



***Dellwood Digest* - May 2015**
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Note from the Editor

The following comment was made to me while recently visiting with one of the families in our community. *"We love it here. Everyone is so friendly, it is just like one big family."* I responded in the affirmative because my wife and I have found a small town camaraderie here that is missing in many other places. Neighbors not only reach out to help each other but they often go as far as making your problems their problems. There is a certain community pride that reveals itself in people keeping their properties nice and volunteering to help with community projects. We rejoice when a neighbor is honored and we grieve when there is serious sickness and death. This past winter, when the snow and ice was on the road, a number of neighbors teamed up together to shovel some of the roadway. While it was hard work, it was also enjoyable fellowship - family fellowship. We have all experienced the family atmosphere at our community picnics and annual meetings. Do you consider yourself part of the family? I hope so and if you have been somewhat a loner in the past, look for places where you can be involved in the community. There are some great people here who desire to see the community move forward for the good of everyone.

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KUDOS

We rejoice with Dan and Jenni Schweikert whose son, Bradley, was awarded the College of Business Executive Advisory Board-Cutler Scholar Award. This is a four year undergraduate scholarship to attend Ohio University. Bradley Schweikert from Hendersonville High was chosen on the basis of scholarship, integrity and a strong sense of leadership skills. Congratulations Bradley!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting this year was held at the Church of Christ on Thursday evening April 23. There was a great spirit in the meeting and we enjoyed a good time getting to know each other. Dick Laux, former Dellwood resident, entertained us by reviewing in pictures some of the early history of our community. Thank you for all who brought in food for the meal. Of course, there was enough food to feed three times as many people and it was delicious. Thank you again for all who contributed to the donation basket. The church graciously allowed us to use their facility again this year and we were able to give them a nice gift.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Why do we have annual meetings, picnics, garage sales, special business meetings and other activities? Our By-Laws state: To foster, maintain, and assure the privileges and responsibilities of the property owners ...to act within its scope of authority for the general welfare of its members and for the improvement of said subdivision and for the enforcement of building and use restrictions covering properties in said subdivision. Included in that statement are a number of non-stated purposes.

- To build strong community spirit and relationships between our Dellwood families. To provide opportunities for family life in the community sharing, caring and socializing.
- To facilitate knowledge sharing and learning on matters that affect the entire community with the goal of improving the quality of life for everyone in Dellwood.
- To provide a sounding board when community issues arise.
- To discuss needs and issues face to face, providing the opportunity for brainstorming (sharing of ideas).
- To aid in arriving at a community consensus.

An old Persian Proverb explains it best: ***"Thinking well is wise. Planning well is wiser. Doing well is wisest and best of all."***

Any Dellwood Resident is welcome to attend a board meeting. If possible, it would help us to place your special concerns on the agenda before the meeting. Also, you will want to confirm the date and time with a board member.

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Multi-Family community Garage Sale



Two possible dates have been chosen and we need at least **TEN DELLWOOD FAMILIES** to participate in order sponsor this event. The possible dates are May 30 or June 6. If you would be willing to have a Garage Sale on one or either of these dates or if you have any questions, please email or call **Walter Petersen** at your earliest convenience.

- Email: wlp4us@hotmail.com
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Thank you for your interest in our Community.

- **Next Board Meeting** - July 25 at 2:00 PM
- **Proposed Date for our Community Picnic** - September 19
- Our Newest Dellwood Member: **Tenley Simone Pellett** born to Justin and Casey in February.



Our nation is built on the strength of our citizens. Every day, we encounter situations calling upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Not only does neighborhood watch allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service. The Neighborhood Watch Program draws upon the compassion of average citizens, asking them to lend their neighbors a hand. The National Neighborhood Watch Program (formerly USAonWatch) is the portal for training to assist law enforcement agencies and their communities, technical assistance, resource documents, watch stories, networking, and assistance to the field.



The fictional town of Tinyburg is populated with churchgoers, civic-minded folks, inquisitive children and their mischievous pets much like you might find in a small town or church setting. Bob Hastings drew material from his background as a minister and his experiences growing up in a close-knit community to create Tinyburg and its memorable cast of characters

Is anyone else familiar with this series of [stories by Robert Hastings](#), who I have recently found out passed away in 1997? Tinyburg is what its name implies; a small town [somewhere in](#) America, and the stories concern a cast of familiar characters with activities centered around the 'Tinyburg Church'-- the only name given to it. As I understand, Mr. Hastings wrote these originally for a radio broadcast or for publication in the *Illinois Baptist*, as a means of illustrating themes or topics.

Some of the characters who regularly appear are 'The Preacher,' who I'm not sure we're given his full name, and his wife, Carol, who "has a [heart of](#) gold," and their 3 sons; then 'Aunt Sarah' Biggs, the local "defender of the faith," and 'Uncle Billy,' a widower who lives across from the church and is often questioned about what he sees going on; Clay Barker, owner of Tinyburg Realty, described as the only man in Tinyburg who wears a coat and tie 365 days a year; and several others who smack of typical small town people, usually with old-fashioned values.

The stories are usually the "slice of life" variety covering a few pages about such subjects as a special program being planned by the church, an unusual act of kindness, a rumor going around about one of the townspeople, et al. But they are certainly not all sugar-coated; for instance, the old uneducated man who [rang](#) the [church bell](#) every Sunday morning had his 'job' replaced by electronic bells from the organ, and he left the church in anger and took to the bottle for the first time in his life; and in one story a woman who had long given up her ambition to be an actress became frustrated while rehearsing a [Christmas](#) pageant and had a tirade which made the children cry and the adults to ostracize her.

But the stories overall are a positive presentation of small town and small church activities. I have 2 books with many of the stories-- *Tinyburg Tales*, and *Tinyburg Revisited*. and our church library has a 3rd one I have read. Although some may view stories like these as a Christianized version of *Green Acres*, I think they are excellent [reading](#) for diversion, especially for those of us who live, or grew up, in small towns and/or have a fondness for life presented as less troubled and less complicated than is our reality.
