



On the Move

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Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker, and Scott Crosswell

Saving Lives, Saving Dollars

By: Karen Scherra, Mental Health and Recovery Board

The month of September is designated annually as *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

This is a nationwide celebration of people in recovery from substance use disorders and the treatment providers who help them reclaim their lives. This year's

Recovery Month is the 18th annual observance and is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The theme chosen for Recovery Month this year is "**Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars.**" This theme highlights the financial and human costs of substance use disorders. Investing in treatment provides many financial and personal benefits for the recovering person, in addition to the larger community.

The problems associated with a family member who is dealing with a substance use disorder can impact all areas of life. Research has shown that investing in treatment

so that people can achieve recovery is a win-win situation for all involved.

Helping individuals achieve recovery



obviously has a positive impact on the mental and physical health of the individuals themselves, along with financial and personal benefits. Treatment to reduce or end alcohol

and/or drug use also helps to improve family problems and stressors and the overall health of families, as well as protect public safety and lower overall health costs.

Investing in treatment for substance use disorders has been proven to be cost-effective. Some studies have demonstrated a benefit-to-cost ratio of as much as 7:1, meaning that for every dollar invested in treatment, at least seven dollars of other costs, such as in the criminal justice, healthcare and child welfare systems, is saved. Investing in treatment for substance abuse also has a positive impact on the workforce. Issues at an individual's place of employment, including absenteeism, tardiness, and work-related injuries, can be cut by an average of 75% when treatment is obtained, as demonstrated by research studies. In addition,

successful treatment and recovery often results in employment for those who have struggled with remaining employed while using alcohol and/or drugs. Communities benefit when individuals are able to remain employed and pay taxes, helping to support the systems that provided assistance to them. Investing in treatment for substance use disorders is beneficial to the community because it reduces the chances of legal problems and lowers the incarceration rate for those who successfully complete treatment. It is also cost-effective, as data indicates that treatment costs 15 times *less* than incarcerating a person for a drug-related crime.

Substance use disorders are real medical conditions that can be treated successfully. Investing in treatment for substance abuse disorders makes sense because treatment *works* and people *do* recover. Unfortunately, many people dealing with substance abuse do not seek out help. Often, people are not linked to treatment until they are referred by the courts, school, a health professional, or a family member when the situation escalates to a crisis or involvement with the law.

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Is Your Best Friend Licensed?

“It happens all too often,” says Debra Wood, the chief animal control officer for the Clermont County Humane Society. “We pick up a stray dog and it’s wearing a collar, but there is no dog tag attached, so we have no way to contact the owner.” Every year, the Clermont Humane Society processes about 2,250 dogs; for the lucky few that are wearing their dog tags, their separation from their owner is brief. For the other pets that somehow stray from their owners, a reunion may never be possible.



law, if a dog is not licensed, it can be adopted out or destroyed after being held for only 72 hours.

All proceeds collected for dog and kennel licenses in Clermont County, go to the Humane Society to operate the animal control program and care for the animals housed at the animal

shelter located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. In Clermont County during 2006, licenses were purchased for 18,146 dogs; that’s a number Wood believes represents less than half of the dogs living in the county. “If you love your pet and do not want to be separated, make sure a tag is securely attached to his collar,” she said.

“When a dog is wearing a tag, we can put a hold on the animal for 14 days, giving us time to call the owner, personally contact him at his home, or even send a certified letter,” says Wood. “It’s really disheartening when we hear so many people say they will not buy tags for their dogs (sold for \$14.75 between December 1 and January 31 each year) because they are indoor animals. Doors open, leashes break, and frequently those beloved animals end up as strays.”

According to the Ohio Revised Code, dogs are required to be licensed each year; failure to do so could result in a \$95 fine. By

For more information on dog licensing and locations where tags are available, contact the Clermont County Auditor’s Office at (513) 732-7150 or visit the Web site www.ClermontAuditor.org for a complete list of locations to purchase dog licenses. Don’t lose your best friend.

September Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, Sept. 5	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19	1 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 26	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 732-7300 for additional information.

Recovery Month (cont’d from page 1)

The message of Recovery Month is simple – treatment for substance use disorders makes sense! If you know anyone abusing alcohol and/or drugs, please encourage them to seek treatment. It will not only save dollars for the community in the long run, it may save their life!

For more information about substance use disorders and the treatment that is available, call the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board at 732-5400 or visit our web site at www.ccmhrb.org.

We love our bus driver !

The passengers on the Clermont Transportation Connection (CTC) New Richmond Express bus really like their driver, Bob Hullgath.

On Bob’s recent birthday, they made him a hat, baked some muffins, and gave him a balloon!

Bob has been a driver with CTC for 4 years.



Bob wears his new hat while making his rounds

September is Workforce Services Month

By: Ted Groman, Workforce Development, DJFS

Once again, Ohio will join other states in celebrating September as Workforce Services Month. Workforce Area 12 (Butler, Warren, and Clermont Counties) is looking to promote its locally driven workforce system during September. Activities incorporate customer and stakeholder involvement and include an open house, workforce summits, community roundtables, and business leader recognition.

Some of the Workforce Services Month activities include:

- Investing in People Awards at International Paper, Loveland Ohio on Wednesday,



September 5, 5 – 7 p.m.; to register, contact Mary Ann Williams at 513-785-5957 or williams@butlercountyohio.org.

- Community Forum with guest speaker Lynn Lancaster, co-author of *When Generations Collide* at the Great Wolf Lodge Conference

Center, Mason, Ohio on Wednesday, September 19, 8 – 11 a.m.; to register, contact Angie Steffen at 513-925-2090 or stefal@co.warren.oh.us.

- Dedication of the new location of the Workforce One of Butler County at the Fairfield Crossing Shopping Center, Fairfield, Ohio on Friday, September 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The goal is to celebrate the successes of the workforce development system and highlight the role of the One Stop system in building the economic health of Ohio's communities.

In Clermont County, the One Stop is called Workforce One of Clermont County, the Business and Workforce Resource Center, located at 756 Old State Route 74 near Eastgate Mall. The Workforce One of Clermont County is committed to connecting the community to a vast number of resources and to deliver customized workforce solutions to businesses and assist community members in their job search and skill enhancement. For more information, check out the Business and Workforce Resource Center Web site at <http://www.Clermontbwrc.com>.

100,000+ Visit 2007 Clermont County Fair

The 158th annual Clermont County Fair, held July 22-28 in Ownesville, was a huge success. "Attendance was at around 100,000 this year," said Clermont Fair Board President Beau Faul. "I believe that the good weather and the popular attractions like the Friends of the Bob Braun show brought a lot of people out."

Faul says the 5-year-plan for the fairgrounds calls for improved campgrounds and other facilities.

At right, Channel 12 news anchor Rob Braun and Colleen Sharpe Murray entertain the large crowd gathered for the Friends of the Bob Braun show



Jobless Numbers Down

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services reports that the Clermont County jobless ranks fell to 4.9 percent in July, down from 5.6 percent. The July 2006 unemployment rate stood at 6.1 percent.

October 1 Deadline for Seniors to Save on Taxes

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners reminds senior citizens and those permanently and totally disabled to turn in applications for Ohio's new Homestead Exemption by the October 1, 2007 deadline. For those qualifying for the program, it will lower residential property tax bills by an average of \$400 each year, regardless of income.



will enable eligible homeowners to shield \$25,000 worth of the market value of their home from local property taxes. This would mean that someone eligible for the program, who owns a \$100,000 home, would be billed as if the home were worth \$75,000.

This new program is available to all Ohio homeowners, regardless of income, if they are at least 65 years of age (or turn 65 during the current tax year), or are certified totally and permanently disabled as of

January 1 of the current tax year, or are the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner (if you were at least 59 years old on the date of your spouse's death). Those who currently receive the Homeowner Exemption will automatically qualify for the expanded exemption and do not need to reapply.

Applications for the new Homestead Exemption can also be downloaded online at www.ClermontAuditor.org. You can also call the Clermont Auditor at 732-7150 for more information.

The new Homestead Exemption

Donate Old Cell Phones

By: Penny Gates, Domestic Relations Court

If you have old cell phones that are not being used, you can donate them to the Batavia YWCA. The phones are used to raise money for the House of Peace Battered Women's Shelter through the Shelter Alliance, and in addition, it helps the environment by keeping old cell phones out of landfills. In 2006, more than \$3300 was raised for House of Peace through the cell phone recycling program. Old phones can be dropped off at the YWCA, located at 55 South Fourth Street in Batavia. For more information, call 732-0450, extension.22. To learn more about the YWCA's recycling partner, visit www.ShelterAlliance.net.

Board Member Needed

By: Stephany Sizemore, Mental Health and Recovery Board

Clermont County residents who have an interest in assisting with the direction of local alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services in the county are invited to apply for open positions on the volunteer Board of Directors for the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board (CC-MHRB).

One position will be appointed by the County Commissioners, from applications gathered and reviewed by the CCMHRB. Applicants must be a resident of the County and have an interest in mental health and/or alcohol/drug issues.

Additional positions are also open that are appointed by state agencies. There are two open positions for appointment by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS). One must be a person who has received services for alcohol and/or drug use and the other must be a person who is considered an advocate for alcohol/drug services. There is also one open position for appointment by the Ohio Department of Mental Health; that individual must be a psychiatrist or physician.

The selected individuals would be part of an eighteen member board representing a variety of interests, includ-

ing professionals from the mental health and alcohol/drug fields, family members, individuals in recovery, and community representatives. The Board meets monthly; members also are involved periodically in committee meetings.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to the Board, please send a letter of interest and a resume to CCMHRB at 1088 Wasserman Way, Suite B, Batavia, OH 45103. For more information call the CCMHRB office at 732-5400.

September is . . . National Preparedness Month

By: Beth Nevel, Department of Public Safety Services

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners and the Department of Public Safety Services, in partnership with the Citizen Corps Council of Clermont County, are supporting the fourth annual *National Preparedness Month* this September. This year's effort has a growing coalition of more than 625 national, regional, state, and local organizations pledging support. We encourage all Clermont County citizens and visitors to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities



“It is vital that Americans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work, or school,” said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. “Personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the effects of a disaster. By preparing yourself, your family, and your businesses, you allow first responders to prioritize efforts and aid.”

The Ready campaign and the Citizen Corps program work closely together to promote activities across the nation that will encourage individuals to have an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and to be informed about the different threats that may affect them, as well as take steps to get trained and engaged in community preparedness and response efforts.

The Ready campaign is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Individuals interested in more information about family and business preparedness can visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY to receive free materials.

The Department of Public Safety Services will be providing a series of Lunch & Learn Sessions titled “Tornados, Floods & Ice Storms OH MY!” during the month of September at various county offices on each campus. Watch for a date and location near you and join us; no registration required. Bring your lunch and learn simple steps to make you and your family better prepared for emergencies.

RecruitMilitary, a veteran-owned and operated company located in Loveland, offers free job search assistance to all veterans and assists companies in their efforts to recruit veterans for positions available. RecruitMilitary will be hosting a veterans' career fair at Paul Brown Stadium on September 6, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about RecruitMilitary, visit their Web site at www.RecruitMilitary.com.

Second Chances . . .

Meet Yukon! He is a neutered, pure-bred Malamute, approximately three years old. He was picked up as a stray on Bethel-New Richmond Road. He is friendly, well-behaved, and has apparently been well cared for. Yukon has a unique feature – he is bi-eyed, meaning he has one brown and one blue eye. Yukon seems to do well around children: he is super friendly!



Paige is a beautiful domestic short-haired cat, who is already spayed and de-clawed on all four

paws. She is approximately three years old, and is a professional lap cat! She loves to be held and petted. Paige does not seem to mind being around other cats or dogs. She would make a great addition to any family.

If you have room in your home and heart to give either of these wonderful animals a second chance at a happy life, please call the Clermont Animal Shelter at (513) 732-8854.

Got Oil?

Clermont County Provides Free Drop-off

By: Wade Hawes, Storm Water Management

Do you have used oil from a recent oil change on your vehicle or lawn mower that is taking up space in your garage? If so, you have somewhere to take it that is free to you and safe for the environment. The Clermont County Fleet Maintenance Garage is accepting all containers of used motor oil, hydraulic fluid, brake fluid, and transmission fluid. Used oil and fluids will be accepted at the Clermont County Fleet Maintenance Garage, located at 4000 Filager Road (off Rt. 222) in Batavia, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The unwanted fluids will be used as fuel for the recently added waste oil burning furnace in the service building during the cold months to come. This practice is safe for the environment because it reduces the risk of a spill caused by old fluids lying around and it promotes the recycling of fossil fuels. Just make sure that there is no water, antifreeze, paint, solvents, or gasoline mixed in with the oil or fluids because the furnace is not capable of separating these contaminants out before being burned. Although gasoline is not a contaminant, it does burn far too hot for these furnaces and may be unsafe. These fluids can sometimes be accepted if

there is only slight contamination. Contact the maintenance office at 732-7775 before bringing in any contaminated fluids.



If you see someone dumping oil into the street or onto the ground, let them know that one drop of waste oil could contaminate one million drops of

surface water. It helps everyone to recycle waste oil and keeps your garage and the environment clean and safe.

Think it's expensive to fill up your gas tank? Consider this!

People have been complaining about the rising price of gasoline recently, however, according to Autoweek magazine, we pay a lot more per gallon for other frequently used items. For example:

- 16 oz. Diet Snapple for \$1.29 = \$10.32 per gallon
- 16 oz. Lipton Iced Tea for \$1.19 = \$9.52 per gallon
- 9 oz. Evian water for \$1.49 = \$21.19 per gallon
- 4 oz. Pepto Bismol for \$3.85 = \$123.20 per gallon

Next time you're at the pump, just be thankful your car doesn't run on Pepto Bismol!

Thank You...

By: Rob Anderson, County Jail

On July 28, a benefit fishing tournament, raffle, and auction was held at T.J.'s Fishing Lake in Mt. Orab to raise money for the Izabella Alderson Memorial Fund. As you may remember, Izabella was a little girl who passed away on Father's Day this year, and the funds raised will help the family pay for funeral expenses and a headstone. Rob and Heidi Anderson, cousins of Izabella Alderson, would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who participated.



Pictured above is John Slack, winner of the fishing tournament with a 49 pound shovelhead catfish!

Satellite Pet Adoptions

*The Clermont County Animal Shelter will be at the Eastgate PetSmart store on **Saturday, September 1** and **Saturday, September 15** from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with wonderful animals available for adoption. Stop in and meet some of the adorable animals in need of a forever home!*

Scrap and Stamp Club

Monday, September 10, 7 p.m. - Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m. -
Wednesday, September 26, 10 a.m.

Amelia Branch Library

Teens and adults bring your scrapbook supplies. An Accucut die cutting machine and dies will be available for use. For more information or to register, call the library at 752-5580.



Wednesday at the Movies

Wednesday, September 19, 1:30 p.m.

Batavia Branch Library

*The session is open to all interested adults. This month's title is **The Bothersome Man** directed by Jens Lien Norway. For more information, call the library at 732-2128.*

Culinary Conversations

Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Doris Wood (Batavia) Branch Library

Meet monthly to share recipes and cooking tips with other interested adults. This month will be Food Makeovers: Make your recipes healthier. Call the library at 732-2128 for more information.

E-mail 101

Wednesday, September 12, 7 p.m.

Felicity Branch Library



Adults and teens will learn how to setup an E-mail account, attach documents and other E-mail functions. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 876-4134

Turn a New Leaf

September 17-November 17

Felicity Branch Library

Adults read a new genre or author, write a short review and enter to win weekly prizes. A grand prize will be awarded at the end of the program. For more information, call the library at 876-4134.

Reading with "Hope"

Mondays from September 3 through October 29

Goshen Branch Library

Schedule a 15 minute reading time with Hope, a Delta Society therapy dog. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 528-1744.

Summer Herbs

Monday, September 17, 7 p.m.

Goshen Branch Library

Teens and adults are invited to decorate a recipe box for their kitchen. Just bring a set of notecards to decorate and your favorite recipes to share



with others. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 722-1221. Space is limited.

Family Fun Night

Monday, September 24, 7 p.m.

Goshen Branch Library

Families are invited for stories, crafts, hands-on activities, and playing. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 722-1221.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, Sept. 20, 12:30 p.m

Milford-Miami Township
Branch Library

This month's title will be Chiefs by Stuart Woods. The session is open to all interested adults. Bring a bag lunch. For more information, call the library at 248-0700.

Game Night

Thursday, September 27, 6 p.m.

Milford-Miami Township
Branch Library

Attendees age 12 to 18 can bring their favorite games to play with other gamers. For more information, call the library at 248-0700.

Home Organization

Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m.
New Richmond Branch Library
Libby Hawkins, local organization consultant, will share tips and shortcuts to organize your closets, drawers, and rooms. For additional information or to register for the program, call the library at 553-0570.



Calling all Teen Musicians

Wednesdays in September, 7 p.m.
Owensville Branch Library
Aspiring teen musicians are invited to read, write and play music with other aspiring musicians. For more information or to register, call the library at 732-6084 or signup online at www.clermontlibrary.org

Anime Club

Monday, September 17, 6 p.m.
Owensville Branch Library,
Teens are invited to watch anime and share their opinions. Snacks provided. For more information or to register, call the library at 732-6084 or signup online at www.clermontlibrary.org

Reading with Rover



September 1, 8, 15 at 2 p.m.
Union Township Branch Library
Struggling readers in grades 1-6th are invited to read to a certified therapy dog. For more information or to register for a 15 minute slot, call the library at 528-1744.

Join the Knitting Circle

Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m.
Union Township Branch Library
Join other knitters to knit for charity or learn to knit for the first time. For more information, call the library at 528-1744.



Drop-In Preschool Storytime sessions (ages 3-6)

September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.
Union Township Branch Library
Parents do not have to register in advance to bring their child. For more information call the library at 528-1744.

Drop-In Preschool Storytime sessions (ages 18 months to 3 years)

September 6, 13, 20, & 27, at 10 a.m.
Union Township Branch Librar
Parents do not have to register in advance to bring their child. For more information call the library at 528-1744.

America's Favorite Food: Corn

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
Union Township Library
Join us for crafts, taste tests, recipes and fun about our nation's "corniest" food. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 528-1744.

Avast ya Mateys! Talk Like a Pirate Day

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Union Township Library
Children between the ages 5 and 10 are invited for carousing, mischief and pirating arts! Come dressed in your "piratey" best. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 528-1744



Turn a New Leaf,

September 17-November 17
Williamsburg Branch Library
Adults read a new genre or author, write a short review and enter to win weekly prizes. A grand prize will be awarded at the end of the program. For more information, call the library at 724-1070

Free Concerts! Clermont Philharmonic

Saturday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Union Twp. Civic Center

Sunday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.
Miami Twp. Amphitheater

Saturday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Batavia Twp. Civic Center



September Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Fall Flower Hike

Wednesday, September 12, 6 p.m., Sycamore Park
Goldenrods and asters are in full bloom this time of year. It has been said that goldenrod makes you sneeze; contrary to popular belief, this is not true! We'll walk along the wooded trail in search of these wonderful yellow and purple flowers. Along the way, find out which blooming flower is the real sneezer. Meet at the Sycamore Woods shelter.



Know Your Leaves Hike

Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m.
Pattison Park

Take this guided hike at Pattison Park and discover how to identify trees by their leaves, and learn what practical uses these trees have. When the hike is finished, make your very own leaf guide to take home. Meet at the information kiosk.

Great Outdoor Weekend 2007



Get out during this fall weekend and experience a free sampling of the best nature activities in the Cincinnati region. For more information on the Great Outdoor Weekend, visit www.CincyGreatOutdoorWeekend.org.

Animal Signs and Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Chilo Lock #34 Park
Explore the forest with a Naturalist in search of the many signs animals leave behind. Take home an animal track print as a souvenir.

Wonderful Wetlands

Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m., Chilo Lock #34 Park
Discover the importance of wetlands as you explore this man made wetland and search for the many creatures that call this habitat their home.



For more information on any of these programs, call (513) 876-9013.

Clermont September History Notes:

September 12, 1961 - The New Amelia High School on Clough Pike opened for classes.

September 22, 1988 - Jim Terrell of Milford and Greg Steward of Williamsburg ear Olympic medals in canoeing and kayaking.

New Exhibit at Chilo

A new steam whistle exhibit is now open at the Chilo Lock #34 Museum and Visitor Center. The interactive display invites visitors to hear the sounds of several steam whistles that were once heard daily along the banks of the Ohio River.

Call (513) 876-9013 for museum hours.

Labor Day

According to the History Channel, the origins of Labor Day can be traced to the Industrial Revolution. In the 1800's workers put in 12-hour days, 7 days a week to make a basic living. Children were also working, as they provided a source of cheap labor.

On Tuesday, September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched in New York City demanding a better way of life. It was the first Labor Day parade.

In 1894, Congress declared the first Monday in September would be known as Labor Day. Although it is meant as a celebration of the labor movement and its achievements, it has come to be celebrated as the last, long weekend of the summer.



Clermont County Today... ...keeping you informed

September means back-to-school, cooler weather, and a new fall line-up on television. As you're channel surfing to check out all the new shows, don't forget about Clermont County's own *Clermont County Today*. We will continue to provide up-to-date information about a wide variety of topics.



Is it possible to have a wedding for less than \$500? We'll find out how from one very thrifty Clermont Countian. Judge Stephanie Wyler will tell us what brides and grooms-to-be must do to obtain a marriage license. Also, Chris Clingman, director of the Park District, will tell us about the great wedding locations available at Clermont Parks!

Do you have a football fanatic living in your home? Clermont historian Rick Crawford will let us know what high school football was like years ago, and which school had the winning gridiron grit.



September is National Preparedness Month and Recovery Month in Clermont County. Beth Nevel, director of the Department of Public Safety Services will discuss what we can do to be better prepared in case of a natural or man-made disaster. Karen Scherra, director of the Mental Health and Recovery Board will let us know what services are available to those in need.

We will also continue to feature our regular *Clermont County Today* segments, including Sheriff Tim's *Law and Order*, *Second Chances*, *My Town* with Rick Crawford, and more! Don't miss a single episode – tune in to Clermont County Government Television, channel 22 or your local cable access station for *Clermont County Today*.

Something Old, Something New, and it Could be All for You!



From old lamps, vases, and a rocking horse to beautiful original paintings and carefully crafted quilts, the eighth annual Clermont Senior Services' Art, Antiques, and Collectibles Auction will offer something for just about everyone! This year, the event will be held on Friday evening, September 7 at Receptions, located at 4450 Eastgate Boulevard in Union Township.



Reservations are required for the live and silent auction. For details call 536-4021.

Start your day with a cup of coffee?



It's estimated that 90-percent of Americans consume caffeine in one form or another, every single day! More than half of adults consume more than 300 milligrams of caffeine each day.

Town Criers are Coming!

Clermont County Town Crier Bill Knepp is planning numerous events for the tenth annual gathering of the American Guild of Town Criers, to be held in Milford, November 14-16. "We are hoping for at least 35 town criers to participate," said Knepp who has already gotten commitments from 15 criers from across the country, even one from Bermuda.

Among other activities, the town criers will lead the annual Miami Township Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 15.



Humane Society Celebrates 50 Years Serving Community

By: Jane Dalhover, Clermont Humane Society

The Clermont Humane Society is pleased to report that the Open House and Adopt-a-Thon, held August 18 at the Clermont Animal Shelter, was a huge success! Over 100 people turned out for the day-long event.

Celebrating 50 years of service to Clermont County, the Humane Society held a day-long event at the animal shelter on Filager Road, thanking the community for its support, and offering tours, carnival games, and much more.



Clermont Sheriff's Office Canine Unit demonstration

As a result of the tours and Adopt-a-thon, 17 animals found new homes, including nine dogs/puppies, eight cats/kittens, two bunnies, and even one goat.

The Humane Society would like to thank all those who participated by volunteering, donating items, or adopting a new pet.

Marigold the clown entertains the crowd



Vicki McGraw (kennel manager) and Susan Frazier (ass't volunteer coordinator) are "jailed" as part of the fund raiser

Humane Society President Jean Dalhover gets "inked" by Shelter Director Kim Naegel



Annual Golf Outing a Tribute to the late Lt. Robert Evans

By: Bill Williams, Sheriff's Office

The 15th annual Lt. Robert Evans Memorial D.A.R.E. and Scholarship Golf Outing, in conjunction with the Clermont County Citizens Law Enforcement Association, will be held at Legendary Run Golf Course in Pierce Township, on Monday, September 24, 2007 with a shotgun start at 12 p.m. The entry fee is \$90 per player, \$360 for a foursome and includes a golf cart, use of a driving range, and dinner sponsored by the "world famous" Montgomery Inn.



Lt. Robert Evans was a 20-year employee of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office and at the time of his passing in 2004, Lt. Evans was in charge of the Investigative Section. Throughout his career, he had a genuine concern for the youth of Clermont County, particularly the devastating effects of drug addiction. Combining this with Bob's passion for golf, it only seemed natural that he became involved with the D.A.R.E. golf outing. From the inception of the annual outing, Bob would assist

in organizing teams, obtaining hole sponsors, and door prizes. It was through his efforts that the outing has become such a great success over the years.

As a result of his years of dedicated service to this event, the Clermont County Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association, in cooperation with the Citizens Law Enforcement Association, chose to honor the memory of Lt. Evans by incorporating his name with the annual D.A.R.E. golf outing.

If you would like to play, sponsor a hole, or donate raffle prizes, please contact Gene Bishop at 225-5334 or Bill Williams at 625-2806.

In the Kitchen with Margaret

By: Margaret Jenkins, OSU Extension-Clermont

Sweet and Sour Hawaiian Beef

Tender beef and crunchy green peppers in a sweet and sour pineapple sauce.



- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/3 cup cider vinegar
 - 1 (8 oz.) can pineapple chunks, drained, reserve juice
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
 - 2 tablespoons oil
 - 1 ½ pounds round steak, cut into 1 ½ inch pieces, trimmed
 - 1 cup baby cut carrots, halved crosswise
 - 1 large (1 cup) onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 3 tablespoons cold water
 - 2 green bell pepper, cut into bite-sized pieces
 - Cooked rice
 - ½ green onion, sliced
1. Combine brown sugar, vinegar, reserved pineapple juice, soy sauce and garlic in a small bowl, stir until sugar is dissolved. Set aside.
 2. In a large skillet add oil and brown meat using a medium high heat. When brown, place steak in the slow cooker.
 3. Add carrots and onions to the slow cooker. Pour pineapple juice mixture over vegetables. Cook on low heat setting for 7 to 9 hours, or on high setting for 3 to 4 hours until steak is tender.
 4. Increase heat setting to high. Dissolve cornstarch in cold water in small bowl. Stir cornstarch mixture, pineapple chunks and green pepper into beef mixture. Cover; continue cooking 30 minutes or until green pepper is crispy tender and juices are thickened. Serve over rice and garnish with green onions, if desired.

Yield: 6 servings

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