



April, 2009

**WILMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT
SAYS FAREWELL
TO THEIR LEADER**

Wilmore Fire Chief Jeff L. Anderson is saying goodbye to his Wilmore post and moving to Morehead, KY. Chief Anderson has accepted the position of Fire Chief for the City of Morehead Fire Department and retiring his current position as Chief of the WFD. Jeff became a volunteer firefighter for Wilmore in 1980 at the age of 20; following in the footsteps of the father the late James A. "Jimmy" Anderson. Chief Jimmy Anderson served the department for 40 years. He was the Chief from 1982 till 1999 when he retired. Jeff took the reins from Jimmie in 1999, prior to that he served as Major, Training Officer and then the Assistant Chief. He has devoted much of his life in Wilmore and with other local agencies. He has been a firefighter with the Jessamine County Fire District since 1999. He also was a career firefighter with the Nicholasville Fire Department from 1998-1999. Chief Anderson has given many young men the opportunity to serve their community as volunteer firefighters. Jeff hired the first and currently only female firefighter. Many of the candidates that he hired have gone on to become career firefighters locally and in other states.

His aggressive attitude towards safety has driven him to replace and update much of the department's equipment. Over the last few years he has replaced all of the departments SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) that makes our department compatible with the other fire agencies in the area. All of the firefighters now have new PPE (personal protective equipment). Chief Anderson also helped get Wilmore the latest fire engine - a 2008 Custom Built pumper labeled Engine 1 it replaces our 1997 Freightliner and is that truck is now our rescue pumper.

Chief Anderson has built a strong foundation in the department that we will continue to build upon for many years to come. He leaves behind a legacy of service, commitment and dedication. He has made many members of the department better people, not just firefighters and officers, but better servants of the community. His leadership has filled us with pride for our occupation. It has been an honor to serve under one of the most respected fire officers in the state. So, citizens of Wilmore join us in saying "farewell" to our local hero. We will miss him, and never forget what he has done for this community and wish him good luck in Morehead!

By: Johnathan N. Adams,
Assistant Fire Chief

I have known Jeff since we were in the first grade at Wilmore Elementary. We grew up just a few houses down the street from each other, so I am saying goodbye to more than just an excellent fire chief, but also to a very good friend. Jeff's dad was Wilmore's fire chief for many years before him and he was a big influence on Jeff. After school our bikes would become fire trucks and we would race down the street to put out the make believe fires; I always knew it would be just a matter of time before Jeff would follow in his dad's footsteps.

As a City Council member, I am grateful to Jeff for his dedication and commitment not only as Chief to his department, but to our City. Citizens, who have unfortunately had to call on the service of the Wilmore Fire Department, almost always compliment Jeff after the fact for his leadership and ability to handle tense situations.

Over the years Jeff has improved the department in many ways, most notably through networking with other departments and writing grants to obtain funds for equipping his firefighters and trucks. The citizens of Wilmore can all thank Jeff for saving us money during his tenure, too; because of his hard work, our City has consistently maintained a high fire rating, which in turn has lowered homeowners' insurance rates for all of us. Morehead may not yet realize it, but they are getting more than just a well trained, dedicated professional firefighter, but also a man who will raise their department to a higher level from all perspectives. Good luck Jeff, my friend, I will miss seeing you around town.

Sincerely, Jim Brumfield

Jeff Anderson comes from a family that has served the community of Wilmore for over 100 years. His father served as a fireman and later chief for 38 years. His sister, Phyllis has served over 30 years as the Utility Clerk at City Hall. Jeff has served, as did his father for over 29 years. Jeff's mother, Irene Anderson has always been a backbone to the lives of a family who has devoted much time to our community. Wilmore has been blessed by this wonderful family and owes a great debt of gratitude and thanks.

Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

Several awards were presented to Chief Anderson at a reception held for him for his many years of service to the City:

House of Representatives
Certificate presented and read by
Mayor Harold L. Rainwater in
State Representative Bob Damron's
absence.

A Community Service Medal and
Certificate presented by the
Mayor

A desk clock presented by the
Mayor

Recognition plaque from the
Jessamine County Fiscal Court
presented by Judge Wm Cassity

Police Chief's medal and
certificate presented by Police
Chief Steve Boven

And by all means, a big key to
the City!

CONGRATULATIONS JEFF!

For the almost 20 years that I have been working in Wilmore I have seen Fire Chief Jeff Anderson working as a Wilmore Fireman, as well as in the community. In my observations, I have seen Jeff as a totally dedicated and professional. In his dedication, he has striven to improve and professionalize the Fire Department; improve and enhance his and the department's relations with the surrounding fire departments and with the Police Department. He has continued to provide assistance to the Police Department and to the community at large whenever he has the opportunity. He has come to our aid at traffic accidents, other accidents which were non-traffic related, emergency medical situations, taught classes to members of our department, provided security for special events by blocking roads and any other request made. Chief Anderson has worked a full time job as well as heading the volunteer Fire Department for the City. The pressures and time factor has been great, all the while with no retirement. I am please that Chief Anderson will now have a full time position as Fire Chief at Morehead that will provide him with one job, instead of two and with a hazardous duty retirement. Chief Anderson is a good man with a good name. He is a great human being and a great American, which includes being an outstanding Kentuckian.

Stephen R. Boven, Chief of Police

Jeff Anderson, Wilmore Fire Department Chief, has been a pleasure to work with as a professional and to know as a friend. He has always been more than willing to participate in the Parks & Recreation events and make them the fun, family-friendly times they have grown to be. The Festival of the Fourth Parade would not be the same without the antique fire truck (and all the new trucks) leading the way with lights and sirens and flags waving. Old-Fashioned Musical Christmas and also, Treats on Main simply would not be as festive or safe, without the fire trucks blocking the street and the Chief and company out talking to the community. Thank you, Chief Anderson for being a true "community" friend. Wilmore Parks & Recreation will miss YOU!

Amy Fitch, Director
Wilmore Parks & Recreation

Congratulations to the West Jessamine High School Boys Basketball Team!!!

Congratulations to the West Jessamine High School Boys Basketball Team! Did you know that many of the boys who played on the team were from Wilmore? The boy's team made a first ever showing into the Sweet Sixteen for West Jessamine! The team made it to the Final Four in an effort to win the State Title. The Sweet Sixteen Tournament was held at Rupp Arena.

The three seniors all from Wilmore included Randy Troyer, Nick Zeiman and Jonathan Rehner. They won the 12th Region and then it was then off to Rupp Arena to play in the Sweet Sixteen.

**CELEBRATE WITH THE
WEST JESSAMINE
BASKETBALL TEAM**

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

3:00 PM

IN THE GYM

*Hope to see the
Colts back up at
Rupp in 2010!!!*

Team member included :Jared Polson, Keston Bartholomew, Austin Dunn, Brandon Hagar, Sean Donaldson, Jonathan Rehner, Dylan Pohl, David Elliott, Bradley Strait. Will Henderson, Randy Troyer, Kyle Mefford, Nick Zeiman, Josh Carroll, Jeff Zeiman, and David Martin. Coaches Dean Gary, Ken Lawson, Assistant Coach Derrick Springate, Head Coach Robert Hammonds, Coach Raz, and Adam James. (10 of the 16 boys are from Wilmore !)

The kids at West Jessamine High School lost a dear friend during the excitement of the basketball games. Ryan Robinson was with his friends as a normal teenager one week and died suddenly of MRSA within a few days. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Robinson family and to his many friends and teammates. Ryan was a soccer player and to show respect fellow athletes and cheerleaders displayed the #9 on t-shirts and shoes. Ryan was in the junior class.

2010 CENSUS PARTNER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

WHEREAS more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

WHEREAS census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

WHEREAS the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

Now, therefore, we PROCLAIM that the City of Wilmore is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in Wilmore, KY to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this day

,in the year 2009.

Signature

Title

April Events at the Wilmore Senior Community

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

Thursday, April 2nd, 3:30 pm
Asbury College Masterworks Series

Dr. Bea Holz and the Women's Choir will present a joyful program of spirituals, hymns and classics.

Fridays, April 3rd and 17th, 1:15 pm
Adventure Hour: Lost in China

The exciting National Geographic video series continues with "Kicked from Gansu" & "Beijing Boom." Produced by Jeff and Peter Hutchins.

Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 pm
Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a loved one is a most important yet often most stressful role in life. For more information on how to cope call 887-2696..

Friday, April 17th, 2:30 pm

Health Seminar: "Don't Ignore Your Blood Pressure!"

Hospice Extra Care staff will offer free screenings and helpful ways to maintain healthy blood pressure for mind, body and spirit.

Tuesday, April 21st, 3:30 pm
Community Vespers

Retired Asbury Seminary Prof., Dr. Kenneth Kinghorn, will bring the inspirational message. Special music by Mrs. Hilda Kinghorn.

Thursday, April 30th, 10 to 12 noon
Busy Hands, Happy Hearts Arts and Crafts

A new 5-week instructional series begins: "Introduction to Rug Hooking."

All materials and tools will be provided for the first class.

Thursday, April 30th, 3:00 pm
Oakdale Christian Academy Presents

Students from this exceptional Jackson, KY, school will perform a variety of music, plus classical guitar by president/director, Daniel Fisher.

Thursday, April 30th, 6:00 pm
Movie Night: Flicka

Country Singer, Tim McGraw, stars in this 2006 remake of the 1943 classic family film based on Mary O'Hara's book.

For more details on all the life-enriching activities of the Wilmore Senior Community Center, please call Alan at Wesley Village, 858-3865 ext. 238. Most events unless otherwise noted are **free and open to the public.**

Community Service Center of Wilmore - High Bridge Spotlights Volunteers Joe and Jo Ann Fletcher

For 15 years since he retired, Joe Fletcher has delivered meals with the Lunch Bunch. When he has another appointment, his wife Jo Ann delivers for him.

In 1956 the Georgetown, Kentucky, natives moved to Wilmore where Joe continued his work as a butcher. He butchered for 45 years, the last 15 in his own shop. Jo Ann worked for Farmers Bank for 34 years rising to manager of the Wilmore branch. Jo Ann still works once a week at Central Bank in Lexington. Both Joe and Jo Ann are precinct officers.

They have two daughters and one son, 7 grandchildren and 1 step-grandchild, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

Joe loves to fish and walk Hank their basset hound. They enjoy traveling, too.

If you would like to join the Lunch Bunch as a regular driver or an alternate or perhaps need information about receiving lunches, please contact: Connie Sunda at 858-2819

FLOWER SALE

**Saturday, May 2
(Derby Day)**

**At the Firehouse on
West Linden Street**

9:00 am -12:00 noon

PLEASE. No Early Birds!!!

Wilmore Creation Care

Next Meeting: April 16th at 7pm,
TOPIC: "Companion Vegetable Gardening", a practice that enhances the growth of plants as one item benefits another. A master gardener is our upcoming speaker.

WCC 's future activities will be: Recycling upcoming concerts at the Green (Friday and Saturday nights). Recycling at Ichthus. Planting trees in the local parks. Cleaning up around the county. Operating the Community Garden on the grounds of Great Commission Fellowship (call Chris at (859) 509- 3928 if you wish to have a plot {small fee.})

Meetings are held at 7pm, at the Homeplace B&B, 206, S. Lexington Avenue in Wilmore. No dues or fees for attendance all are welcomed. Call 858-4431 for info.

Academic Scholarships in Art, Drama, Music

The Jessamine County Special Events Committee will award two \$500 scholarships to Jessamine County students entering college in fall 2009 to pursue a major in art, drama or music. Applications are available from the Jessamine County school web sites, counselors at the high schools or by contacting 858-3895. Deadline for the applications is April 15, 2009.

Scholarship funding is derived from last year's final annual production of the outdoor drama, "The Paul Sawyer Story" at the High Bridge Park Pavilion. Sawyer, considered by many to be Kentucky's most famous artist, lived for several years on a shanty boat on the Kentucky River beneath High Bridge. The script was written by Mrs. Elexene Cox who has directed a large cast of volunteers for the past six years.

Contact: Judy Woolums at 858-3895
Jessamine County Special Events Committee

The Wilmore Woman's Club

Invites all Wilmore women to the meeting on Monday, April 13, at 7 pm in the Community Center at Wesley Village.

Mayor Harold Rainwater will discuss Wilmore's Disaster Preparedness Plans

Ample parking is provided in the well-lighted parking lot. Refreshments will be served

Wilmore's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th at 1:00pm.
Wilmore Centennial Park located behind the Ichthus Grounds.
(Please enter the park via Kinlaw Drive off Highway 1268.)

There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, along with prizes for winners during the Egg Hunt. Games and activities will also take place from 12:30 to 2:00pm, thanks to Wilmore United Methodist Church Children's Ministry.

This FREE event is co-sponsored by the Community Service Center of Wilmore/High Bridge & Wilmore Parks & Recreation. For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 858-9031 or wilmorep@earthlink.net.

Asbury Theological Seminary will
be hosting a 5K Run/Walk in
Wilmore
with all proceeds to support the
D.A.R.E. program at the
Wilmore Elementary School.

Saturday, May 2, 2009 - 8:00am.

The race will start at the
Wilmore UMC and run a similar
course as the July run.

Pre-Register by April 18th:
\$10.00

Race day Registration: \$15.00

For more information or to
register please contact ATS
Health & Wellness

Assistant Randa Stovall at:
randa.stovall@asburyseminary.edu

Look for entry forms to be
distributed around the community
soon!

Wilmore is excited to share our
new website off thanks to Steve
Milans! Go to wilmore.org and view
the Site. Contact him at
webmaster@wilmore.org for any
questions or concerns. He soon
will be including Wilmore's many
ministries for the first time.
Those interested can send names,
phone #'s, website information and
email addresses if they want their
ministry included.

**Perkins Chapel A.M.E.
CHURCH**

119 Scott Street

Choir Day

A congregation celebration!

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Pastor: Brother Jeffrey

**The Write People meet on
Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 pm
in the Arts and Crafts room of the
Community Center at Wesley Village.**

Writers and wannabe writers are welcome,
experienced or inexperienced. Whether you
write for self-expression or dream of being
published, come and join the fun. Bring a
writing pad and pen and a piece of your writing
(story, poem, essay, article, or whatever) to
share with the group for feedback. Call Shirley
McMillan at 858-0385 or email
sigmcmillan@aol.com Or just show up!

Many enjoyed Wilmore Ballet's
performance of "Joy" for Wilmore's Old
Fashioned Musical Christmas. You are
invited to Wilmore Ballet's spring
performance of

"Jesus Our Savior"

May 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

Wilmore Elementary

Free admission

Any questions please call
Roxanne Wood, 858-4034.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday May 28 from 11-4

Sponsored by Sims Drugs

**The RV van will be parked in
the City Hall parking lot.**

PHOTOGRAPH OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Sessions at Simple Grace

Sitting fee: \$35

Please check the Blog for info:

www.simplegrace.typepad.com

Recycle Schedule

Pick up is on Wednesdays

every other week

SECTION A

SECTION B

(Monday & Thursday) (Tuesday & Friday)

9th & 23rd

2nd 16th & 30th

If your business or organization would like to announce an event or activity please E-mail Kim Deyer at cckimdeyer@aol.com or call (859) 351-0337. Otherwise, contact City Hall at 858-4411. All information is needed by the **15th 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 wilmore.org

Kim Deyer, editor