

NEWS  
**WILMORE**  
NEWSLETTER

*November, 2007*  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*



**Wesley Village  
Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Fall Festival  
in October**

It was a warm sunny day as close to 150 persons of all ages turned out to celebrate Wesley Village's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Featured attractions included a giant yard sale, silent auction, fresh baked goods, hand crafts, used books, horse and carriage rides, and a fun slide, sand art, face painting area for the kids.

The best in local music was provided by Teg Evans and the Jessamine County Jazz Ensemble, "Two Journey the Kentucky Duo" gospel singers Jody Brock and Barbara Smith; and Elvis impersonator, Mike Florence.

All proceeds benefited Wesley Village Senior Living Community, including their Benevolent Care Fund that helps residents who outlive their resources to remain in their home or apartment. President/CEO Glenda Creech expressed her appreciation for all those who support the Village in so many ways - "helping us to be a community people love to call home!"

## **\$250,000 GRANT FOR CENTENNIAL PARK**

So, do you know that the City of Wilmore owns a 32-acre public park behind the Ichthus grounds? Do you know that you access the park at the end of Kinlaw Drive? Do you know that the park is called "Centennial Park" even if we don't have a sign up yet?

And if you are one of many who have been there, have you noticed \$250,000 worth of improvements to the park in the last few months?

That's right! Because of the significant efforts of Governor Ernie Fletcher, State Senator Tom Buford and State Representative Bob Damron, the City received a \$250,000 grant to add several new amenities to Centennial Park this year.

The City used our grant to pave all of the gravel roads and parking areas in the park, to construct a 5,190' asphalt walking trail around the perimeter of our 32 acres, and to add a high school regulation sized basketball court.

These features are in addition to the existing two soccer fields, a picnic pavilion which accommodates 50-60 people, a nine-hole Frisbee disc golf course, and a very nice playground. (Even the soccer fields and playground were made possible by a very generous grant from Ichthus Ministries many years ago!)

In his grant notification to the City of Wilmore, Governor Fletcher said, "Please accept my best wishes for your constant efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents in your area. The investments we make in our Commonwealth today will have long-lasting effects for our children and grandchildren."

So, if you or your children or your grandchildren have yet to experience the beginning of the long-lasting effects from our investment in Centennial Park, please make a special effort to visit soon. You will absolutely love the wide-open spaces and the family-friendly environment!

Also, look for a big "Grand Opening" event for Centennial Park (maybe even with a sign) in 2008!

In 2007, however, we are content to offer our sincerest gratitude to Governor Fletcher, State Senator Buford and State Representative Damron for their tremendous and ongoing support for the Wilmore community.

**THE TUSKEGEE  
AIRMEN STORY**

The Wilmore Community Development Board is pleased to bring to Wilmore "The Tuskegee Airmen Story." Ron Spriggs, an award winning oral historian, keynote speaker and exhibitor of the Tuskegee Airmen history, will speak at 12 noon, November 6th, at the Cordelia Thomas Cafeteria on the Asbury Theological Seminary Campus. Ron comes to tell of the exploits and accomplishments of the first African American pilots of World War II and the obstacles they overcame to courageously fight to defeat the Axis Powers in Europe. Learn about Kentucky's connection to the Tuskegee Airmen and other black aviation pioneers.

Attendees may arrive early to purchase lunch from the cafeteria. The program will start at 12 noon sharp and is free and open to the public.

"We owe much to the Tuskegee Airmen; theirs is a story that needs to be told over and over again and handed down to the younger generations". Ron Spriggs

**This event is funded in part  
by the Kentucky Humanity  
Council.**

**Veterans Day Parade  
November 10, 2007  
10:00 A.M.**

**The parade theme this year will be  
"Let us not forget...  
the heroes among us."**

The parade will begin in historic  
downtown  
Wilmore and conclude at the  
Thomson Hood Veterans Center

A program at the center will begin  
at 11:11 am and include a cannon salute  
in honor of our veterans. Refreshments  
and an open house will be hosted by the  
Thomson Hood Veterans Center  
following the program.  
Please come join us for the event.

We encourage you to show your  
patriotism and be a part of our parade.

For parade details call 858-4411

Asbury College Equine Center  
Friday, November 2, 2007  
6:00 PM

**Lew Sterrett of  
Miracle Mountain Ranch in Pennsylvania  
will be coming to do a horse clinic  
"Sermon on the Mount".**

During this session, he will work with  
horses to demonstrate life lessons of  
distrust to trust, stiff to resistant to  
supple and willing.

This event is open to the community and  
great for all ages, families, horse  
lovers,  
and non-horse lovers.

No admission fee.

Location: Asbury College Equine Center  
Indoor Arena  
Directions: From Asbury College campus,  
take 29 South from Wilmore. Past Mile  
Marker 4, the second right is Shanty Hill  
Lane. Turn right onto Shanty Hill Lane,  
FOLLOW SIGNS!  
The driveway ends at the Equine Center.

## Old Fashioned Musical Christmas Festival Highlights

Yes, the Lions Club is still going to host the pancake breakfast, a big hit and fun place to have breakfast with just about everyone in town! There will be craft shows, a train display, horse carriage rides, the Tree Lighting, Santa, the businesses will host their annual Open Houses, lots of fun and cheer, music and singing and sharing memories. WOW, the holidays it will be here soon!

### BEST DECORATED HOMES CONTEST

judging will take place the following Thursday after Thanksgiving.

(This year Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Judging for the contest will take place in the evening of Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please turn on your lights!

There will be 2 winners from each section of town.

The town is divided into 4 sections at Lexington Avenue and Main Street.

Thanks to all who have participated in the past; we look forward to seeing more houses lit up this year!

The youth of Wimore Presbyterian Church are selling Christmas greenery to raise money for a Summer 2008 mission trip. Pre-orders will be taken until November 13, the greenery will be delivered on December 1. You can call the church office at 858-3074 or e-mail [pastor\\_beth@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_beth@hotmail.com) to place your order.

Here is what we are offering:

25" balsam/pine wreath with homemade bow - \$20

Mixed pine door swag

with homemade bow - \$16

15 foot balsam garland - \$20

25 foot balsam garland - \$25

## Christmas Drama Auditions

Wilmore Parks and Recreation presents its first ever Christmas Drama Production, directed by Sasha Weddington & Melanie Johnson. Enter a world of creativity, imagination, and dramatic inspiration in our 2007 Christmas Drama Production "The Little Town of Christmas".

We are seeking a variety of talented children ages 4 years through 8th grade. If your child has ever had an interest in theatre or acting now is the time to get them involved.

Auditions and a parent's meeting will be held on Monday, November 19th from 5:30-7:30 pm, location to be announced.

The show will be performed for the public on December 20th & 21st. The cast is unlimited and we need all sorts of characters from elves to wise men! Your children will receive professional training in theatre and will be given a chance to perform for the Jessamine County Community.

The cost is \$70.00 per child.

For more details call or email Melanie Johnson at [melgryzen@hotmail.com](mailto:melgryzen@hotmail.com) or call (757) 434-0805.

Oh yes, there will be an elf contest too! Last year there were many Santa helpers! Winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting.

**Farewell from our Dear Friend**

**The City of Wilmore  
Thanks Tonya Northup**

Seeing a need for having a victim's advocate in Jessamine County I had the privilege of working with Sheriff Joe Walker, Nicholasville Chief Barry Waldrup, Tom Lockridge, our Commonwealth Attorney, and the with Judge Neal Cassity in writing a grant and interviewing to fill the position of victims advocate.

Taunya Northup was selected ten years ago this year to fill that position. "I have over the 10 years been completely satisfied and impressed with the way Taunya has preformed her role in supporting the crime victims of the county, and equally as well, the law enforcement agencies of the county. She works tirelessly day and, when called, night. This lady gives 110% all the time. She is dedicated and committed to service with excellence. Her serving spirit shines through with compassion. The time she spends with victims in obtaining EPO's, court preparation, counseling and time in court relieves the officers time so he/she can spend more time on the road and on other investigations. Words can not express my appreciation and admiration for Taunya and the service she performs.

Her work is exceptional!!  
Wilmore Police Chief Steve Boven

**Wilmore  
Arts & Crafts**

The Wilmore Arts & Crafts Festival on Main Street was a very successful event again, this year! The street was filled with visitors and shoppers attending the fall festival in Wilmore. There were a variety of musicians who played, food vendors and plenty of arts and crafts. Many thanks to the Community Development Board and the members who worked so hard to make this a well attended event.

I have lived in Wilmore for 38 years. Now I am moving back to Indiana to be with my family there. I have been thinking about Wilmore, and what a unique city it is. With Asbury College and Asbury Seminary, Wilmore is known around the world! Wilmore has the World Gospel Mission Student Center, the OMS Student Center and the Salvation Army Student Center. Besides this they have other Christian and missionary organizations: The Francis Asbury Society, Evangelism Resources, Go International whose personnel speak in our country and minister in many foreign countries around the world. We have the Thomson Hood Veterans Center and Wesley Village. We have good schools and churches. While other little towns like Wilmore have parades, we have more! Old Fashioned Musical Christmas, the Arts & Craft Festival and the Festival of the Fourth, these events make Wilmore very unique!

I would urge you citizens of Wilmore to support your good mayor, city council, police force, city workers, fire department, and business in Wilmore such as the Fitch's IGA and all the other businesses, including the restaurants. Wilmore needs these businesses. Wilmore has been a great place for me to live.

Sincerely, Helen Pielemeier.  
PS Like many others who move from Wilmore, please visit [Wilmore.org](http://Wilmore.org) to keep up with current events in Wilmore.

## *Words of Praise for Volunteers!*

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

*Margaret Mead*

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

*William James*

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve...You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Remember to thank those who help make Wilmore a great little town. Thank you to all who volunteer and work in the City of Wilmore.

And

Pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces.

God Bless America!

## **Impressions Bluegrass Printmakers Cooperative**

Ten members of the Bluegrass Printmakers Cooperative will exhibit at The Art Depository in downtown Nicholasville, KY from October 18, 2007 through December 1, 2007. An artist's reception open to the public will be held October 26 from 4 pm until 8 pm.

This month's feature is a gathering of 10 printmakers from the Bluegrass Printmakers Co-op. Included will be woodcuts from Derrick Riley a professor at UK, monoprints from Elizabeth Foley, the groups leader and teacher at Sayre School, Jim Brancaccio.

Exhibiting members: Marta Elam Dorton, Natalia Ilieva, Derrick Riley, Cristina Igelmo, Jill Plaisted, Bobbi Stout, Elizabeth Foley, Cristina Igelmo, Jim Brancaccio, and Laura Lee Cundiff.

The mission of the Bluegrass Printmakers Cooperative, located in the lower level of LexArts, is to be a thriving studio in the Lexington area where printmakers may work; to create a dialogue about prints and art; to expose and educate the community about prints and the printmaking process through classes, demonstrations, and workshops; and to give printmakers an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work.

**The Art Depository is currently open Thursday & Friday from 10 am - 7 pm, and Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Appointments can be made to view the gallery at other times by calling 859-885-0106.**

## **Wilmore Senior Community Center Activities in November**

In addition to dining and library services, plus classes in exercise, creative writing, watercolor painting, arts and crafts and more, all area seniors are invited to the following special events...

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 am**

### **Organ Favorites of Richard Dwyer**

Centenary and Andover United Methodist Church organist, Richard Dwyer, returns to the Village to play a full hour of organ favorites in honor of his good friend and fellow musician, Gerard Faber.

**Free and open to the public.**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm**

### **Asbury College Masterworks Series**

Asbury's finest "Vocal Collegium" students come to perform a program of heavenly Renaissance and Baroque a capella sacred music under the direction of Dr. Vicki Bell. Refreshments follow.

**Free and open to the public.**

**Mondays and Wednesdays, November 12<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3:00 pm**

### **Computer Basics**

Senior Net of Kentucky returns to offer personalized instruction for those just beginning to explore the world of what a computer can do. You do not need to own a computer to join! Registration fee: \$45. For more information, call Alan at 858-3865 ext. 238.

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm**

### **Community Vespers**

Former state senator and head of CBMC International, Family Court Judge Tim Philpot comes to share a message of inspiration.

**Free and open to the public.**

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

### **Movie Night: "The Ultimate Gift"**

When his wealthy grandfather (James Garner) finally dies, shallow Jason (Drew Fuller) expects to get rich quick by inheritance. Instead he's presented with a series of character-building challenges that lead him to the true meaning of life. Recent Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin and Lee Meriwether also star in this heart-warming drama for the holidays.

**Free and open to the public.**

**For more information on the life-enriching activities of  
the Wilmore Senior Community Center, please call**

**Alan Beuscher at Wesley Village,**

**858-3865 ext. 238.**

# A River Runs

By Gilbert Roller

All day long, women pass by on the road, carrying the river on their heads. In buckets, pans and tubs the river goes into the village. The nationals carry everything on their heads—clothes, a large, floppy dead fish, baskets of produce from their gardens, bundles of sticks for their cooking fires.

The water in the river that runs through the Congo village of Nundu is both good and bad, necessary and evil, life giving and life taking. Cholera bacteria are in the water. Like a snake in the tall grass, it is invisible, but coiled and ready to strike. Many a child and many adults have died from the innocent looking water.

The river flows deep and makes an excellent bathtub. The river flows swift and makes a primitive washing machine. The river carries fish to the big lake. The river's bank becomes a fish market.

There is beauty in the river. There is beauty along its shore. There is beauty in the people who come to the river. Dust, dirt, poverty and breathtaking beauty are together everywhere.

There is beauty in the pump that stands in the yard of the hospital. The pump lifts water, good and pure, from inside the earth. The pump battles the river for supremacy. If the pump does not work, the people will drink the river and some will die from its germs and parasites. Leonard and Habibu are in charge of keeping the pump working. If the pump stops working, there are no hardware stores to go to for spare parts or materials to repair it.

One day the pump stops working. When I ask Leonard if he can fix it, he replies, "It doesn't make any difference if I can fix it or not. I have to fix it."

The conversation between Habibu and Leonard goes something like this:

"Bwana, the pump is broken. The water's gone."

Len replies, "Habibu, the roundness has worn smooth. There is no store to buy another part."

Habibu tells Len, "Bwana, the parts are strained to dust. The holes are too clogged to work."

With resignation Len answers, "Habibu, we'll drill new holes. We'll first freeze the part and then boil it to

try to open the holes."

After the boiling Habibu exclaims, wide-eyed, "Bwana, the frozen has thawed! The injectors were soaked."

Leonard expresses hope, "Habibu, my mother is praying. The water must run again."

Habibu counters with, "Bwana, the Lord must grind that shaft with us. The Lord must balance the weight."

In exhaustion Len replies, "Habibu, the engine needs power to crank it. Let the glory of praise find its voice."

Then, holding the part whose holes have been opened through freezing and boiling, Leonard says, "Habibu, the Lord has won the victory. The pump runs again!"

Leonard and Karen Roller were missionaries in the Congo in the nineteen nineties. Being in charge of the water supply in Nundu was like being a miracle worker every day.

Gilbert Roller and his wife Geri visited their missionary sons, Leonard in Congo and Malawi, Africa, and David in Mexico and Chile. Gilbert, a pianist, organist, music teacher and composer, is a member of the Wilmore Writers Group.

## **WILMORE WRITERS GROUP**

*Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm*

Wilmore Community Senior Center

at Wesley Village

***Crafts and Activities Room***

*\$10 per semester*

*FREE for Community Center members*

**New Writers Welcome**

**Wilmore Community Residents**

**Beginners and Experienced Writers**

**Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Prose**

**For information call Shirley McMillan,  
858-0385.**

## Needed: 555 Rolls

Some Wilmore houses might have noticed a letter stuck to their door as October transitioned to November.

Five Asbury College students are partnering with the Wilmore/High Bridge Community Center to collect 555 rolls of toilet paper for families in the community whose food stamps do not cover such essentials. The drive, dubbed "555 The TP Drive," aims to collect 555 four-packs of toilet paper from College and Seminary students, faculty, and members of the community.

The drive was initiated by a group project in Asbury's Group Communications class. Students Stephen Brooks, Austin Schrock, Alex Keyser, Liz Stephan, and Emily Moore are heading up the advertising and collections. They chose the goal of 555 four-packs in order to supply the Center with enough TP for a year of donations.

Several businesses in the community have also donated money towards the drive; these include Hot Stone Pizzeria, Subway, Fitch's IGA, Casa De Jose, Great Wall, Clay's Barber Shop, Tastebuds, Jodi's Beauty Boutique, and Highbridge Springwater.

The students will be collecting the TP November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the Community Center takes donations year-round. Some of their other needs include diapers, blankets, and feminine needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions, etc.  
Feel free to call me (814) 442-1843.  
Thank you! Emily Moore

## The Wilmore Women's Club will meet Monday

November 12, Noel Rush will be giving "An Overview of the Current Railroad Industry and R. J. Corman's Railroad Services."

"A great new group in town,  
watch us go!"

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
Powerful support for weight  
loss and lifelong health.  
A non-profit organization,  
we give encouragement and  
support, make friends and are  
accountable  
to each other.

Join us Wednesdays at 12:15  
PM.

Meet at the Wilmore  
Presbyterian Church, 100 North  
Lexington Avenue

Questions? Call (859) 858-  
4277"

Betsy Nail

"Take calculated risks.  
That is quite different  
from being rash." -  
George S. Patton

If your business or organization would like to announce an event or activity please E-mail Kim Deyer at [cckimdeyer@aol.com](mailto:cckimdeyer@aol.com) or call (859) 351-0337. Otherwise, contact City Hall at 858-4411. All information is needed by the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month**. Thank you! And remember you can always say I read it in the *Wilmore Newsletter*! For additional community news and information

*Kim Deyer, editor*