

Hot Rods celebrate 15 years

By T. Douglas Proctor

For the last 15 years, children ages three, four, and five-year-olds have answered the call to come out and play ball.

It all started with the Little League in 1986 calling for five-year-olds to play t-ball. A list of names four and five-year-olds was taken with parents being told that the insurance wouldn't cover them. We played anyway. The list for this year is gone. Some of the ones taking part that year were Mark Proctor, Jason Proctor, Michael Parsons, Christopher Parsons, Blake Calhoun, Andrew Cash and Josh Martin.

In 1987, we had about 10 children. The year the children picked the colors, orange and white, and the name, Hot Rods.

In 1988, I put an advertisement in the *Signal* for three, four, and five-year-olds to play Hot Rods.

In the fifteen years that I have done this, the Hot Rods have had many good sponsors. I would like to thank all of them for helping me meet the expenses and keeping the costs down for the children.

The Hot Rods started on the field at the old Mt. Vernon Elementary School. From there we moved to the t-ball field at Thacker Field. From there we played on the Saylor's field, our last move has been to the field at Lake Linville.

For the Bittersweet Festival Parade, let's see how many former Hot Rods we can get to come out and ride or walk in the parade.

This year's picnic will be July 14th at 11 a.m. at the lake.



1987 Hot Rods, front row from left: Mark Edward Parsons, Eric Denny, and Cody Reams. Second row from left: A.J. Reams, Joel Deatherage, Jason Proctor, Shannon Stevens, Scooter Seagraves, and Lee Deatherage. Back row is coach Doug Proctor. Not pictured was Christopher Parsons.



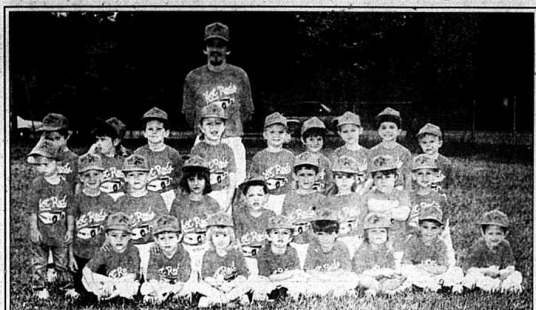
1988 Hot Rods, front row from left: Amber Falin, Suzanne Graves, Wesley Falin and team mascot Brandon Falin. Second row from left: Eric Denny, A.J. Reams, Cody Reams, Lee Deatherage, and John McClure. Coach Douglas Proctor is on the back row. Not present were Mark Edward Parsons and Christopher Parsons.



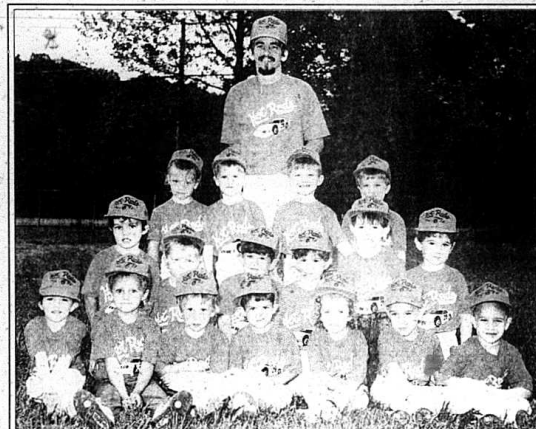
1989 Hot Rods, front row from left: Aaron Cash, Tanner Allen, Brandon Falin, and Matthew Silcox. Back row from left: Laura Beth Bell, Heather Allen, Allison Anderkin, Lee Deatherage, Josie Bengel, Suzanne Graves, Cody Reams, and Jarred Burdette. In back is coach Douglas Proctor.



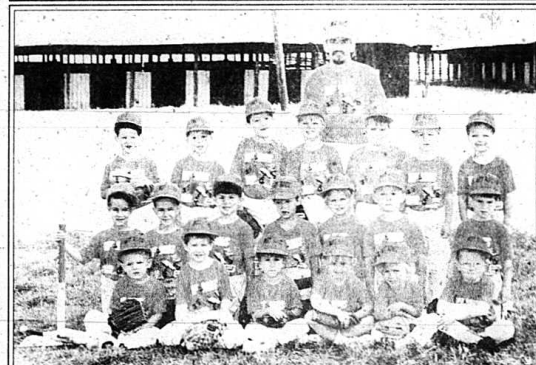
1990 Hot Rods, front row from left: Colby Brown, Kacey Jade Scoggins, Matthew Silcox, Rickey Buswell, Devin Taylor, and Natalie Taylor. Second row from left: Adrian Felmer, Allison Anderkin, Brandon Falin, Jordan Bales, Max Saylor, Jarred Burdette, and Brittany Asher. Third row from left: Bryan Mullins, Aaron Anderkin, Clay Smith, Steven Coffey, Aaron Cash, Scott Browning, Joseph Lambert, and Shawn Cloud. Back row from left: Mike Silcox, David Bales, manager Doug Proctor, Ricky Buswell, Rudy Burdette. Absent when picture was taken were Jameson Cable, Blake Roberts, Rachel Childress, and Luke McCauley.



1991 Hot Rods, front row from left: Matthew Silcox, Ricky Buswell, Kayla Bryant, Jameson Cable, Josh Lovell, Tara Rowe, Brandon Falin, and Colby Brown. Second row from left: Jesse McCauley, Luke McCauley, Blake Roberts, Allison Anderkin, Jackson Bray, Devon Buswell, Amanda Roberts, David Miller, and James Issacs. Back row from left: Max Saylor, Niki Brock, Lee Speaks, Tanner Allen, Devin Taylor, Jarred Burdette, Aaron Cash, and Derrick Hensley. Coach Doug Proctor is pictured in the back.



1991 Hot Rods, front row from left: Casey Taylor, Charles Cunningham, Thomas Moberly, Matthew Bray, Jessica Asher, Justin Consiglio, and Dustin Consiglio. Second row from left: Chad Cunningham, Jeremy Cook, Nathan McQueen, Robert Crawford, Dejon Graves, and Zachary Penroll. Third row from left: Johana Abney, Joshua Weaver, Ben Graves, and Ryan Graham. In the back is coach Doug Proctor.



1992 Hot Rods, front row from left: Chris Winkle, Jared Brown, Vanessa Adams, Kayla Bryant, Kyle Buswell, and Jeremy Cook. Second row from left: Justin Consiglio, Dustin Consiglio, Robert Crawford, Charles Anthony Cunningham, Tara Rowe, Ben Graves, and Brent Chantz. Third row from left: Colby Brown, Jarred Burdette, Jackson Bray, Tanner Allen, Cody Moore, Jeffery Cromer, and Ronnie Lee McClure. Coach Douglas Proctor is on the back row.



1995 Hot Rods, front row from left: Jordan Brock, Dustin Reynolds, Morgan Thacker, Ronnie Laihart, Cole Abney, and Jessica Newcomb. Back row from left: Alivia Bullock, Sasha Bullock, Dustin Bullock, Shain Mahaffey, Sally Mize, Dakota Mahaffey, Laura Childress, and Aaron Bullock.