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*Merry Christmas!*

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

40 students and 20 instructors representing the following fire departments all took place in a training session held in Wilmore. The departments included: Wilmore, Lexington, Jessamine Co. Fire District, Nicholasville, Anderson Co., Boyle Co., Danville, Stamping Ground, Lancaster, Olive Hill and Lincoln Co. FD all took part in a training session held in Wilmore. (Above, fire fighters from all of the various departments listed stop to capture a moment of great training and fellowship.)

The house was donated by Asbury University last August and it was used a few times in the months before burning it by practicing how to position apparatus for a structure fire, the different ways to lay a supply line from a hydrant to establish a water supply and stretching and advancing hoselines while simulating that the house was on fire. Training sessions such as this on are vitally important because fire departments indeed have to practice in order to do it correctly and proficiently when a real fire occurs.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS, Continued

The paperwork involved an Application for Fire Training with the KY Division of Air Quality and a 20 page Kentucky Fire Commission Application for Live Fire Training. KY Division of Air Quality required Asbury to have the house tested for asbestos. The Fire Commission Application was to ensure we were following the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1403 for Live Fire Training. NFPA 1403 is a long list of requirements to ensure the training is conducted safely. Every single detail of how the training would be conducted had to be listed. The Fire Commission governs all training conducted within the Commonwealth and they want to ensure the training will be conducted correctly and all standards will be followed. The Air Quality Application was to ensure that the environment would be protected as much as possible. The KY Air Quality supervisor from the Frankfort Regional Office also made a personal visit to the house, which is a standard practice to ensure we had followed all the rules.

Following Air Quality's rules required a lot of work. Removal of all flooring material (carpet, padding, vinyl flooring), vinyl siding, asphalt shingles, all plastics (mini blinds, light fixtures, bath tubs), and remove all the windows. A total of 10 firefighters from WFD and JCFD worked two 10 hour days to accomplish all the work with the help of the city's backhoe.

You're probably wondering what they used to burn the house since they removed all the good stuff right? By following NFPA 1403 they could not use any flammable liquids so instead used a lot of straw and pallets. In each room they stacked pallets in one corner and then filled them with straw. Each "set" consisted of about 10 pallets and a couple bales of straw. They burned one room at a time until the room was destroyed then moved on to the next. Each room was good for about 6 or 7 individual fires. The instructors would set the pallets/straw on fire then throw more straw on until the fire was rolling across the ceiling. Then the students would advance the hoseline to the room on fire, observe the fire behavior (they learned all about fire behavior in the classroom) and attack the fire (extinguish it). While advancing the hoseline, the visibility was usually at or near zero. There were 48 separate fires throughout the day and 150 pallets and 53 bales of straw were used.

Normally there are only 1 or 2 house fires a year in Wilmore, which is a great thing for the residents, but not for the fire fighters. Live fire experience is critical for a firefighter to be "good" at what they're supposed to do. When you only respond to one or two real fires a year it's hard to gain that experience.

Fourteen WFD firefighters attended the house burn and each one had the opportunity to extinguish 5 fires. That being said, it would normally take them 5 years to get the experience they received in one day. Truthfully, probably more like 10 years because not every firefighter makes every fire that occurs in Wilmore due to the fact that they are volunteers. Basically, sending a firefighter into a fire without live fire training would be like sending a cop to a robbery in progress without ever letting him/her practice shooting their gun. Kind of scary, huh? I'm not sure if Asbury University realizes how much they have affected this community in a positive way by donating the house. WFD will be able to operate with more experience and, in turn, the community is better protected; not to mention all the other firefighters from other communities that attended.

As a side note, if the City of Wilmore had to send 14 of our fire department members to a fire school to receive this training (which is usually how it would be obtained if at all) it would have cost the fire dept. approx \$700 just for the class fee (normal cost is \$50 per student for a fire school; that's not including food, gas, and the hotel rooms. The only cost for WFD to burn the house was for lunch that was provided to all students and instructors at approx \$200 total. I have to add that the wives and girlfriends prepared all the food and made several desserts, too. High Bridge Springs donated the bottled water. (Thanks!)

If at any time anyone knows of a house being condemned or torn down please contact: Fire Chief Jimmy Powers at Wilmore Fire Department, Phone: (859) 858-3222 or City Hall 858-4411.

Jeremy Wheatley  
Captain

*Editors note: Many thanks to the men and women who volunteer in the Wilmore Fire Department and who continue to serve our great community. God bless you and your families during the holidays and every day of the year for helping make our lives safe. We appreciate your hard work and dedication. Folks, please take the time to thank our men and women who serve in our Fire and Police Departments.*

## Home Fire Safety

The Wilmore Fire Department wishes to promote fire safety in our community. This article will focus on Home Fire Safety and Target Hazards in and around the home. The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about home fire safety or any fire safety issues. Be Safe!

Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Adams

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame. The pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.
- FINALLY... Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.

Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS YOU CAN APPLY FOR FREE DETECTORS. CALL OR EMAIL ASSISTANT CHIEF ADAMS**  
Email any questions or requests to Assistant Chief Adams at [fdasstchief@windstream.net](mailto:fdasstchief@windstream.net)



## Wilmore Police Department Solves Recent Crimes

Wilmore Police Officers have solved 3 recent break-ins, one of which was an armed robbery.

The first occurred at Clay's Barber shop located in downtown Wilmore. Taken from Clay's Barbershop were 15 University of Kentucky basketballs signed by players and/or coaches, some of which were from championship teams. Sgt. Nelson Shroust and Officer Jeff Bol conducted the investigation, which led to the identification of 3 persons. Sufficient evidence has been gathered for the indictment of Hugh Byron Sims IV (HB) for receiving and concealing stolen property – a felony. According to Officer Bol there is insufficient evidence to charge the other two suspects at this time. Some of the basketballs were recovered from pawn shops. The remaining balls were obtained from a search warrant being executed in Nicholasville. Mr. Clay Tankersley has all but one of the stolen balls back in his possession. Mr. Sims is at large, and has not been arrested at the time of this writing (11-30-11).

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, four subjects entered a home on Berry Patch at approximately 1:30-2:00 in the morning. They held the owner at gun point and ransacked the home stealing several items. Officer Jim Parrett conducted this investigation, which resulted in the identification of all subjects involved. The names will not be released at this time. All four suspects are from Nicholasville. Officer Parrett will be submitting his investigation to the grand jury on December 7<sup>th</sup> for indictments. The Jessamine Journal is credited with helping in this case. After publishing this event in their paper the department received a tip that eventually led to the identification of the culprits.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Dr Phyllis Corbitt's office was broken into during the night. The side window was broken and one of three suspects entered and removed a small safe. Sgt. Nelson Shroust and Officer Crofton Bays investigated this crime resulting in the identification of three suspects, all of which have been indicted for the offense of burglary. The safe was left outside the window when the suspect was scared off by a resident who responded to the glass breaking. The three persons indicted were Travis Stevens, Raymond Travis George and Nathan Pelfrey, all of Nicholasville.

Two of the persons that are or will be charged will also be charged as a "persistent felon," (habitual offender), which will result in additional prison time once convicted. This charge results from the offender having been convicted for a felony before.

Citizens of Wilmore, you can be proud of your officers! Not just one or two officers worked these cases to the successful conclusion but several officers were involved, including some not mentioned. They demonstrated dedication, persistence and perseverance working long hours (sometimes double shifts) to solve these crimes.

It is our privilege to serve you.  
Chief Steve Boven

### Safety Tips for Winter Driving Preparedness *From Chief Stephen Boven Wilmore Police Department*

As winter approaches, I would like to remind motorists that inclement weather driving conditions can be hazardous. If you must be on the roadways, please use the following tips to ensure a safer trip and equip yourself to deal with an emergency if necessary.

**Prepare Your Vehicle:** Check your tire tread. Make sure it is in good condition and replace tires if necessary.

**Check tire air pressure.** Make sure each tire is filled to the proper PSI listed in your owner's manual.

**Check fluid levels and heat.** Put anti-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir and check oil, brake, and power steering fluids. Make sure the defroster works properly.

**Assemble a disaster supply kit.** Include a first-aid kit, shovel, ice scraper, flashlight and batteries, sand or cat litter, blankets, candles and matches, bottled water and non-perishable snacks.

**Plan Your Travel:** Check weather and road conditions. Call 511 or visit [www.511.ky.gov](http://www.511.ky.gov) if in the state of Kentucky or 1-866-737-3767 outside of Kentucky for national road conditions.

**Keep your fuel tank near full.** If you become stranded, you will want to be able to run the heat while you wait for help to arrive.

## Wilmore Senior Community Center Events in December

In addition to dining and library services, plus classes in exercise, painting, arts and crafts and more, area seniors are invited to these special events...

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 pm A Christmas Ball

Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, dancing and live music featuring Central KY's finest Big Band, *The Metrognomes!* Dressy attire, no partners needed with line dancing. Optional swing dance class at 7:30 pm.  
Tickets: \$15 single; \$25 per couple; Students w/ID and seniors only \$10.

### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

#### Movie Night: "It's A Wonderful Life" (1946)

Come celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of director Frank Capra's most beloved American classic starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:15 pm "Carols and Classics"

Lexington's Broadway Baptist brings their 60-member choir to present a warm, rich and spirited Christmas pageant you won't soon forget!

### Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm Village Vespers

A favorite Christmas tradition featuring our very own Village Singers presenting the entire service in music.  
Director: Carol Mitchell. Accompanist: Arlene Johnson.

### Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:15 pm Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The world renowned Music Hall presents its finest – starring the world famous Rockettes!

### Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:15 pm Piano Classics

University of Kentucky doctoral candidate and Seoul, South Korea native, Seunghye Lee, will present highlights from her upcoming graduate recital including pieces by Beethoven and Chopin, plus one by contemporary composer, Muczynski.

*For more details on these and all the life-enriching activities of the*

*Wilmore Senior Community Center, please call Alan at Wesley Village,  
858-3865 ext. 238.*

All events and activities are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

## Safety Tips for Winter Driving Preparedness *Continued*

### **Prevent Crashes:**

**Drive carefully.** Allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely. Do not use cruise control on snowy or icy roadways.

Remember, stopping on snow requires four times your normal stopping distance therefore, maintain a safe following distance.

**Be seen.** Dull, cloudy, snowy days will cut down on visibility so drive using low-beam headlights.

**Know your brakes.** If you have anti-lock brakes apply firm pressure.

If you have non anti-lock brakes apply firm pressure until you feel the brakes ready to lock, then let up and apply pressure again.

**Steer into the skid.** Stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the vehicle to go.

**Bridges and overpasses** freeze before roadway. Use caution when crossing these.

### **Share the road with Snow Plows:**

**Be Patient.** Don't pass the plow.

**Be Aware.** A snow plow may create clouds and cause zero visibility

**Stay Back.** Give the plow room to work as they speed up and slow down.

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR CAMPMEETING

The Wilmore Campmeeting Board of Directors rejoices as we announce our new President Frederic P. Walsh. Fred, a Wilmore resident, fills the vacancy created when Allan Holmes resigned after many years of service to move out of state. Holmes was instrumental in the sale of the Wilmore Campmeeting Grounds to Confrontation Point Ministries and negotiating to bring the 121st annual Campmeeting to the Asbury University campus last July. The 122nd Wilmore Campmeeting will be on the University campus July 15-20, 2012.

Mr. Walsh retired from the United States Air Force in 1989 in the rank of major. He served on the Board of Trustees of four United Methodist churches between 1980 and 2005 overseeing three major construction projects and three real estate purchases. Walsh moved to Kentucky in 2005 transferring his membership to the Nicholasville UMC where he has been the prayer coordinator since 2006. That same year, he started volunteering with the Wilmore Campmeeting prayer committee.

Mr. Walsh and his wife Patricia moved to Wilmore in 2010. They have two adult married children and four grandchildren.

## Arts on Main

will present "Christmas at Clark Chapel" on Saturday, December 17th at 6 p.m. in Wilmore. The evening will have music by Kristy Kirsch and Kelly Hill on flutes, the West Jessamine Middle School Colt Chorale Honor Choir composed of over 40 students, Melissa Moores and Laura Brewer on violin and flute, and will close with Christmas music by local soloist Joe Greenfield.

Following the concert, guests are invited to a "meet and greet" opportunity with the performers and enjoy some refreshments.

Arts on Main is a collaboration of the Wilmore Community Development Board and the Clark Chapel Restoration Committee. All events are free and opened to the public; however, donations will be gratefully accepted for the restoration of beautiful and historic Clark Chapel which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an anchor in the Wilmore Downtown Renaissance District.

### **You are invited to December Worship at Wilmore Free Methodist Church!**

"iHope Christmas" Children's Musical - Sunday,  
Dec 4 - 6:00 p.m.

Musical Celebration of Christmas –  
Sunday, Dec 11 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Caroling - Sunday Dec 18 - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services - Saturday, Dec 24 - 5:00  
p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Services - Sunday, Dec 25 - 8:30  
a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Wilmore Free Methodist Church, 1200 Lexington  
Rd. Call 858-3521 or visit [www.wfmc.net](http://www.wfmc.net).

### Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol Musical

December 9, 10, 16, 17, 2011  
at 7:00 p.m. in the evening  
and 2:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday matinees

McKenna Chapel  
Asbury Theological Seminary Campus,  
Wilmore, Kentucky

## A Christmas Ball

8:30-10:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011  
Wilmore Community Center,  
Wesley Village  
1125 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore,  
Kentucky  
DRESSY ATTIRE  
COME EARLY!

Swing Dance Lesson at 7:30 p.m.  
with Mike and Mary Richardson of the  
Hepcats Swing Dance Club!  
Plus! Line Dancing— no partner needed!

## Stop in ~ "Jerri's Corner"

And you will find art that includes landscape and nature photography, photo notecards, prints and framed art. The shop is also creating a place for other artists to market and show their art work. There will be pottery and paintings in the shop, too.

Mon – 10 am – 2 pm  
Tues – 10 am – 2 pm  
Tues eve - 5 – 8 pm  
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Thurs – 10 am – 4 pm  
Fri & Sun Closed  
Sat - 1 – 4 pm

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14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>

## You are invited to a Christmas Open House

at the  
**Francis Asbury Society  
Ministry Center**  
**Saturday, December 3rd**  
**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1580 Lexington Road,  
Wilmore, KY 40390  
859-858-4222  
[www.francisasburysociety.com](http://www.francisasburysociety.com)

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

*Kim Deyer, editor*