



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

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Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker, and Scott Crowell

Clermont County Observes Child Support Month in August

By proclamation, the Board of Clermont County Commissioners has declared August as "Child Support Month."

In an effort to promote child support awareness, in the pursuit of enforcement of child support orders, the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services' division of Child Support Enforcement (CSE) will be sponsoring a roundup of "most wanted" child support offenders. This is a joint collaboration between Child Support, the Sheriff's Office, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. Throughout August, the Sheriff's Department will be providing expanded services in order to apprehend those individuals with outstanding bench warrants for failure to pay child support and for failure to appear for required hearings.

To assist with the success of this endeavor, CSE will feature a full page advertisement in local newspapers publicizing their top child support offenders. Securing support for children remains Clermont County's top priority and it is the hope of the Child Support staff that the advertisement will result in good leads on locating those individuals who have not been supporting their children.

The most wanted campaign solicits community involvement by urging citizens to call Child Support Enforcement if they have any information which might lead to locating those individuals who have failed to make support payments. "These individuals have managed to avoid being caught and we hope that by advertising their names and pictures in the newspaper, on cable television, and on our annual poster, we will receive information from the community

which will lead law enforcement to them," said Brenda Gilreath, deputy director of CSE. In 2004, the roundup initiative successfully resulted in arrests of 85 non-custodial parents.

Look for the full page ad in your local newspaper or visit the division's website at

www.clermontsupportskids.org.

The "most wanted" will also be aired on Adelphia Cable channel 22, Clermont County Government Television. In addition, Clermont County has again published their annual Child Support Most Wanted poster which features nine offenders who owe \$141,779 in support payments. During August, the poster will be disseminated and posted at local offices, grocery stores, township halls, police stations, and libraries. We encourage you to call the office of



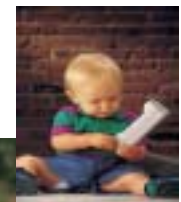
Child Support at **732-7248** if you recognize any of these negligent parents and can provide valuable information. *Callers will remain anonymous.*

During August, emphasis will also be placed on other enforcement activities to secure child support for families in our community, such as the filing of administrative liens on real/personal property and suspension of drivers licenses.

"We have been very happy with the success we have enjoyed, thus far, with the drivers license suspension program," indicates Theresa Ellison, lead attorney for CSE. "We hope to continue to collect additional funds to benefit the children of Clermont County."

WANTED

An Unexcused Excuse, Under No Circumstances, Is Not an Excuse!		
For Delinquency To Pay Their Court-Ordered Child Support!		
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Chilo Visitor Center to Open August 27

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

The Clermont County Park District is pleased to announce that the Chilo Lock #34 Visitor Center and Museum will officially open its doors on Saturday, August 27, 2005. The official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place at 11 am. The visitor center and museum is located at Chilo Lock #34 Park, in the former operations building. Several guest speakers will be on hand throughout the day giving presentations on the history of riverboats, locks and dams on the Ohio River.



**1925 Dedication of
Chilo Lock #34**

“This is the biggest project the park district has ever completed, and we are excited about the grand opening,” said Chris Clingman, park district director. The majority of the project was paid for by a \$732,845 Federal Highway Administration Grant. The Pattison Foundation also contributed money toward the project.

When it opens its doors, the visitor center will provide a unique learning experience for many county residents; it will feature vintage photographs depicting what life was like during the operation of the dam. There will also be interactive exhibits including a 1/3 scale model of a wicket dam, just like the one that was in operation at Chilo from 1925 to 1964. A model lock chamber will be housed in the museum, allowing visitors to observe how a lock and dam functions.

“We have an old steam whistle from Lock and Dam #32 that is being loaned to us,” adds Clingman.



“With the help of a \$13,900 grant from the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, we will be able to build a hands-on exhibit about steam whistles.”

Another great addition to the facility is the *Jennie Wade*, a replica of an 1800’s “puddle jumper” steamboat that was a former amusement park ride. Visitors to the *Jennie Wade* will be able to learn more about what boating and riverboat commerce was like in days long ago.

Visitors will also learn about the daring divers of the Chilo Lock who plunged into the frigid waters in pitch darkness to repair damaged wickets on the dam. Video displays on the divers and the history of the site will run on a continuing basis.

The visitor center is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 876-9013, or 732-2977.

Last Chance Award

By: Lt. Randy Harvey, Sheriff’s Department

The Clermont County Sheriff’s Office will receive national recognition in August, for their special efforts in traffic safety and education, including the implementation of the “Last Chance” youth driving program.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety nominated the Sheriff’s Office for the prestigious *Peter K. O’Rourke Special Achievement Award*. The nomination was approved by the Governors Highway Safety Association. Representatives from the Sheriff’s Office will travel to the National Governors Highway Safety Conference in Norfolk, Virginia on August, 30, 2005, to receive the award.



August Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, Aug. 3	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 17	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

Mandatory Electronic Disbursements for Support Recipients

By: Annette Black, Child Support Enforcement



New legislation was recently passed that requires all support recipients in Ohio to receive their support payments through direct deposit or the Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard. Clermont County Child Support is one of six counties to pilot this mandatory electronic disbursement program for all existing support cases. Effective October 1, statewide, all new cases entered on the State Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS) will be required to make a selection.

Beginning October 1, 2005, Clermont County support recipients who have not made the choice to receive their support payments through direct deposit will begin receiving Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCards in the mail. There will be a ten day aging period from the time the card is issued to the time payments are deposited on the card. This is to allow time for recipients to receive the card and set their required four digit pin number. The Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard is accepted at millions of locations worldwide, wherever the MasterCard or Maestro emblems are displayed.

Receiving support payments through Direct Deposit or the Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard is **faster, simpler, and safer**. Clermont County Child Support encourages support recipients to enroll early to avoid their case being converted with over 30,000 cases after October 1.

For more information or to obtain an enrollment form for direct deposit or the Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard visit www.ClermontSupportsKids.org or call your local child support office at (513) 732-7248.

Clermont Library Hosts Magical Harry Potter Party

More than 150 children and their guests enjoyed a night of magic, face painting, and general Harry Potter fun and suspense, Hogwarts-style, July 15 at the Union Township branch of the Clermont County Public Library.

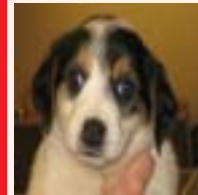


The 40 winners of the library raffle were awarded copies of the new J.K. Rowlings book at the stroke of midnight, thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library. Other lucky children were among the first to check out one of the system's 60 copies that are now in the collection.



Library staff members in the photo (left to right): Aaron Smith, Lisa Salyers, Lynn Baird, Dave Mezack, Bill Jenny, Kim Miller, Leslie and Jonathan Massey, Liz Fiene, and Gail Roberts.

*Find a new
"best friend"*



**Clermont Animal
Shelter**

732-8854

Clermont County Expo Showcases Disaster Services



On Wednesday, July 27, 2005, Clermont County emergency responders held a mock emergency mini-drill at the Clermont County fairgrounds to familiarize citizens and elected officials with new equipment purchased with Homeland Security funds.

The program began with presentations from Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services Director Beth Nevel, Commissioner Mary Walker, Sheriff A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg, Milford Community Fire Chief John Cooper, and UC Clermont associate professor Ed Bridgeman.



The Expo also featured demonstrations by bomb detection dogs and the set-up of a decontamination center.

Based on requests from numerous individuals, the event could be an annual one at the fair!



Scenes from the 2005 Clermont County Fair

CASA For Clermont Kids! Needs More Volunteers By: Christina Mullins, CASA



CASA For Clermont Kids! is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization committed to serving abused and neglected children. CASA For Clermont Kids! represents the voices of these children in the Clermont County Juvenile Court system and advocates their best interests in the judicial, educational, medical, and social service communities, as well as in their family environment. CASA/Guardian ad litem volunteers interview the child or children involved in the case, their parents/guardians, foster parents, teachers, social workers, therapists, and doctors and other interested parties. Additional hours are spent writing court reports and provide recommendations to the court reflecting the best interests of the children to ensure that they will have a safe and permanent home. This is an opportunity to work directly with children and families and to work within the child welfare professional community. Volunteers are professionally trained and supervised.

Interested volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, make a two-year commitment, dedicate three to 12 hours monthly on the assigned case, pass a criminal background check, and complete a 40 hour orientation and training program. Training sessions are held in the evenings and some weekend by invitation only. An application and interview are required *before* training. For more information visit www.casaforclermontkids.org or call Christina Mullins at (513) 735-SAFE (7233).

The Bird is the Word



Several Child Support staff members (at left) recently taped a public service announcement for the county cable station, CCG-TV-channel 22, to advise the public that electronic disbursement of support payments will become mandatory in the state of Ohio effective October 1, 2005.

Pictured left to right: Jemina Ott, Becky Utter, Lowell Davis (the bird), Annette Black, and Michele Dotson.

August at the Library

By: Tammy Craig, Clermont Library

Carnival of Wonders

Tuesday, August 16, 2:00 p.m.
Batavia Branch Library

All ages are invited to the Carnival of Wonders at the Batavia Branch Library, 180 South Third Street. Meet John Louis, the owner of one of the last traveling circus sideshows left in America. There will be circus skills from juggling, magic, trained animals, clown skits, and thrilling stunts for all! For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 732-2128.



Hands-Up Puppet Troupe

Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.
Goshen Branch Library



Children of all ages are invited for a special performance of Froggy's Fractured Fairytales. Join Froggy as he meets such characters as The Big Bad Wolf and The Stinky Cheese man. Skits and songs highlight familiar stories of hopstastic fun for all! For more information, call the library at 722-1221.

Frisch Marionette Variety Show

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.
New Richmond Branch Library

Attendees of all ages are invited to be awed by the lively, upbeat Variety Show featuring hand puppets and trick marionettes performing songs, dances and comical routines. For more information or to register for the program, please call the library at 553-0570.

Happy 50th Clermont Library

Saturday, August 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Owensville Branch Library

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Clermont County Public Library. Bring your small articles and make your own time capsule, enjoy a performance by the Hands Up Puppet Troupe at 2:00 and have lots of fun! For more information, call the library at 732-6084.

**Second Annual Taste of Clermont
September 10 and 11
Downtown Batavia**

Bringing Home the Bronze

– Book Cart, That Is

By: Sandy Prell, Library

Congratulations to the Clermont County Public Library book cart drill team, for winning third place in the American Library Association (ALA) national competition June 26 in Chicago. They brought home the bronze book cart as a trophy for their precision drill set to the march from "Love for Three Oranges" by Sergei Prokofiev. Fifteen teams from across the United States competed.



Members of the drill team (left to right in the photo above): Holly Varley, Tamar Kreke, Joann Tudor, Chris Wick, Chris Rich, Lisa Salyers, Kevin Isaacs, Christy Mack, and Marlene Noschang.

You can see the CCPL book cart drill team in local parades throughout Clermont County.

Clermont County Fair Baby Contest



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