



On the Move

a newsletter for citizens
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Commissioners: Bob Proud, Scott Croswell, and Ed Humphrey

Make Sure You are Counted!

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau takes a snapshot of America; make sure Clermont County has a prominent place in the 2010 picture album. Census information impacts the number of seats our state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. People from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent disease, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers, and much more.

When you look at the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for a community. An accurate count can result in a brighter tomorrow for everyone.

"The information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding is spent

on infrastructure and services like building roadways, hospitals, schools, senior centers, and providing for emergency ser-

vices," said Cynthia King, southern Ohio partnership specialist with the 2010 Census.

"In March, census forms will be mailed to homes across the country," said Clermont Commissioner, Ed Humphrey, a member of the Clermont County Counts group, working to educate the community about the importance of completing the form.

"The forms need to be mailed back by April.

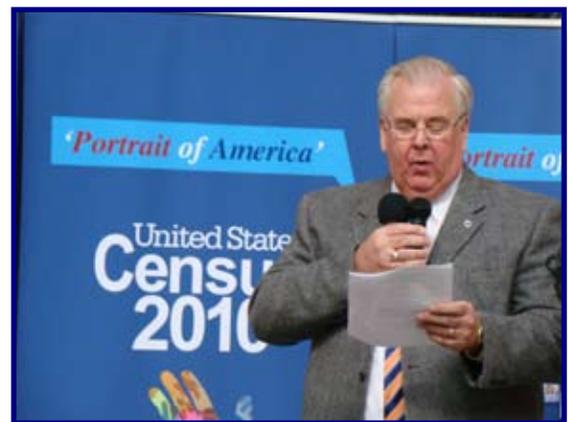
There are only 10 questions, and should take less than 10 minutes to complete."



The brass section of the CNE Pep Band kept the crowd on their feet!

During a January 16, 2010 Pep Rally for the 2010 Census at Eastgate Mall, hundreds of people had the opportunity to take part in the interactive Census Portrait of America Road Tour, apply for

a census job and take the employment test, and learn more about the importance of the count. Commissioner Humphrey, Ohio Treasurer Kevin



Commissioner Ed Humphrey emceed the afternoon Census Rally at Eastgate Mall

Boyce, State Representative Joe Uecker (R-66), State Representative Danny Bupp (R-88), Clermont Northeastern (CNE) Superintendent Neil Leist, and Milford Superintendent Bob Farrell made brief remarks about how the count impacts all of us.

And, what would a pep rally be without spirit squads? Glen Este High School Cheerleaders, the Amelia Rhythm and Blue Pep Band, CNE High School Cheerleaders and Pep Band, the Milford High School Dance Team, and Clermont Monday Morning Line Dancers kept the rally moving. They all did a wonderful job.

More pictures from the Rally inside this newsletter!

Proud to Serve

February Commissioner Sessions

Monday, Feb. 1	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 3	1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17	1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 22	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25	1 p.m.

All meetings are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. Call (513) 732-7300 for additional information.



Commissioner Bob Proud (left) is handed the ceremonial presidential gavel by outgoing Board of Clermont County Commissioners (BCC) President Ed Humphrey as Commissioner Scott Crowell looks on. In 2010, Proud will serve as BCC president, Humphrey is vice president, and Crowell is a member of the Board.

Dog License Extension

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners (BCC) is extending the deadline to obtain a 2010 dog license from January 31 until March 31, 2010. "Many people have told us that with the holidays, they often forget about the January dog license deadline,"

said BCC President Bob Proud. "This is a trial project to see if additional revenues come in as a result of the deadline extension." Dog licenses cost \$14 if they are purchased by the deadline; after the deadline, you could be assessed a \$14 penalty.



By law, dogs are required to have a new license each year; if the pet gets lost, it can be quickly traced by the license number. If a dog is unlicensed, animal shelters are required to hold the animal for only three days before it can be put up for adoption or euthanized.

All proceeds collected for dog licenses go to the Clermont County Humane Society to operate the Clermont Animal Shelter, under contract with the BCC to house dogs that have been picked up as strays or owner surrendered dogs.

The Clermont County Animal Shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia; call the shelter at (513) 732-8854 or visit their Web site at www.ClermontCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Dog licenses are available at a number of locations across the county, including the Clermont County Auditor's Office, located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For a complete listing of sites where you can purchase a dog license, visit the Web site www.ClermontAuditor.org or call (513) 732-7150.



February 10 Deadline To Pay First Half 2009 Property Taxes

“Approximately 45,000 first half 2009 real estate tax bills were mailed on January 15, 2010 to taxpayers without bank/mortgage company escrow accounts,” said
Clermont County Treasurer, J. Robert True. The deadline for payment is February 10, 2010. Taxes can be paid by mail or in person



at the Treasurer’s Office, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the following banks located in Clermont County:
Park National Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Lebanon-Citizens National Bank, National Bank and Trust, RiverHills Bank,

and U.S. Bank N. A. Taxes may also be paid online or by phone using a credit card or e-check at www.ClermontTreasurer.org or call (800) 272-9829.

A night deposit is located at the Main Street entrance of the Administration Building for payment of taxes, after hours.

Taxpayers with questions may call (513) 732-7254, e-mail Treasurer@co.clermont.oh.us or, visit the Web site www.ClermontTreasurer.org.

Sites Available to Assist with Haitian Relief Efforts

The U.S. government is providing a few Web sites for businesses, organizations, or individuals who want to donate resources or assistance to Haiti, following the devastating January 12 earthquake. Up to 3 million people may be affected and more than 50,000 people are feared dead.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is the lead government agency with the responsibility and authority to respond to disasters outside of the United States and its territories. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in a support role to USAID. Its Web site is: www.usaid.gov.

The Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI), operating under a grant from

USAID, has a site for people to coordinate their support to Haiti: www.cidi.org/incident/haiti-10a/.

According to USAID, monetary donations are the most effective form of assistance because they allow humanitarian organizations to purchase the exact type and quantity of items needed by those affected.

For people interested in sending immediate monetary donations, using their cell phones, simply text “HAITI” to “90999” and \$10 will be donated automatically to the American Red Cross. The \$10 will be charged to your cell phone bill.

Other ways to donate financial contributions include going online to the Red Cross at: www.redcross.org, and to Mercy Corps: www.mercycorps.org.



mercyorgs.org.

People seeking to restore contact with family members after the earthquake in Haiti are urged to use the ARC link: www.icrc.org/familylinks.

Additional information is also available on the FEMA Web site: www.fema.gov.

Transportation as a Component of Land Use Planning

Community Invited to Free Presentation

By: Cyn Macke, League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters, in its promotion of responsible leadership in land use, presents a free program focusing on transportation as a component of *Land Use Planning*. It will be held on Tuesday, February 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Queen City Room A of the Union Township Civic Center.

The program will feature an overview of our county's Transportation Improvement District, presented by Steve Wharton.

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) was established in June 2006, pursuant to O.R.C. 5540, by the Board of Clermont County Commissioners to foster increased collaboration with local partner jurisdictions, and other county, regional, state, and federal agencies to implement a regional approach to transportation improvements in support of economic development in Clermont County. CCTID is moving forward with developing new concepts for implementing transportation and infrastructure improvement projects that combine and develop the resources available to our public and

private sector partners to advance economic development in Clermont County while maximizing the value of taxpayer dollars.



The League of Women Voters of Clermont County, a non-partisan political organization, that encourages the informed and active participa-

tion of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy, will also be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters during a dinner to precede the meeting.

Dinner reservations, due no later than Friday, February 19, may be made online with a credit card or by calling Marti Kleinfelter at (513) 831-2997. Reservations are not required, nor is there a fee for those coming only for the program starting at 6 p.m.

To make your reservation, visit the Web site www.lwvclermont.com.

What is Wind Chill?

According to the National Weather Service, one of the gravest dangers of winter weather is wind chill. The wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin by combined effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Animals are also effected by wind chill. Check out the wind chill chart online at www.weather.gov.

Did you know.....



Your system of blood vessels - arteries, veins and capillaries - is over 60,000 miles long. That's long enough to go around the world more than twice! Visit the Web site www.my.ClevelandClinic.org for more information.



Clermont County has a flu hotline available at (513) 588-5121

Clermont County

"The Right Place to Live"



Rich Apuzzo
proud resident of Miami Township

*"Clermont County has so much to offer citizens and businesses.
We have lots of shopping and great restaurants, plus the
opportunity to live in either a rural or suburban setting.
I'm proud to call Clermont County my home!"*

Clermont County: The Right Place is a public education project of the
Clermont County Public Relations Group

Call (513) 576-5013 for more information

Pep Rally for the 2010 Census at Eastgate Mall

January 16, 2010



Clermont Monday Morning Line Dancers



Cynthia King (2010 Census) talks with Commissioner Ed Humphrey about how census data is used



The Amelia Rhythm and Blue Pep Band got the rally crowd fired up!



Glen Este High School cheerleaders perform a census cheer



State Treasurer Kevin Boyce told the rally crowd that the census is quick and easy to complete



Milford School Superintendent Bob Farrell talked about the importance of the count to schools



CNE Superintendent Neil Leist encourages the crowd to take responsibility for the count



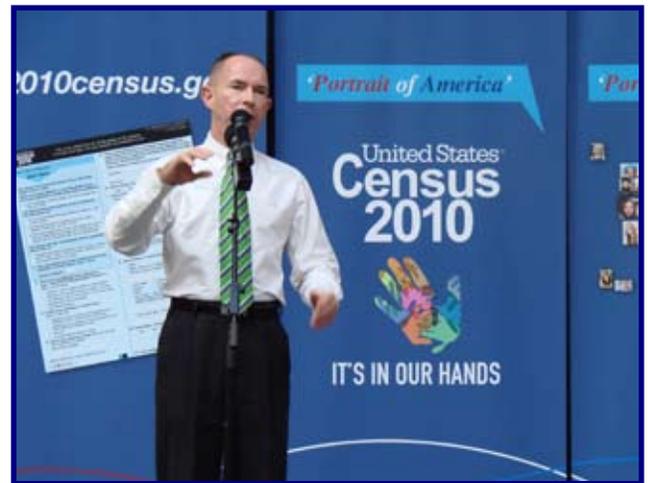
CNE's Pep Band encourages the crowd to get moving



Milford High School's Dance team provided some high stepping fun



State Rep. Joe Uecker said that census data can impact local traffic improvements



State Rep. Danny Bulp reminded the audience that the census data can benefit people of all ages



CNE cheerleaders perform a census cheer, complete with backflips



Kim Prewitt and Gaynell Britton review census educational materials



February Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Backyard Sugaring

Saturday, February 13, 11 a.m. - Pattison Park Lodge
Visit the Pattison Park sugarbush to learn all about making maple syrup. Follow the process step by step and see how you can make your very own maple syrup right in your backyard. Please call (513) 876-9013 to register.

Making Maple Syrup

Pattison Park Lodge
School, homeschool, and scout maple syrup programs are available throughout the month of February. Your group will learn step by step how maple syrup goes from tree to table. This interactive, hands-on program features some tasty maple syrup products for everyone to try. Program times fill quickly due to the popularity of these events. Call the Naturalists' Office at (513) 876-9013 for more information or to schedule your group.



Keith Robinson with the Clermont Park District, taps a tree for maple syrup

Valentines for Vets

By: Tracey McCullough, Clermont Library

Join the Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) during the month of February as they partner with the Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission to celebrate Library Lovers' Month.



You're invited to make a card for Clermont County veterans who have served in our military. Materials will be available at all 10 CCPL branches. Cards will be given to the Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission to be given to veterans that visit their office.

"I believe our veterans will truly appreciate such a warm

and caring act from the public," said Dan Bare, Director of the Veterans' Service Office. "Thanks for thinking about our veterans in such a creative way."

The Library has strong ties to its local veterans commission.

An official founding member of the Library of Congress Veteran History Project, the Clermont County Public Library has been documenting and recording Clermont County veteran's stories since 2006. Seventy-nine veterans have been interviewed to date; copies of the interviews were donated to the Commission in November 2008 and continue to be donated as new interviews are conducted.

Did you know.....



When attempting to locate their heart, most people

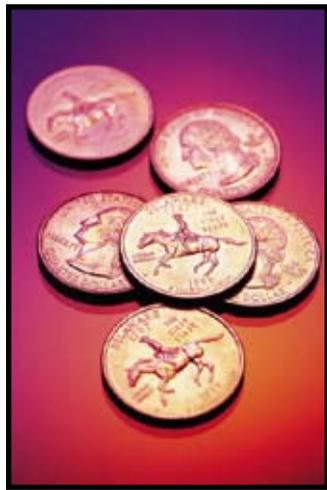
place their hand on their left chest. Actually, your heart is located in the center of your chest between your lungs.

The bottom of the heart is tipped to the left, so you feel more of your heart on your left side of your chest. www.my.clevelandclinic.org

Bring Quarters and Get Ready for Fun!

By: Ashley Thompson, Children's Protective Services

Clermont County Children's Protective Services is having a *Quarter Auction* on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Glen Este High School east cafeteria, located at 4342 Glen Este Withamsville Road in Union Township. The auction preview will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the auction will run from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.



Some of the featured items to be raffled are from The Pampered Chef, Jolly Polly Studios, Home Interiors, Tupperware, Avon, Lia Sophia Jewelry, and much more. Bring your friends and family, and get ready to have a great time while helping support Children's Protective Services programs.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 16, 2010

if you would like to reserve a seat. Contact Ashley Thompson at (513) 732-7765 or e-mail thompa04@odjfs.state.oh.us.

Bidding paddles are \$2 each, and there will also be a raffle.

Become a Clermont County Facebook Fan

Clermont County now has a Facebook page dedicated to updating everyone on the many exciting programs and initiatives that are underway in the county.

Become a "fan" of Clermont County by visiting the county Web site www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov then click on the Facebook link!



Clermont Veterans' Service Commission Elects Ken Cook President

The Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission (VSC) has elected Ken Cook of Bethel as president in 2010; Howard Daugherty of Bethel will serve as vice president, and Don Chandler of Milford will be secretary. Other members of the commission are Bob Derr and Cliff Riley. The VSC elected officers at a meeting on

Wednesday, January 20, 2010.



Ken Cook will serve as the president of the Clermont VSC in 2010

has served on the commission since 2000 and represents Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Chandler

Cook has served on the commission since 2002, and represents the VFW. Riley has served on the commission since 2002, and represents the VVA.

Derr has served on the commission since 2000, and represents American Veterans (Amvets).

Daugherty

served previously on the commission from 1997 through 2004, and represents the American Legion.

"I'd like to thank the commission for the work they do in getting the word out about the many services available to veterans and their families," said Director of the Clermont County Veterans' Service Office Dan Bare. "We encourage any veteran to stop by our office at 76 South Riverside

Drive in Batavia, call us at (513) 732-7363, or visit our Web site www.ClermontCountyVeterans.com for more information about our services."



Cupcake Decorating for Families

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. – New Richmond Branch
Learn hands-on how to use cake decorating icing bags with tips to create designs, like cute animal theme cupcakes and Valentine's Day cupcakes. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information or to register, call (513) 553-0570.



Victorian Valentine's Day

Monday, February 8, 6 p.m. – Owensville Branch
Attendees in grades kindergarten through six are invited for stories, games, and crafts. For more information or to register, call (513) 732-6084.

Winter Story Time

Begins Tuesday, February 4, 10 a.m. – Batavia Branch
Join the library each Thursday until March 11 for story time. Attendees age 0-6 are welcome for stories, crafts, and hands-on activities. For more information or to register, call (513) 732-2128.

Senior Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. – New Richmond Branch
Join us for the first in a series of programs on a variety of subjects including health and safety. For more information or to register, call (513) 553-0570.



Wii Games

Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Williamsburg Branch
Want to play some Wii games? Join other Wii gamers for some fun! For more information, call (513) 724-1070.

Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m. – Goshen Branch
Do you like maple syrup? Want to learn more? Join us for a visit from Keith Robinson of the Clermont Park District to learn all about how to make maple syrup. For more information or to register, call (513) 722-1221.



First Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Amelia Branch
Interested adults are welcome to join! This month's title is Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult. For more information, call (513) 752-5580.

Anime Club

Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m. – Bethel Branch
Interested teens are invited to watch anime movies and give a critique. Participants must have a permission slip on file. For more information or to register, call (513) 734-2619.



Clermont County has its own You Tube channel.

Check it out at

www.youtube.com/clermontcounty

President's Day

Presidents' Day is celebrated in February to honor two of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In 1968, Congress passed legislation placing any federal holiday on a Monday, including Washington's birthday, to create a three-day weekend.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays into Presidents' Day. It would be celebrated on the third Monday in February, regardless of which day it fell on. Presidents' Day is now viewed as a holiday that pays tribute to both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all those who have served as president. The holiday is celebrated in the United States on the third Monday in February - February 15, 2010.



Did you know.....

The heart beats about 100,000 times each day. In a 70-year lifetime, the average human heart beats more than 2.5 billion times

Presidential Factoids:

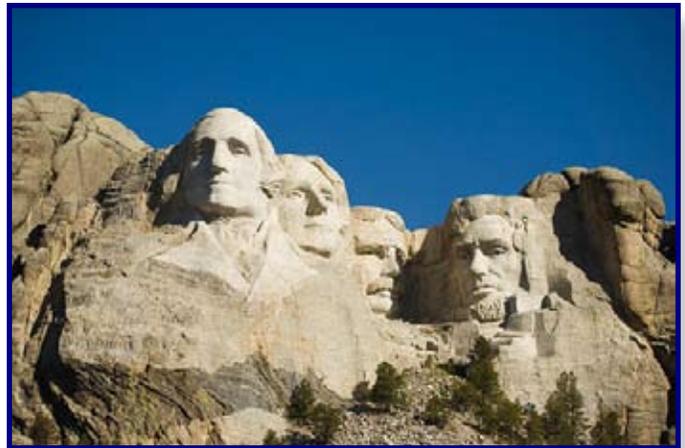


George Washington, 1st President: 1789-1797

- Washington was the only American president to be unanimously elected.
- Washington never lived in the White House. The nation's capital was located in Philadelphia, as well as several other cities, prior to its move to Washington, D.C.
- George Washington was the only president who did not represent a political party.

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President: 1861-1865

- Abraham Lincoln was a man of perseverance. Before Lincoln's election as the 16th president of the United States he failed as: a business man - as a storekeeper, failed as a farmer - he despised this work, failed in his first attempt to obtain political office, he failed when he sought the office of speaker, he failed in his first attempt to go to Congress, he failed when he sought the appointment to the United States Land Office, he failed when he ran for the United States Senate and he failed when friends sought for him the nomination for the vice-presidency in 1856.



- Abraham Lincoln was the first president to wear a beard and the tallest president at 6' 4".
- Lincoln was the first president to die by assassination. On Good Friday, April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

For more presidential factoids visit the Web site www.nps.gov.

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