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November 2005



Patrick Thompson appointed County Administrator

At their October 26 public meeting, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution entering into a two-year contract with Patrick Thompson to serve as the county's administrator. Thompson comes to Hamilton County from Jefferson County, Colorado, where he was appointed county administrator in 2002. The Commissioners were impressed with Thompson's leadership and experience at bringing reform to governments in which he has served.

The Commissioners have charged Thompson with leading the reorganization of the budget process focusing on fulfilling the Commissioners' pledge to keep spending and taxes below the rate of inflation, while managing the county's outstanding budget issues – deficits in the stadium fund and the potential funding of a new county jail. Thompson will oversee much needed customer service reforms throughout the county.

While in Jefferson County, Thompson implemented a complete restructuring of the county budget and cut spending by \$75 million in 2005, while maintaining service levels. Jefferson County is the second largest county in Colorado.

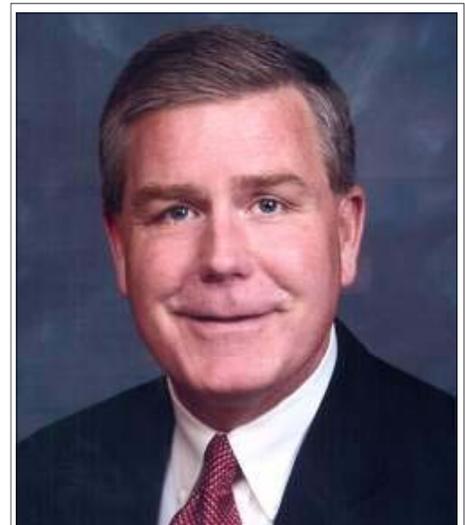
"Thompson's hiring is an important step forward in our goal of making Hamilton County the best run county in the country," stated Commissioner Pat DeWine.

"Patrick Thompson has a good record of reform; the kind of reforms we're looking for in Hamilton County," commented Commissioner Phil Heimlich.

Thompson began his public service career in 1983, with the City of Madison, Wisconsin. He was appointed County Administrator for Dunn County, Wisconsin in August 1990, where he served for ten years. He also served as County Administrator for LaCrosse County, Wisconsin prior to moving to Colorado.

"I'm excited about working with a board that thinks outside the box and wants to make progressive changes," said Thompson.

Hamilton County welcomes Patrick Thompson as the new County Administrator. He begins January 1, 2006.



Education

- Bachelor of Arts degree, Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, 1981
- Master's degree in Public Administration, The University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1983.

Professional Associations

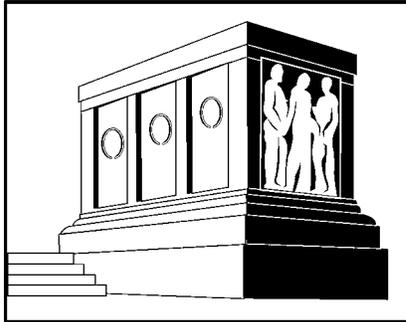
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)

Personal

- Born April 13, 1959 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Married to Mary Kay
- Five children – Amy 24, Becky 23, Danny 21, Steven 18, Gregory 16
- One grandson – Kaleb, 8 months

Veterans Day November 11

World War I came to an end at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918. Armistice Day was originally the name for this day to remember the fallen and the war's ending. It became Veterans Day in 1954, as a day to honor and remember veterans of all wars.



Some of the earliest memorial services honored unidentified soldiers killed in battle. The idea for the Tomb of the Unknowns came from a British chaplain serving in France, who came across a grave with a rough wooden cross inscribed with the words, "An unknown British soldier of the Black Watch."

The clergyman arranged for the remains to be returned to England, where they were laid to rest in Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day in 1920. The French honored their unknown dead at the Arc de Triumphe. An American general proposed a similar practice for unidentified American soldiers.

In 1921, the body of an unknown soldier was interred in a tomb constructed in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, the Tomb of Unknowns is one of Arlington's most visited sites. It bears the words, "Here Rests In Honored Glory an American Soldier Known But To God."

Employees at 800 Broadway hosted a bake sale and raised \$850.00 for Hurricane Katrina Relief.

The money was donated to the Katrina Relief Fund at the American Red Cross.

GIVING

\$55,729.40

The amount raised by Hamilton County employees for the 2005 United Way Campaign.

GOOD NEWS

- County Facilities received the local Building Owners and Managers Association Award for the 800 Broadway building.
- Board of Health was a finalist for the E-Health Initiative, a collaborative project of the Health District and Health Bridge to develop a more robust electronic clinical messaging system with physicians and hospitals.
- Surveys were sent to the top 35 high volume repeat Department of Building Inspections (DBI) customers and 19 surveys were returned – over 54 percent. Results were: 99.5 percent rate DBI staff favorable to excellent; 88 percent rate DBI's permit processes favorable to excellent; 88 percent rate DBI staff as knowledgeable.
- Hamilton County Development Company received the Chamber's Small Business Development Support award. Nominees were judged on innovativeness of product/service, financial performance, workplace excellence, sustainability of business and community involvement.

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."

~Edward Sandford Martin

County employees in the news



**David Helm, Labor Relations Manager
Joseph Gagliardo, Human Resources Manager
Department of Job and Family Services**

David Helm and Joseph Gagliardo recently participated in a national conference at the Performance Institute, a national social policy and public health think tank. Based in Arlington, Virginia, the institute is a private, nonpartisan organization whose mission is improving government results through the principles of performance, competition, transparency, and accountability. The conference titled, "The 2005 National Summit on Retention and Recruitment of Social Service Professionals" gave David and Joseph an opportunity to present the JFS Bargaining Unit Pay for Performance system to representatives of organizations from across the country. It was also an excellent opportunity to hear of the struggles that other social service organizations are experiencing. Both left the institute realizing Hamilton County's JFS is not alone in recruitment and retention challenges.

During David and Joseph's 90-minute presentation, they explained the county's efforts to retain quality staff at Ohio's largest human services agency by offering a pay-for-performance system for its workers. Implemented in 1996, JFS has the longest running performance-based pay contract in the nation between a public agency and its human services workers. Participants heard the successes and pitfalls of a performance-based pay system for social services, and allowed each to explore what their agency could do to implement its own strategies for worker retention.

The trip was made possible through part of an Annie E. Casey grant JFS received in 2004 to study, document and publicize the agency's success with creating performance measures for social service entities.

**William A. Boettcher
Executive Director, Veterans Service Commission**

William Boettcher was recently inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The award, conferred by Governor Bob Taft, was presented during a ceremony held at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial. "Those inducted into the Hall of Fame represent the very best of us," said Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation President Douglas Lay. "Ohio has a proud tradition of military veteran leadership in government, business and civic organizations. Our 2005 inductees are indicative of our strong veterans community."

Boettcher is a Vietnam veteran, former national commander of AMVETS, and executive director of the county's Veterans Service Commission.



**Dave Kelley
Juvenile Court Magistrate**

Juvenile Court Magistrate Dave Kelley was honored as the first Job and Family Services' Child Support Hero. He received a certificate in front of about 60 people at a workshop for attorneys, court officials, social service partners, and the like during Child Support Awareness Month.

"Dave Kelley has been a strong partner in working on child support issues ... for a long time," said Executive Administrator Carol Watson. "We've come to know him as a humble man who always gives 100 percent. He does an excellent job with complicated, and sometimes high profile cases."

Magistrate Kelley served in the Family Law Division of the county's Prosecutor's Office for a little over 12 years. After a career as an assistant prosecutor, he became a Child Support Enforcement Agency staff attorney, then a lead attorney.

For three years, Magistrate Kelley served as section chief over Child Support, and on June 22, he became a Juvenile Court Magistrate.

His fellow attorneys describe him as "a very good guy." One former co-worker said, "He always treated everyone with respect. Even if something made him angry, which was hard to do, he was very professional. He dealt with a lot of difficult people over the years. He was always the go-to-guy."

One Stitch at A Time

Recovering addicts share their gifts

For the past year, the residents of River City Correctional, an inpatient drug and alcohol treatment center in Camp Washington, have been learning new skills and have been sharing the fruit of their labor with the less fortunate.

Members of the Genesis Pod Crochet Group at River City have been learning how to knit and crochet. In addition to treatment, education and employment classes, a small group of residents now spend a few hours per week creating items for newborns at Children’s Hospital, Drop Inn Center residents, and hurricane victims.



Checker board crocheted by River City Correctional residents for children at the Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

“The purpose of this project is to give residents an opportunity to learn a new skill, and develop a spirit of generosity,” stated Andrea Farmer, Education Specialist. “Many of our residents feel unwanted and forgotten by society. When they are able to be creative and generous, it allows them to help others and return to being productive members of society.”

“We want to instill self-worth and a feeling that what they do matters to others,” added Ellen Gieszl, who has been an Education Specialist at River City since the facility opened in 1998.

Many of the students in the Genesis Group reported they feel better about themselves and they are pleased to be learning a sober leisure activity. Instead of going to a bar, they can spend time at home teaching their own children how to make things.

Holly Winwood, a graduate student in the Urban Education program at The University of Cincinnati, is a volunteer crocheting and knitting tutor at River City. She is an experienced fiber artist and a member of The Weaver’s Guild of Cincinnati.

“Being a volunteer at the River City Correctional Center has been wonderful,” Winwood said. “Many residents have found that they have latent artistic talents of which they have put into beautiful works of fiber art; all of which have been donated to charitable organizations. Learning to give and knowing someone else is cared for because of our actions is a real inspiration to continue to create and work together. I hope those reading this article will take time to volunteer in some way in our community.”



Timely Trivia

The average 15 pound turkey yields 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark. That’s just as well, given that most Americans prefer white meat for its less gamey flavor and half the fat of dark. Interestingly, most Europeans prefer dark over white. More surprising, though, are the results from an ABC poll, which found that more Americans would rather eat stuffing and gravy than turkey.

Your Health & Wellness

Determining Your Risk for Stroke

By Kim Pennekamp

For artists and lovers, the eyes are the windows to the soul. For physicians, they might just be a portal for reading a patient's risk of stroke. A new study found that people with changes in the small blood vessels in their eyes are more likely to have strokes than people without these signs. The results held true even after researchers took into account traditional risk factors for stroke, such as smoking tobacco and high blood pressure, according to the study published in a recent issue of *Neurology*, the scientific journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

The study involved 3,654 Australians age 49 and older. Researchers took special photographs of the retinas of the participants and examined them for changes suggestive of small blood vessel damage, or retinopathy. These changes can be seen in the early stages of the condition, well before eyesight is affected. "The blood vessels in the eyes share similar anatomical characteristics and other characteristics with the blood vessels in the brain," said Dr. Paul Mitchell of the University of Sydney in Australia. "More research needs to be done to confirm these results, but it's exciting to think that this fairly simple procedure could help us predict whether someone will be more likely to have a stroke several years later."

Researchers followed participants for seven years, tracking which participants had strokes or transient ischemic attacks, called mini-strokes. For those who died during the study, researchers examined the cause of death to determine whether stroke was involved. Those with eye blood vessel damage were 70 percent more likely to have a stroke during the study than those without the damage. The risk was higher in participants with small vessel signs in the eye but without severe high blood pressure. They were 2.7 times more likely to have a stroke than those without eye signs. The risk was also higher for those with more than one type of blood vessel lesion. The signs of damage include tiny bulges in the blood vessels, or microaneurysms, and hemorrhages, or tiny blood spots where the microaneurysms leaked blood.

Eating Fish

Eating fish at least once a week was associated with a 10 percent per year slower rate of cognitive decline in elderly people, according to a study from *Archives of Neurology*. Fish is a source of omega-3 fatty acids, which have been shown to be essential for neurocognitive development and normal brain functioning, the article says. Eating fish has been associated with lower risk of dementia and stroke.

Midlife Crisis

People who were obese at midlife had an increased risk for dementia later in life compared to people of normal weight, asserts an article in a recent issue of *Archives of Neurology*. Obesity is on the rise worldwide and is related to vascular diseases, which can be linked to dementia and Alzheimer's disease, the article says. However, no one has extensively studied the link between obesity and dementia risk, and long-term follow-up studies performed so far have yielded somewhat conflicting results. Researchers did discover dementia and Alzheimer's disease to be prevalent significantly more among those with a higher mid-life body mass index (BMI). One-third of the study participants had a BMI lower than 25 (normal weight), half had a BMI of 25-30 (overweight), and the remaining 16 percent had a BMI higher than 30 (obese) at midlife. According to Dr. Miia Kivipelto and colleagues who performed the study, "This study shows that obesity at midlife may increase the risk of dementia and Alzheimer's disease later in life."

Source: *ThirdAge: Health & Wellness*

Spend Less

on your prescriptions

Introducing the Hamilton County Prescription Discount Card

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Almost all large chain pharmacies and many independent pharmacies are participating.

- Over 57,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide.
- Eight out of 10 retail pharmacies participate in the program.

Check at your local pharmacy.

The prescription discount card program is offered through a joint effort of Hamilton County and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Cardholders: Call toll free 1-877-321-2652 for information.

Pharmacist: The PCN, RxGRP, and full member ID must be submitted online to process claims for this program. For information call 1-800-364-6331.

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Discounts only available at participating pharmacies.

"Wisdom is to the mind what health is to the body."

- Francois De La Rochefoucauld

Adoption For Information Call 513.632.6366

Rosalyn

born: September 1992



Rosalyn is an intelligent, respectful and responsible teenager with beautiful eyes. She does well in school and thinks it is fun, particularly English and Spanish classes. Rosalyn is very interested in learning to braid hair, and she also likes to do arts and crafts, play board games and collect Barbie dolls.

Basketball is Rosalyn's favorite sport. She loves playing it, as well as going to games. The Lakers are her favorite team. Other activities she enjoys include listening to all kinds of music, going to the mall with her friends, and playing outside. Her favorite movies are "Four Brothers" and "Lion King" and her favorite actress is Halle Berry.

This sweet and reserved girl would benefit from strong female and male role models who can help her learn to express emotions, as well as cope with separation and loss. Rosalyn is academically on target.

**Help enrich the life of a
child in need.**

Dear Prospective Adoptive Parent:

Thank you for your interest in adoption. Right now, our agency has more than 100 local children waiting to be adopted.

The majority of children available for adoption through Hamilton County Children's Services are African American, over the age of six or part of a sibling group. All of our children have been abused or neglected or were at risk of abuse or neglect. Currently, they are being cared for by foster parents or live in a group facility.

Despite their troubled lives, most of our children laugh and play like other children. They have favorite toys, games and friends. Each one of them has hopes and dreams. For the most part they are normal children but they have not led normal lives. Our children need one or more committed adults who are willing and able to provide a stable, nurturing and loving home.

"Adoption is forever." Adoption of a child through Hamilton County Children's Services is for committed adults willing to help traumatized children cope with their emotions. Adoptive parents must be willing to understand and support a child's attachment to his or her birth family and help that child stay in touch with his or her siblings. If you decide to adopt one of our children, you'll find there are few things in life more challenging or more rewarding. Adoption can not only change a child's life, it can change yours.

As a public agency, Hamilton County Children's Services can help your family throughout the entire adoption process. We provide a full range of adoption services from training to finalization. In addition, support programs and services are available to our families after finalization. If you choose to adopt a child through our agency, the total cost to you is typically under \$200.

The enclosed information is designed to give you a better understanding of adoption. We've included an overview of the process, more information about the children available for adoption and the basic requirements necessary to be an adoptive parent. We hope this information helps you decide whether you are ready to take the next step in the adoption process.

If you are ready to move forward, call 632-6366 and register for the next Open House. Register today. Our children are waiting.

Hamilton County Children's Services
Adoption and Foster Care Unit

Breyer School teacher assistant participates in 2005 Buddy Walk

Helena Schneider, a teacher assistant at Breyer School, participated, with family and friends, in the 2005 Buddy Walk to raise awareness about Down Syndrome.

Pictured with Helena in the back row is her oldest son Eric and his three-year-old son Austin, a preschooler at Northwest; in the front row from left to right, Helena's oldest daughter Melissa, an early intervention specialist with the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and her four-month-old daughter Kaydence; and Helena's youngest daughter Jeni, a graduate of Breyer School who is now employed by Goodwill Industries.



GOOD NEWS

Job and Family Services (JFS) received a "Best Practice" Award from the Ohio Family Support Association (OFSA) for the "Facts Sheet Update and Promotion Plan" at the annual OFSA/OCDA Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Hamilton County was one of eight counties winning an award out of 29 submittals. The facts sheets have been placed on the JFS website to assist consumers with answers to the most common questions and concerns which develop in the course of a child support case.

Ashton Allen, from Job and Family Services, was elected president of the OFSA by the Board of Directors at their October 25 meeting. Ashton is the third president of the OFSA to be employed by JFS.

Beautiful Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Photo Contest



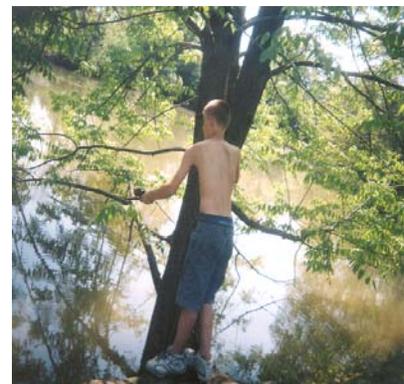
1st Place Adult Category
Maureen Dwyer, Harrison, Ohio
Heron With Fish
Taken at Miami Whitewater Park (top left)



2nd Place Adult Category
Fred Newbill, Kenwood, Ohio
A Walk In The Park
Taken at Woodland Mound Park (top right)



1st Place Junior Category
Becky Lovins
A Path To Serenity
Taken at Mitchell Forest (bottom left)



2nd Place Junior Category
Marie Frank
Gone Fishing
Taken at Kroger Mount Drive in Green Township (bottom right)

SERVICE AWARDS



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

James S. Wood, Job and Family Services

Angela Longhauser, Job and Family Services

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Irene Rhodes, Job and Family Services

Tom Taft, Public Works

How November Got its Name

November got its name from the Latin "novembris mensis," meaning "ninth month." Plutarch, a first century Greek biographer and historian, attributed the change to the eleventh month to Numa Pompilius, a Roman king. "Many will have it that it was Numa who added the two months of Januarius and Februarius, for in the beginning they had a year of ten months." Numa supposedly also shortened November to 29 days; Julius Caesar returned it to 30 days.

GOOD NEWS

650,000 pounds of hazardous waste collected

County residents safely disposed of 650,000 pounds of household hazardous waste through a program offered by the Solid Waste Management District.

The District operated its semi-permanent household hazardous waste drop-off program from May through September. The goal of the program is to reduce the amount of hazardous products in homes.

Typical items accepted through the program include, pesticides, fertilizers, cleaners, stains, automotive fluids, solvents, thinners, prescription drugs, pool chemicals, batteries, fire extinguishers, paint, propane tanks, and the like.

The average home contains 60 to 100 pounds of hazardous products under the sink, in the garage, or in the basement. Improper storage and disposal of hazardous products can cause accidental poisonings, contaminate groundwater, injure your waste hauler, and interfere with the wastewater treatment process.

The hazardous waste program will reopen in the spring of 2006. To be notified of the 2006 program, call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 946.7700 or visit www.hcdoes.org.

Holly Christmann
Assistant Program Manager
Solid Waste Management District

Correction (Oops!)

In the October issue with the story titled, "County employees volunteer for Katrina response," an unrelated picture was shown for the Job and Family Services' team responding to the needs of Hurricane Katrina survivors.

The team included Tresa Young, Jim Ashmore, Judy Eschmann, Anne Lieb, Kevin Brewer, Kelly Draggoo, Amy Story, Karen Zahneis, April Barker, Phylise Hill, Mary Wolowicz, and Charles Woode.

Pictured here are Kelly Draggoo and Anne Lieb, who volunteered to spend a week in Mobile, Alabama, participating in a one-stop benefits center.



In Memory . . .

No one expects a vibrant, healthy woman to die unexpectedly. But employees of the Department of Environmental Services (DOES) experienced the unexpected this past spring when their co-worker, Susan Marshall (nee Kestler) died in her home on the morning of April 13, 2005. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism — but the cause of death is insignificant to the loss experienced by her family and friends.



We all miss her.

To honor and remember Sue, her co-workers chose to plant a tree (pictured top right) in her honor in front of DOES. So, with Sue’s family present, co-workers planted a beautiful Indian Summer crabapple tree (it bears red fruit in the fall and winter and has pink blossoms in the spring). After the tree was planted, a memorial stone (pictured bottom right) was placed on the ground in front of the tree.

Sue loved nature. The tree is the perfect monument to remember her and honor her.



November calendar

- National Adoption Month
- 8 Election Day
- 7-13 National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- 10 Marine Corp Birthday
- 11 Veterans’ Day
- 12 Sadie Hawkins Day
- 14-20 Children’s Book Week
- 15 America Recycles Day
- 17 The Great American Smokeout
- 24 Thanksgiving

Word of the Month

(not found in the dictionary)

confuzzled

(adj): confused and puzzled at the same time.

Source: Merriam-Webster Online

Print and post

*Hello,
Hamilton County*



in your area!

Engineer's Annual Snow Roadeo



County Engineer William Brayshaw officiated the "Annual Snow Roadeo" held at the Sheriff's lot on Civic Center Drive. The annual training event includes a timed obstacle course, a vehicle maintenance inspection and provides drivers with an opportunity to test their driving capabilities in various maneuvers and tight predicaments that they may encounter during the winter season.

This year there were 224 drivers which included the Engineer's Office, nine townships, and six municipalities. Winners from the Engineer's Office, pictured left to right with Mr. Brayshaw in the center are: Harry "Beaver" Schmuesser, 3rd place; Ron Ripperger, 1st place; Tom Kleier, 2nd place; and Ted Stratton, 4th place. This is the second year in a row that Ron Ripperger has placed 1st in this event.

Ron and Tom went on to compete in the 2005 American Public Works Association of Southwest Ohio Sanitation Maintenance Safety Organization's Snow Roadeo held in Dayton, Ohio. Ron, a highway maintenance foreman for the Engineer's Western Division, placed 3rd out of 63 drivers from Southwest Ohio. Tom, a highway maintenance worker from the Western Division, placed 12th.

Cultural Initiatives Committee

Job and Family Services

By Ogbazgy A. Asmerom
Program Quality Assurance

The Cultural Initiatives Committee (CIC) of Job and Family Services (JFS) has trained more than 1,300 employees to identify and better serve clients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communication skills and the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

CIC has achieved about 93 percent of the training proposed and will continue until 100 percent compliance is achieved. When there is a fully developed cultural competency in a workforce, there is a high level of productivity. The outcome becomes a win-win situation.

CIC has shown a positive image within the agency, offering many training topics and events, and increasing cultural awareness among the more than 1,400 employees. Many employees have become members of CIC. Once all units are trained, CIC will focus on training new hires.

Handling paperwork

Is your desk awash with papers? If so, think "OHIO."

Only Handle It Once
This means reading, acting on, filing or tossing the paperwork as soon as possible so it isn't hanging around. That way, you won't have to read it over and handle it a second time later.



Eastside yardwaste drop-off site relocated

The Solid Waste Management District has relocated its eastside yardwaste drop-off site. The new site is located at Turpin Farm, 3295 Turpin Lane (off Rt. 32). The new site will be open through November 27.

The Turpin Farm site is open for free yardwaste drop-off Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Yardwaste drop-off rules:

- Brush and tree branches must be cut into lengths of four feet or less and must be no larger than 12 inches in diameter. Brush and tree branches must be bundled and bundles must not be heavier than 75 pounds.
- Yardwaste that is not bundled will not be accepted.
- Yardwaste must be brought to locations in containers or bags, brown paper bags preferred. Containers and plastic bags will be returned.
- Yardwaste in commercial vehicles or from commercial establishments cannot be accepted.
- No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups.
- No pallets, boards, mails, fence or wire accepted. No bricks, stones, or soil accepted.
- Hamilton County residents only.

For more information, call the Yardwaste and Composting Hotline at 946.7755 or visit www.hcdoes.org.

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Sheriff's round-up captures child support dodgers

Sheriff's deputies arrested 28 people recently as part of the Annual Statewide Sheriff's Round-Up of parents who are not supporting their children. Those arrested had warrants for failing to appear in Juvenile or Domestic Relations courts on charges that they are not paying ordered child support. They are the parents of 50 children and collectively owe \$630,885.58 in child support. The 28 arrests cleared 46 warrants because some of those caught had multiple warrants.

The Sheriff's website, www.hcso.org, lists the names and last known addresses of more than 3,000 people who have failed to appear in court on child support charges.

The annual Round-Up is a collaborative effort among the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, county child support enforcement agencies, local sheriff's offices and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. Thirty-nine counties participated this year.

Sheriff's deputies search for child support offenders every day, but the Round-Up significantly boosted the number of arrests. The Round-Up included 23 men and five women in the arrests.

Job and Family Services recently created and distributed a "Most Wanted" poster with names and photos of eight parents who collectively owe \$308,000.00 in unpaid child support. The agency also partners with WCPO and the Sheriff's Office to broadcast photos of people with child support warrants.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of someone with a warrant on child support charges can call the Sheriff's Fugitive Warrants Line at 946.5350. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

Paul Brown Stadium Suite Drawings

Hamilton County will provide the use of its suite at Paul Brown Stadium for citizens selected through these drawings. The first drawing was held on October 5, and the second drawing will be held on November 30, after the Commissioners' meeting. Sixteen winners and a guest will have the opportunity to see a Bengals game from the suite. The remaining selected game is Sunday, December 11 vs. the Cleveland Browns. The County will provide food and soft drinks.

Commissioners Phil Heimlich, Pat DeWine, and Todd Portune each share their pleasure in offering this chance to the citizens of Hamilton County. Visit www.hamilton-co.org and click on Paul Brown Stadium suite drawing to enter. The deadline to submit an entry is Monday, November 14, 8AM.



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November 21.

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