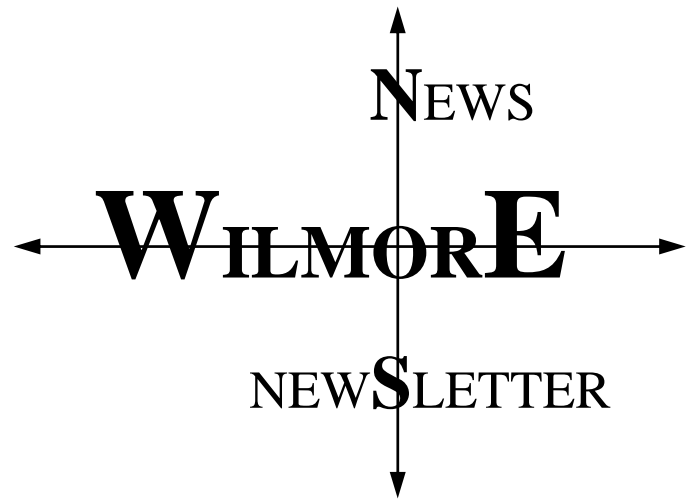


*January, 2007*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**Nelson G. Shrou III  
Promoted to Sergeant**

Chief Stephen R. Boven has announced the promotion of Officer Nelson G. Shrou to Sergeant, which was effective December 16, 2006. His duties will include that of patrol, investigations and supervision of the patrol officers.

Sergeant Shrou has proven himself by demonstrating the qualities and ability necessary to handle his new position.

Officer Nelson Shrou has been a patrolman with the Wilmore Police Department since June 2002. Prior to being sworn with Wilmore, Nelson was a Deputy Sheriff with the Jessamine County Sheriff's Department from 1999 to June 2002. Officer Shrou was also a Peace Officer with the Department of Public Safety with Transylvania University from 1997 to 1999. He worked in security from 1995 to 1997.

Nelson grew up in Bath County, where he graduated from high school. He attended Eastern Kentucky University and graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Police Administration.

While employed with the Wilmore Police Department Nelson has received several letters of commendation from both citizens and the department. In 2004 he received a departmental letter of appreciation and commendation for a series of investigations. These investigations involved solving several theft, criminal mischief and rape cases.

In November 2004, Officer Shrou received a Letter of Commendation and Medal of Meritorious Service for his dedication of duty and for his quick actions in physically restraining a male subject who was intent on killing his ex-wife. His actions averted the attempt, and subsequently saved the life of the woman. The letter commended Officer Shrou for entering a dangerous situation without regard for his own safety.

Besides the training that is required by the state at the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Officer Shrou has received his certification as a Kentucky Motor Vehicle Inspector. He also has certificates in Street Survival through Calibre Press located in Carrollton, Texas and Interviewing/ Interrogation and the advanced Interviewing and Interrogation from John Reid & Associates in Chicago, IL. Officer Shrou has been instrumental in coordinating several external training seminars sponsored by the department, such as those listed here.

Officer Shrou resides in Wilmore and is married to Jamie. The couple has three children; Christian, Caitlyn and Jacob.

Joe Walker, Sheriff  
Jessamine County Sheriff's  
Department

Mayor Harold Rainwater and Police Chief Stephen Boven honored outgoing Sheriff Joe Walker for his 20 years of Honorable Service to the Citizens of Wilmore and Jessamine County. The Mayor said that he was awarding Sheriff Walker on behalf of the Wilmore City Council, and the citizens of Wilmore in recognition, appreciation and gratitude. He went on to say that he and his brother Steve (former Jessamine County Sheriff) have provided a great service to our citizens in providing county-wide law enforcement protection and support to our police department and city.

In the recognition ceremony at the December City Council meeting Mayor Rainwater honored the Sheriff with a plaque and by presenting him with a "Citizens Service Medal" for the outstanding life-time achievement of service to this community. The Citizens Service Medal is the highest award given by the Mayor of the City of Wilmore.

Chief Boven in his honoring Sheriff Walker, presented his plaque and said that Sheriff Walker had taken the Sheriff's Department and advanced it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The leadership under the Walker's administration has increased the professionalism in the Sheriff's Department and said that Sheriff Walker was to be commended.

Chief Boven said in his presentation that the "warmth and support I have felt from you and your family has meant a great deal to me."

**CONGRATULATIONS  
FOR  
50 YEARS  
IN BUSINESS!**

At the December 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting two businesses were honored for 50 years in business in Wilmore. Those honored were Fitch's IGA and Clay's Barber Shop. Leonard and Emily Fitch along with Johnny, Amy and their two daughters Abby Jo and Jessie were present to receive a plaque commending the family's many years of service to the community. Clay Tankersley and his wife Jackie also were presented a plaque for the Barber Shop's 50 years of operation in Wilmore.

**Please take the time out of your busy schedule to thank these proprietors for their pride in establishing their successful businesses in Wilmore.**

Wilmore's Old Fashioned Musical Christmas

Wilmore's Old Fashioned Musical Christmas is held annually on the first Saturday in December. The winter festival draws together families, neighbors, friends and students to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. This all day long event keeps the city workers, fire and police departments and businesses owners very busy. Thanks to the Lions Club for providing the judges for the Best Decorated Homes Contest, flipping bunches of pancakes and keeping the coffee hot during the Pancake Breakfast. Many thanks to those who worked, volunteered and participated making

this year's festival another great success. A special thank you to ALL the musicians who performed. Many talented musicians played and jammed together inside the local businesses. Business owners provided Christmas delights and warm hospitality.

The Festival Committee is always looking for ways to improve our festivals. Any suggestions you may have can be directed to the Parks & Recreation office at 858-9031.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful year!

Another annual activity that many folks enjoyed were the horse carriage rides throughout downtown, compliments of the City of Wilmore, that took place in the sunshine and blue skies.

Elves of many sizes showed up for the Elf Contest. It was great to see so many Santa helpers! Hope to see you next year! Until then, don't work too hard!

At the tree lighting ceremony, Clay and Bernice Corman presented their beloved friends, Leonard and Emily Fitch with a brand new 2007 cherry red corvette with a tan convertible top. The vehicle was given in an appreciation of the Fitch's dedication and hard work of 50 years in the independent grocery business. Clay and Leonard were high school classmates. Their friendship has been long and enduring. There were tears of joy, smiles, and a lot of love expressed by generous friends to very humble recipients.

After the community tree was lit, Santa hitched a ride on a fire truck to set up shop and hand out goodies to children in front of the Jessamine Christian Health Care. Families walked through town to greet him and place Christmas orders.

Each year at the Tree Lighting and at the Grand Finale, the musical direction is under Dr. Ron Holz . (Pictured on the right in the above picture.) This music is always a highlight. He brings together a community choir of voices from the Wilmore churches and the College and Seminary. Those folks set the stage that puts everyone in the Christmas spirit in Wilmore. He also directs the Salvation Army Band whose brass instruments symbolize the trumpets of Christmas.

The musicians enjoyed performing as much as the community members loved to listen to these jammin' bands! Thanks to Johnny Fitch for finding musicians to play in the businesses. And thank you to those who stepped up and enjoyed themselves for the benefit of others.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## **BEST DECORATED HOMES**

### **Southeast**

1. 308 Walters Lane Tommy Wells
2. 219 S. Lexington (Glen Grossman)
3. 200 ½ E. Main (Faye Hogue)

### **Southwest**

1. 103 Lowry Lane Don and Roberta Zent
2. 118 Pickett St. (Steve Rehner)
3. 147 Lowry Lane (Edie Moon)

### **Northeast**

1. 108 Rabbit Trail Chuck and Jody Brock
2. 101 Creekwood
3. 801 Woodspointe

### **Northwest**

1. 130 Asbury Dr. Rhonda Bryant
2. 403 Akers Dr.
3. 403 Corbitt (Tim Johnson)

## **ELF CONTEST WINNERS**

0-3    LAWSON DECESSA

4-8    TY HUTCHENS

9-12    MACKENZIE SAYRE

13& UP    BRENDA KIRKPATRICK

**THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!**

## Spring Fever

It happens every year. Sometime in February the seed catalogs begin arriving and I get a major attack of spring fever. Perusing the pages filled with pictures of gorgeous flowers, succulent vegetables, mouth-watering fruits and elegant trees, I can't help myself. I begin to dream and plan. With a red marker I circle the items I *must* add to my garden this year.

I will fill my garden with exotic flowers that will be the talk of the neighborhood. I will grow enough vegetables to feed an entire family. I will add fruit trees, flaming maples and a weeping willow to my miniscule landscape.

And I will plant a blueberry bush or two. The "Patriot Hybrid" looks like a great choice. It's "Known for consistent yields. Produces up to 20 pounds of fruit per plant. Deep blue fruit ripens in July. Flavor is rich, berries are extra large—firmer and flatter than most. Shows good resistance to root rot. Zones 3-7." As the catalog people have noted on my address panel, I live in hardiness zone 6.

Yes, I *must* plant blueberries. Maybe half a dozen bushes. At \$9.75 each, total \$58.50 plus shipping and handling, I could get a yield of 120 pounds and fill my freezer with enough luscious, healthful blueberries to last all year. I'll have to buy a freezer for my garage to hold all the blueberries.

As health and nutrition experts tell us, blueberries are jam-packed with essential vitamins. I'll have blueberries with my breakfast cereal every morning. I'll make blueberry muffins, blueberry pancakes, blueberry waffles, blueberry pies, blueberry crunch, blueberry cheesecake. The possibilities for healthy eating are endless. This will be the year of the blueberry at my house.

And the year of the strawberry too. I must order that three-tiered strawberry pyramid featured on page 62. In a six-foot-diameter circle with a sprinkler in the center I can grow fifty strawberry plants that could produce fifty pounds of fruit.

The strawberry pyramid sells for only \$34.95. Add netting to keep birds from consuming my strawberries (\$25.75), a support for the netting (\$24.75), mulch and planting soil to fill the raised tiers (maybe \$30), and an eight-ounce jug of "Bee-Scent" (\$11.45) guaranteed to entice bees to my berry patch and increase fruit set and fruit size. For only \$126.90 I'll reap a bumper crop of strawberries costing me only about \$2.50 a pound! Or \$3 a pound if I have to pay someone to install the strawberry pyramid (estimated cost \$75).

Oh well, my attack of spring fever was fun while it lasted, but all this figuring has cooled my fervor. I think I will just purchase my blueberries and strawberries at the market or a U-pick patch as I've always done.

And maybe I won't bother planting tomatoes and bell peppers in that small patch by the garage. I could sow a packet of wildflower seeds and enjoy a riot of color all summer long. Hmm-mm. The more I think of it, the better that idea sounds.

By Shirley McMillan

### **THE WILMORE WRITERS GROUP meets in the Wilmore Community Senior Center**

at Wesley Village  
Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 pm.  
Writers from the community are welcome  
(young or old, seasoned or beginners).

For information, call  
Shirley McMillan, 858-0385

## What's New at the Wilmore Senior Community Center in January?

In addition to daily dining, library services, and ongoing classes in exercise, creative writing, handcrafts, watercolor painting, photography and genealogy the following will be offered in January:

**Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 1 to 3 PM**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

### *"Computer Word Processing"*

Learn the basics of this most helpful computer function with an expert from Senior Net of Kentucky. You do not need to own a computer to join in! Cost of six sessions with all materials included: \$49. Instructor: Mike Seiler.

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM**

**Jessamine Crossroads Monthly Forum:**

**How Our County is Plugged into the World.**

### **"Jessamine Captains of Industry"**

A fascinating look at locally-based industry whose pioneering influence stretches far beyond the Bluegrass. Recent companies featured include **Alltech Biotechnology**, title sponsor of the 2010 World Equestrian Games and the **R.J. Corman Railroad Group** who served a vital role in Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts. Tentatively scheduled for January: **Sargent and Greenleaf Security Company** as recently featured on John Ratzenberger's "Made in America" cable TV show. Moderator: Jeff McDonald, Jessamine County Adult Education Coordinator. **Free and open to the public.**

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 PM**

**Book Discussion Group**

**"A Kentucky Woodsman Restored"**

Author **Steve Flairty** will present his in-depth biography of Tim Farmer. Supper included for a cost of \$10. For more information, please call Ruth Butler at 858-8910.

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**

**Village Movie Night**

The 1934 Academy Award winning Best Picture, "It Happened One Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, will be presented on the Center's large screen. Don't miss this classic Frank Capra film that started a craze for more romantic "screwball" comedies! **Free and open to the public.**

**For more information on all the many life-enriching activities at Wilmore's Senior Community Center please call Alan Beuscher at Wesley Village, 858-3865 ext. 238.**

## CALENDAR READY FOR NEW YEAR

Now that the community of Wilmore has welcomed the New Year, every household should have the 2007 edition of the Wilmore Calendar. With twelve award-winning photos, it remains on sale at local merchants as well as at City Hall. A custom made calendar frame is also available in colors of burgundy or green at the Rose Garden.

To purchase a discounted bulk order of 50 or more calendars, please call Russell Williams at 321-2484. He can also provide information regarding unfinished calendar frames.

The Wilmore Calendar offers a wonderful connection for friends of Wilmore who were once residents but now are scattered across the country.

Happy New Year  
from the Wilmore City Council  
May 2007 be healthy, safe and  
prosperous for you and yours!

### **"Adult Art Class with Janice Miller"**

*Instructor: Janice Miller*

*Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 9<sup>h</sup>  
6:30-8:30 pm*

*at the Rice House in Wilmore*

*Class fee: \$28 per month (4 classes)*

*Class size is limited*

For more information and to sign up, please  
contact Janice Miller  
at 858-2519.

## The Wilmore 2007 Community Calendar

Rules for the Contest: Scenes in the Wilmore zip code; sites of fond memories; maximum of eight photos per entry; all photos were coded with out names & judged by an independent 3-person panel of artist/photographers.

Winners of the Photo Contest:

January - Steve Milans

February – Renee Frantum

March – Renee Frantum

April – Brandon Rexford

May – Steve Milans

June – Dwight Menefee

July – Dan Smith

August – Brandon Rexford

September – Steve Milans

October – Dwight Menefee

November – Holle Frisbie

December – Steve Milans

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OF THE WINNERS,  
BEAUTIFUL WORK!!

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 858-2837. 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 please visit the Wilmore web-site online at [www.wilmore.org](http://www.wilmore.org).

*Kim Deyer, editor*