



On the Move

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

Adopt a Child or Senior This Holiday Season

By: Sanna Gast, DJFS and Sharon Brumagem, Senior Services

Children

The Clermont County Community Toy Chest is looking for sponsors to provide gifts to 315 children who are in the care of the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services. "The children range in age from birth to 18 and we have wish lists to give sponsors to help them make purchases," said Sanna Gast with the Community Toy Chest. "This is a great opportunity for individuals, families, church groups, and businesses to join forces and make the holidays a little brighter for these children."

Sponsors are given the child's first name and age, his/her sizes, and the child's wish list; each sponsor is also assigned a number that is to be used with the child's name when the gift is wrapped. Packages can either be delivered to Clermont County Children's Protective Services offices, located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia, or you can call (513) 732-7264 to arrange to have someone pick up the items.



"We have the biggest need for sponsors of children between the ages of 12 and 18," said Gast. "Examples of gifts that would be appreciated for the older age group are video games, and gift certificates or gift cards to local stores."

If you do not have the time to shop for a gift, but would still like to help a child, checks can be made payable to the Community Toy Chest. These donations will be used to purchase gifts for children who are not sponsored, or who come into county care close to the holidays. "Please remember that the need to help these children is year round," said Gast. "You can donate new items for birthdays, special events, and other times, to help a child get through a difficult period in his/her young life."

If you are interested in sponsoring a child this holiday season, contact Sanna Gast at (513) 732-7264. Monetary donations (checks only) can be mailed to: Community Toy



Chest, 2400 Clermont Center Drive (Suite 206C), Batavia, Ohio, 45103. All wrapped gifts must be received at the Clermont Children's Protective Services office by December 8, 2009 to ensure they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

Seniors

Every time he changes his bed, he washes the same raggedy sheets and then puts them back on the bed. This member of our community needs his money to purchase life-saving medicine. New sheets and a warm blanket will have to wait. This is the true story of an elderly man who lives in Clermont County; sadly, his story is not unique. In every community, there are many who are living on a fixed income, forcing senior citizens to decide whether to purchase food, warm clothes, or medicine; they can afford one but not all three.

Can you adopt a senior this holiday season? Clermont Senior
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Need help kicking the habit?

The annual *Great American Smokeout* is set for Thursday, November 19; the day is designed to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for at least one day. Currently, the American Cancer Society reports that almost 40 percent of the 43.4 million Americans who smoke, have attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year. If you smoke, make a plan and set the Great American Smokeout, November 19, 2009, as your quit date.



By calling the American Cancer Society Quitline® at 1-800-227-2345, people who plan to quit will be able to speak with a trained counselor and receive free, confidential counseling. Studies have found that Quitline can more than double a person's chances of successfully quitting tobacco.

Shriver Recipient of C.J. McLin Award

County Municipal Court Administrative Judge James Shriver is the recipient of the 2009 C.J. McLin Award, presented by the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC). The award is named after the late Ohio Representative C.J. McLin, Jr., who worked tirelessly in the General Assembly to improve community corrections through funding and legislative change. Judge Shriver was recognized

Clermont Adult Probation Department is Skeen Award Winner



Bruce Gibson, Bill Epeards, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) Director Terry J. Collins, ODRC Deputy Director Linda S. Janes, Judge William Walker, Anne Zimmerman, Mary Brock, Nick Gescheider, John Sheshull, and ODRC Assistant Director Ernie Moore

The Clermont County Common Pleas Court Adult Probation Department has received the Clifford Skeen Award, presented by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The award recognizes the department for operating the "outstanding non-residential community corrections program in the State of Ohio for fiscal year 2009." The Clermont program

was selected as the Skeen Award winner from 47 community corrections programs across the state. Clermont County Common Pleas Administrative Judge William Walker accepted the award during the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections conference in Columbus on October 1, 2009.

for establishing and presiding over Ohio's first OVI (Operating a Vehicle Impaired) Court. He was nominated for the award, "as a result of his demonstrated commitment and leadership in the judicial field and his willingness to help and renew an interest in problem-solving courts." The award was presented during the 2009 annual OJACC conference in Columbus on Thursday, October 1, 2009.



Judge James Shriver



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

**Free Community
Shred Day
November 7**

Don't become a victim of identity theft. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that nearly 10 million citizens are victimized each year; identity thieves most often steal wallets and documents (often taken from the trash). Citizens and business owners across Clermont County are invited to bring all documents they need to dispose of to a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Department of Job and Family Services parking lot, located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. The event is sponsored by the Clermont County Records Management Division and Cintas Document Management.

For more information about the free event, call (513) 735-8660.

***Clermont Judge Walker Named
Trial Judge of the Year***

Clermont County Common Pleas Administrative Judge William Walker has been named "2009 Trial Judge of the Year" by the Southwest Ohio Trial Lawyers Association (SWOTLA). Judge Walker will be honored during the organization's annual recogni-



Judge William Walker

tion dinner on November 17, 2009 in Cincinnati. SWOTLA is comprised of trial attorneys who desire to advance the cause of those who are damaged in person or property and who must seek legal redress, and to uphold and improve the judicial system and trial by jury.

Veterans Day Parade

The annual Clermont County Veterans' Day Parade will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in Batavia. Those interested in marching in the parade should assemble at the Batavia Post Office on Main Street at 6 p.m.

Colonel Joe Johnston will serve as the parade grand marshal. Call (513) 732-7363 for more information about the parade.

Clermont Ending Child Support Payments at Local Office

Effective Tuesday, December 1, 2009, the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) division of the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) will no longer accept payments for child support. Beginning in December, child support payments must be made by personal check, money order, traveler's check or cashier's check and made payable to Ohio Child Support Payment Central (OCSPC), P.O. Box 182372, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2372; other payment options available through the centralized Colum-

bus collection unit include www.ExpertPay.com (a Web site that allows those making payments to use a debit card) and www.e-child-sPay.com (a Web site that accepts Master Card and Discover payments). To ensure prompt payment and accurate posting to the individual's child support case, payments should include name, social security number, SETS number, and/or court number.

Call the Clermont CSE office at (513) 732-7248 for additional information.

How many calories will you consume on Turkey Day?

According to the Web site www.HealthyAging.net, the average American will consume 3,000 calories and 229 grams of fat this Thanksgiving, owing in part to a traditional Thanksgiving meal packed with as many calories as 5.5 McDonald's Big Mac hamburgers or 15 Supreme Tacos from Taco Bell.

The American Council on Exercise's Dr. Cedric Bryant points out that a 160-pound person would have to run at a moderate pace for four hours, swim for five hours or walk 30 miles to burn off a 3,000-calorie Thanksgiving Day meal. "Working out regularly will



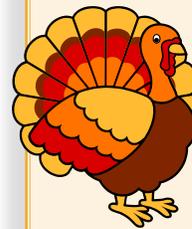
help prevent weight gain as you indulge during this festive time."

According to ACE, another key to keeping healthy and curbing overindulgence is to make the holidays about family and friends, not food.

"Family walks, a pickup game of football or basketball or simply throwing the ball around with the kids are great ways to not only burn off those extra calories, but also to make memories," said Pete McCall, exercise physiologist for ACE. "During your meal, take your time and enjoy the conversation. This will allow the food to digest and allow you to enjoy your time with family and friends."

Thanksgiving Trivia

Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.



Source: www.history.com

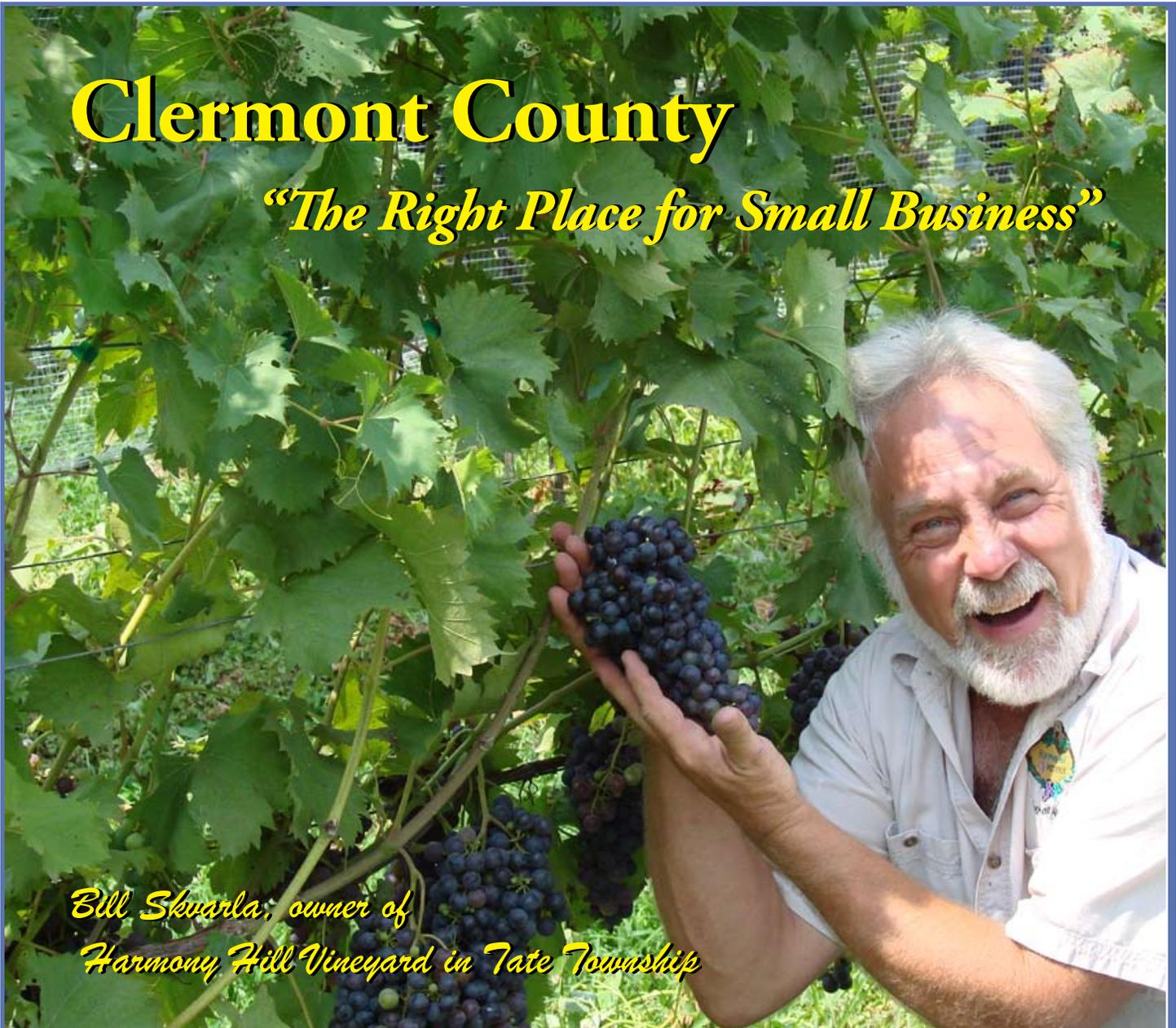


The Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra and the U.C. College Conservatory of Music will present *Amahl and the Night Visitors* on Friday, December 4 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m. at UC Clermont College in Batavia.

For more information, call (513) 732-2561 or visit the Web site www.ClermontPhilharmonic.com.

Clermont County

“The Right Place for Small Business”



*Bill Skvarla, owner of
Harmony Hill Vineyard in Tate Township*

*During warm weather weekends, hundreds of people flock to
Harmony Hill Vineyard in Tate Township to
sample the delicious award winning wines, enjoy live music, and
stroll the beautiful grounds of the local vineyard*

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

Call (513) 576-5013 for more information

Wilson Nature Preserve Dedication

"It's like a dream come true for us," said Jim Wilson during dedication ceremonies on Friday, October 16, 2009 for the James L. and Frances Wilson Nature Preserve at Sycamore Park in Batavia Township. The 105 acre nature preserve sits adjacent to the 53 acre Sycamore Park, now the largest park within the Clermont County Park District. The nature preserve includes three miles of hiking trails, scenic views of the East Fork of the Little Miami River, and a 25 acre island.

Clermont Park District Board member (at right) Ken Stewart, Frances and Jim Wilson, and Park Board members Dave Anspach and Bill Stearns at the dedication of the new nature preserve at Sycamore Park.



November 11 Dedication Set for Batavia Township Veterans Memorial Plaza

"We could think of no better time to dedicate the Veterans Memorial Plaza than on November 11, Veterans Day," said Batavia Township Administrator Rex Parsons. The dedication ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. at the plaza, on property adjacent to the Batavia Township Community Center, located at 1535 Clough Pike in Batavia.

"The centerpiece of the memorial is a Humvee, which was donated by BAE Systems," said Parsons. "The Humvee has served as the main means of ground transporta-



tion in military conflicts for many years and is easily recognized as a symbol of freedom." He said the site will also include an American flag, flags from each branch of the military, park benches, landscaping, and

plaques recognizing each branch of service. Parsons invites everyone to visit the new memorial plaza.

"We appreciate the efforts of everyone who has worked so hard for this memorial to take shape," said Clermont Veterans' Services Office Director Dan Bare. "Those of us who have served in Vietnam and prior conflicts recognize how important these memorials are. They truly are a welcome home and acknowledge the sacrifices so many have made for America's freedom."



Thanksgiving Trivia

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Source: www.history.com

**Clermont County
has its own You
Tube channel.**

**Check it out at
[www.youtube.com/
clermontcounty](http://www.youtube.com/clermontcounty)**

Pumpkin Carving Competition at Clermont Senior Services

sponsored by CORE group



Best of Show

"Likeness of Lois Brown Dale"

Jason Palm



Best of Show

Honorable Mention

Pam K. Scott



Most Original

Sharon Cassidy



Prettiest

Nichol Holden



Scariest

Sharon Robinson

Satellite Pet Adoptions

The Clermont County Humane Society will hold satellite pet adoptions on the following dates in November:

Milford Petsmart

Saturday, November 14
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Eastgate Petsmart

Saturday, November 21
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The satellite adoptions are a great opportunity to meet some of the amazing animals available for adoption through the Clermont Animal Shelter. If you're unable to make it to the satellite adoptions, stop by the shelter anytime Monday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. Call (513) 732-8854 for more information.



Thanksgiving Trivia

Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).



Volunteer to Help Your Community

By: Frankie Hughart, Clermont 2020

Are you hanging out around the house? Are you looking for an opportunity to get out, see some old friends, and volunteer to help make Clermont County a better place to live? If you answered "yes" we would love to have you here at Clermont 20/20!



Clermont 20/20 is celebrating 20 years in 2010 and we have been doing a lot of thinking about our marketing strategy and working hard to change things up!

If you are willing to give a few hours a week or a few hours a

month, I could use your help in the office and on several event committees. We have the Holiday Homecoming, our Annual Business Meeting, the Salute to Leaders, and Leadership Day all reviving up and I could really use help with follow up phone calls, tracking reservations, mailings, and answering the phone during peak times.

To volunteer, or for more information call (513) 753-9222.

November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month!

- Peanuts are not actually nuts at all! They are legumes, like beans, peas, and lentils.
- Americans eat 3 pounds of peanut butter per person every year. That's about 700 million pounds, or enough to coat the floor of the Grand Canyon!
- Peanuts may be a favorite food, but we've found many uses for their shells too! You might find peanut shells in kitty litter, wallboard, fireplace logs, paper, animal feed, and sometimes as fuel for power plants!
- Two peanut farmers have been elected President of the United States: Thomas Jefferson and Jimmy Carter.
- One acre of peanuts will make 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches.

source: www.PeanutLovers.com



On Patrol

Making Daylight Savings Time Safe for Kids

By: Lt. Randy McElfresh, OSHP Batavia Post



As autumn turns toward winter, daylight hours are growing shorter. Now that we've switched from Daylight Saving Time, it will be dark even earlier. But, what we may not realize is that this also means that more children will be traveling to and from school in the dark, which puts them at greater risk of injuries from traffic crashes.

Nationwide, over half of all fatal pedestrian crashes and over one fourth of fatal bicycle crashes involving school age children (ages 5 through 18) occur in low light or dark conditions.

There are many things you can do to help your children and those in your neighborhood reach their destinations safely.

First, you can help them learn and practice this important safety rule: *Be Seen To Be Safe*. Let kids know that during the day and at dawn and dusk, they should wear bright or fluorescent clothing. These colors (day-glo green, hot pink, or construction worker orange) amplify light and help the wearer stand out in a crowd. However, at night, these colors appear to be black, so kids should carry a flashlight and/or wear retro-reflective gear that reflects light back to its source so motorists can see them.

A motorist will quickly detect a child walking with a lit flashlight, or riding on a bike with an attached headlight and flashing taillight. When combined with retro-reflective gear or strips of retro-reflective tape on their jacket, shoes, cap, helmet, or backpack, a child's odds of being seen are greatly improved. The sooner motorists are alerted to something like a child moving up ahead, the sooner they can react.

Second, you can help kids remember to "stop, look left-right-left, and listen" before stepping off the curb, even where there is a traffic signal. It is also a good idea to accompany your children when they walk to and from school as often as possible.

Third, you can remind kids to avoid "jaywalking" and crossing from between parked vehicles. Crosswalks are safer and more visible, especially after dark.

Motorists can also help by paying special attention to safe driving rules in low-light conditions. First, and most important, you must be alert if you are on the road after dark. Watch carefully for children who may be walking or riding their bikes. Always drive at a safe speed, especially on unlit or winding roads or when using low beams. Never pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended and red lights flashing.

To help increase your ability to see at night, be sure to take off your



sunglasses at dusk. Wipe off your headlights regularly, and keep your windshield clean, both inside and out. Adjust the rearview mirror to the "night" setting to avoid headlight glare. If you need to use your high beams on an unlit road, be sure to turn them off when another car approaches.

Following these tips can help ensure safety during the times each day when kids are going to and from school, and many of us are in our vehicles driving to and from work or other activities.



Turkey Trivia

At one time, the turkey and the bald eagle were each considered as the national symbol of America. Benjamin Franklin was one of those who argued passionately on behalf of the turkey. Franklin felt the turkey, although "vain and silly", was a better choice than the bald eagle, whom he felt was "a coward."

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Bubp Presented Legion of Merit Award

State Representative Colonel Danny Bubp was presented with the prestigious Legion of Merit medal during a Wednesday, October 28, 2009 ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. The award, offered by the armed forces, honors Colonel Bubp for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as the United States Marine's liaison officer to the Governor of Al Anbar province, during Colonel Bubp's recent tour of duty in Iraq.

"Colonel Bubp's superb leader-



State Rep. Colonel Danny Bubp

ship contributed to increased stability in Al Anbar, furthered political development, and increased the

civic capacity of the provincial government," said Commandant of the Marine Corps James Conway, in a release announcing the award. "His wise advice, diplomatic negotiation, and sheer persistence helped the Governor lead the prince through the waning months of a violent insurgency and set the people of Al Anbar on a path towards peace and prosperity."

"I am deeply honored to receive this award," said Colonel Bubp, who has served in the Marine Corps for 30 years. The award was presented by Major General Martin Post USMC (Ret).

Save Money on your Water Bill!



The following are some tips and tricks you can use to help you save money on your water bill, compliments of the Clermont County Water Resources Department:

- Nearly 14 percent of the water a typical homeowner pays for is never even used – it leaks down the drain! Fix leaks immediately.
- Recycle used oil. One quart of oil can contaminate two million gallons

of drinking water. Oil can be recycled at the Fleet Maintenance Department by calling (513) 732-7775.

- You can save on water usage by taking a bath instead of a shower. Since most of us linger too long in the shower, a bath in a partially filled tub will use less water.
- Each time you brush your teeth, you use about two gallons of water per minute. Conserve water by turning off the faucet while you brush.
- Use your dishwasher and clothes washing machine only when you have a full load.
- Hand washing dishes uses up to 20 gallons of water for each sinkful. To conserve water,

don't leave the water running while you wash.

- Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, tissue, or other small bit of trash, you waste up to three gallons of water.
- Check your toilet tank for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If without flushing, colored water appears in the bowl, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.

For questions about your water and sewer bill, call the Water Resources customer service line at (513) 732-7970 or visit www.ws.clermontcountyohio.gov.

Thanksgiving Trivia

Some dishes we think of as traditional Thanksgiving food were not at the first Thanksgiving, including sweet potatoes, ham, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

Source: www.history.com



November Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Fall Garden Prep

Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. – Chilo Lock #34 Park

The growing season has finally ended as fall's lullin, frosts are soon expected. Help prepare the Victory Garden for winter by gathering the last of the summer harvest and clearing the beds. No gardening experience is needed; all ages are welcome.



Habitat Help Day: Honeysuckle Removal

Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. – Sycamore Park

Help restore the park's natural ecosystems! Fall is the best time to remove the highly invasive bush honeysuckle, a woody shrub that crowds out our native wildflowers, shrubs, and forest regenerating saplings. Pre-registration is required. Call (513) 876-9013 to sign up. Light refreshments will be served after the honeysuckle removal.

Getting Ready for Winter

Sunday, November 15, 1 p.m. – Kelley Nature Preserve

Fall is winding down and winter is nearly here. Make sure to get outside and hike before the busy holiday season arrives. See how plants and animals prepare for the long and cold winter ahead. Meet at the information kiosk.



Turkey Talk

Wednesday, November 25, 1 p.m. – Chilo Lock #34 Park

Celebrate Thanksgiving a day early. Join the naturalist for some cool turkey facts and discover the fascinating history behind the season's most famous bird. We'll make turkey crafts and cookies to take home. Meet in the visitor center.

Help Clermont County Animals Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Whether you have pets of your own, or are simply just an animal lover, there are many ways you can help them have a great holiday season this year. For the homeless animals housed at the Clermont County Animal Shelter, you are invited to stop in beginning December 1 to select an ornament from the Wish List



Tree. Attached to each ornament is an item the shelter needs to make the holidays a little more special for animals. You can choose the item you wish to purchase for the shelter, and keep the ornament as a thank you! The shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia.

If you have pets in your home that have been especially good this year, bring them to the Milford Petsmart store on Saturday, December 12 or Sunday, December 13 to have their picture taken with Santa! The photos cost \$9.95, with \$5 going directly to the Clermont County Humane Society.



Your pets can also tell Santa what they would like to find in their stockings!

For more information about the Wish List Tree or Santa pictures, call the Clermont Animal Shelter at (513) 732-8854.

H1N1 Vaccinations Begin

The Clermont County General Health District began holding vaccination clinics at county schools the week of October 26, 2009 to begin administering H1N1 shots; the clinics are expected to continue through November.



If you think you have the flu, the best treatment may be to stay home, avoid contact with other people, get plenty of rest, and drink liquids. Symptoms of the flu include fever greater than 100.4°F, a dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle and body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, chest discomfort, and sometimes diarrhea and/or vomiting. “In most cases, even with the H1N1 strain, sick people will recover on their own without medical testing,” said Clermont General Health District Commissioner Marty Lambert. “Testing to determine the strain of the virus is done only when an illness is severe and hospitalization is required.”

“Local emergency rooms are experiencing an increase in individuals seeking treatment for flu-like symptoms; in many cases, an emergency room visit or 9-1-1 call is not necessary,” said Lambert. “Go to the

emergency room when you have flu symptoms that include trouble swallowing, trouble breathing or shortness of breath, bluish skin color, you feel disoriented or confused, sudden dizziness, suffer chest pain or pressure, severe or persistent

vomiting or you become dehydrated.” If you opt to go to the emergency room, you may experience a lengthy wait and you may not benefit from medications so you won’t receive any prescriptions.

There are times, when you should contact your primary care physician. According to the Centers for Disease Control, when you have severe flu symptoms, are coughing up mucus that is thick or yellow-green, exhibit signs of dehydration, have an existing medical condition, and there is no improvement in your condition for a week, you should call your doctor. You should always call the doctor if your child is less than a year of age and has flu symptoms.

“If someone with flu symptoms has trouble breathing, has bluish skin color, experiences chest pain, or is confused/non-responsive, call 9-1-1 for immediate assistance,” said Lambert. “Please do not call 9-1-1 if you need advice or information about the flu; county emergency lines must be left open to handle

true emergencies.”

Clermont County has a flu hotline available at (513) 588-5121, or visit the Web site for the Clermont General Health District at www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org or the Centers for Disease Control Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Energy 101 *Improving Gas Mileage*

Idling gets you **zero** miles per gallon. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it; no more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days is needed. Anything more simply wastes fuel and increases emissions.

Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and hard braking) wastes gas. It can lower your highway gas mileage 33 percent and city mileage 5 percent.

Avoid high speeds. Above 60 mph, gas mileage drops rapidly.

Clear out your car; extra weight decreases gas mileage by 1 to 2 percent for every 100 pounds.

Reduce drag by placing items inside the car or trunk rather than on roof racks. A roof rack or carrier provides additional cargo space and may allow you to buy a smaller car. However, a loaded roof rack can decrease your fuel economy by 5 percent or more.

For more energy tips visit the U.S. Department of Energy Web site at www.eere.energy.gov.

Facebook 101

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. – New Richmond Branch
Learn how to create an account, manage privacy settings, navigate the site, and learn about buzzwords. Please register in advance at (513) 553-0570 or online at www.clermontlibrary.org.

Chess Night

Mondays, November 2, 16, and 30, 7 p.m. – Williamsburg Branch

Want to learn to play chess? Join Mr. Alfred Cherascot to



learn basic strategy and to play matches. For more information,

call (513) 724-1070.

Resume and Cover Letter Assistance

All through the month of November by appointment – Amelia Branch
Get help with your resume or cover letter by appointment. Learn about which resume type is best for you. For more information or to register, call (513) 752-5580.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 16, 1 p.m. – Bethel Branch
Join the Bethel Book Discussion Group! This month's title is

“Mayflower: A story of courage, community, and war” by Nathaniel Philbrick. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the library. For more information, call (513) 734-2619.

Homeschoolers Meet and Greet

Monday, November 9, 1 p.m. – Williamsburg Branch
Join the library for Silly Science as part of their Meet and Greet series. Enjoy simple fun science experiments kids can do on their own. For more information or to register, call (513) 724-1070 or sign up online at www.clermontlibrary.org.

Thankful for Food

Monday, November 9, 6 p.m. – Goshen Branch
Bring the family for soup, homemade butter, stories, and crafts. Bring a nonperishable food item for a food bank donation. For more information, call (513) 722-1221.



Team Edward vs. Team Jacob

November 16 – 23 – New Richmond Branch
Help us settle the debate once and for all! Visit the New Richmond branch during normal operating hours and cast your vote for your favorite Twilight character, and tell us why you chose either Edward or

Jacob. The teen with the best reason will win a prize. For more information, call (513) 553-0570.

Wednesday at the Movies

Wednesday, November 25, 2 p.m. – Batavia Branch
All interested adults are invited to watch this month's title “Munyurangabo” directed by Lee Isaac Chung of Rwanda. For more information, call (513) 732-2128.

**CCG-TV:
Your Resource for
Clermont County News**

In the month of November on CCG-TV, watch the *Clermont County Today* show for information about what's happening in your community. Marty Lambert, Health Commissioner, gives us an update on H1N1 vaccines, we visit a unique local business in New Richmond that's putting locally made food items on our store shelves, and Neil Leist, superintendent of Clermont Northeastern schools, tells us about the creative ways he saves his district money.

Clermont County Today can be seen on CCG-TV and other local cable access channels, at www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov, and online at www.youtube.com/clermontcounty.



Clermont County Children's Protective Services Quarter Auction



Friday, December 11, 2009

Preview at 6:15, Auction from 7 PM to 9 PM

Raffle tickets 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5

Split the Pot \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Bidding Paddles are \$2 each (\$1 each if you bring an unwrapped toy to donate)

Quarter Raffle features products from the following companies.....

Bare Paws Animal Stuffing, The Pampered Chef, Jolly Polly Studios, Home Interiors, Tupperware, Avon, Tastefully Simple, Southern Comfort, Elegant Expressions, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Dove Chocolate Discoveries, and Sumner's Sweets

Please Bring your own Quarters!! No other coins please.

Bring your friends and family and come have some fun! Bid on everything for around \$35.00!

RSVP by Tuesday, December 8th to Ashley Thompson @ 732-7765

or thompa04@odjfs.state.oh.us to reserve your seat.

American Legion in Old Milford

450 Victor Stier Drive

Milford, OH 45150

How to Play

Each item up for bid will be displayed for all guests to see. The auctioneer then gives a description, retail value and how many quarters you will need to bid. You place your bid in the container on the table and hold up your numbered paddle. *If you have more than one paddle, you must place a bid for each one.* When all bids are collected, then the auctioneer will draw a numbered chip from the container. If the number on your paddle matches the number on the chip drawn, you win that item. If a matching numbered paddle is not held up, the auctioneer will draw again, until we have a winner. Once we have a winner, all chips will be placed back in the container and go to the next item to be auctioned.

In the Kitchen with Margaret

By: Margaret Jenkins, OSU Extension-Clermont



Sweet Potato Apple Bake

(makes about 6 – ¾ cup servings)

Ingredients

- 2 (15 ounce) cans sweet potatoes, drained (save 2 Tablespoons of the liquid)
- 2 cups apples, peeled, cored, and cut into bite size pieces (Granny Smith apples tend to work best in this recipe)
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 2 Tablespoons melted butter

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Put sweet potatoes in baking dish.
3. Add apples.
4. Pour 2 Tablespoons of the sweet potato liquid over the mixture.
5. Mix brown sugar, pecans, flour, and melted butter together in a small bowl.
6. Sprinkle mixture over the top of the sweet potato/apple combination.
7. Bake for 20-30 minutes, until the top is golden brown and bubbly.

NUTRITION FACTS PER SERVING: 300 calories, 9g total fat (3g saturated fat), 3g protein, 54g carbohydrates, 10mg cholesterol, 6g dietary fiber, 55mg sodium

Second Chances

Meet pretty Precious! Precious is a beautiful cat with a friendly, loving personality. She gets along great with people, other



cats, and even dogs. She has already been spayed, which will save her new owners the cost.

Precious would make a great addition to any household!

Introducing jovial Jake! Jake is an adorable, neutered, 9-month-old mixed breed dog who loves



chew toys. He's still a puppy, so Jake needs to go to a family who

understands puppy behavior, and is willing to train him and provide lots of walks and playtime.

If you are interested in Precious, Jake, or any of the wonderful animals available for adoption at the Clermont County Animal Shelter, call (513) 732-8854. Won't you give one of these animals a second chance at a happy life?

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