



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Crowell
February 2006

Mary Walker Elected President of Clermont Commissioners

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners (BCC) held its annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006, electing Mary C. Walker as president of the Board for calendar year 2006 and Bob Proud as vice president.

“I look forward to serving as president of the Board,” said Walker. “I am anticipating this will be an exciting and productive year in Clermont County as we continue our aggressive economic development programs and work on the Eastern Corridor project.”

“I believe progress will continue in 2006 toward an even more vibrant local economy,” said Proud. “This Board will continue working hard to benefit the citizens of Clermont County.”



The BCC will meet each week in 2006 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Clermont County Administration Building (third floor session room) at 101 East

Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For a detailed agenda, check the Clermont County website at www.clermontcountyohio.gov or call the Board offices at (513) 732-7300.

In addition, the Board will hold a series of town meetings from April through October 2006 in townships across the county. Citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings to learn more about projects and initiatives planned for the area.



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New Economic Development Newsletter

By: Jennifer Federov, Economic Development

The Clermont County Office of Economic Development will launch a monthly e-newsletter this month. With the pace of growth increasing, the e-newsletter will help keep area businesses and residents informed of commercial development taking place in the County. Each issue will highlight a new business or expansion in Clermont County, an existing business leader, and a tool the office has to help local businesses grow. It will also provide a forum to acknowledge Clermont business that receive awards or recognition.

The first issue of the e-newsletter will feature the recent property acquisition and planned office park in Union Township. As a current business leader, Jeff Lykins discusses why Lykin's Oil chose to grow in Clermont County. Finally, the newsletter will look at the implications that Ohio's recent tax reform will have on local businesses. The e-newsletter will be distributed each month by e-mail. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, please sign up by sending an email to biz@co.clermont.oh.us.

Best Dogs in Clermont County Named



Over 500 Clermont County children in grades kindergarten through six submitted entries for the 2006 Best Dog in Clermont County Contest organized by Clermont County Auditor Linda Fraley, the Board of Clermont County Commissioners, the Clermont County Humane Society, and Merial Ltd. Eleven local schools participated.

The children were asked to enter the contest by drawing a picture and describing why their dog is the best dog in the County. The contest was designed to draw attention to dog licensing and to encourage adoptions at the animal shelter.

Judging the competition, as usual, was not an easy task. Auditor Linda Fraley, Commissioners Mary Walker and Bob Proud, and Animal Shelter Director Kim Naegel spent quite a bit of time reading the entries and enjoying the artwork, before selecting the winners. The contest winners were recognized during a January awards ceremony at the Union Township Civic Center.



Commissioner Mary Walker reviews over 500 contest entries!

Kindergarten Winners:

- First Place: Paul Bostic, Felicity Franklin
- Second Place: Kolbie Brandenburg, Felicity Franklin
- Third Place: Charlena Spaulding, Felicity Franklin

First Grade Winners:

- First Place: Emily Swope, Felicity Franklin
- Second Place: Lauren Ruehrwein, Mulberry Elementary
- Third Place: Brianna Brown, Felicity Franklin

Second Grade Winners:

- First Place: Adam Raymond Neltner, St. Thomas More
- Second Place: Cara Cumby, Felicity
- Third Place: Mark Swing, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Third Grade Winners:

- First Place: Paige Kessen, Felicity
- Second Place: Britney Pelcha, Clough Pike
- Third Place: McKenzie Lauver, Locust Corner

Fourth Grade Winners:

- First Place: Madison Taggart, St. Andrew-Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Second Place: Emily Wolfe, St. Andrew-Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Third Place: Alyssa Hallahan, New Richmond Elementary

Fifth Grade Winners:

- First Place: Sarah Wetzel, Williamsburg Elementary
- Second Place: Emily Coughlin, Mulberry Elementary
- Third Place: Katie Weiler, St. Veronica

Sixth grade Winners:

- First Place: Naomi Ritchey, Mulberry Elementary
- Second Place: Kenny Barth, Williamsburg Middle School
- Third Place: Noelle Dumont, Mulberry Elementary



Auditor Linda Fraley begins the difficult judging process



February Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, Feb 1	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb 7	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb.8	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb.14	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 15	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 22	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.

You can view all the winning pictures at www.clermontcountyohio.gov, under Currently Clermont.

e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard are Here!

Effective January 3, 2006, Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard are being issued on all new cases state-wide. In Clermont County, the first mandatory cards for all existing cases where custodial parents have not previously selected a form of electronic disbursement, will be issued the first week of February.

Information regarding your Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard can be found at the Clermont County Child Support website www.ClermontSupportsKids.org. This information includes how and when your payments are loaded to your card, how to activate your card,



By: Annette Black, DJFS
how to make purchases and obtain cash, transaction fees at ATMs, how to report lost or stolen cards, and how to use the voice response 1-800-860-2555 number (IVR) and the Internet payment website www.jfs.ohio.gov/ocs. The IVR and

the Internet payment website allow you to obtain your payment information and a printable transaction form to track your balance on your Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard.



Weather Spotter Training



Every year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, and over 900 tornadoes occur across the United States. Over the past 10 years, severe weather has contributed to the deaths of 2,300 people in this country and injured thousands of others. When it comes to warning a community about possible dangerous weather conditions, seconds can save lives.

“On Monday, February 6, the Clermont Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will offer citizens a unique opportunity to assist the National Weather Service (NWS) in determining which cloud formations and conditions can spawn dangerous weather situations,” said Clermont EMA Director Beth Nevel. NWS Chief Meteorologist Mary Jo Parker will hold a **7 p.m. weather spotter training seminar at the Loveland Safety Center, located at 126 S. Lebanon Road in Loveland.** Local emergency responders, school groups, scout troops, and community watch organizations are encouraged to attend.

The NWS reports that storm spotters, coupled with new technology in detecting severe weather, has enabled weather professionals to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and flash floods. Thousands of lives have been saved.

For more information on how you can attend the weather spotter training seminar, contact the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency at (513) 732-7661.

Clermont Man Selected for National Special Olympics Team

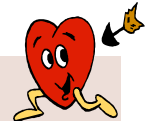
Walter Green of New Richmond has been selected to represent Team Ohio at the National Special Olympics to be held in Ames, Iowa in July. He will be among 76 Buckeye State athletes selected for the competition.



Walter Green

Green will take part in the individual and team bowling competitions. He is currently part of the Clermont County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities bowling league.

Valentine Trivia



192 million cards are exchanged on Valentine's Day; it is the second largest seasonal card sending occasion of the year. Christmas is number one.



February Events

By: Tammy Craig, Library

Internet Training

February Weekdays
Amelia Branch



Call the library to set up one-on-one training. For more information or to register, call the library at 752-5580.

Curious for Curious George?

February 4, 2 p.m.
Milford-Miami Twp. Branch
Children ages 3 and up are invited to celebrate the release of the new movie about Curious George with games and crafts. To register, call 248-0700.



Teen Anime Club

February 2, 3:30 p.m.
New Richmond Branch
Teens are invited to help review the latest anime titles. For more information, call 553-0570.

Romance Book Swap

February 6, 7 p.m.
Owensville Branch
Adults are invited to bring their favorite romance books to swap while enjoying a Valentine snack. For more information, call the library at 732-6084.

Girls Night In

February 2, 7 p.m.
Union Twp. Branch
Girls in grades 4-6 and their moms are invited to a book discussion group. To register for the program, call the library at 528-1744.

Karaoke Fun and CD Exchange

February 4, 2 p.m.
Union Twp. Branch
Children in grades 3-8 are invited to take part in the karaoke event, and later swap old CD's. For more information, call 528-1744.



Tax Assistance

February
Amelia Branch/
New Richmond Branch
AARP tax aide volunteers will be providing free tax assistance to citizens with low or moderate income levels. Call 752-5580 to schedule an appointment in Amelia or 553-0570 in New Richmond.



Family Fun Night

February 13, 7 p.m.
Goshen Branch
Families are invited for Valentine's Day stories and crafts. Call to register for the program 722-1221.

Care-A-Lot Party

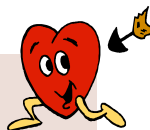
February 18, 2 p.m.
Owensville Branch
Children are invited to story time from the land of Care-a-Lot featuring the Care Bears! Call the library to register for the program, 528-1744.



Valentine Trivia

The first Valentine's Day box of chocolates was introduced by Richard Cadbury in 1868.

***Valentine Trivia information from www.infostarbase.com



Find a new "best friend"



Juliet



Buddy



Babe



Josie



Osland

**Clermont
Animal
Shelter
732-8854**

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 Kathy Lehr or Beth Rawdon at 732-7597.

Snow Doesn't Stop Holiday Generosity Toward CASA

By: Jenifer Fox-Gerrits, CASA

The biggest snow storm of the season couldn't stop the generosity of many area business leaders who attended the annual Clermont Chamber of Commerce December 8 holiday party. The party was also a collection drive for CASA for Clermont Kids, the non profit agency that serves abused and neglected children.

Over 100 registered to attend the party, but less than 20 actually made it through the traffic and snow.

Although the attendees brought items for the CASA Duffel Bag Program, started in 1998 to replace the transport of foster children's few belongings in trash bags, the donation boxes were not as full as hoped.

Fortunately for the hundreds of children who will benefit from the duffel bag program this year, the generosity of Clermont Chamber members and staff



can not be stopped by a blanket of snow! Even as the end of January approached, donations of blankets, backpacks, school supplies, and personal care items continued to flow into the Chamber office in Milford.

To donate items, you can contact CASA at (513) 735-SAFE.

Little Locks of Love

By: Keri Shelton, Prosecutor's Office

Morgan Rene Shelton, daughter of Keri Shelton of the Clermont County Prosecutor's Office - Civil Division and Jeff Shelton, employed by Anderson Township, donated 10" of her beautiful long, blonde hair to *Locks of Love*. Morgan, who is 4½ years old, decided over a year ago that she was going to grow out her hair so that one day she would be able to donate it to help sick children. *Locks of Love* is a nonprofit organization which provides hair prosthetics to children who have developed long-term medical hair loss.



Morgan Shelton

very giving young lady. We are so proud of her for taking this big step and doing something so wonderful to help other children.

For more information please visit:
www.Locksoflove.org



CASA Holiday Elves

On January 26, 2006, Morgan got her first hair cut. Morgan's act of kindness and her bravery makes our hearts smile. Morgan cares deeply for others and is a

Mary Collier, a full-time nurse at Christ Hospital and volunteer with CASA for Clermont Kids, helped save Christmas for dozens of abused and neglected children in Clermont County. Each year, CASA for Clermont Kids, a non profit agency

working to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in Clermont County, collects donated items for volunteers to wrap and distribute to the foster children they serve.

When Mary found out that donations were down this year and there might not be enough gifts for all of the children, she approached the Cardiovascular and Thoracic Care Team at Christ Hospital. With their support, the nurses, physicians, management, and ancillary staff of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit made it their goal to reach out to the community and support the children of Clermont County. As a result, they collected an entire van load of new unwrapped items including books, toys, and clothing. Because of Mary's efforts, every foster child served by CASA for Clermont Kids received holiday gifts.

For more information about CASA, visit their website at www.casaforclermontkids.org.