THE TOWN *of* WYNNEDALE
NEWS & VIEWS

"ONE NEWSLETTER FOR ONE WYNNEDALE"

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Veteran's Day November 11th the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.

Messina-Reagan
Duane "Wild Bill" Reagan (Robin's Father) Major USAF WWII-Korean War Bombardier
Jeff Koeffel (Brother-in-law) Lt. Colonel USMC Somalia, East Timor, 3Tours in Iraq, currently in Naples Italy
Middaugh
***IN MEMORY OF* Harold "Bud" Frye (Matt's Grandfather) USMC WWII-Okinawa Japan beachhead assault**
Deceased 2000
Owens
Eldest Son; Sgt. Jon N. Owens; Active Army 3 year-long tours; 2 in Iraq & 1 in Afghanistan.
Currently stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.
Sgt. Owens has 6 children, 3 of which are also active military, all are stateside.
Son - Brian - Navy - Great Lakes Navel Base, Chicago area
Son - Shon - USAF - Wichita, Texas
Daughter – Ebony-USMC- Pensacola, Florida
Ranger
***George W Johnson (Linda's Father) 2nd Lieutenant, Army in the Pacific. Earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart**
***Ethel M (Peters) Johnson (Linda's Mother} RN, 1st Lieutenant, Army in European arena**
**Both were in WWII. They met in basic training in Texas, became engaged before they shipped out, and were married after the war*
***IN MEMORY OF* Thomas W Johnson, (Linda's Brother) Army killed in Vietnam 1970**
Walter L Ranger (Bruce's Father) Navy WWII stationed in the USA
Ronald Ranger (Bruce's Brother) USAF
DeTrana
Frank Alexander (Celestine's Father) First Lieutenant Army WWII
Arthur Detrana (Celestine's Brother First Lieutenant USAF Vietnam War
Pannell
***IN MEMORY OF* A.J. Pannell, (Josephine's Husband) Navy Tank Platoon Commander WWII, Korean War**
Son, Lt. Col. Garland Pannell, Air Force Academy. Served 26 years Active in Dessert Storm and Dessert Shield.
Currently retired and serving as an Ordained Minister of the Disciples of Christ.
Hall
***IN MEMORY OF* Robert W. Hall (Judith's Husband) Vietnam War 1963-1967 Deceased July 4th, 1996**
Gibson
Hugh Gibson Army Korean War CIC
Bulcher
***IN MEMORY OF* Howard L Windham (Cheryl's Step-Father) Master Sgt. USMC Korean War**
James L. Bulcher (Tony's Father) Army Okinawa, Japan
Jeremy W. Poff (Son) USMC Operation Iraqi Freedom-Fallujah Takeover
Thomas J. Bulcher "TJ" (Nephew) USMC Currently serving in Afghanistan

"O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

November, December & January Dates to Remember

November 10th
Town Meeting

November 11th
Veteran's Day

November 25th
Thanksgiving Day

November 26th
Black Friday

December 1st
Hanukkah Begins

December 7th
Pearl Harbor

December 5th
Wynnedale
Caroling

December 12th
Wynnedale
Ladies Tea

December 15th
Town Meeting

December 25th
Christmas Day

December 26th
Kwanzaa Begins

December 31st
New Year's Eve

January 1st
New Year's Day
2011

January 17Th
Martin Luther King
Day

January 25th
Newsletter
Article Deadline

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I just wanted to say thank you…
to the Newsletter Staff for all of their hard work and contributions in making this Newsletter possible! Thank you to all the Wynnedalians for sharing their news! Thank you to the volunteer's for taking the time out of their day to deliver this newsletter to make sure that it reaches all of us in Wynnedale.
I appreciate all of you!
Thank-You!
Cheryl Bulcher *Editor*

In Sympathy

"Willi" Jackson

January 1st 1927-November 8th 2010

Erwilli "Willi" Mary Radcliffe Jackson

Willi was born January 1, 1927 in Wingate, Indiana to the late Fred and Dorothy Radcliffe; grandparents, Austin and Wreatha Oxley Hamilton and Myrtle Radcliffe. She grew up in Crawfordsville, Indiana and graduated from Crawfordsville High School and was the top of her class in 1944. Willi graduated from Indiana University School of Business in 1948 and moved to Indianapolis. She was the Secretary to the Vice-President of the Federal Loan Bank, and then Secretary to the President. Willi married Argyle G. Jackson, October 21, 1951, and he survives. She is also survived by her daughter, Lisa Jackson Fender (Louis) of Cincinnati, OH; sons, Jeffrey (Pam); Daniel (Susan); and Benjamin (Saundra) Jackson all of Indianapolis, and son-in-law, Mark Wetzel. Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren; William, Michael, Kyle and Kelsey Fender, Lauren Wetzel, Scott, Greg, Rachel, Mary, Matthew, and Blake Jackson. She was a long time member of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Country Club of Indianapolis, and Crooked Stick Country Club. While at Indiana University she was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and Beta Sigma Gamma Society. Willi enjoyed bowling, golf, bridge, vacations on Hilton Head Island and many friends and family. She was a member of O.L.G. A. and Y.O.L.G. A. She was a volunteer at Crooked Creek Elementary School, Westlane Junior High School, and North Central High School where she served on the Boards, and Chaired various committees. Willi loved her husband, children, and grandchildren and was preceded in death by her daughter, Jennifer Jackson Wetzel, January 27, 1999. **Family and friends will gather on Friday, November 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 3535 Kessler Blvd N. Dr., with a memorial service to follow at 4:00 p.m.** You are invited to visit www.leppertmortuary.com where you may share a personal memory of Willi, sign the guest book or in lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Willi's name to Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church or the Jennifer Wetzel Scholarship fund at Butler University. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel

Please keep Argyle & Family

in your thoughts and prayers

during this time of sorrow.

If you would like to send a card, Argyle's address is,

2138 Wynnedale Road

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Wynnedale Excessive Property Tax Assessment

This information is addressed to 57 residents of "Old Wynnedale" who received excessive 2010 Property Tax Assessments from Marion County Assessor on or about October 15, 2010.
The excessive assessments ranged from 26 to 72% above the March 1, 2009, assessments. The Marion County average was +/- 5%.

After talking to several other residents in Marion County, I accessed the "Property Tax Viewer" available at www.indy.gov/assessor; our properties showed high percentages in bright red.

The data presentation for our properties looked like an anomaly to me. I visited the Marion County Assessor-West Division Office on October 26 for an explanation of the high increases. I spent approximately three hours with the very helpful and competent staff to remedy our problem. It was determined that a combination of software and data input errors caused our neighborhood to get hit with such high increases in property values. The remedy for this problem was started immediately and they said I would hear from them by Friday, October 29. They called me at 3:30 on the 29th with information that new "Notice of Assessment of Land and Structures" would be sent in the next two weeks. Be sure to record the date received, as you have 45 days to appeal if you are not happy with the adjustments. You should expect property values at or near your March 1, 2009, values. Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions or want to be removed from this list.

I plan to visit the Assessors office next week to be sure these fixes are progressing.

Craig Rice
Wynnedale Citizen
317-291-6881
317-840-7309 cell

THANK YOU CRAIG!!!!!!!!

Wynnedale Holiday Events

Wynnedale Caroling Party

Sunday, December 5th

4:00-7:00 pm

Start and end at

Frank Messina and Robin Reagan's Home

4260 Roland Road

RSVP 297-5551 or fcmessina@hotmail.com

Please bring a finger food to share

Libations provided!

Dress warmly for neighborhood caroling.

Bring caroling lyrics if you have them

And a flashlight

The Ladies Tea

Sunday, December 12th

Judith Hall's Home

1:00-3:00 pm

2230 Paula Lane South Drive

RSVP 291-3284 or JHall2230@Aol.com

Please bring your favorite Christmas treat to share!

Recipes are WELCOME!

And appreciated!

On the Move!

We regretfully say goodbye to Mel and Sherrill Glick…

The Glicks have been residents of Wynnedale since 1984.

Mel was a professor of Pathology at Indiana University School of Medicine for many years before retiring.

Sherrill was a real estate agent for Sycamore Group. The last house she sold was her own.

They were wonderful neighbors who always were willing to lend a helping hand and give gardening and/or landscaping advice. In 2008, Mel and Sherrill were the first place winners of Wynnedale's most beautiful yard award.

The Glicks have moved to Wakarusha, Indiana to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Wakarusha is a small town, just a little larger than Wynnedale. They have one major stop light and presently, pumpkins are piled up in the center of town for the fall season.

The Glicks built a smaller home which is right across the street from the school. They can hear their grandchildren at play during recess. Their grandchildren are helping them meet neighbors and are keeping their grandparents busy attending various youth activities.

Mel said that he is glad he was able to pass the house on from one "professor" to another "professor". Although they like their new home and being with their family, the Glicks said that they still miss Wynnedale and their neighbors on Hidden Orchard Lane. They extend best wishes to all.

Welcome New Neighbor!

The town of Wynnedale welcomes Rufus Burrow, Jr., Ph.D.

Dr. Burrow purchased the home of Mel and Sherrill Glick on Hidden Orchard Lane. He grew up in Pontiac, Michigan and attended Anderson University. He earned a Master of Theological Studies degree at Boston University and in 1983 he received his PhD degree in theological social ethics from there. He is a fulltime professor at Christian Theological Seminary. His title is Indiana Professor of Christian Thought and Professor of Theological Social Ethics.

Dr. Burrow teaches courses in Ethical and prophetic Witness of the Churches, Martin Luther King, Jr. Studies, Personalize, Sociology of Religion, the Church and Capital Punishment, Liberations Theologies, Womanist Theology, and Ethics of Nonviolence in Gandhi and King. He has co-authored four books and solo authored five books. He is presently writing two books.

Rufus stated that he is a quiet, unassuming neighbor. He is eager to get things put away and his study and library organized so that he can get back to writing, which he loves to do. He is slowly getting to know his neighbors and is very satisfied that he has purchased his home in Wynndale. He indicated that there is a certain ambience affiliated with Hidden Orchard Lane that is inviting and a tribute to those who preceded him. He looks forward to meeting others and being a good and responsible neighbor.

A Personal Note from Mel & Sherrill

To all our friends and acquaintances in the wonderful town of Wynnedale:

Since November of 1987 we have enjoyed making our home at 4345 Hidden Orchard Lane in the town of Wynnedale, one of the best kept secrets in Indianapolis. The location was perfect for us and the neighbors fantastic. It was with difficulty that we made the decision to leave and move to Wakarusa IN close to our youngest son and family with 3 young grandchildren. Telling our close neighbors was a very hard thing to do, but retirement time has finally come for me (Sherrill) and Mel has been retired for 6 years. We never lived anywhere as long as we did in that house, so it will always have special memories for us. My computer wallpaper has pictures cycling through all the time and just this morning I saw the one where we won one of the garden awards two years ago. Working outside and talking to neighbors as they drove or walked by, was always fun. The hog roast last year was really memorable. We enjoyed as many of the neighborhood activities as we were able to attend, and regret those we didn't. So for all of you, who still enjoy the Wynnedale amenities, make the most of them. There is not another neighborhood quite like it. We moved September 14th and turned over the keys to your new neighbor, Rufus Burrow, Jr. Please welcome him to the neighborhood.

Mel and Sherrill Glick

2285 Wynnedale Road
A Bit of History!

As with any "neighborhood" people come and people go. So there is always some history. But with Wynnedale being its own small Town the history here is much more than the usual "neighborhood" then and now's.

Wynnedalian Sue Rice has been in contact with a former Wynnedale resident, Anita Robertson, who used to live in the home that is now for sale; 2285 Wynnedale Road. They have been keeping in touch via email. and Sue wanted to share a bit of history with us.

Thank you Sue!

Hi Anita,
I thought of you as I drove by your old house in Wynnedale today. It's been some time since you drove through and visited with me. How are you doing? The little house is for sale again and the owner is asking $229,000. We all think that is a little high!!!! She did put on a new roof, windows, alarm etc. She says $100,000 in renovations. I have not been by to see it but I bet it is lovely

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I never knew if you built the house or were the first or second owner. What year was it built? We are having a Wynnedale Newspaper meeting this Sat. and I thought a little history on the house would be interesting. Hope you are well. We are still a quiet and peaceful neighborhood except for the sewer work and repaving of Cold Spring Road. It should be over before winter.
Keep in touch.
Sue Rice

Dear Sue--just a few minutes. My late husband, Phillip Carson Tetrick, and I purchased that lovely little house in 1964 so that we could be near his school (principle of IPS #44). We paid $16,500. The person who first lived in the house was a builder who built it for himself. I'm not sure whether there was a second owner. I think the owner we bought house from was a woman The people who lived in the house when we bought it were renters who were divorcing. The realtor was Bruce Savage. We so enjoyed the neighborhood--the Alexanders, Wrights, Palmers, Simmons, Kllutinosties, and especially John Osborn and many others.
Phil was childhood diabetic who died in 1967 of kidney failure. The only thing I did to the house was have a new roof. The Alexander's were absolute angels to me after Phil died. Their 4 year old daughter, Jamie, knocked on my door the afternoon of the funeral asking, “Aren’t you lonesome Mrs. Terick?" When I said yes, she said, "'That is just why I came." Little Jamie and the Walter's son, Kevin, came to see me almost every day for several years except while I was in graduate school in Detroit... After completing graduate school I remarried in 1970. Charles L. Robertson was in Dental School. Jamie and Kevin were aggressive match makers and attended our wedding. We had a daughter, Cathryn Louise, in 1972. I remember telling you about the tulip tree in the front yard. Phil and I planted it in May, 1967, as a marker of our 7th anniversary before he died in October, 1967. When Charles finished Dental School we moved to a "high need for dental care area." We sold the house for $32,000 in 1974 to a California couple who were planning to marry. they were unusual--they had no money left after closing costs. So we let them stay with us until we moved a very short time later to Foxcliff North of Martinsville. It was their practice to sign a contract each week identifying who would bake the bread etc.!! He taught at IUPUI environmental science area I think. Bless you for telling me about the house. This afternoon I have to be in Indy for an appointment. I am going to drive by--since this is 43 anniversary of Phil's death. It is a special time of remembering.
Even after all this time I have dreams about that little house!!!
Anita Robertson
I certainly did not plan to write such a long note!!!!!!

Hi, Sue. I looked at our Wynnedale house on Tucker's web site!! In fact I have looked at the pictures more than a dozen times. She has certainly made lovely changes--very expensive changes. We have thought about down sizing, but we are a long way from even listing our house. If I could work my magic wand, I would be back in that house. Being practical, moving from 5,000 square foot house to 1500 square foot one would be very difficult. Last night I was trying to mentally eliminate things--I got depressed.
I wonder why she is selling?? If there is an open house or if it sells, let me know.
Again, thank you for letting me know about the listing

Hi Anita,
I shared your e mail at our Wynnedale Newspaper meeting. It was a beautiful written story of your house and life. Janet Gibson remembers you . She lives at the corner of Wynnedale and Knollton and moved to the neighborhood in early 1969. She knew the Walter's family and told me Kevin had passed away. I don't know if it was accident or illness. The Coors family has lived in Wynnedale many years and their son lived in your house for a few years. He is in the construction business, lawn sprinkler etc. He did much to improve the house. He actually built a creek in the back yard, recalculating water. It was really beautiful. Before they lived there an unfortunate man lived there who was an alcoholic. His illness was so bad he could not afford to pay the utilities and lived without any utilities all through one winter. The house was almost a total loss. The Coors family helped him find a better place move (I think a trailer). He died two years later at the age of 52. I will look for an open house sign. The owner's name is Ashlee Cave. I think she is a dentist. Coincidence! In our Wynnedale phone book her number is an (812) exchange?? Her sister works for Tucker and is her realtor. By the way my daughters name is Katherine Louise.
Keep in touch.-Sue
Hi, Sue--Talked a long while the Tucker Realtor who is her mother! Ashlee is a dentist who practices part time with her dentist father in French Lick--reason for 812 exchange. We had originally asked for an appointment, then decided not to inconvenience them since we are not ready to sell our house. The open house, she told me, will be 10/24/10. We have a birthday celebration with Charles family that day in Terre Haute.
Thank you for telling me more about the history of the house. I met the young man who built the little recirculating creek one day when I drove through the neighborhood. He invited me to walk around the yard. Jamie Alexander, Kevin and our daughter met several years ago when he was back here visiting--was a great visit. Jamie later told us about Kevin's death, but she did not know any particular information. I would like to know where his family is. At that luncheon Kevin told me that his mother was a serious alcoholic. and that was one of the reasons he came to our house so very often. He had never told me about her problem when he was so young. He said his father had sent her to rehab many

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times--very nice environment. Finally Kevin's father became so troubled he had her admitted to Central State It was that "horrible experience" that seemed to turn her around. I'm not sure whether she was able to maintain sobriety. If you know anything else about Kevin I would like to know what happened.
I visited with Jamie's mother while she was in hospice. I understand that her father died some time ago.
A few years ago Dr George Klultinoty invited us to a party honoring the Alexanders. The Wrights were there. It was a lovely afternoon.
Thank you again, Anita

My Trip to France

By Gordon Clarke

This last summer I traveled to Saumur, France with the IU Honors Program. It was a total immersion program including staying with a host family and speaking only French for the entire seven week period. Before leaving I had qualms about living with people in a country and culture which was, quite literally, foreign to me. However, with the other sixteen "*stagiaires*" (students), I experienced one of the best times of my life. Almost every weekday, we had classes taught by IU professors; including grammar, conversation, phonetics, and culture. Around classes, we traveled on excursions including Normandy and the American Cemetery, Ile de Ré, several castles along the Loire River, and of course Paris. Greatly immersed in the culture and language, my plans for the future were shaped by this experience. I am undergoing the college application season now and I have written International Relations and French Language as my two major choices. I feel that these paths of study have directly stemmed from my wonderful experience in France.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave me the chance to earn some money to offset the cost of this trip by working odd jobs. Now in the middle of the fall with winter just around the corner, if anyone has any odd jobs they want done, I would be pleased to work for them. Please contact me at 293-5483 or come around to my house at 2155 Wilshire Rd.
Thank you all,
Gordon Clarke

White Coat Ceremony
A Life Milestone

On September 21st 2010 Stacia Poff was presented with her first White Lab Coat upon being admitted to the James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati.
The class of 2014 is made up of 98 first-year PharmD students; coming from nine states and 28 colleges and universities.
The College hosts the White Coat Ceremony the evening before classes begin. The ceremony marks a milestone as students transition into a professional pharmacy program, which is symbolized by the awarding of the student's first white lab coat.
Stacia is the Daughter of Tony & Cheryl Bulcher

Congratulation's Stacia!

There's a "NEW PUP" in town!

"Rocket" Cummings
Rocket is the newest canine addition to Wynnedale! He resides with his new family Dave, Andrea, Ian and Ellie Cummings at 4270 Roland Road.

Sound off!!

A response from the last newsletters "Sound Off!"

I would like to volunteer to coordinate a collection come November, that would receive donations from the people of Wynnedale. We could then turn the collection into a cash card so that the Town Council could enjoy a "Thank-You" from their town.

Thank you Faye Bacon!
davidandfaye@sbcglobal.net

GIRL SCOUTS

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE ACTION COMING SOON

Thanks to everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies from Juliana Messina in Troop 1546 earlier this year. Our troop was trying to raise enough money for everyone to go to camp. The girls set a very high goal which not everyone reached, but Juliana was successful and appreciated everyone's help in reaching her goal of selling 300 boxes.

For those who don't know this already, I am a Junior Girl Scout Leader at Crooked Creek Elementary School. I have 14 Juniors across 5th and 6th grade who are very involved in scouting. Last year the girls tackled a number of badges that exposed them to the outdoors in preparation for a Camporee at Camp Dellwood in the spring. The girls earned the Outdoor Cook, Wildlife, Frosty Fun and Outdoor Creativity badges among other work. This year they've already earned the Earth Awareness badge after visiting our nearby EcoLab at Marian University and the Eco-Action badge where we learned about re-cycling and demonstrating respect for the environment. The EcoLab is a fabulous resource that I highly recommend tapping if you are involved with youth at a school, through scouts, your church , synagogue or other group. The girls also voted to work on the Adventure Sports badge so they've already visited a ropes course that The Orchard School generously opened to us and will be doing kayaking, rock climbing and perhaps mountain biking to complete the badge! Later this year we'll be going to the Challenger Center on a mission that will allow us to earn the Aerospace badge. We're not neglecting the creative side of things as we'll also be working on a Cooking and Art in 3-D badges. We are fortunate to have so many community partners who are helping our girls broaden their horizons.

Juliana, "the cookie girl," will be back in action in early January with next year's wave of Girl Scout Cookie sales. We can't take any orders before then, but if you love Thin Mints, Trefoils or one of the newer cookies, please note that we'll be happy to help you with your "cookie fix" after January 7th! Cookies are usually delivery in early to mid-February…just in time for Valentine's Day. They're a perfect small gift for teachers, secretaries, bus drivers, mailmen and anyone to whom you just want to say "thanks!" So thank **you** for helping our Girl Scouts learn about setting goals and making the connection between their activities and how much it takes to earn money to pay for them.
Robin Reagan, Troop 1546
Crooked Creek Elementary and Westlane Middle School

SUPPORT BOY SCOUTS AND OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

You may have already seen Boy Scouts at your front door or at the local stores selling popcorn for their annual fall fund-raiser. If you've already purchased some popcorn, thank you! If you haven't, could you please consider supporting your local scout troops? Wynnedale has scouts in elementary, middle and high school deserving of your support. Children who participate in after school activities like scouting do better in school and more likely to engage in positive behaviors. Boy Scouts teach wonderful life skills like planning, budgeting, problem solving and teamwork. Helping sell popcorn also teaches public speaking skills, how to handle rejection gracefully, setting and achieving goals.

If you don't want popcorn for yourself, consider making a donation of any size to purchase popcorn for our servicemen and women around the globe. Nicholas Messina is a scout with Troop 514 at St. Monica and would be happy to take your donations. He has written and given a presentation on his family's service in wars dating back to the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather Watson was a colonel in the confederate army while his great-grandfather Reagan served in the army during WWI. Nicholas was fortunate enough to get to know his grandfather Reagan who fought in both WWII and the Korean War as a bombadier/navigator. (Nicholas' dad, Frank Messina, hasn't served in the military, but since he works at the Wishard ER he has been shot at!) Nicholas would like to attend a Boy Scout jamboree at the Normandy beaches this spring to help dedicate the site of the Normandy Invasion as a National Historic Site. If you would like to purchase popcorn for yourself or to make a donation to our troops, please contact him at 297-5551.
Thank you for supporting our scouts!

SCHOOL NEWS
&
School Calendar

Thanksgiving Recess November 25 - 26
Winter Recess December 16 – January 3, 2011

Crooked Creek Elementary School

Eatin' Good in the Neighborhood.
November 4th is Restaurant Night at Applebee's in Greenbriar. Applebee's will donate 15% of your purchase to the school. Please come and support this event.

November 5th begins the magazine fund-raiser. Support the school by subscribing to your favorite magazine.

November 8th - 19th is the canned food drive. Remember those in need during this time of year by donating canned goods.

On November 11th Crooked Creek students will participate in a special convocation with Dr. Bennett, State Superintendent of Education. Convocation will begin at 8:30 AM. All are welcome.

November 24th is Grandparent's Day at Crooked Creek. All grandparents are invited to enjoy a special Thanksgiving Feast with their grandchildren.

December 6 -10 is the Hat & Mitten Drive. Students are collecting these items to help those in need.

December 8 – Winter Musical at 7:00 PM

Westlane Middle School

Check Westlane's website for information about the school's activities. www.wl.msdwt.k12.in.us

North Central High School

North Central's Open House is Sunday November 7, from 2:00-5:00 pm.

Don't miss the performance of North Central's fall musical "Beauty and the Beast", Nov. 18-20, 1801 E. 86th St. Children can come to Costumes and Cookies with the Cast from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in the school cafeteria. It will include face painting, cookies, dancing, music, storytelling and prizes for best costumes. The highlight will be an appearance by Belle and Prince at the end of the event. Children are not required but may dress as their favorite Disney character. The event will appeal to children ages 4-10 and costs $3 per person.
For reservations, e-mail **nchsbeauty@yahoo.com.** Tickets are also on sale for the play that is at 7 p.m. Nov. 18-20 in the auditorium. Cost is $10 for adults and students and $8 for children 12 and younger.

MSD Washington Township

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township is extending the International Baccalaureate (IB) to all of its elementary and middle school students, making it the first district-wide IB program in the state of Indiana.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) offers a sequence of three high-quality programs of international education.

In Washington Township;

The Primary Years Program (PYP) serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Middle Years Program (MYP) serves students in sixth through tenth grade

The Diploma Program (DP) serves students in eleventh and twelfth grade.

The PYP and MYP are school-wide, all-inclusive programs that ALL Washington Township elementary and middle school students receive. Participation in the DP at North Central High School is by student choice and selection is based upon a three-step application process.
This process takes from three to five years to complete. Visit the Washington Township website to learn more. www.msdwt.k12.in.us

If your school was not listed or there is information you would like to add, please contact Charlotte Talley at (317) 299-7127

Safe & Sound

"Keeping ourselves and our homes physically safe and financially sound"

By Denise Owens – Editor/Insurance & Financial Specialist

Normally this time of the year I put the focus of this column on handling holiday stress or keeping our homes safe from fires or thefts. This year I am going to combine the two subjects, since if you have one, you may have the other! ☺

There is always an increase in the number of thefts as the holidays approach and the thieves decide to shop from the cars and homes of honest working folks. So here are a few things to think about, and do, to increase the likelihood that what you worked so hard to buy, gets where you intended it to go!

To reduce thefts:

- Be sure you are locking all your doors/and setting your alarm when you leave; when you are working outside and when you are in for the night.
- Be sure you lock your cars – even in your driveway, and do not leave valuables in plain sight – things like your GPS or Radar Detector will make a very nice gift for some thief's friend!
- When you go shopping for big ticket items, or electronics – once you load them in your car – go home! (Thieves will watch you load your trunk – then follow you to see if you are making another parking lot stop; once you stop and go inside, having locked your car up nice and tight –they will either pop your trunk or break out your window to grab your new purchase!
- If you buy a new TV or any other "toy" that comes in a box with pictures – do NOT put the box on your curb for trash pick up – cut it up and put it in a garbage bag – that cannot be easily seen through and put it in the trash can. (You might even consider driving it to Wal-Mart or another place where cardboard is recycled)
- **Ladies:** Do not leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart for even for a moment! If you have a lot of shopping to do – consider buying a "cross-body" purse that can keep your cash and credit cards in front of you, preferably under your jacket or coat. **Men:** Keep your wallet in your front pocket and separate your cash, checks and credit cards into different pockets.
- Try to shop with another person if you can – especially at night or in big shopping areas. If you get uneasy – ask the security guard to walk you to your car. We all have a "sixth sense" that can warn us of impending danger – just like other animals. We just often "pooh-pooh" that little voice – **don't!** *It can protect your valuables; even save your life!*

To reduce fires and accidents:

- Obviously – if you are using a live tree – keep it watered and away from heat sources. But even if you are using an artificial tree - there are a few tips that can help avoid fires there too: Be sure your lights are approved and intended for the use you have planned; check the wires for fraying – even new ones can be nicked and expose live wires; don't overload the connections; plug all into a power strip that will turn them off if they short out; use non-flammable decorations only – even tiny twinkle lights can produce enough heat to burn a flammable item.
- Check smoke detectors and be sure you have enough – in strategic places. Consider adding one on a table near your tree – they don't cost that much and can save a lot if they detect smoldering branches!
- Never climb on a chair! And even when using a ladder to hang decorations – be sure someone is there to steady the ladder for you. Use extreme care when reaching above your head!
- As you work around your home, inside or out, keep your cell phone in your pocket in case you fall or see something suspicious - so you can call for help. The home phone will always be too far away when you need it.

Most of all – keep a watchful eye on your neighbor's home as well as your own –
The best protection we have against intruders is each other.

To reduce the stress of the holidays – or any day – don't forget to:

- **Exercise:** Any kind that raises your heart rate will do (be sure to check with your doctor first!) It has the added benefit of improving body tone while it relaxes the mind
- **Volunteer:** Helping others less fortunate can be good for the body, mind and soul. But be careful to pick a project that does not depress you!
- **Meditation**: Learn Tai Chi or Yoga or simply deep breathing while listening to relaxing music

Recycling
Getting Simpler

By Sue Gilfoy

Fall & Winter Recycling & Reuse Basics

Leaves, Leaves and more Leaves –
We all have lots of them to collect. The black plastic bags will be piled high for the next month or more and eventually form mountains at the landfill. If at all possible collect those leaves in the lawnmower bag attachment and then spread around plants as a protection from the winter's bitter cold temperatures. If you have space in a back corner of your yard collect even more leaves and start a compost pile. Just think of lasagna, a layer of leaves, a layer of grass, a layer of dirt, a layer of organic matter (coffee grounds, food scraps (not meat) and in a year you'll have some wonderful mulch to add to the clayish soil we have a lot of around here.

Holiday Decorations – send the kids out to collect pine cones, free for the picking. Also try collecting and drying some of the beautiful hydrangea balls, there are many shades of deep red and beiges which, combined with other dried flowers, fruits, Berries or leaves make a spectacular wreath. These also can make a stunning table decoration when you add a few nuts and Pomegranates.

Christmas Trees - the centerpiece of holiday decorations. Did you know that we Americans purchase over 50 million (yes Million!) live Christmas trees each year? If you are still putting up a real tree, at least get a few more months of value from it by putting it out in the back yard after Christmas and hang bird food and suet in mesh sacks from the boughs to help our valuable birds make it through the harsh winter.

Last, but not least…

a few new, New Years' Resolutions - that in 2011 you and your family will find at least 12 (one for each month) new ways to conserve our community's, country's and planet's resources. For information and resources to help you - go to kibi (Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc.). Their goal: to help people build community and transform public spaces through aesthetic and environmental improvement.

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