



On the Move

a newsletter for citizens
October 2009

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Commissioners: Bob Proud, Scott Crowell, and Ed Humphrey

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Wearing the color purple will signify your support of *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* during the month of October. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another.

Domestic violence impacts individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background.

Domestic violence often results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death.

In Clermont County, calls to the YWCA hotline (that also serves Adams and Brown counties) increased from 300 in June to over 500 in August of this year! "I think there are several reasons behind the increase," said Kirstin Eismín with the Y's House of Peace shelter. "The struggling economy is definitely one reason, but I think more women are ready to get out of abuse situations. They know that it's not going to get better and a better life is possible."

Eismín says the House of Peace

emergency shelter served over 350 women and children in 2008, providing them with a safe place to stay until they can get on their feet. "Our shelter is almost always at capacity," she said.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., victims of abuse, and anyone concerned about the situation, are invited to make a free t-shirt that will be displayed at UC Clermont. "We call it the Clothesline Project and it is a powerful testimony of the impact of domestic violence on its many victims," said Eismín.

On Thursday, October 22, a vigil and march for a Peaceful End to Violence



Kirstin Eismín with the YWCA House of Peace holds one of the T-shirts made for the Clothesline Project at UC Clermont

will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the Clermont County Courthouse, located at 270 E. Main Street in Batavia. "One of our speakers lost her daughter to domestic violence," said Eismín.

Did you know...

- * One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime
- * An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year
- * 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women
- * Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they know
- * Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police

Clermont DJFS Announces Office Closing Dates

The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) will implement a series of unpaid cost savings days, as a way to help offset a more than 20 percent cut in state funding. On these dates in 2009 and 2010, the local DJFS offices will be closed.



“To minimize the impact of this situation on our customers, we have tried to select closure dates that are traditionally among our slowest business days,” said DJFS Director Tim McCartney. He said the decision to close the offices will save an estimated \$400,000 in salaries with additional savings linked to building operations.

The announced DJFS closures are:

- Monday, October 12, 2009
- Thursday, December 24, 2009
- Thursday, December 31, 2009
- Friday, February 12, 2010
- Friday, March 12, 2010
- Friday, April 2, 2010
- Friday, April 30, 2010
- Friday, May 28, 2010
- Friday, June 11, 2010

The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services receives the majority of its funding from state and federal sources. This is one of many steps DJFS has implemented to address budget cuts. The department has previously reduced costs through the attrition of more than 20 staff members, agency restructuring, voluntary reductions in work hours, and reduced agency contracts.

“We needed to take immediate action to respond to the cuts,” added McCartney. “Sadly, it comes at a time when we are seeing an increase in those needing assistance. Thus far this year, we have seen a 30 percent increase in households



October Commissioner Sessions

Monday, Oct. 5	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 7	1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 14	1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 19	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 21	1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 26	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 28	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.

receiving food stamps (compared to this time last year); we’ve also experienced similar increases in those needing Medicaid and cash assistance.”



Daylight Saving Time!

Before heading to bed on Saturday, October 31, set your clocks back one hour. In the United States, Daylight Saving Time officially begins at 2 a.m. on November 1; clocks fall back from 1:59 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks, because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

BCC Looking for People Interested in the Future of Clermont County

Make a difference in your community! The Board of Clermont County Commissioners invites you to visit the Web site www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov to find out about

the many volunteer opportunities that exist in the county to serve on boards, commissions, and committees.

“We encourage citizens to fill out an application to be considered for these positions that are critically important to Clermont County,” said Clermont Board of Commissioners (BCC) President Ed Humphrey.

A list of BCC-appointed boards, commissions, and committees are available online, along with brief descriptions of the purpose of the committees, meeting dates and times, and terms of service.

“Commissioners must appoint representatives to dozens of com-

mittees that advise county departments and agencies, such as Clermont Transportation Connection, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Department of Job and Family Services,” said Commissioner Scott Crowwell.



“With so many new people moving into the area, we want to make sure that everyone knows that these opportunities exist. We welcome all applications.”

Applications can be filled out for any of the boards or committees listed on the Web site. When an opening occurs, the BCC will review the applications that are on file and contact those individuals that meet the qualifications for the position.

“This is a great opportunity for citizens of all ages to get involved in their government and truly help make a difference in our community,” added Commissioner Bob Proud. For more information visit the Web site www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov or call (513) 732-7300.

The Recorder's Office

A hot spot for historical research

Researching your family tree or the history of the house you're living in, could become easier by visiting the Clermont County Recorder's Office, located on the first floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. “We have a lot of documents that could help you with that important research,” said Recorder Debbie Clepper.

Visit the Recorder's Office at the Web site www.Recorder.ClermontCountyOhio.gov or call (513) 732-7236.

Fall Fun Fact

Early settlers made pumpkin pie by filling a hollowed out shell with milk, honey, and spices, then baking it.

(Source: www.Pumpkinnook.com)

Four Six Historic Milford Sites

Sunday, October 18
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Four tickets are available at
Promont Museum and
Row House

Call for more information,
(513) 248-0324

A cheetah from the Cincinnati Zoo became the world's fastest land mammal in September—twice! Sarah, an 8-year-old female cheetah, ran the 100-meter dash in 6.16 seconds on her first attempt and then 6.13 seconds on

Did you hear?



her second attempt. She set her speed record at the Cincinnati Zoo Breeding facility at Mast Farm in Clermont County.

The zoo used a “fluffy dog toy” on the end of a lure to entice Sarah to run!

SHOP CLERMONT!



Think Local...Shop Local

“Dining and shopping in our local establishments supports government and the Sheriff’s Office. It allows us to provide the services you need.”

Clermont County Sheriff A.J. “Tim” Rodenberg, pictured above with his wife Kathy, preparing to have lunch at a Batavia restaurant

SHOP CLERMONT is a public education project of the Clermont County Public Relations Group

Call (513) 576-5013 for more information

Common Pleas Court Web Site Launched

New!

You can now find out more about Clermont County Common Pleas Court by visiting the new Web site www.ClermontCommonPleas.com. There, you will find contact information for offices that are affiliated with the Common Pleas Court, including the Mediator/Magistrate's Office, Jury Commissioner, Assignment Office, Foreclosure Mediation Services, and Adult Probation. The site contains the Court's local rules, including a fee schedule for case filing costs. It also includes biographical information about Common Pleas Court Judges William Walker, Jerry McBride, Victor Haddad, and Ken-



neth Zuk.

"The Court's Web site is currently in its infancy," said Clermont Common Pleas Court Administrative Judge William Walker. "The judges foresee the Web site being utilized as an avenue to provide citizens with access to information regarding the organization of our court. As the site develops, we expect to include more features,

such as jury service information, civil stalking protection order procedures, and additional information about foreclosure mediation and probation programs."

In recent years, Clermont County Common Pleas Court has experienced a steady increase in the number of new cases filed.

In 2008, there were 3,444 new cases filed; through the end of July 2009, there have been 2,089 new cases filed. If that rate continues, the court could be impacted with a record high number of new cases by the end of 2009. "We are likely to exceed 3,500 new case filings by the end of this year," said Judge Walker.

New Treasury Web Site

The Ohio Treasury officially unveiled its new Web site at www.ohiotreasurer.gov. The site features free financial education and resources, the Office of Constituent Affairs, and top initiatives of the Treasury, including Smart Money Choices Strategies, Census 2010, and new strategies for investing in economic development.

"This Web site is meant to be interactive and engaging -- a place where residents are encouraged to learn about the Treasury, the services we provide, and how this office impacts them," Ohio Treasurer Kevin L. Boyce said. "It's also a resource for Ohioans who want help in making smart financial choices for them-

selves and their families."

Visitors to the Web site can register for upcoming Smart Money Choices Conferences, access applications for economic development and other Treasury programs, or learn more at their desktop about financial topics and resources.

Facing Foreclosure?

The Clermont County Save Our Homes task Force Web site, www.ClermontSaveOurHomes.org, provides links to numerous resources that can help you avoid foreclosure and predatory lenders.

Fall Fun Fact

More than 35 million pounds of candy corn will be produced this year. That equates to nearly 9 billion pieces—enough to circle the moon nearly 21 times, if laid end-to-end.

(Source: www.CandyUSA.com)

Clermont Seniors Auction Raises \$32,000

By: Sharon Brumagem, Clermont Seniors

A one-of-a-kind framed photo collage of Bald Eagles nesting near Higginsport, a circa 1949 Tiny Tot children's wooden safety seat, Clermont YMCA membership, Ohio State football tickets, Ruth Ann Rooks fabled blackberry jam cake, and a campfire dinner, along with hundreds of other silent auction and live auction items, raised more than \$32,000 at the annual *Art, Antiques, and Collectibles Auction*, sponsored by Clermont Senior Services, which was held on September 11, 2009 at Receptions-Eastgate.

Ruth Ann's cake continues raising both eyebrows and cash in the live auction. This year's total was an astounding \$2,700; as a reward, auction patrons received samples of the famous cake.

Sharon Brumagem, volunteer/communications coordinator for Clermont Senior Services and co-founder of Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee, donated a campfire dinner for 10 during *Sneak Preview Night* at the Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous in April, 2010. In frontier dress, Sharon roamed the crowd urging public officials and auction-goers to "bid high and win a dinner at Sharon's Campfire Diner." CSS Board member Tom Rocklin and his wife, Karen, bid \$300 for the living history experience.

"Karen and I look forward to taking our family," Tom said.



Auctioneer Joel T. Wilson looks on as fellow auctioneer David P. Lewis takes bids on a campfire dinner for 10 at the 2010 Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous, hosted by Sharon Brumagem, communications/volunteer coordinator for Clermont Senior Services and co-founder of Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee, at this year's Art, Antiques, and Collectibles Auction. The highest bidders for the dinner were Tom and Karen Rocklin, in front.

This year's event was dedicated in loving memory to Lois Brown Dale, founder of Clermont Senior Services who recently died. It also featured a PowerPoint tribute to the event's 10th anniversary and the auction committee members.

"We thank our volunteers for the thousands of hours they have dedicated to this event over the years," said Development Director Debbie Siegroth. "Their hard work and commitment have made the event the success it is today. We sincerely thank them for their 'service with heart' and are grateful for all they do to help those in need."

Auctioneers Joel T. Wilson, David P. Lewis, and David S. Lewis donated their services.

Next year's event is September 10, 2010.



Fall Fun Facts

The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds! It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs—and took six hours to bake.

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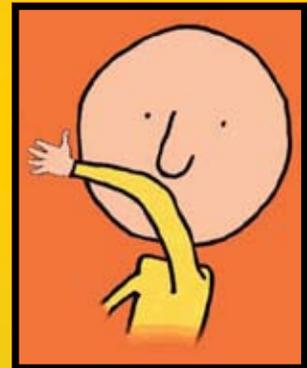
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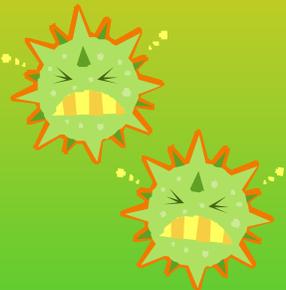
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Cover your coughs and sneezes.



K

Keep your distance from people who are coughing and sneezing.



the Flu



Donation to Sheriff's Office

By: Sheriff A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg

The Miami Rifle and Pistol Club of Clermont County has donated \$750 to the Clermont County Sheriff's Office.

In accepting the donation, Sheriff Rodenberg said, "The Miami Rifle and Pistol Club is a loyal friend and supporter of law enforcement, and in light of recent budget cuts at the Sheriff's Office, this generous donation is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use."



John Kies and Greg Esz of the Miami Rifle and Pistol Club, Sheriff A.J. Rodenberg, Chief Deputy Rick Combs, and Lt. Tim Zurmehly.



Clermont Chamber Hosts Ghostly Business After Hours

By: Cynthia Isaac Macke, Clermont Chamber

Did you know there are many interesting stories about haunted houses and other spooky sites in Clermont County?

The Clermont Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Clermont Park District for some ghostly conversations led by local historian and author of "A Haunted History of Clermont County" and "Uneasy Spirits," Richard Crawford. The event will be held on Thursday, October 29, from 5-7 p.m. at Pattison Park Lodge, located at 2228 US Highway 50, just west of Owensville.

To register, call the Clermont Chamber at (513) 576-5000 or visit www.clermontchamber.com. Chamber members \$15; non-chamber members cost \$30.



Clermont County Humane Society Annual Dinner Auction

Join the Clermont County Humane Society for the 16th annual dinner auction to benefit homeless animals in Clermont County.

The event will be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the Norlyn Manor, located at 4440 SR 132 in Batavia. Doors open and the silent auction begins at 5 p.m.; dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction kicks off at 8 p.m.

Reservations must be received by October 24, 2009; individual tickets are \$32.50. For more information, to purchase tickets or donate an auction item, contact the Clermont County Animal Shelter at (513) 732-8854.



Fishing with a Friend

By: Mark McIlrath, Juvenile Court

On Saturday, September 26, the Clermont County Juvenile Court Community Service program, the ARC of Ohio, and the Southern Ohio Coon Hunters Association held the fourth annual *Fishing with a Friend Day* in Stonelick Township.

In spite of the threat of rain, 25 young people and 15 adult volunteers reeled in 30 catfish, that were ultimately released.

Young people from the Wildey School, the Muscular Dystrophy

Association, and Clermont 4-H were paired up for the day with those in the Community Service program of Juvenile Court.

The event is made possible by a *Step Outside* grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife and a community grant from Wal-Mart Eastgate.

Door prizes of t-shirts, rod and reel combinations, and tackle boxes

were presented; all were donated by the Southern Ohio Coon Hunters.

In addition to the fishing and prizes, attendees were treated to a fried chicken and pizza lunch.



Rep. Uecker Announces Meet and Greet Hours

State Representative Joe Uecker will host several meet and greet events locally in October. "When I am in Columbus, I am there to serve the best interests of my constituents," said Rep. Uecker. "Having local office hours will be yet another way to determine the top concerns and issues of my district."

Citizens are invited to attend the meet and greets at the following locations:

Monday, October 12, 6-8 p.m.
Batavia Twp. Community Center
1535 Clough Pike
Batavia, Ohio

Monday, October 19, 6-8 p.m.
Goshen Twp. Hall
6757 Goshen Road
Goshen, Ohio

Monday, October 26, 6-8 p.m.
Miami Twp. Civic Center
6101 Meijer Dr.
Miami Township, Ohio



State Rep. Joe Uecker

Bring the Whole Family for a Hauntingly Good Time!

If you're looking for a fun activity for the whole family this fall, don't miss the second annual *Clermont County Agricultural Society Fall Camp Out*, October 22 through October 25, at the Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust Street in Owensville. There will be plenty of spooky, but family-friendly activities, for you and your little ghouls to enjoy!



There will be a campsite decorating contest, chili cook-off, flea market, costume contest, trick-or-treating, craft and food booths, and games. The Daniel Patrick Family will provide live music Saturday evening (October 25).

Camping with water and electric hook-ups for all three nights costs \$75; primitive camping (bring your own tent) costs \$40. Proceeds benefit the Clermont County Agricultural Society.

For more information, visit www.ClermontCountyFair.org, or call (513) 732-0522.

Fall Fun Fact:

Did you know there are 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States? It takes two pounds of apples to make one 9-inch pie!

2009 Autumn Bash is fun for everyone!

If you're looking for a fun, family-friendly activity this fall, come to Washington Township's *Autumn Bash!* The festivities begin Friday, October 9 (5 p.m. – 11 p.m.) and conclude Saturday, October 10 (noon – 11 p.m.). The event will take place at the Washington Township Park, located at 2238 SR 756 in Moscow.



Everyone is invited for live music, a haunted trail, midway rides and games, karaoke, fire safety demonstrations, and more. There will be fireworks Saturday night, and the *Autumn Bash Car Show* will begin at noon on Saturday (registration begins at 10 a.m.). Parking is \$2; admission is free.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, call (513) 553-2072.

Satellite Pet Adoptions

The Clermont County Humane Society will have satellite pet adoptions on the following dates in October:

Saturday, October 3
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Milford Petsmart

Saturday, October 17
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Eastgate Petsmart

This is a great opportunity to see some of the wonderful animals available for adoption through the Humane Society.

If you are unable to come to the satellite events, stop by the Clermont County Animal Shelter anytime Monday through Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. For more information, call the shelter at (513) 732-8854.



On Patrol

Keys to Patrol Community Service

By: Lt. Randy McElfresh, OSHP Batavia Post

On behalf of the members of your local Highway Patrol post, we are proud that our efforts have made our area safer for citizens, and for those who visit the area on leisure or business, as well as for enhancing the quality of life in our local communities to allow businesses to succeed, even during the recent difficult economic times.

In the beginning of 2008, we implemented a new organizational philosophy that built upon our previous successes and termed it *Lifestat: The 24/7 Initiative*. The *24/7 Initiative* was meant to provide a more holistic view of the efforts, challenges and accomplishments of the division for every hour of every day.

The program was founded on three principles: traffic safety, criminal patrols, and accountability. As we review year one of this mission, it appears that we have made great strides in each of these areas.



Traffic Safety:

The number of traffic fatalities declined from the previous historic low of 1,239 in 2006 to 1,191 in 2008. This marked the first time that annual traffic fatalities have fallen below 1,200 in Ohio.

While the continued decline of the number of vehicle miles traveled in the state played a role in these reductions, the traffic fatality rate of 1.10 marked the lowest level in Ohio history and remained considerably lower than the national average of 1.27.

This suggests that some of our new traffic safety initiatives like the *Metropolitan and Saturation Operations*, played a crucial role in assuring that Ohio's roads remain among the safest in the nation.

Criminal Patrol:

State troopers seized over 5.2 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at over \$47.5 million last year. This was a 55 percent increase in drug seizures by grams from 2007 levels.

Through effective traffic enforcement we are able to interdict both large and small shipments of illegal narcotics that are destined for cities across the country and Ohio. In some instances, our drug cases led local drug task forces to apprehensions in larger drug and other criminal cases. All of this came right out of traffic stops.

Overall, troopers were responsible for making 2,676 felony stops last year. This included 1,704 felony arrests and 972 felony warrant apprehensions.

Through aggressive, visible, and fair enforcement, and the development of local partnerships with both rural and urban police departments across the state, we continue to focus on removing the criminal element from Ohio roadways.

Accountability:

We are looked upon as a leader in data-driven law enforcement operations. Through the expansion of the Computer-Aided Dispatch system and the hard work of troopers and dispatchers, we have made great



strides in capturing the work we do every day and projecting these achievements to the public through our Web site and media outlets.

We recently introduced new technological applications that are helping reduce the burden of paperwork and are increasing the ability to disseminate mission critical information to our troopers on the road in a timely manner.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's reputation is based on what each of our troopers, dispatchers, and professional support staff is doing every day and what we have done as Ohio's state level law enforcement agency for more than 75 years.

We will continue to protect life, property, and promote traffic safety as we have always done – all the while showcasing our professional and ethical approach to public safety that has made us an internationally recognized model within law enforcement.

There is no doubt that there are people alive today, and people not suffering with disabling injuries and associated economic hardships because of the contributions made by the people who call your local Highway Patrol post home.



October Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Autumn Stroll

Sunday, October 4, 1 p.m. – Kelley Nature Preserve

Enjoy a leisurely walk through Kelley Nature Preserve. Walk through the meadow to see which fall flowers are putting on a show and hike through the forest to get a sneak peek at the fabulous fall foliage. Meet at the information kiosk.

Fall Back Into Time

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. – Chilo Lock #34 Park

The Clermont County Park District and the Friends of the Jennie Wade are hosting a Fall Back Into Time event you won't want to miss! You will meet several historical re-enactors representing characters of the Ohio River Valley. There will be clay marble making for the kids, and a free concert from musician Steve Free. BB Riverboats will be offering fall sightseeing cruises between Chilo, Ohio and Augusta, Kentucky. To purchase cruise tickets, call (800) 261-8586 or visit www.bbriverboats.com.



Preschool Story Time: Celebrate Nature

Wednesday, October 14, 1:30 p.m. – Sycamore Park

Hey Preschoolers! Bring all your friends to the last story time of the year! We'll play games, listen to stories, and visit our favorite places in the park to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall!

Basic Nature Photography

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. – Pattison Park Lodge

Learn a few very simple techniques to make your nature photographs stand out. This class is intended for beginners of all ages. Registration is required; please call (513) 876-9013 to sign up.



Animals of Halloween Fall Night Hike

Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. – Sycamore Park

Cats, bats, owls, and spiders! Learn the truth about the creatures of Halloween and follow the naturalist on a spook free family friendly hike.

Fall Colors Hike

Saturday, October 24, 1 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, 1 p.m. – Sycamore Park

Explore the 158 acres of Sycamore Park and the new Wilson Nature Preserve as you enjoy the fabulous fall foliage. We'll search for fall color in flowers, foliage, fungus, and more! The hike will take us over uneven terrain and up along the hill tops so wear sturdy footwear, and bring your water bottle. Meet at the information kiosk.



For more information about these, or other Clermont Park District programs, call (513) 876-9013 or visit www.parks.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.

Haunted History of Clermont County

Saturday, October 24, 3 p.m.

Union Township Branch

Saturday, October 31, 11 a.m. -

Amelia Branch

Listen to tales of haunted sites in Clermont County presented

by local historian

Rick Crawford.

Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information or to register, call (513) 752-5580 for the Amelia Branch; call (513) 528-1744 for the Union Township Branch.

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Go Batty!

Monday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Batavia Branch

October is a good time to go batty! Attendees in grades preschool through five are invited for a batty good time.

Wear your costume for a contest, enjoy stories and crafts, and play games. For more information or to register, call (513) 732-2128.

Oktoberfest:

National German-American Heritage Day

Tuesday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.

New Richmond Branch

The Cincinnati Museum Center will hold a lecture entitled

Over-the-Rhine: Its People and Spirit. For the kids, there will

be stories by the Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe. For more information or to register, (513) 553-0570.

Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

Amelia Branch

Join us for pumpkin painting with the Ohio Valley Decorative Arts group. Participants age 13 through adult will learn tips and techniques on how to paint a paper mache pumpkin. Supplies will be provided; space is limited. For more information or to register, call (513) 752-5580.

After School Gaming

Thursday, October 15, 2:30 p.m.

Bethel Branch

Drop in after school to play Wii games! Teens and tweens can play Wii Sports, Guitar Hero, and Mario Kart. For more information, call (513) 734-2619.

Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17, 11 a.m.

Goshen Branch

The whole family is invited to listen to stories, make crafts, and play games. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information or to register, call (513) 722-1221.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, October 15, 12:30



p.m. Milford-Miami Township Branch

Adults are invited to join the Mystery Book Club. This month's title will be Silver Scream by Mary Daheim. Bring a bag lunch. For more information, call (513) 248-0700.

Promoting Speech and Language Development

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. - Bethel Branch

Parents are invited for an informational program

entitled Promoting Speech and Language Development

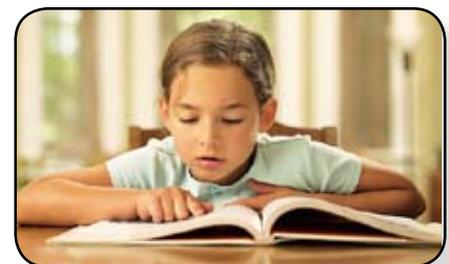
in children aged up to five years. Clermont County

Early Intervention will be on hand to provide parents with

tips for helping their children develop speech and language

skills. Handouts and materials will be available. For more

information or to register, call (513) 734-2619.



Shop Clermont Campaign Attracts Attention at Taste of Clermont Event



The Shop Clermont booth at the *Taste of Clermont* event, held in September at Eastgate Mall, attracted a lot of attention as citizens gathered flyers and information about shopping and dining discounts across the county.

A coalition of Clermont public relations professionals have launched the campaign to educate citizens about the importance of shopping locally.

Photo (at left) submitted by Lisa Davis, CDD

For Census information, visit the Web site: www.2010.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.

Low Cost Rabies Shots

By: Linda Walsh, Health Dist.

The Clermont County General Health District, in partnership with Family Animal Hospital of Batavia, will be holding a low cost rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, October 24, 2009, rain or shine, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Live Oaks Campus, located at 5956 Buckwheat Road in Milford.

The cost of each vaccination is \$5 - cash only. All dogs must be leashed, and all cats contained in a carrier.

A three-year vaccination will be administered to all animals for which proper documentation of current vaccination status is provided; a rabies tag alone is not sufficient proof. All others will receive a one-year vaccination.

Rabies vaccinations helps protect both your pet and your family from illness! For more information, call (513) 732-7499.

Garden of Weedin' Provides Plants with a Purpose



If you are looking for some colorful

mums or landscape grass to plant this fall, consider a visit to the Garden of Weedin'! The Clermont County Developmental Disabilities (CDD) plant store is located at the corner of Benton Road and SR 132 in Batavia.

"By working with the plants, clients of our adult program have learned how to do many things that are important to business," said Tim Vogel with CDD. The plants cost \$3 or less with



Staff and clients of the CDD adult program welcome you to the Garden of Weedin'

proceeds used to provide other learning opportunities to those in the program.

The Garden of Weedin' is open 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through the end of October.

Fun Fall Facts

- * Pumpkins are 90 percent water
- * Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites
- * In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling



Beam Signing for New Amelia Elementary School



Childhood memories of classmates, teachers, and recess came flooding back to Clermont County Commissioner Bob Proud as he stood outside the new Amelia Elementary school, currently under construction. Proud and longtime local sports writer Rick Crawford (who also attended Amelia Elementary) joined students, staff, and West Clermont school leaders recently to sign trusses that will be placed in the roof of the new school. "I have so many great memories of attending school at the current Amelia Elementary," said Commissioner Proud. The new Amelia Elementary school is expected to open next fall.

Board of Elections Changes Some Polling Locations

By: Judy Miller, Board of Elections



Five polling locations are changing for the November 3, 2009 General Election in Clermont County. "In response to voter's concerns with overcrowded polling locations due to growing population in some areas, and the need to make our sites handicapped accessible, the Board of Elections is moving five of our polling places," said Clermont Board of Elections Director Judy Miller.

- In Miami Township, (only those voting in Miami Township precincts X, I11, K1K and PIP at Boyd E. Smith Elementary), will now be casting ballots

at the Oasis Conference Center, located at 902 Loveland Miamiville Road.

- In Franklin Township, those who have voted at the Chilo Community Building, will now make their vote count at the Chilo Lock #34 Visitor Center and Museum.

- In Milford, all voters at St. Andrews Church, will now be voting at the Milford American Legion post, located on Victor Stier Drive.

- In Stonelick Township, those who have voted at the Stonelick Township Firehouse will move to the Wildwood Full Gospel Church, located at 5727 Stonelick Williams Corner Road.

- In Union Township, all voters at the Cincinnati Nature Center (precincts A, F1F, and S1S), will now be casting their ballots at the Tealtown Ball Park, located at 4762

Tealtown Road.

"We encourage citizens to vote early by requesting an absentee ballot by calling our offices at (513) 732-7275, or by downloading an application at www.ClermontElections.org," said Miller. You can also stop by the Board of Elections office during regular working hours (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) to vote early. There are 135,000 registered voters in Clermont County; Miller expects a 40 percent turnout for the November 2009 election, with a number of local contests and the casino issue on the ballot.





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In the Kitchen with Margaret

By: Margaret Jenkins, OSU Extension-Clermont

Pumpkin Patch Caramel Corn

(Makes about 16- 8 oz. servings)

Ingredients

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| ½ cup unsalted butter | |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 cup candy corn mix |
| ¼ cup light corn syrup | 2 cups miniature pretzels |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 1 cup roasted peanuts, no skin
or salt |
| ½ teaspoon baking soda | |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla | |
| 12 cups popped popcorn | |

Preparation

1. In a hot air popper, pop popcorn until you have 12 cups.
2. In a microwave safe bowl, heat margarine, brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt for 2 minutes on high power. Stir, and heat 2 more minutes on high power.
3. Add baking soda and vanilla. Stir.
4. Spray a paper bag with non-stick cooking spray.
5. Put popcorn and caramel syrup into bag. Fold top down to close and shake well.
6. Put bag in microwave for 1 minute on high power. Shake vigorously.
7. Microwave again for 30 seconds on high power.
8. Add peanuts, candy corn, and pretzels. Shake to mix.
9. Spread on a cookie sheet to cool.
10. Store in air tight container.

NUTRITION FACTS PER SERVING: 182 calories, 7g total fat (2g saturated fat), 3g protein, 28g carbohydrates, 14mg cholesterol, 2g dietary fiber, 189mg sodium



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