



On the Move

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Commissioners: Bob Proud, Scott Crosswell, and Ed Humphrey

Shop Clermont

New campaign encourages community to buy local

A coalition of county government, township, school, social service, and university communications professionals are launching a *Shop Clermont* campaign, aimed at encouraging citizens to shop and dine locally.

You will notice flyers at area businesses featuring various local families that shop first in Clermont County.

Also, stop by the *Shop Clermont* booth at the *Taste of Clermont* celebration at Eastgate Mall, September 11-13, 2009, for discount coupons to numerous local businesses.

“When citizens eat at local restaurants and shop at retail businesses across Clermont County, it directly benefits the community they call home,” said Clermont Commission President Ed Humphrey. “A portion of the money you spend for these services is returned to the county to fund local government

services, including the Sheriff’s Office, Clermont Jail, Clermont Communications Center, and court system.” The sales and use tax is state government’s second largest source of revenue and is an important revenue source for county government. The current state tax rate is 5.5 percent; Clermont County, like most counties across the state,

has a 1 percent permissive tax that is levied when you buy retail items at local stores or eat at local restaurants. The county also receives 1 percent of the sales tax paid on all vehicles purchased by and titled to Clermont County citizens, no matter where the cars or trucks are purchased.

The county relies on these sales tax

revenues to fund over 40 percent of its general services; it is the largest source of revenue in the county’s general fund.

“Buying locally not only results in your sales tax dollars staying here to help provide local government services, but benefits your local business owner, and provides employment for your neighbors,” said Clermont County Administrator David Spinney.

“A township’s identity is created by hometown business,” said Goshen Township Trustee Mike Keeley.

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The Parnes family of Miami Township is the first to be featured in the Shop Clermont campaign.



Tony Brockman and Dave Roundtree enjoy lunch at Gramma’s Pizza restaurant in Batavia

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“These shops and restaurants create the charm and community that lure new residents and other businesses. Without them, Clermont County would lose its individuality and character. Supporting these businesses is like supporting family and friends.”

“When I buy groceries for my family or purchase clothes or items for my home, I shop at local stores first,” said Kim Parnes

of Miami Township. “I’m always amazed at how many unique businesses we have locally.”

Every week, hundreds of people visit Harmony Hill Vineyards in Tate Township. “People come from all over Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana to enjoy the local winery; many also patronize local restaurants and businesses during their visit,” said Bethel Vice Mayor Donna Gunn. “Buying local not only stimulates the local economy, but when communities and citizens support those establishments, it encourages others to open businesses in a welcoming

environment!”



Bill and Patti Skvarla with one of their prize winning wines at the popular Harmony Hill Vineyard in Tate Township

“Milford’s small town charm is due, in part, to a vibrant historic Main Street,” said Milford City Manager Loretta Rokey. “Our success depends upon loyal repeat customers from the surrounding area who enjoy the diversity and personal service that Milford’s Main Street provides.”

“With the diversity of local businesses here, there isn’t a need for people to drive out

of the county to dine or shop,” said Chris Hamm, owner of Latitudes Café and Buffalo Harry’s in Milford. “We are seeing a growing number of local people and those from neighboring counties and states visiting our establishments; lots are repeat customers. Many

local residents are also choosing to shop and dine locally as a way to conserve energy.”

“The Clermont Chamber of Commerce is an advocate of spending local, because the initial change in demand for goods and services causes greater aggregate spending within the local economy,” said Clermont Chamber President Matthew Van Sant. “This additional economic output provides

greater opportunity for employment for our residents, stimulates private sector investment, and increases local tax revenues, causing an improvement in quality of life for those in Clermont County.”

Nationally, job losses, foreclosures, and related issues have made our economy stagnate. “Like most counties we are seeing a steady decline in sales tax revenues,” said Clermont Office of Management and Budget Director Sukie Scheetz. “In 2007, we received \$21.1 million from the



Darlene Parker prepares lunch for customers at Gramma's in Batavia

sales tax; the number dropped by \$600,000 for 2008, and in 2009, we are anticipating the tax will generate only \$19.6 million.”

“Clearly, if these projections hold true, and our economy doesn’t start to pick up, we will be forced to cut services that directly impact our citizens,” said Humphrey. “By patronizing local businesses, we help increase sales tax revenues, resulting in the creation and retention of local jobs. When possible, we encourage citizens to spend their hard earned dollars locally. It really does benefit those of us who call this beautiful area home.”



State Rep. Danny Bubp says that if we want to see growth in the areas we live in, it is critical to support local businesses

SHOP CLERMONT!

Think Local...Shop Local



Receive discount coupons from Clermont County businesses, retailers, and restaurants at the **SHOP CLERMONT** booth during

TASTE OF CLERMONT **September 11-13, 2009 at Eastgate Mall**

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

Call (513) 576-5013 for more information

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month

By: Stephanie Burke, MS, RD, LD, CLC

August is *Breastfeeding Awareness Month* in Ohio, and August 1-7 is *World Breastfeeding Week*. This year's theme is *Breastfeeding - A Vital Emergency Response*. *Are you ready?* This theme offers the Ohio Department of Health the opportunity to partner with disaster preparedness agencies and institutions as well as other community programs to encourage breastfeeding as a way to ensure continued infant health during an emergency. Although in the United States we do not have refugee camps and civil war, we do have weather emergencies, house fires, floods, homelessness, and other times when the normal flow of food and water is disrupted.



- disaster preparedness decisions early in her pregnancy and refer to www.ready.gov for help in planning for a disaster,
- Educating her family about why it is important to breastfeed and how to support her decision to breastfeed,
 - Encouraging hospitals to implement the *Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding*,
 - Joining breastfeeding coalitions to advocate for policies and legislation that support breastfeeding,
 - Encouraging employers to support their breastfeeding employees,
 - Working with disaster preparedness organizations to support safe infant feeding, and
 - Asking the media to promote breastfeeding as the norm.

Emergency preparedness is vital. Families need to consider how they would feed their baby if clean water, sterile bottles, formula, or even shelter were not available. Mothers need the support of the entire community to fulfill their breastfeeding plans. Supporting breastfeeding in non-emergency settings will strengthen the mothers' capacity to cope in an emergency. Support for breastfeeding mothers include:

- Discussing breastfeeding and

All elements of the community should cooperate and support breastfeeding mothers so babies can be assured of a free, safe, and reliable food source whenever disaster strikes. Ultimately, our whole society benefits from having healthier mothers, babies, and children when breastfeeding is supported. For more information about breastfeeding, please contact the Clermont County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at (513) 732-7329.

August Commissioner Sessions

Monday, August 3	1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 5	1 p.m.
Monday, August 10	1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12	1 p.m.
Monday, August 17	1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19	2 p.m.
Monday, August 24	7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 26	1 p.m.
Monday, August 31	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.

Free Summer Concert!

The Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a free big band concert on Saturday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Union Township Amphitheater. For more information about the free summer concerts visit www.clermontphilharmonic.com.

Fourteen Wonderful Reasons to Celebrate!



On Thursday, June 18, 2009, a graduation celebration was held at UC Clermont College in Batavia to honor 14 young people who recently obtained high school diplomas. Among the highlights for the evening were the acknowledgement of each youth's accomplishments and future aspirations. The evening was inspirational due in large part to the fact that these 14 young men and women are foster youth in custody of Clermont County Children's Services, and despite often overwhelming challenges, they were able to complete high school.

Nationwide, only 58 percent of youth who find themselves in foster care during their high school years make it to graduation. Many of the young men and women that were honored have been accepted into college programs, and are looking forward to furthering their education, and obtaining meaningful employment in a variety of fields. We wish all the graduates the best! Congratulations!

Popular Milford Science Teacher and Coach Heading Into Space

On the 40th anniversary of Ohio astronaut Neil Armstrong becoming the first human to moon walk, another Ohio man was announced as one of seven teachers to be included in NASA's Teacher in Space program.

On July 20, popular Milford eighth grade science teacher and former football coach Steve Heck was named as one of the crew, called the Pathfinder 7.

Heck, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, has taught in the Milford School system since 2001. previously, Lt. Col. Heck flew jets for the Air Force, setting several world flight records in the process! Heck has also served as the department chairman and professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Cincinnati.

"I'm really looking forward to this incredible opportunity,"

Why Can't You Can?

Your garden has been producing lots of great fruits and vegetables this summer, so why not freeze or can some of your bounty for future enjoyment? Freezing and canning is not only a fun family activity, it can save you money!

The Ohio State University (OSU) Extension-Clermont will present *Preserving the Harvest* food preservation workshop on Tuesday,



Astronaut Steve Heck

said Heck. "Dreams can come true!"

He has already begun his training and may venture into space within the next two years.

Heck is featured in the August 14 edition of Clermont County Today, available on Time Warner Cable access channels across the county and will be available on the county Web site, www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.

August 18, 2009 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the OSU Extension-Clermont office, located at the Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust Street in Owensville.



The registration cost is \$30, which includes a canning guide, refreshments, and door prizes; advance registration is required. For

more information, or to register, call OSU Extension-Clermont at (513) 732-7070.

Clermont Libraries Reduce Hours

The Clermont County Public Library will change the operating hours of all branches, beginning Monday, August 3, 2009. The new hours for the library will be:

Monday through Thursday

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The reduced hours are a result of recent budget cuts. The library will be open late enough to accommodate after-school demands and those of working professionals.



"Programs such as story time typically start at 10 or 11 a.m. Now, we're looking at how we can shuffle these popular programs around so that the customers can still participate," said Tracey McCullough, public affairs supervisor. "The library has always tried to offer youth programming that is schedule-friendly for parents. Finding the balance between reduced hours and library services will be a challenge."

For more information about the Clermont County Public Library, and for a complete list of upcoming programs, visit www.ClermontLibrary.org.

County Steps Up Foreclosure Prevention Efforts

The *Clermont County Save Our Homes Task Force* now has a Web site available for citizens needing foreclosure prevention information. The site, www.ClermontSaveOurHomes.org has contact information for numerous services and agencies that can help homeowners develop strategies to remain in their home. The site also includes links to video programs about various types of assistance available, including the Clermont Common Pleas Court Foreclosure Mediation Program that was launched last year.



“The Clermont Save Our Homes Task Force is a coalition of government leaders and private sector partners that began meeting earlier this year to provide help to those facing foreclosure,” said Clermont County Treasurer J. Robert True. Last year, 1,288 foreclosures were filed in Clermont County.



The Web site provides answers to frequently asked questions about foreclosure, including:

Clermont County Common Pleas Court foreclosure mediator Joshua Vineyard and Twelfth District Court of Appeals Judge Robert Ringland recently appeared on Public Broadcasting Station CET to discuss the innovative foreclosure mediation program available locally.

what happens if you miss or get behind in mortgage payments, what to do if you get a foreclosure notice, and what to do if you think you have been a victim of a refinancing scam or predatory lender.

A brochure, available to download on the new Web site, is also being placed in Clermont County libraries, govern-

ment buildings, township and civic centers, and in senior and veterans' centers.

“We encourage you to check out the site or pick up a brochure for yourself, a friend, relative, or neighbor,” said True. “Taking action when you first start falling behind in payments, can mean the difference in staying in your home or losing it.”

Don't Flush Old Medicine Down the Drain

“Pouring outdated medications down the sink or flushing them down the toilet can have a negative impact on our streams and ultimately our drinking water,” said Clermont Water Resources Department Program Manager John McManus. While pharmaceuticals have not been detected in local streams or drinking water to date, they are starting to have an impact on waterways in other parts of the

country. “We need to change our habits now to ensure our waterways remain healthy,” said McManus.

Do not flush or pour unused or old medications down the sink or drain; throw them in the trash.

To protect children and pets, place the unwanted medication in a sealable bag; adding kitty litter, coffee grounds, or sawdust makes it less appealing to both children and pets to eat.

Before throwing the medication away, remove all identifying personal information from the containers.



For more information on the proper disposal of prescription drugs, contact the Clermont County Storm Water Department at (513) 732-7880.

August is Child Support Enforcement Month

By: Jemina Ott and Theresa Ellison, Child Support Enforcement

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners proclaimed August as *Child Support Enforcement Month*, to increase awareness about the importance of making timely child support payments.

As part of the campaign, the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services' Child Support Enforcement Division is once again working with the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Court, Domestic Relations Court, Common Pleas Court, and the Prosecutor's Office to apprehend 351 parents who are behind in making over \$5.1 million in support payments to 428 children. This is the eighth annual Most Wanted Roundup in the county. Last August, Sheriff's Deputies resolved 135 warrants which resulted in child support collections of \$49,113 by the end of 2008.



Throughout the month of August, most wanted offenders will be featured in the local newspaper, on cable television access channels in the county, and will be available on the Web site www.ClermontSupportsKids.org. If you have information about any of the individuals featured in the campaign, please contact the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement Division at (513) 732-7248; you can remain anonymous.



James Leppert owes his children over \$56,000 in child support payments

Throughout the month of August, the agency will recognize individuals who pay their accounts in full as well as employers and partners that support the program. In addition, as a result of generous donations from the Cincinnati Reds and the Cincinnati Zoo, tickets were randomly awarded to families to attend a Reds game and the zoo. Other activities are planned in August to bring special attention and fun to the children in our community. There will also be a video on the Web site that highlights the importance of fatherhood.

Child Support Enforcement would like to express sincere appreciation to the Sheriff's Office, all of the Clermont County courts, the Prosecutor's Office, the Office of Public Information, local businesses, and the general public for their interest in *Child Support Month* activities in Clermont County.



Art Affaire at Promont

By: Connie Martin, Historical Society

The Greater Milford Area Historical Society will host its fourth annual *Art Affaire* on Saturday, September 12, from noon to 5 p. m. at historic Promont House Museum in Milford. The beautiful grounds of Promont House, an 1865 Italianate mansion and former home of the 43rd Governor of Ohio, James Pattison, will be transformed into an extensive indoor-outdoor art gallery featuring local artists of all media, including pottery, jewelry, painting, photography, wood carving, stained glass, fiber arts, and wearables.



Also, a flower show entitled *Sunflower Revolution* will feature original creations from members of local garden clubs. This special exhibit will be added to an already stunning collection of artistry and entertainment from across the tri-state. To add to a truly outstanding afternoon, various musicians will provide entertainment for the browsers. Refreshments will also be available.

Admission is free. Promont House Museum is located at 906 Main Street (SR 28) in Milford. For additional information, call (513) 248-0324 or go to the Historical Society's web page, www.MilfordHistory.net.

Marijuana: Is it harmful to society?

By: Rick W. Combs, Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy

Many of you who follow the local news and police reports know Clermont County law enforcement, particularly the Clermont County Narcotics Task Force, regularly arrest individuals in possession of or trafficking in marijuana. Law enforcement merely follows the laws set forth by law makers. Yet nationwide, some continue to endorse the legalization of marijuana and many of the blogs on local media Web sites are full of comments chastising the work of law enforcement for what they believe to be a waste of public funds. These thought provoking voices caused me to delve into public policy questions and some possible reasons the government criminalizes the possession, sale, and use of marijuana.

Marijuana is an illegal Schedule I drug (with few advantages to medical science) and considered to have a high potential for abuse. Marijuana contains THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), a chemical which creates short term issues with memory and learning, distorted perception, loss of coordination, reduction in cognition, problem solving, and an increase in heart rate and anxiety lasting up to 24 hours after use. Medical research estimates that marijuana smoke contains between 50 to 70 percent more carcinogenic hydrocarbons (components harmful to health) than that of tobacco smoke.

According to one study, first time users increased by 6,000 each day in the United States during 2007. A 2006 study compiled by Drug Abuse Warning Net-



work (DAWN), found an estimated 113 million emergency room visits were drug related; 290,563 involved marijuana. In 1997, the percentage of admissions where marijuana was the primary drug, was 12.3 percent. By 2007, that percentage increased to 15.8 percent or 287,933 admissions. Though the cost to health and treatment programs in the United States was not included in this study, I would imagine it to be significant.



Many would argue that the cost to the criminal justice system alone (arrests and incarceration in prisons) justifies a "turn your head approach" to marijuana violations. A 2004 Bureau of Justice Statistics survey reported that 12.7 percent of state prisoners and 12.4 percent of federal prisoners were serving time for marijuana-related offenses. In addition, most of us serving in a law enforcement role know that a very small percentage (less than 3 percent), go to jail or prison from merely possessing the drug in an amount for personal use as compared to those actually preparing it for sale in our community.

This would lead me to my most compelling point - I estimate more than 60 percent of the marijuana arrests made in Clermont County are generated by citizen complaints; people who are fed up with heavy traffic in their neighborhood, groups of people loitering and smoking marijuana at the local pool or hallway to an apartment complex, and the occasional violence between dealers when a drug deal goes bad. These problems have come about while the use of marijuana is illegal. How much of an increase in citizen complaints, would we see if legalized?

Some advocate the legalization of marijuana and justify their reasoning with the belief that it should be regulated by the federal government and heavily taxed; the theory being that this would be a great revenue generator for state and federal governments. However, the majority of marijuana (over 70 percent) is illegally shipped here from Mexico. Keeping in mind that most of our border is unsecured, there is nothing to indicate that the smuggling of marijuana would cease once it is legalized.

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Marijuana would still be coming into the country illegally, thus circumventing the tax system. While arrests for marijuana use and possession may be eliminated, how will the federal government collect the lost revenue from smuggled marijuana or unregulated marijuana grown in the United States? Or for that matter who will collect and regulate taxes, monitor the new tax laws, guidelines, and standards developed to manage legalization of marijuana? The only options are to rely on federal enforcement agencies or local police for enforcement as currently exists, or the establishment of another costly government agency with layers of bureaucracy and additional cost.

While there may be some compelling reasons to decriminalize marijuana's medicinal benefits, cost savings, tax revenue, etc., are we prepared to deal with the unintended consequences of marijuana legalization? Alcohol is legal and has very little social stigma regarding its consumption, yet no one can deny the extended problems and costs that exist in our society from its use. Abuse, addiction, violence, auto accidents, injuries and fatalities, increases in health care costs, are all too frequently associated with alcohol use. Because marijuana is illegal, and therefore socially unacceptable in most of our society, it is my assumption that its legalization would increase its use and in time be as acceptable as alcohol and tobacco.

Regardless of your view in the debate legalizing marijuana, it currently remains an illegal substance in this state and law enforcement will continue to investigate and charge those involved in its use or possession.

Satellite Pet Adoptions

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

Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Milford Petsmart
Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Eastgate Petsmart

The satellite adoption events are an excellent opportunity to meet some of the wonderful animals available for adoption through the Humane Society! If you are unable to make it to the satellite events, visit the Clermont County Animal Shelter Monday through Saturday, between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. For more information, call (513) 732-8854.



Back to School Health/Safety Tips

The American Academy of Pediatrics has some great health/safety tips as you prepare your child for heading back to school later this month or in early September.

BACKPACK SAFETY:

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the your child's body weight.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, and they may be difficult to roll in snow.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY:

- If your child's school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when on the bus. If your child's school bus does not have lap/shoulder belts, encourage the school to buy or lease buses with lap/shoulder belts.
- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.
- Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.



August Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Butterfly Walk

Saturday, August 1, 2 p.m. – Chilo Lock #34 Park

Search the meadow and the wetland's edge for a variety of butterflies and skippers. Test your speed against these winged creatures with a butterfly net. All ages are welcome; long pants and hiking boots or tennis shoes are recommended.



August Evening Walk

Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m. – Kelley Nature Preserve

Late summer provides a spectacular display of wildflowers in the meadow at Kelley Nature Preserve. Follow a naturalist on a relaxing evening walk through the forest and field to enjoy the colorful display of flowers.

Kids Crafts: Twig Birdhouses

Wednesday, August 12, 10 a.m. – Pattison Park

Encourage the birds to spend time at your house by creating a birdhouse from twigs to welcome them.

Preschool Story Time: River Critters

Wednesday, August 12, 1:30 p.m. – Sycamore Park



Stick your toes in the water and cool off from the summer's heat! Preschoolers are invited to explore what lives in the water using small nets along the river's shore. Read stories of watery worlds with Angie the Librarian. Though the water level of the East Fork of the Little Miami River is typically low in August, and we will be staying along the river's edge, parents must closely supervise all children during this program.

Wetland Walk

Sunday, August 23, 1 p.m. – Chilo Lock #34 Park

The wetland is full of color during late summer as coneflowers, sunflowers, and goldenrods are in full bloom. Follow the naturalist to see what's in bloom, what lies in the wetland, and why wetlands are so important.



For more information about these or any other Clermont County Park District programs, call (513) 876-9013 or visit the Web site www.parks.clermontcountyohio.gov.



Computer Instruction/Resume and Cover Letter Assistance

During August – Amelia Branch

Get help with computer basics, creating an e-mail account, using Microsoft Word, resume writing, and cover letter writing during the month of August. Call to schedule an appointment at (513) 752-5580.

Hawaiian Luau

Saturday, August 22, 2 p.m. – New Richmond Branch

Celebrate Hawaii's 50th anniversary as a state with games, Hula lessons, crafts, and snacks for the whole family. For more information or to register, call (513) 553-0570, or register online at www.clermontlibrary.org.

Cardinal Quilters

Tuesday, August 25, 6 p.m. – Felicity Branch

Quilters of all levels are invited to join the group. Meetings are held monthly. For more information, call (513) 876-4134.

Summer Reading Wrap Up Party

Monday, August 10, 2 p.m. – Goshen Branch

Join us for summer reading wrap up with Keith Robinson from the Clermont County Park District. He will be discussing the kinds of fossils that can be found in our area. Enjoy crafts and snacks; families are welcome. For more information or to register, call (513) 722-1221.

Wii Sports for Seniors

Thursday, August 13, 11:30 a.m. – Milford-Miami Township Branch

Seniors age 50 and up are invited to learn to play the Wii. Try your hand at bowling, tennis, golf, or baseball. For more information or to register, call (513) 248-0700.



Pretty, Pretty Princess

Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m. – Union Township Branch

Did you miss Pretty, Pretty Princess in February? Here is your second chance! Families are invited for stories and crafts to celebrate princesses. For more information or to register, call (513) 528-1744.



Wii Play for Teens and Tweens

Monday through Friday, August 3 – 7, and August 10 – 14, 2 p.m. – Williamsburg Branch
Teens and tweens are invited to play Guitar Hero, World Tour, Game Party II, Rayman Raving Rabbids, Mario Kart, Super Mario Galaxy, Boom Box, and Wii Sport at the library. For more information or to register, call (513) 724-1070.



Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 12, 2 p.m. – Batavia Branch

All interested adults are invited for a book discussion. This month's title is The Guernsey Literary and

the Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. For more information call (513) 732-2128.



Salute to our Veterans, Troops, and their Families

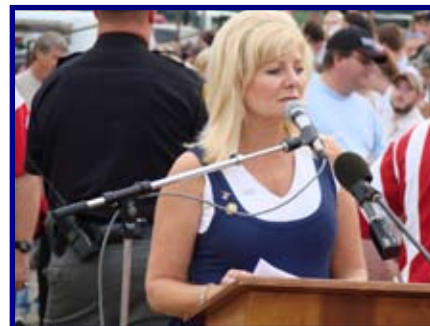
Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Clermont County Fairgrounds



State Representative Colonel Danny Bulp salutes the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance



Event organizer, Commissioner Bob Proud said too often our veterans are forgotten, but that will not happen in Clermont County



Kim Pellington from the Whole in My Heart support group talked about the importance of remembering the troops and the families they've left behind



A skydiver from Team Fastrax unfurls the American flag during an infield jump at the fairgrounds



Tony and Theresa Dillinger are the parents of SSgt Tony Wojciechowski, killed in Iraq on April 30, 2009



Commissioner Ed Humphrey and friends were among the thousands in attendance for the Salute



The crowd waves flags during the singing of God Bless the USA



Pearl Harbor survivor Joe Whitt was among those leading the Pledge of Allegiance



Vietnam veteran Ace Gilbert delivers the invocation at the Salute and calls on the community to keep our troops in their prayers and in their hearts

In the Kitchen with Margaret

By: Margaret Jenkins, OSU Extension-Clermont

Summer Bean Salad

Serves: 10 Prep time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 - 15 oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 - 15 oz can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 - 15 oz can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups cooked corn on the cob kernels
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped

Dressing:

- ½ cup chopped, fresh cilantro (or 2 T dried cilantro)
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- ¼ cup canola vegetable oil
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- Juice of 2 limes

Preparation

1. Combine the beans, corn, onion, garlic, bell peppers, and jalapeño a large bowl.
2. Toss well.
3. Combine the cilantro, cumin, ground black pepper, salt, paprika, oil, vinegar, and lime juice in a container with a lid. Shake well to mix thoroughly.
4. Right before serving, pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat.
5. Store in refrigerator in a covered container.

NUTRITION FACTS PER SERVING: 297 calories, 7 g total fat, 13 g protein, 49 g carbohydrates, 10 g dietary fiber, 362 mg sodium



Second Chances

Meet Edward! Edward is a handsome, tiger and white male, approximately 1 ½ years old. Edward is very friendly, and was brought to the shelter as a stray. He has already been neutered, and would make a great addition to any family. He is a beautiful cat, and he knows it!



Introducing Rosie! Rosie is a beautiful Boxer, approximately 3 years old, who was brought to the shelter as a stray.



Rosie will be spayed before she is adopted. She has lots of energy, and would make a great dog for any family willing to provide her with plenty of long walks and play time. Rosie seems to get along well with everyone, however she may do better in a home with older children due to her size.

If you are interested in adopting Edward, Rosie, or any of the other great animals available at the Clermont County Animal Shelter, call (513) 732-8854. Give them a second chance at a happy life.

On the Move is a service of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners. For more information about any of the articles included in this publication, contact Kathryn Lehr or Rebecca Kimble in the Office of Public Information at (513) 732-7597 or e-mail klehr@co.clermont.oh.us.