The Town of Wynnedale Newsletter

Wynnedale News & Views

"One Newsletter for One Wynnedale"

August – September - October

2009

Labor Day – Monday, September 7th

First Day of Autumn – Tuesday, September 22nd

Columbus Day – Monday, October 12th

Sweetest Day – Saturday, October 17th

United Nations Day – Saturday, October 24th

Halloween – Saturday, October 31st

August 2009 Edition

Letter from the Editor

This is our third edition for 2009 under the new distribution timeline.

As you read in the February 2009 issue, we have decided to go to four newsletter issues a year – starting in 2009. This is our third "condensed" issue. As you can see from the cover, this issue encompasses all the major holidays between now and the next issue due out in November 2009.

We hope to be able to include as many upcoming events for the period between each current issue and the next one – so please be sure you are thinking ahead and communicating your future ideas or notices to one of the newsletter team. (You can see their names in their "bylines")

- **November** will be the final issue of the year and focus on the major holiday events that wrap up our year, plus highlights of the year in review and the kick-off of 2010 with January's events included.

Please be sure you are sharing anything you want placed in the newsletter with one of your newsletter team members well in advance of the deadline for submissions. We need any information you wish to be included in a given issue, in the editor's email **no later than the first weekend of the month of issue**.

Email me at: dransom13@yahoo.com

Note: We are still looking for someone to take over printing the newsletter.

We are also looking for:

- Event Coordinators & Participants for the "Town-wide Garage Sale(s)" – Our next sale will be held in October – before it gets cold - and give us a chance to de-clutter for the winter holidays!

Please Note:
Due to the sudden and tragic loss of one of "Most Beautiful Yard/Garden/Patio" 2008 contest winners – Steve Talley, and the fact that his wife, Charlotte was to be our coordinator – we did not have our contest this year – but will be sure to have it next year and it has been renamed in Steve's honor as:
"The J. Stephen Talley Memorial Town Beautification Event"

"Our mission is to keep the newsletter vibrant and relevant while using it to maintain a strong bond of community in our town; fostering a sense of inclusion for all by living up to our new motto "One Newsletter for One Wynnedale".

Our Young Wynnedaleans!

By Cheri Moore

Three on their way!

Lisa Koers, Becky Kincaid and Margaret Kincaid were inducted into the Indiana University School of Medicine via the traditional White Coat Ceremony held at the Murat Theater on August 15th. They will spend their first two years at the Bloomington Campus, then the last two at the IU Hospital at the IUPUI Campus here in Indianapolis. All of Wynnedale is very proud of these young ladies and wishes them well!

Please congratulate our young stars when you see them and let them know how proud we all are of their accomplishments!

STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

It is "that" time of year again. Students are heading back to school and it's hard to determine who is more excited, the students or the parents! Your students have their pens and paper, and their outfits for the first day of school, but have you thought about their safety and what you need to do to prepare them for a safe school year? A small amount of planning now can help your student to have a more pleasant and safer experience for beginning the school year and beyond.

Before School Begins:

Check student records at school.

o Is your contact information correct?

o Do they have your work and cell phone number?

o Do you have alternate contacts in case you cannot be reached?

o Are your student's medical records up-to-date, including allergies and current medications?

Discuss with your child the school's weapons policies:

o Stress that no weapons can be brought onto school campus, including pocketknives, sling shots, and BB guns.

o Talk to them about what to do if they find a weapon. Under no circumstances should they touch the weapon. Find a responsible adult and tell them.

o You may want to review S.A.V.E.'s Weapon Safety Rules

o If you have an elementary student, print out the Ernie the Elephant Weapon Safety coloring book and review with your student.

Contact the school for a copy of their emergency policies:

o Review with your student what will happen in an emergency.

o Where will students be located?

o When and where will parents reunite with children?

Contact the school for a copy of their safe school plan:

o Do they have a plan that has been practiced?

o What measures are being taken to ensure that your child's safety is a school priority?

o Do they have a visitor's policy? Is it enforced?

Discuss with students the importance of sharing information:

o Stress to them that if they hear students talking about being destructive or hurting someone, that it is OK to tell a trusted adult - parent, teacher, counselor, law enforcement officer, principal.

Before Leaving Home:

o Ensure that your student has identification with them that includes emergency contact information for parents - such as work numbers and cell phone numbers.

o If riding their bicycle, be sure they have and wear their bicycle helmet.

o Clothing - if your student must walk to or from school or stand at the bus stop be sure that they wear light clothing or clothing with reflective stripes.

In Care & Concern

by Janet Gibson

J. Stephen Talley

Long-time Wynnedale resident Steve Talley passed away June 29th. Survivors included Charlotte, his wife of 42 years, children Stephen and Kimberly, and grandchildren Alexandria Geter and Jaden Talley. Known for his creative spirit, Steve had a long and successful career in education which included associations with Arlington, Washington, Day Adult and Broad Ripple High Schools – from which he retired as Assistant Principal. He was active in many community organizations. An active gardener, Steve was especially proud of the recognition he received from the town for the "Most Beautiful Yard" in 2008. He also had a special interest in the study of history and architecture, and loved to travel to see historical sites in person with his family. Following his retirement, Steve acted as facilities manager for the Light of the World Christian Church, a labor of love he pursued with zeal and dedication right up until his last days.
Steve's easy smile and happy disposition are missed and will not be forgotten.

A message of appreciation from the family of Stephen Talley:
Dear Neighbors and Friends,
We thank you for the loving support and friendship you shared with us at the time of the home going of J. Stephen Talley. We are so appreciative of all of the individual and collective acts of kindness. We feel so fortunate to live in a town where neighbors care enough to be neighborly. We will forever keep Steve in our memory and you in our hearts.
With Appreciation,
Charlotte Talley - Wife
Kimberly Geter and Stephen Talley, children
Judith Hall – Sister

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Harold E. (Rudy) Roudebush

Former neighbor Rudy passed away August 10 following a fall a few days before at the assisted-living facility in Topeka, Kansas, where he was living. He had sustained broken bones and a bruised lung which, at age 89, proved too much to bear in spite of the kindly, accepting spirit for which he was known.

Born, reared and educated in western Illinois, Rudy spent most of his working life as an analytical research chemist for Eli Lilly & Co. here in Indianapolis, specializing in antibiotic research and development. He and his wife of 58 years, Connie, spent their retirement years largely at their home in Wynnedale, an accumulation of happy years which came to an end with Connie's sudden death in 2007. It was at that point Rudy moved to Topeka in order that he might be near his son, Phil, so that, among other things, he might pin Phil's ears back playing cribbage and contribute what he might to the launching of grandchildren into the adult world. Wynnedale extends its sympathies to sons Phil and John and their families and do so confident in the knowledge and appreciation of their loss.

As always - please keep all our neighbors and friends in your prayers.
If you have any information regarding illnesses or deaths of town residents or their families, please notify me, so that we can share that information with the rest of the town.
You can contact me, Janet Gibson, at: 293-5597 or email me: **gbsn2@sbcglobal.net**

Who's "On The Move" in Wynnedale?

By Janet Gibson

Erin Koers:
On August 9th, Erin, daughter of Steve and Mary Koers, received her doctoral degree in epidemiology at the University of Texas and subsequently accepted a position at the U.S. Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. In connection with her employment at the CDC, she was given the option of becoming a civilian employee or to be given military status in the U.S. Public Health Service. Erin chose the latter and is now known as Lieutenant Koers! Her many friends here in Wynnedale wish her the very best in her new career.

What's Cookin' at Home!

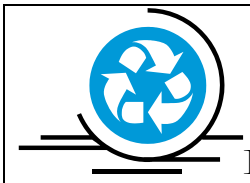
By Charlotte Talley

As we wind up the summer & the heat index increases –
you might want to skip the cooking and eat out!

Plus with the economy suffering – it is nice to support our local restaurant owners.
But you can do this and save money too!
If you go on ***"Restaurant.com"*** you can search for restaurants in the area that participate and offer discount certificates for an affordable fee.
For instance:
A $25 gift certificate can be purchased for a participating restaurant for $10!
AND if you use the Allstate discount code "ALL" at check-out you can save **50%!**
So you can save $25 off your restaurant check, for an investment of $5.
AND…yes there's more! :
If you sign up to get emails from Restaurant.com you can get periodic discount codes that can reduce that $10 for $25 down to $2 – **an 80% Discount!**

So support local businesses; save money and stay out of the kitchen!

Bon Appetit!



How To Recycle Anything!

The Simplest Things Make a Difference

"**Use it up, Wear it out, Make it do or Do without**" - A very old saying that I heard hundreds of times from my mother as I was growing up. Of coarse my parents grew up during the great depression when nearly everyone was barely getting by. "**Things were a lot simpler then**" another common phrase from the past that we've all heard. But, as our 21st Century world continues to get more and more complicated there is something to be said for that principle. Perhaps we can each make our lives better by just making things a little bit simpler. . . for instance:

Why not clean out all that "stuff" in the garage, closets or storage shed that you been threatening to do forever. Stuff you haven't used for years. Getting rid of clutter will lighten your spirits. Go to Earth911.com to find over 100,000 sources for recycling in a earth friendly way. Save space & cash, lower your carbon footprint and support the local economy at the same time by recycling, now that's a simply great idea that should make you feel good!

A simple life has a different meaning and a different value for every person. For me, it means eliminating all but the essential, eschewing chaos for peace, and spending your time doing what's important to you.

I've just cleaned off my desk for the first time in months. Not just the accumulation of the last few weeks but *really* cleaned off the desk. I can actually see all the desktop surface! Why do I mention this? Somehow, by accomplishing this task I feel like I've simplified my life and because now there are three sacks of paper which will go to the recycle bin. That also makes me feel good.

Simplifying one's life means getting rid of many of the things you do so you can spend time with people you love and do the things you love. It means getting rid of the clutter so you are left with only that which gives you value.

Getting back to simplicity isn't always a simple process. It's a journey, not a destination, and it can often be a journey of two steps forward, and one backward. If you're interested in simplifying your life, this is a great starter's guide:

The Short List

For the cynics who say that such a list is too long, there are really only two steps to simplifying:

1. Identify what's most important to you. AND 2. Eliminate everything else.

Of course, that's not terribly useful unless you can see how to apply these two principles to different areas of your life. If you are interested in knowing more go to zenhabits.net where you will find the *Simple Living Manifesto: 72 Ideas to Simplify Your Life.*

I hope all this gives you food for thought. If so, good luck in the journey to a simplier life. And while you are at it how about taking an hour to just go sit outside and enjoy listening to the birds and feel the wind's gentle breeze. Or take that bike ride you've been saying you'd do for the last three months. Simple pleasures that cost nothing and bring a great reward.

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School News

Crooked Creek Elementary School Calendar 2009

Welcome back to a new school year!

August 21 - Fundraiser Kick Off
August 20 – Back to School Night – K-2 from 6:30-8:00
August 27 – Back to School Night – 3-5 from 6:30-8:00
August 28 – Movie Night – 6:00

September 7 – Labor Day – No School
September 10 – PTO Meeting 7:00
College/Sports Day
September 11 – North Central Panther Day
North Central Homecoming Game – 7:00
September 16 – Midterm
September 17 – Skate Night at 5:30
September 23 - School Picture Day
September 25 – Fall Festival – 5:30 – at the cabin
September 28 – Yom Kippur

October 6 – Dad's Club Lunch
October 9 - Movie Night – 6:00
October 12 – Columbus Day
October 15 – Family Game Night
October 16 – End of the Quarter 1
October 19 – Red Ribbon Week begins
October 21 – Fall Room Parties at 1:30
October 29 – Restaurant Night (location TBA)
October 30 - Honor's Program for Quarter 1 at 8:30 and 9:15 AM

Safe & Sound

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

By Denise Owens – Editor/Insurance & Financial Specialist

School Bus Safety!

Now is the time to prepare yourself and your children to have a safe and happy school year! We have heard some horrible stories about children getting hurt in and around school buses – let's do our part to ensure all our young Wynnedaleans travel safely to and from school. ***(Most of this article was reprinted from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration site for the US Department of Transportation.)***

SCHOOL BUSES ARE THE SAFEST WAY TO GET TO SCHOOL.

School buses are nearly 8 times safer than passenger vehicles. But children must take care when boarding or leaving the bus. While an average of 7 school-age passengers are killed in school bus crashes each year, 19 are killed getting on and off the bus. Most of those killed are children, five to seven years old. They are hit in the danger zone around the bus (A), either by a passing vehicle or by the school bus itself. It is illegal for a vehicle to pass a bus with its red light flashing.

Young children are most likely to be hit because they:

- hurry to get on or off the bus,
- act before they think and have little experience with traffic,
- assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross,
- don't always stay within the bus driver's sight, or
- drop something as they get off the bus and run into the path of the bus to pick it up.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO GET ON AND OFF THE BUS SAFELY:

- When getting on the bus, stay away from the danger zone and wait for the driver's signal. Board the bus one at a time.
- When getting off the bus, look before stepping off the bus to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road). Move away from the bus.
- Before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen (A). **Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross.**
- Look left-right-left when coming to edge of the bus - to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.

SAFETY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:

- Supervise children to make sure they get to the stop on time; wait far away from the road, & **avoid rough play at stops!**
- Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick up something, the driver cannot see him/her and the child may be hit by the bus. Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps, to get caught in the handrail or bus door.
- Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.
- If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, talk with your school office or transportation director about changing the location.

DRIVERS BEWARE! LEARN AND FOLLOW SCHOOL BUS STOP LAWS:

Laws exist to protect children getting on and off the bus AND protect you from a tragedy. Check with your school or police department for more information on your state's laws. Here are some basic rules:

- Vehicles must stop when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm (B). Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off.
- Vehicles traveling in the **same** direction as the bus are always required to stop. In some states, vehicles moving in the **opposite** direction on a divided roadway are also required to stop. Check the law in your state.
- Never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.

Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles.

"On The Town"

WYNNEDALE TOWN COUNCIL NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming town events!

Picnic! Picnic! Picnic! Picnic!

COME ONE, COME ALL! Wynnedale's 34th Annual Labor Day Picnic to be held **Monday, September 7th** - from **5:00 pm until dark** on the esplanade at the corner of Knollton and Wynnedale Road. Bring a dish & your own service plus a chair in which to enjoy the good food and heavy visiting this once-a-year opportunity provides. We're hoping that representatives of the Swift family, whose family cemetery is located in Sleepy Hollow, will join us for the festivities this year.

Sleepy Hollow

Swift Family Graveyard

As a young man John Swift acquired an interest in genealogy which led to his discovery that some of his ancestors were buried in Wynnedale. Thanks to the work of the WPA, a project was undertaken in 1930 to find the burial sites of all fallen American Soldiers. The surveyors' map shows that the exact location and layout of the Swift Family Graveyard is several feet from 42nd Street and Wynnedale Road.

Upon his first visit to the site, John met J. Spurgeon who accompanied him to what he remembered to be the burial site for Thomas and George Swift, American Soldiers. Sadly, the original headstones had been removed by vandals. Subsequently, other residents have shared their memories of the location of the headstones with the result that opinions around their exact location vary somewhat. Needless to say, these residents all remember seeing and /or playing in and around the cemetery.

Who were these two American soldiers?

Thomas Swift, a pioneer from N. Carolina, served in the War of 1812. He was captured by The British and imprisoned. His battalion participated in over 70 battles. Thomas died in 1864. George Swift was a member of the Union Army during the Civil War and was critically wounded in action, returned home to Indiana and died in his early 40's as a result of his injuries.

As a tribute to these American heroes, the Swift Family will honor the memory with a Rededication Ceremony in Sleepy Hollow on Labor Day. Two replacement headstones, furnished by the Veterans Administration will be emplaced, together with a historical plaque.

All Wynnedale residents are invited to attend the ceremony scheduled to begin at 11:00 on September 7 at Sleepy Hollow.

Our second of two "Town Garage Sales" will be held October …...

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READ ALL ABOUT IT! Stay informed. The updates of what is being discussed and acted upon by the Wynnedale Town Council can be read each month on our website, www.wynnedale.org.

Remember, you are invited to attend the meetings held on the second Wednesday at the home of Mary Koers, our clerk/treasurer, at 7:00. Plus you can view the newsletter on our website – thanks to John Swartzendruber, who has volunteered to upload it within 5 days of issue! *Thanks John!*

Our thanks to Allstate Insurance Co.
for underwriting the printing of this newsletter since October 2007.

Notes

Reminder: We need a new Editor by May 2010!