



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

June 2005

Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker, and Scott Crowell

Danger in the Medicine Cabinet

The Clermont County General Health District is launching a thermometer exchange program, asking citizens to check their medicine cabinets for old thermometers that contain mercury. If



you have one, you are asked to double-bag the thermometer and take it to the General Health District Offices, located at 2275 Bauer Road in Batavia. The mercury thermometer will be exchanged for a free digital thermometer.

“Recently we had a mercury spill in Clermont County involving a laboratory thermometer,” said Clermont Health Commissioner Dr. Janet Rickabaugh. “That spill necessitated calling out the Environmental Protection Agency and was a reminder of how very dangerous mercury can be to our citizens.”

Mercury is a toxic, persistent metal that can build up in the

body and cause adverse neurological and developmental health effects; spilled mercury can emit dangerous vapors for a long period of time. Exposure to mercury can result in damage to the nervous system, including

mental instability, dizziness, numbness in the limbs and personality changes.

“We have a mercury fact sheet available on our

website,

www.clermonthealthdistrict.org,” adds Dr. Rickabaugh. “Spilled mercury should never be vacuumed because that causes the mercury to vaporize and spread more easily through the home. Small amounts can be picked-up with the sticky side of a piece of tape, then placed in a sealed bag and disposed of in the trash. For larger spills, it is best to dial 9-1-1.”

For additional information on the thermometer exchange program, contact the Clermont General Health District at (513) 732-7499.



Homeland Security

*Find out how local agencies are working to ensure **your** safety*

Homeland Security Expo

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Clermont Co. Fairgrounds, Owensville

Judge Ringland Selected for Cutting Edge Program

By: Pat Schwartz, Common Pleas Court

Clermont County Common Pleas Judge Robert Ringland has been accepted as a participant in the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Project (ASTAR), which is a national certification program sponsored by the Ohio Judicial College. It is designed to educate and board certify judges in “cutting edge” areas of bioscience, biotechnology, biomedicine and bio-forensics to assist them in courtroom litigation. The program will assist judges in navigating through the escalating complexities of courtroom testimony involving DNA and genetics engineering and cancer causing agents.

Judge Ringland is one of only 20 Ohio judges selected for the program, a first-in-the-nation opportunity.

Standard of Excellence for Rachel

Rachel Lefker, emergency resource supervisor with the Clermont Department of Public Safety Services, has completed her Professional Development Series training through the Emergency Management Institute with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



Rachel Lefker

This “Standard of Excellence” in emergency management provides Rachel with a broad understanding of emergency management, which enhances her knowledge and skills as a Department of Public Safety Services supervisor.

Way to Go, Judge Wyler!

By: Debbie Fannin, Juvenile Court

Judge Stephanie Wyler of Clermont County Juvenile/Probate Courts met yet another goal in her life on May 1, 2005, when she walked 26.2 miles in the Flying Pig Marathon. The course began at Paul Brown Stadium going through Covington and Newport, Kentucky, and back to Ohio then through Eden Park, Hyde Park, and Oakley. The race course then headed from Mariemont Square to downtown via Columbia Parkway and Eastern Avenue with the finish line at Sawyer’s Point.



Judge Wyler finished in 6 hours 37 minutes – her pace was 15 minutes per mile. Congratulations and way to go – Judge Wyler!

Clermont 20/20 Clean and Green 2005 Litter Pickup, a Success

By: Julie Toren, Clean and Green

The 2005 Clermont 20/20 Clean and Green Collaborative celebrated another successful spring litter pick-up in 2005. An impressive number of volunteers braved soggy, cold weather to cleanup their neighborhoods on April 23, and volunteers continue to request supplies to cleanup their communities on alternate dates.



So far, over 300 volunteers have collected over 600 bags of litter from our roadways and parks.



June Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, June 1	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 29	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.

Ohio River Sweep

Saturday, June 18

Chilo Lock #34 Park, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please call 513-876-9013 to sign up.

World Record Attempt Encourages Recycling

By: Julie Toren, Clermont Clean & Green

A Clermont County school has won a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records, for the longest line of aluminum cans. On Saturday, May 14, students at New Richmond Elementary built the can line, with help from Clermont County's Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ), Adams-Brown recycling, Miami University graduate students, and Clermont 20/20 Clean & Green. Over 30,000 cans were lined up, zigzagging through the school cafeteria, creating a line 1.2 miles long!



"We were so excited to have participated in breaking a world record," said New Richmond Elementary Principal Nicole Jiran. "The event was a fun way to promote recycling."



Volunteers began building the line at 9 a.m. and worked until 4 p.m. Throughout the day, numerous people dropped off cans to help out with the event. In addition, volunteers from the Clean and Green neighborhood effort stopped by to lend a helping hand.

Ohio State Senator and Clermont County resident, Tom Niehaus, was among one of the first volunteers to assist in this unique and exciting project.

"The Office of Environmental Quality would like to help set another world record, the most households participating in residential recycling," said OEQ's Paul Braasch. The office has spent the last several months increasing the number of drop-off centers throughout the county to allow more households access to residential recycling.



Find a new "best friend"

Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854

Clermont Library Events

By: Tammy Craig, Clermont Library

Ezra Jack Keats Day Camp

June 6-10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Amelia Branch Library

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to a puppet day camp. Design a puppet, backdrops, and perform in a puppet show. Call 752-5580.

Explorer's Club

Wednesday's at 2 p.m., beginning June 8

Goshen Branch Library

Children in grades K-5 are invited for medieval fun, stories, and crafts. Call 722-1221.

AARP Driver Safety Program for Adults

June 6 and June 13, 1-5 p.m.

Milford-Miami Township Library

Adults 55 and over can take a driver refresher safety course. Call 248-0700.



Zoom Club

June 9 and June 25, 2 p.m.

New Richmond Branch Library

Kids are invited to try fun activities, games and experiments from the popular Zoom TV-show. Call 553-0570.

Look Good...Feel Better

June 8, 2-4 p.m.

Owensville Branch Library

American Cancer Society will present a special program for women undergoing cancer treatment. Call 732-6084.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Candi-bration!

June 11, 2 p.m.

Owensville Branch Library

Enjoy a sweet time at the library! Call 732-6084.

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