



Clermont County, Ohio *On the Move*

Commissioners Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell

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Illegal Immigrants in Clermont County?

In recent weeks, we've been seeing a lot of media coverage regarding illegal immigrants in the Greater Cincinnati area; there have been news stories detailing a roundup of 80 illegal immigrants at a job site. Currently, this is not a problem in Clermont County.

"We have not seen a noticeable increase in illegal's being involved in crime and have not had many calls about them," said Clermont Sheriff A. J. "Tim Rodenberg. "I am not saying we do not have illegal immigrants living and working in this area, but they have not been a problem, at this point, for the courts and other county agencies."

According to Sheriff Rodenberg, it is not the jurisdiction of local law enforcement to roundup illegal immigrants in the area, unless they are suspected of committing a crime. While illegal immigra-

tion is a violation of law, it is not a crime.

"If a citizen has a reliable belief that there are illegal immigrants working or living in this county, they should call the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office at

866-347-2423," said Sheriff Rodenberg. "This is the federal government agency that has the responsibility of enforcing immigration laws."

Clermont Economic Development Efforts Land TQL 600 New Jobs Anticipated



Total Quality Logistics (TQL) has selected Clermont County as the site for its new headquarters. The new facility will be located at the Ivy

Pointe business complex on Ferguson Drive in Union Township. TQL will build a four-story, 100,000 square-foot office building, estimated to cost \$15 million; the company will move from its current facility in Miami Township by January 2007, and over the next three years expand its workforce from 400 to 1,000.

"We selected Clermont County for our headquarters based on its close proximity to major interstates, the superb site for the facility, and the efforts by local, county, and state officials to make the decision even more attractive," added Kerry Byrne, TQL's executive vice president. Byrne said there is

an option to build two additional buildings, if needed.

TQL is a premier third party logistics provider that works with more than 2,000 companies nationwide to facilitate their truckload freight movements. It has experienced rapid growth; sales for 2006 are projected to reach \$350 million, an increase of more than 80 percent over 2005.

"I am very excited that TQL has selected Clermont County as the first tenant in the new Union Township Class A Ivy Pointe business complex," said Clermont Commission President Mary Walker. "This is a successful company that we anticipate will be even more successful in the future."

Celebration of Life and Service of Lance Corporal Bryan Taylor

A *Celebration of Life and Service of Lance Corporal Bryan Taylor* will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the amphitheater near the Leming House (Community Park), located at 5951 Buckwheat Road in Milford (Miami Twp.). The 7 p.m. observance will reflect on the life of the young Marine who died recently in Iraq.



“The celebration of Lance Corporal Taylor’s life will include music, speakers, and a balloon launch in his memory,” said organizer and Clermont Commissioner Bob Proud.

River Sweep Wants You!

By: Julie Toren, Clean-n-Green

On Saturday, June 17, 2006, thousands of volunteers will clean up our riverbanks. Volunteers will come from environmental organizations, civic groups, recreational clubs, scout troops, local businesses, and the general public. Each volunteer will receive a free River Sweep 2006 T-Shirt.



Anyone who wants to make a difference in the quality of the Ohio River Valley can volunteer for River Sweep. It is an excellent opportunity for citizens to play an active role in improving the environment.

River Sweep, sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), is an annual riverbank clean up for the Ohio River and its tributaries. Throughout the years this nationally recognized event has

grown into one of the largest clean up efforts of its kind; encompassing 3,000 miles of shoreline from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cairo, Illinois.

Improved water quality has increased recreational use of the Ohio River and its tributaries. This increase in recreation produces more litter on the riverbanks, making a yearly clean up vital. River Sweep also increases public

awareness of water quality and promotes stewardship of the Ohio River and its tributaries.

In 2005, more than 21,000 people volunteered to collect trash and debris from the riverbanks. ORSANCO hopes River Sweep 2006 will be even more successful.

The River Sweep 2006 T-Shirt design was created by Lizz Royce, a 10th grade student from Amelia, Ohio. From 9a.m. until noon, volunteers can help clean up the Ohio River. Gathering sites in Clermont County are: the

Village of New Richmond at the Bandstand, the Village of Moscow at Village Hall, and Clermont County Parks Chilo Lock #34. Some sites will be providing snacks or lunches, and volunteers will be provided with trash bags and gloves.

For more information, please call Clermont 20/20 Clean and Green at 753-9222 or email cleanandgreen@clermont2020.org.

Not Wearing a Seatbelt?

It could have deadly consequences.

June Commissioner Sessions

Wednesday, June 7	1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14	1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21	1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28	1 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.

Batavia Marine Awarded Bronze Star

On Monday, May 22, 2006, Marine Corps Major Tom Shoemake of Batavia was awarded the Bronze Star medal during ceremonies in Eden Park, Cincinnati. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest medal to be awarded to members of the U.S. military.

In an accompanying citation, Major Shoemake was lauded for meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations. On December 5, his unit was attacked by an explosive device and Major Shoemake was credited with aiding a severely injured fellow Marine.

Among those present for the ceremony, Clermont Sheriff A.J. Rodenberg, a former Marine Corps officer whose son was also a Marine and was deployed to Iraq twice, and Clermont County Commissioner Bob Proud.

"I am grateful that the Shoemake family invited Commissioner Proud and I to this noteworthy and memorable event," said Sheriff Rodenberg. "Major Shoemake's service to our country, and in particular the events relating to the award of his Bronze Star, are examples of the dedication and sacrifices our military men and woman are making in Iraq and elsewhere."



The Clermont County Park District has been awarded the "Best Public Improvement Project" for the Chilo Lock #34 Park and Visitor Center Museum. Heritage Ohio recognized the park district during a recent awards ceremony in Springfield, Ohio.

"I am honored that this project has received so much recognition," said Clermont Park District Director Chris Clingman. The facility focuses on the cultural and natural history of the Ohio River valley, and provides a unique setting and outstanding view of the river for its visitors.

The Chilo Lock #34 Park Museum has won many awards since opening in August of 2005. Some of those awards include an honorable mention in the annual OPRA awards of excellence competition, a Preservation Award from the Cincinnati Preservation Society, and a Built Environment and Historic Preservation Heritage Award from the OHCHA.

Congratulations Jaime!

By: Julie Peterson, Municipal Court-Adult Probation

Jaime Lutson was recently honored at the 2006 Celebration of Hope and Heroes ceremony at Clermont Mercy Hospital. Jaime was honored for her contribution to the mental health and criminal justice systems, credited with making a difference. She received a framed certificate at the ceremony. The event was conducted by: Mercy Hospital Clermont, The Clermont Counseling Center, the Mental Health Association SW, The Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board and AstraZeneca.

Congratulations Jaime!



Joe Ellison, Jaime Lutson and Municipal Court Judge Victor Haddad

Daugherty Inducted into Ohio Military Hall of Fame



On May 5, 2006, Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission President Howard Daugherty, was inducted into the

Ohio Military Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Columbus.

Daugherty was honored for his service to our country and for going above and beyond the call of duty while serving in Vietnam.

"I am proud to have been selected for this honor," said Daugherty. "I am proud to have served and I salute all of our service personnel who have or are currently serving this great country."

What's your Excuse?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that nearly one in five Americans still fail to regularly wear a seat belt while traveling in a motor vehicle.

Seat belts can and do save lives.

-- a message from local law enforcement

Living History

On Thursday, May 10, 2006, a group of Clermont County WWII veterans met with students at Williamsburg High School to discuss the war. Social Studies teacher Dan McKibben said it was a great way to bring the history they read about come to life.



Bob Goldsberry helped organize the event



Milt Rooms recounts his war experiences to students



Joe Whitt talks about his experiences at Pearl Harbor

Junior Police Academy Camps

By: Rob Cordes, Sheriff's Office

The Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Goshen Township Police Department, Miami Township Police Department, Pierce Township Police Department, Union Township Police Department, and the Boys and Girls Club of New Richmond, have teamed up to offer a series of five-day Junior Police Academy (JPA) camps for boys and girls, ages 13 to 17.



This program provides a unique experience for youth and law enforcement personnel, as the teens are taught basic law enforcement skills and techniques. JPA cadets will learn about law enforcement, teamwork, respect, positive behavior, and resistance to drugs and alcohol. There is no cost for the camp.

The camps are held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please contact the law enforcement agencies listed below for additional camp information:

June 12 - June 16 Locust Corner Elem. School- Pierce Twp. P.D. (752-4100)

June 19 - June 23 Milford Jr. High School- Miami Twp. P.D. (248-3721)

June 26 - June 30 Glen Este High School- Union Twp. P.D. (752-1230)

July 10 - July 14 Clermont Northeastern Middle School- Clermont Co. S.O. (732-7536)



By: Tammy Craig, Library

Pooh Party

Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.
Milford-Miami Township Branch
Children, ages 3 and up, are invited to join us as we play games, make a craft, and have a special treat. Call 248-0700.

Puppy Tales

Thursdays, from June 8 through July 20, 9:30 a.m.
New Richmond Branch
Reading to dogs is for children in grades 1-6, who have reading difficulties. We will supply the dogs. Each child will receive a certificate and photo with the dog they have read to during the course of the program. Call 553-0570.



Come Sign with Us!

Thursdays, from June 1 through July 6, 11 a.m.



Owensville Branch

Each week learn how to sign a story. Enjoy games, crafts, and music. For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 732-6084.

Creepy Crawly Day

Friday, June 9, 2 p.m.
Batavia Branch
Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m.
Milford-Miami Twp. Branch
Join the library for a special program from PT Reptiles! All ages are invited to learn about reptiles, amphibians, arachnids, and more! For more information or to register for the program, call the library.



Girls Night In

Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m.
Union Township Branch
*Girls in grades 4-6 and their mothers are invited to snack and chat. This month's title will be **Kira Kira** by Cynthia Kadohata. To register, call 528-1744.*



Postcards from the Edge

June
Williamsburg Branch



Teens are invited to submit postcards from their vacations to the library to enter a prize drawing at the end of summer. Postcards will be on display at the library. For more information call 724-1070.

Pampered Pets

Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m.
Union Twp. Branch
All ages are invited to join a local vet to show you how to care for your pet. For more information call 528-1744.

Locust Corner Students Paint Hawks for Park District

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Sixth grade art students from Locust Corner Elementary school recently worked on a project to paint two wooden silhouettes of a red-tailed hawk. The birds will be on display at the Chilo Lock #34 Visitor Center and Museum through the summer, and will be a permanent addition to the Park District's naturalist department.



"The students did an outstanding job on the hawks," said Park Chief Naturalist Keith Robinson. "These will become an excellent teaching tool when we present our educational naturalist programs."

Starfish Golf

By: Wade Grabowski, Facilities

The Starfish Foundation, a John E. McManus memorial fund that assists abused and neglected children, will host its tenth anniversary Invitational Charity Golf Outing on July 31, 2006. The event will be held at the Elks Run Golf Course in Batavia. For complete information, please contact Wade Grabowski at 732-8850.



Domestic Court Initiates Alternative Sentencing Program

By: Matt Valentine, Domestic Relations

Clermont Domestic Relations Court Judge Michael J. Voris recently initiated a pilot Alternative Sentencing Program in collaboration with the Beech Acres Parenting Center and the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement Agency. The program is a six-week educational course designed for fathers who have come before the court on child support issues.



The curriculum is specific to helping fathers become respon-

sible in all ways that impact their children's lives. Group participants will develop a positive action plan to be involved in their children's lives and to maintain regular support payments.

The program will consist of group discussions, speaker presentations, and handouts. The

University of Cincinnati will track the results of this first of its kind program.

The Domestic Relations Court would also like to welcome Kay Heile as the new Compliance Officer! Kay will be available to review pleadings to ensure compliance with state and local rules.

Free Fireworks Glasses!



The Clermont County Fair Housing Program is offering a limited number of free fireworks glasses to Clermont County citizens, to increase awareness about fair housing laws. The glasses are decorated with an American flag and refract light into prisms of color; they are especially popular when viewing fireworks displays.



The free fireworks glasses and fair housing informational brochures are now available at Clermont County Public Library branches, and the Clermont County Fair Housing Office, located at the Permit Central building, 2275 Bauer Road in Batavia. For additional information, call (513) 732-7286.



Spend your summer vacation with a new friend!



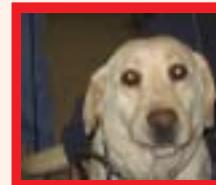
Panda



Jack



Thumbelina



Louise

**Clermont
Animal Shelter
732-8854**

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