing in profusion, such as Calliponia, Orchids, Fushie, and Plumaria which are used in the leis.

They did cook several meals as they discovered it was rather costly to eat out. For example, lunch for six at a McDonald's was about $25. $60 was considered average for dinner. The more expensive restaurants could cost between $80 and $90.

The public beaches were not as beautiful, and more crowded than the out-of-the-way ones the group found by using Guthrie's "instincts", and Avelyn's experience with the islands. This was her 21st trip to Hawaii. She and her husband, Ed, used to live in California, and spent many vacations there. She was their built-in tour guide.

Kauai is her favorite of all the islands. They visited Princeville at the northern tip of Kauai, and explored the Napali coast which is extremely rugged with high cliffs, but beautiful and relatively untouched by tourists.

However, they did have to drive through 20 miles of sugarcane fields to get to the beach, but all agreed it was worth it.

Joshua and Guthrie took a helicopter ride hovering in the crater of an extinct volcano. The area surrounding the volcano is considered the wettest place in the world. The rainfall is about 600 inches per year, which averages out to about two inches a day.

When a volcano erupts, and there is extensive lava flow across highways, there is no mowing that flow once it hardens, so highways are rebuilt around the hardened lava. There was a major eruption in 1974 on one of the islands, and it took a 75 mile bypass to get around the lava on one highway.

They visited Haaleba, billed as "The Southernmost Town of the U.S.A." They ate at a restaurant there, and were served by the mother-in-law of Ellison Onozuka, one of the astronauts killed in the spacecraft Challenger.

One of the highlights of the trip for several members of the group was snorkling on the island of Hawaii near where Captain Cook landed. Cook was the first foreigner to touch foot on the islands.

Guthrie said it was the "most pleasurable thing we did". "It's one thing I'll do for sure if we ever go back again." Although at first, he had to practically be pushed in the water. Once in, he said, it was paradise. The colors were unbelievable. He rented an underwater camera, and had a field day shooting fish, coral, Josh and Phyllis. However the color prints did not do the underwater world justice, according to Guthrie.

Another highlight of the trip was a five hour tour of Pearl Harbor on Oaahu. Parts of the Utah were still sticking out of the water, as were two gun turrets of the Arizona on which 1052 men are entombed. They also passed the Arizona Memorial and the dry dock. A stirring narration of Sunday morning, December 7, 1941 is conducted which left few dry eyes, as there are few Americans who were not touched by the tragedy of Pearl Harbor.

Waikiki Beach at Honolulu was the least favorite memory Guthrie has of Hawaii. Walking to the water, his feet never touched sand, just arms and legs. He said there were "wall to wall bodies, most in bikinis that shouldn't have been!"

I said, "Did you go to a luau?"

He said, "No."

I said, "What, you went to Hawaii, and you didn't go to a luau. You've got to explain that one!"

He did. $75 per person. Explanation enough.

On one of the outer islands the cost would have been about $35 per person.

To travel from one island to another (most are about 45 minutes flying time apart), the Mid Pacific Charter provides service on old fashioned prop planes

A boat ride on the Wai Mia River revealed an unusual happening. Guthrie and his family journeyed down the river to see the Fern Grotto Cave, on their way back, the boat was stopped while a commercial was being filmed up river.

A seaplane was resting in the middle of the river, a Polynesian village of thatched huts had been constructed on the bank with girls in sarongs milling around Matilda's Bar & Grill. The advertisement was for a wine cooler, Guthrie surmises, for marketing in Australia.

The next day, the village and all visible signs of a commercial being filmed had vanished. The area along the river is a preserve, and no permanent building is allowed.

An observation by Guthrie: "There must be 5,000 Japanese tourists for every American!"

He soon learned the reason. Mass weddings of about 50 couples at a time are held in Japan. They all go in mass to Hawaii for their honeymoons. This, plus the fact that the Japanese yen is strong, and the dollar is weak, making the cost affordable, accounts for the oriental influx.

Best memories of the trip:

Bill: "snorkling and Pearl Harbor, for different reasons".

Matthew: Volcano House, a national park on the edge of Kilauai Volcano. There is a lodge there where Mark Twain stayed in 1866. There has been a lodge there for the last 140 years. Steam rises from fissures in the ground.

Josh: Snorkling.

Sue: The beaches and Pearl Harbor.

Avelyn: Her favorite island, Kauai, the Garden Island.

Phyllis: Snorkling.

Matthew had to leave June 9, a day before the rest of his family, to report for work at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico for the summer.

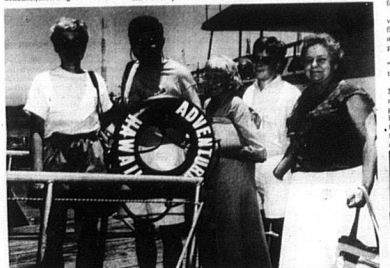
He almost didn't make it. They thought he was leaving the same day as the rest of the family. Phyllis just happened to suggest that they look at Matthew's plane ticket at 6:30 a.m. on the morning of the 8th. She discovered that they had two hours to get him up, dressed, packed, fed and to the airport in rush hour traffic to catch an 8:30 plane.

He made it - on time.

The rest of a tired, but happy Guthrie clan left Hawaii June 10 and arrived in Carlisle June 11, and for Guthrie, back to work on June 12.

He said he would not go back to Honolulu, but would go back to Kauai, in a minute.

I bet Avelyn would be glad to join him!



An Hawaiian adventure was enjoyed by the Guthrie family. From left, Phyllis Guthrie, Bill Guthrie, Avelyn Eads, Josh Guthrie, and Sue Woodall. Matthew Guthrie had to leave a day before his family and was not in this outing. - Photo Submitted.

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WOMEN AT WORK

MEET...MARILYN BOND THE CARLISLE MERCURY

Marilyn Bond of Sycamore Street, Carlisle, has been an employee of The Carlisle Mercury for 8 months.

She is the office manager and her general duties include business operations.

She is married to Hank and they have four children, Carol, Beth, Amy and Michael. The family attends Carlisle United Methodist Church.

"We have really enjoyed living in Carlisle. We have been made to feel at home since we moved here."

MEET ...BRENDA RECTOR FARM CREDIT SERVICES

Brenda Rector of Author Road, Headquarters, has been an employee of Farm Credit Services for 10 years.

She is a loan officer, working for John P. Fay, and her general duties include loan applications and servicing.

She is married to Garry Rector and they have two sons, Brandon and Kyle.

Her hobbies include crafts and sewing.

"I have lived in Nicholas County for 10 years and worked in Flemingsburg and Maysville until January, 1987. Garry and I own a farm on Short Stoney Creek Road where we raise tobacco and Simmental cattle.

MEET.....GINGER MYERS FRYMAN CARLISLE DRUG CO., INC

Ginger Myers Fryman of Second Street, Carlisle, has worked as a sales clerk at Carlisle Drug for the past three years.

Her bosses are G.C. Myers and Rusty Lawrence.

Her job duties include ordering and stocking items, assisting customers with sales, and store decorating.

She is married to Steve Fryman. They are expecting a child in March.

She has one daughter Ashley Fields.

Her hobbies include sewing, teaching dancing, and giving piano lessons. She also enjoys fishing with her family and horses.

She attends Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

MEET ....JANE ELLEN GRIMES WEST END MARKET

Jane Ellen Grimes of Arthur Road, Carlisle, has been an employee of West End Market for five years.

She is assistant manager, working for Freda and Allen Sparks, and her general duties are clerk, cashier, bookkeeping and daily deposits.

She is married to Danny Grimes and they have a daughter, (Elizabeth) Beth, who is two-and-a-half years old.

Her hobbies include reading, music and crafts.

She attends East Union Christian Church.

She graduated in 1981 from Nicholas County High School.

Her parents are William and Anneta Dampier.

MEET ....JUDY SANDERS CARLISLE POST OFFICE

Judy Sanders lives in Millersburg, Kentucky.

She has worked at the Carlisle Post Office for one year and seven months.

Judy says she really enjoys working at the post office.

She is a contract cleaner.

Her duties include; dusting, mopping, and keeping things picked up in the post office.

She has one son, Roger Whitson Jr., 13.

Her hobbies include reading, swimming, a little running, watching movies, collecting stamps and fishing.

She attends Millersburg Christian Church.

MEET .... MARSHA MATTOX THE CARLISLE MERCURY

Marsha Mattox of Green Valley Apartments, *Carlisle, has been employed by The Carlisle Mercury for the past nine months.

She is associate editor of The Mercury and her boss is Hank Bond.

Marsha's duties include writing stories, taking and printing pictures, and pasting up pages.

Marsha has one son, Blake Roser, 4, and in her spare time she enjoys reading and swimming.

Marsha and Blake attend Carlisle Assembly of God Church.

Marsha's parents are Mrs. Floyd Bussell and Charles E. Mattox.

MEET .....VICKI SPARKS REID & VICE, INC.

Vicki Sparks of Ray Street, Carlisle, has been an employee of Reid & Vice, Inc. for 11 years.

She is office manager, working for Jewel Vice, and her general duties are computer trouble-shooter and operator, accounts payable, bookkeeping, ordering merchandise and sales.

She is married to Allen and they have one daughter, Alabra.

Her hobbies include piano, camping, sewing and church activities.

She attends First Baptist Church.

She has completed courses in advanced computers at Colorado Springs and basic blueprints and estimating schools.

MEET ...HESTER ALLISON WEST END MARKET

Hester Allison of Headquarters Road, Carlisle, has been an employee of West End Market since March, 1986.

She is a clerk, working for Freda and Allen Sparks, and her general duties are cashier, cleaning, stock orders and keeping the customer happy.

She is married to Herb Allison and they have three daughters, Dorcas Ockerman, Patsy Hamm and Kathy Blanton.

Her hobbies include East Union Homemakers, antiquers and ball games.

She attends First Baptist Church.

She is the former manager of Smith's Dollar and Discount Store for 16 years and Bastin's Clothing for four years.

MEET .....ANN JOLLY CARLISLE POST OFFICE

Ann Jolly lives on Upper Concord Road in Carlisle.

She is employed by the Carlisle Post Office and has worked there for one year as a part-time carrier, a job she says she really enjoys, especially meeting people.

Her husband Franklin is also a substitute mail carrier. They have one son, Jeffrey Lynn, who is a special x-ray technician at Good Sam Hospital in Lexington.

She is a member of First Baptist Church of Carlisle.

She enjoys refinishing oak furniture in her spare time.

Ann and her husband have a small cleaning service and are full-time farmers. They raise tobacco and beef cattle.

Her parents are Edith Smith and the late Allen "Red" Smith.

MEET....MARY ANN HOLLAR CARLISLE DRUG CO., INC.

Mary Ann Hollar of Second Street, Carlisle, has worked for Carlisle Drug Co., Inc. for the past five months.

Her bosses are G.C. Myers and Rusty Lawrence.

She is a sales clerk and her responsibilities include ordering and stocking items, assisting customers with sales and store decorating.

She enjoys cross stitching and walking.

She attends Carlisle Christian Church.

Mary Ann is the daughter of Elgin Ray and Frances Hollar.

MEET .....ANNA M. LINVILLE CARLISLE DRUG CO., INC.

Anna M. Linville of Goose Creek Road, Carlisle, has worked for G. C. Myers and Rusty Lawrence at Carlisle Drug Co., Inc., for the past three years.

She is a janitor and sales clerk.

Anna's duties include cleaning, and assisting customers with sales.

In her free time she enjoys drawing, writing, and walking.

She attended Pleasant Valley Church of God.

She is the daughter of Ben and Frances Linville, and the granddaughter of Nannie Linville, Edgar Yelton (Falmouth). She has one brother Mark and one sister, Jennifer.

MEET .....JILL K. BANTA CARNICO QUIK STOP

Jill K. Banta of Montavesta, Lexington, has been an employee of Carnico Quik Stop for nine months.

She is cashier/clerk, working for her father, Bob Banta, and her general duties are stocking shelves, assisting customers, ordering, pumping gas and office duties.

She attends EKU, majoring in nutrition.

"I have worked for the Lexington Credit Bureau for one year. I work for the Bulletin Department of the Credit Bureau, working outside the office in several county courthouses."

MEET....JENECIA HINTON REID & VICE, INC.

Jenecia Hinton of Rogers Park, Cynthiana, has been an employee of Reid & Vice, Inc. for two years.

She is advertising manager, working for Jewel Vice, and her general duties include advertising and sales promotions, computer operator, bookkeeping, ordering merchandise and sales.

She is married to Steven and they have a two-year old daughter, Stacia.

Her hobbies include swimming, tennis, skiing and crafts.

She attends Indian Creek Christian Church.