



# Top of the Hill News

Information for The Citizens of Fort Wright  
September 2006 Eileen Hastings Editor

## SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE

The City of Fort Wright will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, with a display of the US flag at the curb line in front of every house in the City that day. On Friday, September 8th, City and Fire/EMS Volunteers will place a US flag in the yard of every resident who wants one as a remembrance of September 11th, 2001. If you would like to Volunteer to place the flags on your street or any street in the City, please call the City at 331-1700 to sign up. If you prefer not to have a flag placed in front of your home, please contact the City at 331-1700 before September 8th, so that none will be placed. In addition, once the flags become too worn for a respectful display, please remove and dispose of them properly.

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## TOM LITZLER WEEK IN FORT WRIGHT AUGUST 6-12

At the "Fort Wright Night at the Florence Freedom Baseball" game on Friday, August 4th, Beaumont Court resident Tom Litzler was honored upon his retirement from Remke Markets Inc. by his employer, his wife Pat, his children and grandchildren, and many friends and residents! Mayor Gene Weaver was there to present Mr. Litzler with a Mayor's Proclamation before the game, declaring "Tom Litzler has served the community of Fort Wright and the Northern Kentucky region immeasurably, in numerous official capacities, including Mayor of the City of Fort Wright from 1978 to 1983; past City Council Member, a current and charter Member of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, and leader in the 1970's effort to bring cable television and public access programming to Northern Kentucky; current Member and Treasurer of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission; past Member of the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky; current Chair of the Fort Wright Board of Adjustments; current Member of the Fort Wright Vision Committee; and perhaps most notably, a leader in the 1970's movement in Fort Wright to counter annexation attempts on areas of Fort Wright, by having the

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION OPEN TO PUBLIC!

Once again there will be an archaeological excavation open to the public on Sunday, September 10th, and Saturday September 16th at Battery Hooper! Museum Board President and Battery Hooper Archaeology Project Manager Jeannine Kreinbrink will lead and instruct participants in looking for Civil War era artifacts at this site that once housed a Union Army artillery unit during the Civil War and included two cannon and a rifle pit. At the last public archaeological excavation in May 2006, several items were found including a minie ball! This marks the fourth time since September 2004 that the public has been invited to participate in an archaeological excavation of an historic site right here in Fort Wright!

Please contact the City at 331-1700, or Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson, at [jlipson@fortwright.com](mailto:jlipson@fortwright.com), with the name(s), address, telephone number and email, preferred date and times, and age(s) of any children who will be participating. Children 10 years of age and older who are accompanied by a legal guardian, are permitted to participate. This is an exciting and unusual opportunity for you and your family to find Civil War artifacts that have been untouched for over 140 years!

*Tom Litzler Continued* matter placed on the ballot for determination by residents...”, “...Tom Litzler has contributed in an unprecedented manner to the quality of life in Fort Wright and Northern Kentucky!” Congratulations Tom and family on a lifetime of outstanding public service and great achievement for your family and your community!

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### **THANK YOU SPONSORS OF BATTERY HOOPER DAYS 2006!**

A very special thanks to the following Sponsors of Battery Hooper Days 2006 which were held on August 19/20! In addition to the City of Fort Wright; the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church, the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum Board, and the Fort Wright Parks and Recreation Board worked very hard for the past two months planning and organizing a very successful event with living history re-enactors Abraham Lincoln, John Hunt Morgan, Harriet Tubman, and both Union and Confederate Army soldier re-enactors, as well as other music, entertainment, food, and games, at Battery Hooper Days 2006! In addition, a special note of appreciation to our **Corporate Sponsors, Republic Bank, and the Northern Kentucky Water District**, for their contributions for such a wonderful event! If you are interested in being an Official Sponsor of Battery Hooper Days 2007 please contact the City at 331-1700. More on Battery Hooper Days 2006 in our October issue of the Top of the Hill News!

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### **CALL FOR MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS ORIENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 10**

There will be an Open Orientation for persons interested in serving their community as Museum Volunteers at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. The Open Orientation will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 1:00 PM at the Museum. Parking is available at the Museum or at Community of Faith Church on Highland Avenue. The Orientation lasts about one and one-half hours. A Volunteer Manual is provided each person. All persons are welcome and encouraged to attend to see if they are interested in becoming a Museum Volunteer. There is no requirement for any certain knowledge of history and all training is provided by the Museum Board! Any number of hours per month to Volunteer is appreciated. Come and meet some of your neighbors on September 10th who have already answered the call!

#### **JAMES A RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM**

1402 Highland Avenue

344-1145

Fridays - Mondays: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed Holidays

For more information on the Museum, visit the City's website at [www.fortwright.com](http://www.fortwright.com)

For information on Group Tours or How to Become a Museum Volunteer, call 331-1700.

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### **ATRIA RESIDENT RECALLS PART OF HISTORY**

Atria resident Eloise Sheriff-Moak-Barnes reports to the Top of the Hill News that her great grandfather, Andy Sheriff, was a Veteran of the Army of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, serving in the infantry. He died in 1930 in Grant County, Kentucky, almost 92 years old. At the time of his death there were only three other Civil War Veterans living in Grant County. He was an emigrant from Ireland and came to the United States at the age of 17. His obituary noted that he “...never acquired great riches but lived a life as no man need be ashamed ...”, was “...honest as the day was long...”, recalled his neighbors, and “...paid every debt he ever contracted to pay...”! What a wonderful, lasting tribute to this Veteran!

# Congratulations!

## TO BLUE GRASS SWIM CLUB

Mary Lee Scheper and Rosemary Mullen report that the Blue Grass Swim Club Dive Team finished in second place this year! Congratulations team and keep up the great work!

## HASTINGS GARDEN FEATURED

Congratulations to Master Gardeners Floyd and Eileen Hastings for their Award-Winning Garden on Mount Vernon Drive which was featured in the July 29, 2006 edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer! Fort Wright is fortunate to have so many residents such as Mr. and Mrs. Hastings who enhance their property with such beautiful gardens, making our community so attractive and colorful!

## ANNA GIER GRAD FROM VASSAR

Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, has announced that Fort Wright resident Anna Kathryn Gier graduated in Vassar's 142nd Commencement on May 28, 2006! She is the daughter of proud parents Tom and Danine Gier of Fort Wright! Anna received her degree in Economics and received Department Honors in Economics as well as General Honors, the Virginia Swinburne Brownell Prize, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honors society. Congratulations Anna (and parents) on a job well done and best wishes for a bright and happy future! If your son or daughter has recently graduated from college or any institution of higher learning please let the Top of the Hill newsletter know, so they can receive their due recognition!

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

It's time for Yard of the Month awards again this month. The "Dirty Hands" Garden Club of Fort Wright awards these through the spring, summer and autumn months to whomever we believe has a good looking yard. We look at neatness, design, and care as well as color (all colorful flowers is not a requirement!)

The winner this month is::

Melvin Houp

1402 Vidot Court

Congratulations, Melvin, on a great looking place!!



City Offices will be  
Closed  
Monday, September 4th

Enjoy Labor Day



## SKYLINE BOOSTER BOOGIE 3.1 MILE RUN/WALK

Don't forget that Sunday September 24th is the 4th annual run/walk/stroll sponsored by Skyline Chili and many other local sponsors. The race starts at 4:00 PM on St. Agnes property and is followed by food, drinks, and festivities. T-shirt and "Booster Bucks" are included for all those who pre-register by September 19th. This event is fully supported by Fort Wright and Park Hills police departments.

Participants of all ages and fitness levels are already registered so sign up today. Visit [www.sprunning.com](http://www.sprunning.com) for race details and registration information. Registration forms are also available at the City building and several local businesses.

We are proud to provide such a great community event for individuals and families to take part in for a great cause. All proceeds benefit local athletic programs serving hundreds of youth from Fort Wright and other neighboring communities. Sign up today and run or walk your way to a healthier future!!

Questions? Call Tami Eckerle at 859 578-8944 or Jeanne Zeis at 859 331-7677.



### FORT WRIGHT BASEBALL CAMP

Thanks to all those who participated in the first Annual Baseball Clinic hosted by "AT THE YARD" training facility. Over 90 boys attended the three hour clinic under the direction of Brandon Berger and Tom Eckerle. Thanks to all those who signed up! More camps will be available next year so stay tuned for more information next spring!

### ADOPT A MILITARY UNIT DONORS THERE AGAIN!

Thanks again to the following generous and patriotic people for their contributions to the City's Adopted Military Unit (the Iron Rakkasans of the 101st Airborne) currently deployed in Iraq! Sue and Bill Osterhage of Rivard Drive; the Saint Paul Christian Church on Fort Henry Drive; Carolyn and Tom Eickhoff of Morris Road; Mary Gronette of Covington; Jack and Virginia Schaaf of Mount Vernon Drive; Steve Smith of Hermitage Court and once again the Saint Agnes Parish, and organizers Tom Jacober and Allen White, for their consistent and solid support!

### COMING EVENTS

Watch the Top of the Hill News  
For information on...

Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off  
In October  
Seniors Luncheon  
In November

Dates to be announced.