

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Boone County, Kentucky

Summer 2009

Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Schools, families and communities can all work together to help children build skills in all areas of development. The experiences children have from birth to age 5 lay the foundation for school readiness.

Skills and Behaviors to Expect at the Beginning of Kindergarten

Emotional Development

- To be away from parents/family without being upset
- To follow simple rules and routines
- To express his or her own wants and needs
- To express concern for other's feelings

Social Development

- To get along with others
- To share with others
- To participate in large and small group activities
- To listen to adults/others and follow simple instructions
- To work with others reasonably well

Physical Development and Care

- To have visited the doctor and dentist
- To dress and meet toileting needs independently
- To run, jump, hop, and climb
- To use pencils, crayons, and scissors in some fashion



Language/Vocabulary

- To use five- to six-word sentences
- To recognize and say simple rhymes
- To sing simple songs

Academic Skills to Expect at the Beginning of Kindergarten

Writing and Reading

- Try to write first name
- Tell the difference between print and pictures
- Write or scribble notes, letters, stories
- Recognize own name in print
- Hold a book correctly
- Recognize letters of the alphabet
- Listen to stories read to them
- Tell that print/words, not pictures, is read

Math

- Rote count to 10
- Sort objects by color, size, or shape
- Understand simple concepts of time — (for example, day and night, today, yesterday, and tomorrow).

Need Help?

There are many things parents can do to help ensure your child's success as he/she begins kindergarten. You should begin a routine as early as possible, instilling the following good habits in your child:

- Read with your child every day

- Talk to children about topics they are interested in
- Point out and read signs in their environment, such as stop signs, menus and grocery items
- Read books about feelings, help children label and talk about their feelings

- Answer you child's questions

- Point out and discuss shapes and colors at home

- Cook together, have children measure the ingredients

- Identify and eat healthy foods

- Count throughout the day
- Get a library card
- Take your child to regular check up with their doctor and dentist

For more information about kindergarten readiness, contact your local school.

This information was developed by the Northern KY Kindergarten Readiness Committee from feedback from Northern KY kindergarten teachers, preschool teachers, elementary school principals, community child care providers, home visitation personnel and Head Start educators. It is also based on Kentucky's Early Learning Standards and a review of current research on best practices in early childhood.

For more information on helping your child be ready for success by age 6, visit

www.boonecountysuccessby6.org

Or call 859/534-5810

United Way

SUCCESS BY 6™
Boone County, KY

History of Boone County Extension Homemakers

In 1936 a whole new way of life opened up for the women who took opportunities offered by Homemaker programs. Qualities of leadership were developed in addition to lessons in food, nutrition, home management, textiles, alteration of patterns, dress, hat and glove making, crafts, and many more over the years. One major purpose of Homemakers in the early years was to get women to appreciate their rich heritage.

In the 30s and early 40s the lessons were on use of pressure cookers and canning. Food lessons had no meat ingredients due to war and rationing. During WWII they sent cookies to servicemen; sponsored Service Board on Court House Lawn with list of Boone County men serving in war; and gave money to help furnish Veterans Hospital in Ft. Thomas, Ky.

In 1948 The Boone County Homemakers published a cookbook, "What's Cookin' in Boone County" and the money raised was the beginning of the fund for the Fair Building. The 50s brought lessons on etching metal and making hats

and gloves. They also wrote letters expressing the need for telephones in their community and were successful in getting them.

The 60s were even busier times as the clubs became more involved in the community. Many Homemakers paid \$5 membership fees to an organized effort to obtain a hospital in Boone County. After years of persistence and hard work including lobbying in Frankfort, this dream was realized with the opening of Booth Memorial Hospital in Florence in 1979. The opening of the mall and other businesses created jobs for many of the ladies in this area and Homemakers began suffering a loss of membership. New ways to recruit members were looked at. It was decided that after 43 years of successful work they needed to find a new way to reach out to others who for various reasons could not be active, but would enjoy keeping in touch and learning all the new and better ways to do things. The new memberships were named "Mail Box Members" or "members-at-large."



Boone County Homemakers helped host the Kentucky Extension Homemaker Association meeting with close to 700 participants by providing tours, hands-on classes and workshops.

In 1983 Boone County Homemakers established a Scholarship Fund named for the first agent, Mary Hood Lutes. Including the scholarships given in 2009, almost \$70,000 have been given in scholarships.

The Baby Blanket project was started around 2001. It started as a project to make quilts/afghans (knitted or crocheted) for preemie babies at one of the local hospitals. It grew to making quilts/afghans for babies that were in distress as well as preemies and was expanded to both local hospitals. Later caps and seat belt pillows were added for the Cancer Society. To date over 3,500

tags have been used to identify who made these items, with probably 90% of those being baby items. The last two winters Homemakers have made quilts for a homeless shelter.

The last cookbook was published in 2003. It sells for \$10 (there are still some available for sale). Profits from this cookbook are being used for community projects. One of the newest projects is to help the Brighton Center Women's Recovery Center.

Anyone interested in joining the Boone County Homemakers can contact the Boone County Extension Office at 586-6101.

Story Time at the Farmers Market

The Boone County Farmers Market will host a weekly, pre-school story time for children ages 3 - 6 on Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 10:15 beginning

June 27 and ending August 27. Children will hear a story, participate in a physical activity, and taste a food. In addition, parents will receive a handout

about the book read during the program. Space is limited and registration is appreciated. Children who attend 6 of the 10 sessions will receive a certificate

and a book of their own. To register call our office or go on-line and sign up for LEAP at the Farmers Market.

Take the Small Steps Challenge

An eight-week health and wealth challenge will be held at the Boone County Farmers Market beginning July 11 and ending August 29. Registration will be held between 9 am - noon, Saturday, July 11.

- Weekly weigh-in
- Weekly challenge tracking
- Weekly educational and motivational mini sessions

- T-shirt for all who complete challenge
- Free blood pressure check at registration provided by Promotores de Salud
- Prizes and rewards presented at Success Celebration on September 12 at 9:30 am

Call for more information.

Boone County Cooperative Extension Service



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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

Union Town Center Update

Last month, the first task was completed by Pizzuti Solutions and The Danter Company, with “A Mixed-Use Market Analysis” of the Union Downtown District. This market analysis included a residential and commercial assessment of the trade area that would serve the Union Downtown District. The assessment included a detailed inventory of existing and proposed businesses and residential developments within certain distances of the 90-acre

district. It also included building absorption rates, sales and lease rates. The Danter Company also identified certain and potential types of retail, office and residential markets (uses) that are untapped, which could be successful in the downtown district.

To examine the Executive Summary of the “Mixed-Use Market Analysis” of the Union Downtown District, you may visit the City of Union’s web page at www.cityofunionky.org.

It is anticipated that Task #2 (meeting with key property owners to address specific site development issues) and Task #3 (identify and contact potential development companies that may be interested in investing in the downtown district) will be completed by the end of June. Project updates will be made to the Union City Commission in the upcoming months. For more information about this project, contact Kevin P. Costello,

When you are on vacation this summer or just out on the town, if you see a building or amenity that you would love to see in the Union Town Center, please take a picture and email it to unioncityevents@insightbb.com. We are putting together a portfolio of ideas.

AICP, Executive Director of the Boone County Planning Commission at 859/334-2196 or at kcostello@boonecountyky.org.

WHAT'S NEW?

New Events Coordinator

The City of Union hired Karen Franxman as the Events Coordinator in April. Karen has been a Union resident for 21 years, has served as a resident member on the Visioning Committee for the past four years, and has 25-plus years of event planning experience. Both the City and Coordinator’s objective is to create a sense of community in the City of Union with communication, activities, social events and volunteering opportunities.

At this time communication is the top priority. The City Events Coordinator would like to compile citizens’ email addresses so that they can be informed directly about upcoming events. Please email unioncityevents@insightbb.com with your name, address and telephone number. With this information the City will email its citizens updates and announcements. Citizens without computer access can call or drop off contact information at the city building. The new drop box located outside the parking lot entrance at the city building allows citizens to drop off correspondence and payments before and after hours. We hope to update contact information for our citizens.

Until this task is complete please check the City’s website for updates.

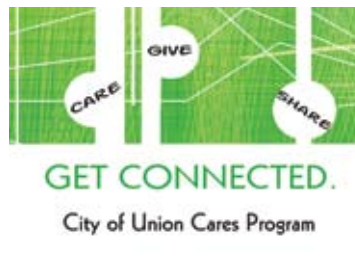
Some ideas in the works are: Fixing up the Old Firehouse on Old Union Road to make it a place for gatherings, activities and a community center for citizens to rent; Friday night concerts, movies and dances, old fashioned ice cream socials — inviting the citizens to gather as a community with family and friends; a Haunted House in October; Christmas season with ice skating, tree lighting and carriage rides; festivals, city parades, Union business fairs; a city tea party; health and wellness fair; and more. Any citizens suggestions are welcome. Please email your ideas to unioncityevents@insightbb.com.

Union “Going Green”



The City of Union was awarded the SD#1 2009 Green City Award for selling the most rain barrels.

Union Cares Program



Starting in May the City will begin its Caring and Sharing Program. Each month the City will choose a non-profit organization in the Northern Kentucky area to support. We are asking the citizens of Union to bring donated items to the city building in support of these organizations. This is a way the City and the citizens of Union can help those who are less fortunate than we are. Each month a representative from an organization will be present at the city meeting to give us updated information about their services and

needs. We will place a link to these organizations on the city website for you to find out more detailed information.

May: Be Concerned

All food items (the pantries are very low and the demand is high), toilet paper, shampoo and toothpaste.

June: Family Nurturing Center

New or gently used stuffed animals, individually packaged snacks and juice boxes, arts and crafts materials, disposable diapers (any size), disposable wipes, hand sanitizer, and new or gently used toys and games.

July: Vineyard Christian Church – Food Pantry

Food items, toilet paper (4 pk), jar peanut butter (plastic only), 1- or 2-lb pkgs. of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce (cans only), disposable diapers (any size), and bar soap, and toothpaste.

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Friend-to-Friend Folic Acid Campaign

The Health Department and St. Elizabeth Healthcare have a new program to provide women of childbearing age with folic acid, a B-vitamin that helps prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord.

Women who do not consume enough folic acid before and during pregnancy are at increased risk for these birth defects. The goal of this program is to ensure that women in their childbearing years get enough folic acid.

It's recommended that all women in their childbearing years take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms folic acid and consume a diet high in folic acid, as 50 percent of pregnancies are unplanned.

Here's how the program works: A woman in childbirth education classes at St. Elizabeth receives a postcard about folic acid, which she can give to a friend. The friend then calls the Health Department to schedule a visit at a health center, during which she'll receive a bottle of folic acid vitamins free of charge. The referring friend will receive a \$5 gift card to Wal-Mart for participating.

Along with the free bottle of vitamins, women can receive family planning services and medical nutrition counseling while at the Health Department. For more information on healthy pregnancy, call the Boone County Health Center at 363-2060.

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Want the facts about the swine flu?

Learn more by calling the Health Department's flu information line at 859/392-0678 or visit our Web site at <http://www.nkyhealth.org/swineflu>.

Safeguard Your Summer Swim



In the coming weeks, many Northern Kentucky residents will take their first swim of the summer in a backyard or neighborhood pool.

But, the Health Department would like one group to think twice before jumping in — people who have been ill with diarrhea in the last two weeks.

Recreational water illnesses, like Cryptosporidiosis and Shigellosis, can be spread by accidentally swallowing water that has been contaminated with fecal matter. People who have had diarrhea recently may spread these illnesses to others by swimming — even if they feel better and the diarrhea has ended.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the following practices be followed at swimming pools and water playgrounds:

1. Don't swallow the pool or playground water.
2. Practice good hygiene. Shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
3. Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often.
4. Change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside.
5. Wash your child thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before swimming.
6. No swimming pool/wading pool use is allowed at child care centers unless the pool is permitted and approved by the Health Department.

For additional information on healthy swimming, please visit the Health Department's Web site at <http://www.nkyhealth.org> or call 341-4151.

Northern Kentucky Health Department



NORTHERN KENTUCKY
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the St. Luke Hospitals Announce New Name

St. Elizabeth Medical Center Board Chair Tom Colvin announced that the combined St. Elizabeth Medical Center and St. Luke Hospitals organization have now become St. Elizabeth Healthcare. The name change is the result of research conducted among Northern Kentucky residents, hospital associates, physicians, nurses, and other system stakeholders.

In addition to the new system name, each hospital will use the St. Elizabeth name with community descriptors as facility names, such as — St. Elizabeth Edgewood, St. Elizabeth Fort Thomas, St. Elizabeth Florence, St. Elizabeth Covington, St. Elizabeth Falmouth and St. Elizabeth Grant.

Dr. Ric Laib, who chaired the St. Luke Board said, “This decision was based on a unanimous vote by the merged board of trustees. Through our research, we discovered

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- Tom Colvin
St. Elizabeth Medical Center Board Chair

the name change would be less confusing for our patients, help reinforce consistent quality throughout our organization, and better facilitate the consolidation or movement of services and personnel as needed.”

“As we have stated throughout the process of integrating these two organizations, merging the leading practices and resources has resulted in a new system with the tools, talent and organizational stability to deliver improved levels of coordinated care

and access to our community,” said Joseph Gross, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. “We learned that Northern Kentuckians and residents of Greater Cincinnati respect the technology and quality of care delivered by the St. Elizabeth name. Becoming St. Elizabeth Healthcare is a logical extension of our combined organization.”

According to Mr. Colvin, “We envision a healthcare system that can be a model to other communities in excellence and access to care. St. Elizabeth Healthcare will continue to attract and retain superior talent through a commitment to an outstanding work environment.”

The boards of St. Luke and St. Elizabeth announced the completion of the merger in October 2008, with the goal of combining the strengths of both organizations to create an integrated, world-class health system for Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Offers Vascular Screenings

Learn more about the problems that can affect your circulatory system and the early detection that can help protect your health.

Peripheral arterial disease, carotid artery, and abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings are available by St. Elizabeth Healthcare at the following dates and locations:

St. Elizabeth Florence Vascular Institute, July 16

St. Elizabeth Edgewood, August 6

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas, August 20

St. Elizabeth Grant, September 14

Cost: \$45 each screening or \$120 for all three. Registration is required. Please contact 859/301-2992 to schedule your appointment.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare

St. Elizabeth Covington

401 E. 20th St.
Covington, KY 41014
859/655-8800

St. Elizabeth Florence

7380 Turfway Rd.
Florence, KY 41042
859/212-5200

St. Elizabeth Edgewood

1 Medical Village Dr.
Edgewood, KY 41017
859/301-2000

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas

85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
859/572-3100

St. Elizabeth Falmouth

512 South Maple Ave.
Falmouth, KY 41040
859/572-3500

St. Elizabeth Grant

238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240

St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Better Together.

One of Northern Kentucky's Best Kept Secrets

The St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Centers' Sports Performance Program

Athletes of all ages and at all levels of ability are turning to the sports enhancement program conducted by the fitness experts at the St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Centers. No matter your goals, the St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Centers can offer you a new view on fitness. We provide high school, college, and recreational athletes with a quality performance enhancement program to improve athletic performance and decrease injuries.

Features and benefits of our sports performance program include:

- Individualized, sport-specific skill-enhancement programs
- Comprehensive assessment of athletes to identify specific strengths and weaknesses
- Improved speed, agility, and quickness for athletes
- Athlete-to-instructor ratio of no more than 4 to 1

Training goals may include:

- Increasing vertical and horizontal jump
- Increasing sprint speed and sprint times
- Improving agility, acceleration, and flexibility



“Spring into Summer” with the St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Centers' BOOT CAMP.

- Developing better hand-eye coordination
- Enhancing body strength and power

Call 859-371-8447 today to schedule a free assessment!

In addition to sports performance, we provide the following classes:

Boot Camp

Ready to get into shape? “Spring into Summer” with the St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Center's BOOT CAMP. This twice-a-week evening class will be sure to whip

you right into shape. Class includes yoga, Pilates, kickboxing, cardio, strengthening, and so much more!

Boone County Schools Employee Program

Attention all Boone County School Employees. Sign up now for St. Elizabeth Sports Health and Wellness Center fitness classes. Every Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday come wind down from a stressful day by getting fit with fellow employees. Call for more details, 859/371-8447.

Personal Training

Want one-on-one attention from a certified personal trainer at your convenience? Contact us and sign up with one of our experienced exercise specialists and set up an appointment today. Not only will you receive one-on-one attention, you'll experience a personalized workout program to reach your fitness goals.

Locations

With two convenient locations, call the St. Elizabeth Sports Health & Wellness Center nearest you for more information:

R.C. Durr YMCA

5874 Veterans Way
Burlington, KY
859/334-4330

Florence Freedom Way (behind

Champion Field) 7981 Freedom Way
Florence, KY
859/371-8447



Better Hearing and Speech Month

Better Hearing and Speech Month is the perfect time to communicate important information about hearing and speech. One in six Americans has a hearing, speech or language problem — a condition that makes it difficult to communicate with others. Untreated, these problems can limit you at home, school and work. Anyone, of any age can have or develop an impairment of the ability to hear, speak or understand effectively.

Treatment to eliminate or minimize communication problems is available. If you suspect a hearing, speech or language problem, call the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Audiology & Speech Pathology Department at 859/301-5740.

Top Five Ways to Make Fitness Fun!

Tips from the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center

1. Choose an Activity YOU Enjoy

A lot of individuals choose an activity they think they should do, instead of choosing something they love. Physical activity does not have to equate to a gym or running track. Planting flowers or walking your dog are great ways to get active. Below is a small list of activities that burn extra calories; you may want to consider starting your own list to help you get motivated to move more!

2. Exercise for a Cause

A great way to stay motivated with workouts is to join a charity event and exercise for a cause. Most 5K events are developed around a specific charity; the effort you put into fundraising and training benefits your health as well as others!

3. Take Away Time Restrictions

Too often people get caught up in an “all or nothing” mentality. They feel if they cannot devote at least a half hour to a workout, it is pointless. NOT TRUE! Fitting in small bursts of movement throughout the whole day can start to significantly add up. Try wearing a pedometer and tracking your daily steps. This is a great way to move more without wasting chunks of time on a workout!

4. Continue to Change Your Environment

If you find yourself bored to tears on your treadmill, switch it up! Get outside for a walk, drive to a park or find some hiking paths in your city. Is weather an issue? Try walking



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around a mall or Super Wal-Mart; you can walk laps and window shop at the same time.

5. Involve Family or Friends

Fun activities such as a walk for coffee, a game of golf, or taking a leisurely bike ride can be a great way to spend time with friends and family. It's easy to grab lunch or

meet out for dinner, but you can get the same catch up time by doing something active. It's important to be active with your family as a positive role model for your kids. Children are observant, when they witness these life-forming behaviors they will most likely follow your lead and continue those habits into adulthood.

For more information, contact the Tristate Surgical Weight Loss Center at 859/212-GOAL(4625).

Physical Activity (Note: calorie amounts are approximate and based on a 150 pound person)	Calories Burned in 30 Minutes
Water aerobics	136 calories
Elliptical trainer	245 calories
Leisure biking	272 calories
Horseback riding	136 calories
Golf: carrying the clubs	153 calories
Leisurely swimming	204 calories
Walking: 3.5 mph	129 calories
Water volleyball	102 calories
Gardening/weeding	153 calories
Cleaning house (general)	100 calories
Playing with kids (moderate effort)	136 calories

Information found from the Fitness Partner Connection: 1995-2008

Visit the Historic Dinsmore Homestead

The Dinsmore Homestead is a unique historic site where visitors can learn what rural life was like in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Nature enthusiasts enjoy the hiking trails developed in cooperation with the Kentucky Nature Conservancy and the Boone County Parks Department. It is a resource for students and scholars and an area where artists can sketch and paint. Those who enjoy antiques and historic interiors delight in touring the house that contains the original accumulated belongings of five generations of the Dinsmore family. The Dinsmore Homestead is open for tours from April - December 15 Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday on the hour from 1 - 4 pm. Group tours are available by appointment.

Dinsmore Homestead Special Events

Call 586-6117 for more information about these events.

Sat., June 13 (6:30 - 8:30 pm): A New Orleans-style Summer Concert featuring Robin Lacy & DeZydeco! Concessions include Cajun food.

Mon. - Fri., June 15-19 (9 am - 1 pm): Miss Julia's Camp for Young Ladies (ages 11 and over), featuring embroidery, dancing, etiquette, a tea party, and more. Lunch provided each day. Registration required. Call 586-6117 for more information.

Mon.-Fri., June 22-26 (9 am - 1 pm): Pioneer to the Past Day Camp featuring heritage activities for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Fri., September 18 (6:30 pm): Annual Dinsmore Homestead Gala featuring buffet dinner, live music, silent and oral auctions benefiting the Homestead.

Sat. - Sun., September 26-27 (Noon - 6 pm): Annual Dinsmore Harvest Festival featuring live music, heritage crafters and artists, tours of the homestead, food, storytelling, games, pumpkin painting, attic sale, quilt appraisals, and much more.

Sat. -Sun., December 5-6 (1 - 5 pm both days and Candlelight tours from 7-9 pm Saturday evening): Christmas in the Country – see the Homestead in its holiday splendor, decorated by the Boone County Garden Club and the Northern Kentucky Herb Society. Enjoy music and refreshments as well as children's activities.



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www.dinsmorefarm.org

Directions: I-71/75 to Exit 181 (KY 18); proceed on KY 18 west to Burlington and continue on KY 18 for 6.5 miles past the Courthouse.

Boone County Schools

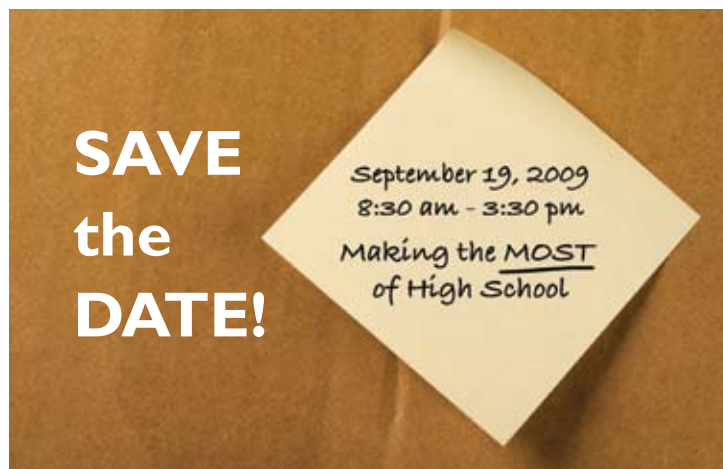
Making the MOST of High School

District-Wide Workshops for Parents and Students

Boone County Schools' parents and their students are invited to attend this exciting conference, Making the Most of High School, on Saturday, September 19 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

What: All the things you need to know about high school life and your student forgot to tell you! This is a collection of workshops for PARENTS and STUDENTS together on high school, college and career preparation. Set aside the entire day to learn more about:

- High school life today at your high school
- Activities available to your student



- Improving parent-teen communications
- Sorting out a career/college plan, and much more

Plan today with your student for their tomorrow. Pick from over 40 sessions of interest and visit the gym to talk to providers and colleges.

Who: Parents and Boone County students in grades 8 - 12

Where: Cooper High School – Longbranch Road, Union, KY

When: Saturday, September 19 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per person with registration (includes LUNCH). \$20 after August 18, 2009

For more information or to register, contact:

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Information available at:

www.boone.kyschools.us

From the Desk of Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore

Businesses Continue to Choose Boone County as Their Corporate Home



Gary W. Moore
Boone County
Judge/Executive

It seems that about every day we hear another announcement of a company downsizing or reducing its workforce to meet these challenging economic conditions. This is why we are focusing our efforts on helping existing industries grow while at the

same time attracting new companies to our community.

Earlier this year Northern Kentucky Tri-ED, the regional economic development entity for Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties, issued a report recognizing new and expanding firms in Northern Kentucky. In this report it was noted that four new companies plan to relocate to the region and fourteen companies are expanding operations. I am excited to see that of these new and growing businesses, two of the four new businesses have chosen to come to Boone County and ten of the fourteen expanding businesses are already Boone County

corporate citizens.

More recently, we have learned of DHL's intentions to return to CVG. Any announcement of a new company bringing over 800 jobs is a positive for our community, but during these economic times it is especially great news. DHL will help diversify our airport as a freight carrier while protecting the existing 200 jobs already here.

When these companies move to our county or expand their operations, everyone benefits. Not only are new jobs created but another byproduct of relocation and expansion is the investment that these companies make to our area resulting in a

significant economic impact.

Boone County has led the state in job creation, with more than 22,000 net new jobs during the last ten years. We are working hard to ensure that Boone County continues to provide a welcoming business environment that is conducive to this region's entrepreneurial spirit.

Often, when these companies are asked why they chose Boone County, the answer is a quality workforce, quality education, overall quality of life including safe communities, and the low cost of doing business, including low taxes. With all of these things in place the future appears to be bright.

County Awarded Grant for New Voting Machines

Earlier this year the Fiscal Court decided to apply for a grant to obtain 63 new eScan machines, a form of voting machine that has a paper ballot backup - something Secretary of State Trey Grayson has encouraged counties to consider when they adopt voting systems.

The State Board of Elections has provided HAVA funds to help counties transition to this technology. Boone County will receive approximately \$4,500 per precinct to purchase new voting equipment which will cover a majority of the costs of the machines. The county would pay about \$15,000 in shipping and other costs, while the bulk of the \$270,000 cost would come from the HAVA grant.

"This new equipment is user-friendly and provides voters with a very important tool in today's elections—a voter verified paper record," said Secretary of State Trey

Grayson. "I applaud the County Clerk and Fiscal Court in Boone County for taking the lead and moving to these systems."

The equipment, called eScans, is a precinct-based voting system that digitally captures voter selections on printed ballots and integrates vote totals from absentee-by-mail and electronic voting systems to produce a single set of election reports. The new systems should help reduce the time for unofficial vote totals to be tabulated on election night.

Voters will recognize the ballot casting procedure as similar to standardized tests where citizens fill in an oval to mark their selection. With the digital scan technology, the system reads the ballot, tabulates the results, and preserves a digital image of the ballot. Multiple voters will be able to mark ballots at one time, reducing lines at the polls.

With eScan, voters know instantly if their ballot was accepted or rejected and have the opportunity to change or correct their ballot before it is cast and counted.

It will be less costly to prepare for each election, County Administrator Jeff Earlywine said, and the new machines will have unlimited capacity

to handle growing precincts. They will also take up half the storage space of the old machines.

Judge/Executive Gary Moore said, "These systems should reduce wait times at the polls, provide quicker results, and bring even greater accountability to our election process."

Boone County Fiscal Court



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2009 Boone County Fiscal Court

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Cathy H. Flaig, Commissioner
Dr. Charles Kenner, Commissioner
Terri Moore, Commissioner

Head Start in Boone County

The current lease with Children's Home of Northern Kentucky for the County-owned Maplewood property expired in June which caused the County to seek proposals from community organizations. By a majority vote, the Fiscal Court chose Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission's proposal which included plans to use Maplewood for a Head Start Center and to expand their weatherization services and programs which are priorities for the County.

Boone County has not had an on-site Head Start Center for over 20 years and currently is the only county in the Commonwealth without a Head Start Center. As a result, Boone County's preschool children have been bused daily to the Elsmere Head Start Center. This is not an

ideal location for Boone County's children, especially the children who live in rural areas.

Numerous studies show that the years from birth to five years old are extremely important for early brain development, however many low-income parents are ill-equipped to help their children during these critical years and that is where Head Start enters the picture. These studies further conclude that Head Start increased children's self-esteem, improved outcomes in the eight (8) domains of learning, provided social/emotional growth, and fostered school motivation. Economic reports show that for every one (1) dollar invested in programs like Head Start, nine (9) dollars are returned to the community in increased earnings, employment, and family stability,

and decreased welfare dependency, crime costs, grade repetition, and special education.

NKCAC's proposal also includes coordinating preschool services with Boone County Schools by providing classroom space for the District's preschool children thus relieving some of the crowded conditions in the District. The value of this unique partnership with the District will prove itself to be beneficial to Boone County schools.

As a result of this approved proposal the gymnasium at Maplewood will be available for community use for the first time ever adding to the recreational opportunities available for residents and increasing program opportunities for the county's Parks Department. An education center will also be created which will be

open to the public for activities and meetings, again for the first time in Maplewood's history. Finally, the facility will be used for an expansion of NKCAC's weatherization program which provides energy related repairs for low income families that, on the average, reduces utility bills by approximately 30%.

The new Maplewood Center will lay the groundwork for an investment in the young children who call Boone County home. The Center will increase the county's recreational and educational options, and will allow for the expansion of energy conservation efforts. In light of these valuable community contributions, the County determined that NKCAC's proposal was the best choice on behalf of Boone County taxpayers.

Rural Areas to Get Water Lines

The Fiscal Court approved at its April 7 meeting to accept seven grant agreements for waterline projects. The County plans to use the state grants, which total approximately \$3.2 million, to build water lines in rural areas. Residents will not have to pay a surcharge (since the fee cost is covered by the grant) but they will have to pay a tap-in fee to the Boone County Water District. The current fee is \$625 per household. Residents also will have the option of declining to tap in to the newly established water lines.

These projects are projected to be completed by the fall of 2010. With the addition of these new lines the County will have added approximately 50 miles of new water lines over the last 10 years.

These funds were awarded through the 2008 General Assembly House Bill 608 which garnered support from County legislators Rep. Addia Wuchner, Rep. Sal Santoro, Rep. Adam Koenig, and former Sen. Dick Roeding.

Water line projects set to receive grant funding are:

- Petersburg Rural Water Project, \$1,200,000
- Williams Road - Merrell Road Extension, \$150,000
- Merrell Road Extension, \$150,000
- Big Bone Church Road/Setter Road to KY 338, \$605,000
- Williams Road - Merrell Road Phase II, \$350,000
- Williams Road - Merrell Road Phase III, \$350,000
- KY 338 to Big Bone Church Road, \$400,000

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jamie Musgrave
Assistant Treasurer
Boone County
Finance Department

Jamie Musgrave has been serving Boone County for seven years in the Finance Department; in March 2006 she was appointed as an Assistant Treasurer. Jamie has multiple responsibilities within the Finance Department that oversees activities involving 25 separate funds and \$93,000,000. Jamie is one

example of many of our talented County staff members that work behind the scenes in ensuring that County government operates efficiently. Her skills, work ethic and positive attitude contribute much to the County. Jamie resides in Union with her husband, Casey and two young children, three years and 11 months old.

WORLD OF SPORTS

Get Golf Ready in 5 Days Program



Interested in learning more about the game of golf? World of Sports (7400 Woodspoint Drive) is bringing adults into the game in a fast, fun, and affordable way through its new Get Golf Ready in 5 Days program. Comprised of a series of five introductory lessons, the program is offered by PGA Certified Professional Ralph Landrum. The small-group environment program is scheduled each month through September for \$99 and will provide a casual, yet structured setting using fun and skill enhancement formats to help participants become comfortable on the links and enable them continue to develop their skills as golfers.

Targeting adults who have limited or no experience with the game of golf, the program provides basic skills instruction as well as information regarding the background of the game's rules, etiquette, and values. Significant on-course learning opportunities will be a part of each lesson. Those who participate will gain insight into techniques regarding chipping, putting, full-swing, half-swing, and bunker play as well as the fundamental guidelines regarding the use and maintenance of golf equipment, keeping score, and navigating the course, among others. Call 371-8255 or go to www.landrumgolf.com.

Americans Supporting Americans

The City of Florence has adopted a military unit stationed in Iraq through the program Americans Supporting Americans. The City continues to facilitate a community effort to support the unit. In lieu of merchandise, cash donations are used for the purchase of specifically requested items. The Wal-Mart on Houston Road pays for shipping costs. Items of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- Crystal Gatorade
- Baby wipes
- Tums
- Writing paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Eye drops
- Pens
- Sunscreen
- Current magazines
- Crossword puzzles
- Gum and hard candy
- Seasonal items
- Games
- Dried fruits and nuts
- Flyswatters
- Paperback books
- Beef jerky
- Sweatshirts & pants
- Movies on DVD
- Sunflower seeds
- Cotton socks
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- White t-shirts
- Gold Bond Powder
- Aspirin
- Sewing kits
- Toiletries of all kinds
- Imodium
- Towels & washcloths

In addition, people may send cards, letters, and pictures. Donations can be dropped off at the Administrative offices of the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd. Call 647-8177 or go to our website.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN F

For more information about any of these programs,



WORLD OF SPORTS FREE GOLF CLINICS

Each month through September

World of Sports (7400 Woodspoint Drive) offers free golf clinics to Florence residents each Monday from 6-7 pm through September. Clinics are limited to the first eight golfers, who must purchase a large bucket of balls. Monday night is also half price night for Florence residents, who can receive a large bucket of balls for \$4.25 and play miniature golf for \$2. Call 371-8255 or go to www.landrumgolf.com.



FLORENCE FREEDOM

May-September

The Florence Freedom is in its seventh season of playing baseball in the Frontier League. The Freedom play their home games at Champion Window Field, located off of Freedom Way. Call 594-4487, go to www.florencefreedom.com, or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

May-September

The Family Aquatic Center, located on the campus of the Florence Government Center at 8200 Ewing Boulevard, will open its gates for another summer season on Saturday, May 23 at 11 am. Call 647-4619, 647-5439, or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov for information regarding amenities, hours of operation, rates, memberships, concessions, corporate event packages, shelter reservations, summer youth groups, special dates, swim lessons, Swim team, and more.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PROGRAM

May 25

The City will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade & Program on Monday, May 25 at 10 am beginning at Boone County High School (7056 Burlington Pike/KY 18) and ending at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). The memorial program will be held at approximately 11 am at the Boone County Veterans Memorial. Call 647-5439 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov to download a parade application form, also available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center.



TENNIS CLINICS

Summer Session 1: June 1–July 11; Summer Session 2: July 13–August 14 & July 13–August 22; and Fall Session: August 31–October 18.

The City of Florence offers tennis clinics. Call Tim Mitchell at 513/328-8811 or 513/541-9811 for class times and registration fees or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov to download an application form, also available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard).



CSI CAMP

June 9-13

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual CSI class the week of June 9-13 from 9 am-3 pm at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park off of Banklick Street. Call 647-5420 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS OUT

June 16; July 21; August 18; & September 15

The City will hold the first of four Neighborhood Night Out events on Tuesday, June 16 from 5-7 pm at Stringtown Park. The remaining Night Out dates are: July 21 (Erpenbeck Elementary School); August 18 (Florence Nature Park); & September 15 (Lincoln Woods Park). Call 647-5420 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING CLASSES

June 25; August 7; September 19; and November 7

The City of Florence holds Safe Sitter babysitting classes throughout the year from 9 am-4 pm at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park off of Banklick Street. Upcoming classes: Thursday, June 25; Friday, August 7; Saturday, September 19; and Saturday, November 7. Call 647-5439 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov to download an application form, also available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard).

FLORENCE, SUMMER 2009

Visit the City's Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov



INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4

The City of Florence will hold its annual Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 4 at 4pm on the campus of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). Call 647-5439 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



LABOR DAY PARADE

September 6

The City of Florence will hold its annual Labor Day parade on Sunday, September 6 beginning at 2 pm at the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). Call 647-5439 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov to download a parade application form, also available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center.



SAFETY FAIR

September 12

The Florence Police and Fire/EMS Departments will hold the annual Safety Fair on Saturday, September 12 from 10 am-2 pm at the Wal-Mart off of Houston Road (7625 Doering Drive). Call 647-5420 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



FLORENCE POOCH FEST

September 19

The City of Florence will hold its annual Pooch Fest on Saturday, September 19 at 10 am on the campus of the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). Call 647-5439 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AND CLASSES



CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

The Florence Fire/EMS Department offers Child Car Seat Safety Checks. Call 647-5660 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



FIRST AID CLASSES

The Florence Fire/EMS Department conducts first aid classes. Call 647-5660 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



ON OUR OWN — RED CROSS CLASS

The Florence Fire/EMS Department conducts the On Our Own—Red Cross Class. Call 647-5660 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING FOR LITTLE PEOPLE—RED CROSS CLASS

The Florence Fire/EMS Department conducts the Basic First Aid Training for Little People—Red Cross Class. Call 647-5660 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



TAEKWONDO

The City of Florence offers Taekwondo classes. Call Instructor Marsha Gerkin at 781-0995 or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.



RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Florence offers a voluntary subscription recycling program for Florence residents through Rumpke. Call 1-877-786-7537, 647-5416, or go to the City's 2009 Activity Guide at www.florence-ky.gov.

Sump Pump Amnesty Inspection Program

The Florence Public Services Department will continue to initiate its Sump Pump Amnesty Inspection Program throughout the summer months within the City. The goal of the program is to reduce the amount of infiltration and inflow of water into the sanitary sewer system by removing sump pump discharges from the City's sanitary sewer system.

What Is Inflow and Infiltration?

Inflow and infiltration are terms used to describe the ways water (groundwater and storm water) enter the sanitary sewer system. Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into the sewer pipes through cracks, leaky joints, or deteriorated manholes. Inflow occurs when water is directed from sump pumps or downspout drains into the sanitary sewer.

Why Is Water a Problem?

Water entering the waste water collection and treatment system creates two main problems:

First, it consumes system capacity. An 8-inch sanitary sewer can handle sewage from up to 200 homes. If only 8 sump pumps discharge to this same sewer, it

will overload the sewer. If water is directed into the sanitary sewer the capacity is ultimately overwhelmed, sewers can back up into houses, and the system will eventually overflow from manholes causing flooding of raw sewage into the environment. This creates health, safety and water quality issues that can be costly to resolve.

Secondly, clear water that reaches the treatment plant is treated unnecessarily. This increases the cost of treatment and adds to the wear and tear of the equipment, reducing its life span. The added cost of treating this clear water is then passed onto each customer. What is the solution? Inflow water from sump pumps and gutters needs to be directed to the ground surface where it can then make its way to drainage ditches, storm sewers, or other natural drainage features.

The Sump Pump Amnesty Inspection Program will identify those sump pumps which are improperly connected to the sanitary sewer and will provide direction on how to remedy this problem.

What Is a Sump Pump?

The sump pump is a mechanical device, which is located in the sump pit and is used to regulate the

level of water within the sump. This device enables ground water to be discharged onto the surface or to the storm sewer system.

Sump Pump Discharge

The sump removes water from the drain tile (a perforated pipe adjacent to the foundation walls designed to collect ground water), which flows to the sump pit. Once the water in the sump pit reaches a certain level, the sump pump starts and pumps the groundwater through the discharge pipe. The sump pump discharge pipe is usually located at the side of the house. The sump pump discharge should spill onto a splash pad or through a flexible hose to a drainage way or storm sewer. It is important to provide a splash pad and/or a flexible hose for the discharge to minimize soil erosion at the foundation wall and re-circulation of the ground water back to the drain tile. The flexible hose and/or splash pad should be directed away from structures toward the adjacent drainage way or ditch.

What Should I Do?

If you suspect your sump pump may be tied into the sanitary sewer system, contact the City to schedule a full in-home inspection of your

sump pump system free of charge.

During the testing, City employees will need to enter your home. You can expect to see them introducing dye into your sump pump system, and taking notes and photographs of the home's internal plumbing and related appurtenances.

If your sump system is inspected and it is determined to be in violation, the City will require the problem be fixed under the terms outlined in Ordinance No. O-23-05. In an effort to alleviate the cost burden, the City will reimburse the first \$1,000 of the documented cost of repair. After the first \$1,000, the City will match one-half of the total cost of repair up to a maximum of \$2,000. See example below.

Most common repairs cost under \$1,000; however in some instances, repairs can cost several thousand dollars. The reimbursement offer is only valid during the sump pump amnesty program; if you are found to be illegally tied in after the program has ended, you will be required to pay the full cost of repair.

To schedule an appointment or request more information, call Josh Hunt at 647-5416.



The City will reimburse the first \$1000 of the cost of repair and match one-half of the total cost thereafter — up to a maximum of \$2000.

City of Florence



Administration.....	859/647-8177
City Clerk.....	859/647-8178
Finance/Tax.....	859/647-5413
Fire/EMS.....	859/647-5660
Parks and Recreation.....	859/647-5439
Police (non emergency).....	859/647-5420
Public Services.....	859/647-5416

City offices are open 8:30 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday.

Example	Total Repair Cost	City's Portion	Homeowners Portion
1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
2	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,425	\$ 425
3	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,500	\$ 800

Creating a Dialogue with Community Groups

Home Owners Groups Host Judge Moore and Staff at Association Meetings

Recently Judge Moore and several county staff members have had the opportunity to meet with residents from various Home Owners Associations and community groups throughout Boone County. During the visits county representatives fielded questions from the residents and informed them about several projects, events, and initiatives planned for the future.

Events like this are a part of the County's ongoing efforts to reach out to citizens through various community groups. The County believes it will be able to better communicate

information to residents that might be impacted by various County services and activities. According to Judge/Executive Gary Moore, "The reason we are doing this is because we believe that there is significant value to the work that these organizations bring to their communities. We would like to establish better lines of communication between our residents and their local government that seeks to serve them."

If you are a part of an home owners association, professional group, church group, school organization, or any other type of commu-



Judge/Executive Gary Moore addresses a group of residents as part of the County's ongoing efforts to reach out to citizens through various community groups.

nity group and would like to have an audience with Judge Moore, County Commissioners, and senior staff to discuss county issues, ask questions,

or offer suggestions please feel free to contact Judge/Executive Assistant Sheri Neu at 859/334-2242.

Boone County Youth Cabinet

Looking for a Few Good Teens: County and YMCA Partner to Provide Program to Teens



The Boone County Fiscal Court is partnering with the RC Durr YMCA to continue and expand the Boone County Youth Cabinet (BCYC). The program, established by the Boone County Fiscal Court seven years ago, helps students develop in the areas of leadership and civic responsibility by offering youth perspectives to the Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court; encouraging teens to become familiar



with the legal and judicial process; engaging them in decision-making and service-learning; and demonstrating how youth can influence public policy. "The Youth Cabinet is a great way to expose our youth to community issues and educate them on how to become involved in the process. Our partner-

ship with the YMCA will only enhance the experience of this great program," stated Judge Gary Moore.

Students who participate in the BCYC Program have the opportunity to meet the Judge/Executive, County Administrator, County Attorney, Public Safety Employees from the Jail and Sheriff's Department, State Legislators, local business leaders of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and other youth in the state engaged in public policy in their communities. This year, the teens will have the opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Youth Assembly and Kentucky United Nations Assembly through the YMCA, where over 5,000 youth from the state assemble to participate in local, state, and international community forums.

Trisha Rayner, the Executive Director of the RC Durr YMCA, states, "The Y serves over 15,000 youth and teens in swim lessons, accredited day camp, instructional sports, state licensed preschool and afterschool,

Teen Leaders, and wellness programs in the county. We are excited about the partnership with the County and looking forward to helping kids engage in their community."

The program is seeking applicants for the 2009-2010 school year and is open to any student who is a Boone County resident and will be a junior during the upcoming school year. The program requires a commitment of approximately one (1) activity per month during the months of July 2009 through April 2010. Leadership and service-learning activities occur during the school day and after school hours. If you are interested, please email Kirk Kavanaugh, Boone County Human Services Director, at kkavanaugh@boonecountky.org or call 334-2188 for further information. You can print a copy of the application on-line by visiting www.BooneCountyKy.org or the RC Durr YMCA website (www.MyY.org). All applications must be received by Monday, June 1, at 4:30 pm.

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board



The Old Boone County Courthouse was built in 1889, but the County has never had a set of plans for the building until last summer when UC students completed a set of detailed drawings.

UC Students Draw the Old Boone County Courthouse

Last summer students from Dr. Jeff Tilman's Techniques in Historic Preservation class completed a set of detailed architectural drawings of Old Boone County Courthouse. The Old Courthouse was built in 1889 but the County has never had a set of plans for the building. The Old Courthouse has undergone a number of changes in the intervening 120 years, the most dramatic change being the addition of the Courthouse Annex in 1959. The new architectural drawings include elevations, floor plans, a roof framing plan, reflected ceiling plans and other detailed drawings. The drawings were complemented by a detailed history of the building

completed by Review Board Staff Matt Becher. The project was funded by a \$2,000 Federal Certified Local Government grant, matched by local funds. The total project cost of \$4,000 was far less than the \$15,000 to \$20,000 an architectural firm would have charged for similar products. The Review Board considers the architectural drawings and detailed history a first step in the development of a long-term plan for the Old Boone County Courthouse.

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board and the Benefits of CLG

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board is a seven-member volunteer board that guides Boone County's historic

preservation program. The board was established in 1986 when Boone County joined the Federal Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The Review Board and Boone County Historical Society both meet in the Old Clerk's Building, but the two groups are not formally affiliated. The Review Board oversees historic preservation policy in Boone County, including cemetery preservation efforts (particularly the Old Burlington Cemetery), recording of historic sites, preservation planning, technical assistance for owners of historic properties, and heritage education. The Review Board is staffed by a full-time planner.

Since 1986, the Review Board has received over \$185,000 in Federal CLG grants, with awards averaging just \$9,000 per year. These relatively small grants have been maximized and put toward many different projects over the years:

- Creation of the Dinsmore Homestead Foundation
- Revive the Boone County Historical Society.
- A county-wide survey of historic buildings and archaeological survey have also been funded.
- The Burlington National Register Historic District was updated and new districts were created in Rabbit Hash, Walton, and Big

Bone Lick State Park. Over 180 historic properties are now on the National Register.

Other projects and publications sponsored by the Review Board — some in partnership with local partners — include:

- A heritage education curriculum for 4th Graders,
- "Historic Structures of Boone County,"
- A Heritage Tourism Map of Boone County,
- "Images of America: Burlington"
- "The Prehistoric Farmers of Boone County."

The Review Board continues to look for creative ways to preserve, interpret and celebrate Boone County heritage. In the last year alone, the board has raised over \$4,500 for the Old Burlington Cemetery through events ranging from a mountain bike race to the wildly popular Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour. Those tours proved so successful that the Boone County Public Library is working on similar tours for Walton and Petersburg.

For more information about the board and its monthly meetings, please contact Matt Becher at 859/334-2111 or mbecher@boonecountyky.org.

Boone County Solid Waste: Come Help Improve Our River View

Spend some quality time with your family in the outdoors and help make our outdoors a little more wonderful by signing up for River Sweep. On Saturday, June 20, help clean up riverbanks, improve our river view, and even

garner a few volunteer hours for those students. We'll be meeting in Rabbit Hash, Big Bone Boat Dock, Petersburg Community Center, Split Rock Conservation Park, Giles Conrad Park and our new site in Belleview on Second Street. Not only

will you be working to make our river a better environment but you'll earn a free t-shirt, tasty lunch, and amazing door prizes. You'll even have a great experience!

How to Sign Up:

To sign up, please call 334-3151 or email kchapman@boonecountyky.org.

Have You Been to the Library Lately?

We've Got Something for Everyone — and It's Free!

- Wireless Internet access
- Movies and video games for check-out
- Current magazines and newspapers
- Classes — dance, computers, cooking. . .
- Entertainment — concerts, plays, art shows. . .
- Storytimes for children ages birth to 5+
- Homebound delivery service for residents unable to visit the library
- Boone County history and genealogy

Need to Practice a Test Before a Job Interview?

Try our LearningExpress database: http://www.bcpl.org/info/research_tools/learning_express/

You'll find a wide variety of resources that will prepare you for career success, from the job search to interviewing and beyond. You'll also discover instantly scored licensing, certification, and aptitude practice tests, online career preparation, and vital information for a wide variety

of occupations. To use this service from home, enter your library card number preceded by the number 1 as your user name.

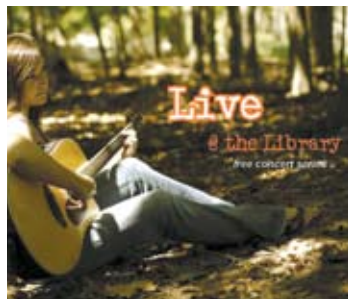
Meet Your Match

Join us for singles trivia at the Main Library. Have fun, win prizes and who knows, you might even meet your match! Fridays, July 10 and August 14, 7 pm.

Call 342-BOOK (2665) to register.

Live @ the Library — Free Concert Series

The library's bi-monthly concerts continue to be a hit! Check our website or pick up a schedule at the library and enjoy an evening (or afternoon) of music. No need to hire a babysitter — bring the kids with you!



Make Reading Part of Your Summertime Fun!

Read for enjoyment and knowledge and earn prizes while you do it! We have reading programs for all ages from birth to adult. Pick up reading logs at any of our six locations, beginning June 1. Adult summer reading is sponsored by Barnes & Noble.



Working on Your Car or Lawnmower? We Can Help!

Try our free tools for do-it-yourself vehicle repair and small engine repair:

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To use the service from home, you must have a valid library card. Please call the library for the user ID and password. If you don't have a library card, apply online (www.bcpl.org) or visit one of our six locations.

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Main Library
1786 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005

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6517 Market Street
Petersburg, KY 41080

Florence Branch
7425 US 42, Florence, KY 41042

Lents Branch
3215 Cougar Path, Hebron, KY 41048

Scheben Branch
8899 US 42, Union, KY 41091

Walton Branch
21 S. Main, Walton, KY 41094



Closing the Reading Gaps in Boone County Schools

No one questions the importance of being able to read well. Literacy skills are a critical component for success. As a result, Boone County Schools has committed to the goal that all students will be reading on grade level by the time they exit second grade. To reach this level of proficiency, the district has developed its version of RtI, Response to Intervention.

The RtI process is meant to assess students' reading skills as early as possible and to intervene consistently to address any learning gaps for those who are not on grade level. The process includes a brief benchmark assessment of all students in grades K-3 during the second week of the school year. Students are assessed on a number of skills including fluency, comprehension, letter name recognition, and letter/sound recognition. Based on the assessment results, struggling students begin to receive targeted interventions to address their needs. These interventions are provided by the classroom teacher within the regular literacy time block during the day. Progress on mastering the targeted skills is monitored on a weekly basis with a one-minute assessment. Data from the assessments is entered into a program which tracks each student's



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progress toward reading on grade level by the end of the year.

An advisory team of teachers, administrators, and other support staff meets every six weeks to review

each individual child's progress. If students are moving toward grade level, the interventions continue. If progress is not being made, the committee discusses possible reasons for the continuing struggle. They consider health issues, family issues, learning style, and any other possible barrier to learning. Based on the discussion and analysis, the interventions for the student may change or increase in intensity during a block of time in addition to the scheduled literacy block.

The process continues throughout the year with interventions, monitoring, and review. During the

past two years, more than 95% of the struggling students were able to achieve success through this RtI process. For those few for whom this process is not effective, after multiple analyses and attempts, additional assessments and possible evaluation for special education may be recommended.

The real benefit of RtI is the early intervention. Schools no longer wait for children to fall far behind before providing assistance. By the third week of school, students in the primary program who have skill gaps are identified and provided with individual help. The interventions plus frequent monitoring of EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD address the vast majority of students' needs, resulting in on-grade-level readers, ready for future learning and success.

The results have prompted the district to expand RtI to include struggling readers in grades 4 and 5 beginning next year. In addition, a similar process has been developed for students struggling with mathematics skills. The district will pilot a math RtI for grades 2 and 3 in selected elementary schools in the fall of 2009. In addition, a math RtI process will be implemented at grade 6 for students entering middle schools with math needs. In both cases, the process of early assessment, targeted interventions, ongoing monitoring, and frequent analysis of student progress will continue.

The district has made presentations on the success of RtI at state and national conferences in the past year. If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact one of the elementary school principals.

Boone County Board of Education



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Helping Teens Say “No”

Peer pressure is REAL. Even kids who want to make good choices about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking can find it tough to say “No” to friends. Parents can help their kids to have a strong voice and plan ahead for unexpected situations.

So when your teen is confronted by a situation that makes them uncomfortable or violates their values, or that is potentially dangerous, they should be prepared to say “no” firmly, but graciously, by following these four steps:

N Say “No.” Teach your teen to set boundaries and be decisive. If your teen decides not to smoke, take drugs or have sex before being confronted by the pressure to do so, it will be easier to say “no” when the situation arises.

“I” Statement. “I plan to wait until I’m married before I have sex.” Or “Sex isn’t part of my game plan right now.”

C Change. If pressure continues, teach your teen to change the topic: “Did you see the game last night?” Or

Give your teens the tools they need to stand up to peer pressure.

change who they are talking to, “Madison is over there; I need to ask her something.” Or change the location, “I’m going back into the kitchen now.”

E Exit. If these strategies do not help, your teen needs an “Exit” plan. Teens should leave a bad situation immediately. If your teen does not have

a way home, you or some other trusted adult will need to pick him or her up. It’s a good idea for you and your teen to have a prearranged “code phrase” that means “Come and pick me up. And hurry!”

Material condensed from the 4parents.gov website.



New Hope Center

New Hope Center’s Abstinence Education Department

228 Thomas More Pkwy.
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

859/341-2640

Call for more information or visit our website.

There’s a better way for your teens to make decisions about sex.



Having a plan helps teens stay in control.

Call the New Hope Center’s Abstinence Education Department for more information, 859-341-2640
www.w84me.org

TANK in Boone County



Routes:

- 1 Florence
- 1X Florence Express
- 2X Airport Express
- 22X Walton Express
- 28X Empire Drive Express
- 29X Hebron Express
- 32X Burlington Express

Park and Ride Locations:

- Biggs – Houston Rd. (1X)
- Burlington Park and Ride (32X)
- Hebron Lutheran Church (29X)
- Mt. Zion Park and Ride (22X)
- ** Now Open!** Houston Road Park and Ride – near the corner of Commonwealth Rd. on Houston Rd. (just north of Citi) (1X)

Call 331-TANK or visit www.tankbus.org for schedule and route



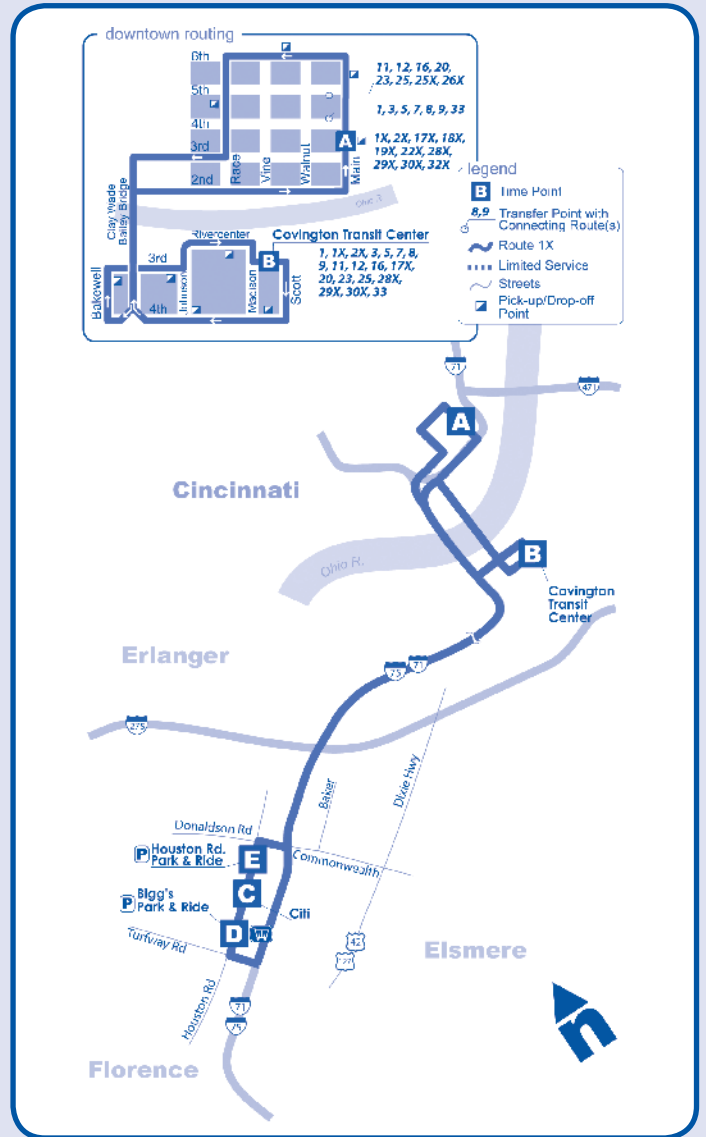
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Information Line:
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www.tankbus.org



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 TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Route Highlight— #1X Florence Express



ROUTE #1X PROVIDES COMMUTER SERVICE to people living in the Florence area of Boone County. The primary stop on the route is the Biggs Park & Ride, located on Houston Road in front of Biggs. This route also serves workers at the Citi facility on Houston Road.

TANK has recently added some middle of the day trips between Cincinnati and the Biggs Park & Ride for added flexibility for people that may need to leave work in the middle of the day or go to work later in the day.

Riders on the #1X from the Biggs Park & Ride experience a fast ride to the downtown Cincinnati Business District. The trip from the park and ride to downtown takes just 30 minutes and Wi-Fi services are offered. Passengers riding the 1X can bring their laptop or other mobile wireless device and have access to our free mobile wireless service – compliments of NKU, TANK and Project Lily Pad.

For schedule information for the #1X Florence Express, visit our website at www.tankbus.org.

Meet the Board

SD1 is governed by an eight-member citizen Board of Directors. These public servants are dedicated to protecting our water resources, safeguarding public health and enhancing the quality of life we enjoy in Northern Kentucky. Their diverse set of talents, skills, experiences and interests provide SD1 with steadfast leadership and guidance.

Board members are appointed by the Judges/Executive of each county within SD1's service area. Representation on the Board is based on county population. Therefore, Kenton County holds four seats and Boone and Campbell Counties hold two seats each. The Board is responsible for adopting rules and regulations, providing fiscal oversight through the approval of financial

statements, budgets and contracts, and ensuring that our customers' needs and interests are represented. Current Board members include: Jan Steinman, President, Charles "Chip" Tappan, Secretary, Robert Rothert and Jay Weber representing Kenton County; David Noran, Treasurer and Frances Reitman representing Campbell County; Robert N. Elliston, Vice President and John A. Hill, Jr. representing Boone County.

The Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month at SD1's main office and all meetings are open to the public. To see the Board's full meeting schedule, visit the calendar of events page on SD1's website at <http://www.sd1.org/events/events.asp>.



ROBERT N. ELLISTON was appointed to the Board in June 1999. He has served as both President and Treasurer of the Board, and is currently serving in the role of Vice President. Mr. Elliston has been president and CEO of Turfway Park since June 2000. Prior to joining the Turfway Park team, Mr. Elliston served as vice president of commercial lending for U.S. Bank, N.A. for seven years.



JOHN A. HILL, JR. was appointed to the Board in July 2007. He is a registered professional engineer in Kentucky and currently holds a leadership position in the Environmental, Health and Safety Group at Duke Energy. Prior to joining Duke, he worked as a consulting engineer and a project manager for a water utility.

Catch Some Rain

In February 2009, SD1 launched its pilot rain barrel program. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from rooftops for use in dry weather to give thirsty gardens, flowers and trees a drink. They help keep excess storm water out of the sewer system and help prevent rain from picking up pollution and carrying it to the nearest body of water.

In conjunction with the rain barrel program a competition was launched between the cities in SD1's storm water service area. The city that purchased the most rain barrels would be awarded the 2009 "Green City Award." In April, the cities of Union and Independence were announced as the winners. The residents in these cities tied in purchasing more rain barrels than any of the other cities in SD1's storm water service area.

SD1 would also like to recognize the City of Florence for partnering with us on this initiative. Because of their willingness to participate, we were able to extend this program to more residents within the Northern Kentucky area and were able to have a greater impact in reducing storm water runoff in this region.

SD1 customers will still be able to purchase "Raintainers" while supplies last. The "Raintainer" is a 55-gallon rain barrel that has an aesthetically pleasing appearance and includes a connection for a hose, making it possible to draw water from the barrel. The lid of the "Raintainer" can be used as a self-watering planter, and can also be easily removed, making cleaning the inside of the barrel simple.

For more information visit www.sd1.org/rainbarrels or call SD1's Storm Water Hotline at 859-578-6745.

A Unique Solution



SD1 is studying 16 watersheds in Northern Kentucky. For more information on the conditions of these watersheds, visit www.sd1.org.

SD1's Consent Decree is the first in the nation to use an innovative watershed approach. The Consent Decree is a legal settlement with state and federal regulators to address U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that focuses on reducing overflows and pollution entering local waterways.

SD1 has developed Watershed Plans that identify the most cost-effective and comprehensive solutions to addressing overflows and infrastructure needs over the next five years. Proposed improvement projects include cutting-edge green solutions such as vegetated roofs, regional wetlands and reforestation as well as traditional gray infrastructure solutions such as conveyance pipes and pump stations.

The Watershed Plans were made available for public comment in May and will remain open until June 5. They will be submitted to state and federal regulators for their consideration in June. For more information regarding SD1's Watershed Plans, please visit www.sd1.org.

Summer Events at Boone County Parks!

SHAKESPEARE

July 18, 7 pm - Join us at Boone Woods for Romeo & Juliet. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this amazing performance of "Shakespeare in the Park," performed by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

**ALL
PARK
EVENTS
ARE FREE!!**

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Family Movie Nights are held on Friday evenings at dusk in Boone Woods Park. In the event of rain, movies will start at 7:30 p.m. at Conner Middle School.

July: 10, 17, 24, & 31

August: 7, 14, 21, and 28

If you would like the complete schedule of movies, please visit our website at www.boonecountyky.org/parks or call the Boone County Parks Office at 859/334-2117.

MADCAP PUPPETS -

June 20, 7:30 pm - Join us when Madcap Puppets will present Aesop's Classic Fables at Boone Woods Park. This family-friendly event is sure to be a hit!

CREEKSIDE CONCERTS

7:30 pm, Boone Woods

Once again, Boone County Parks is proud to offer the FREE Concert At Creekside series at the Boone Woods stage.

June 12 Blue Chip City Big Band, a night of blues

June 19 Swingtime will have you up and dancing.

June 26 Florence Community Band

July 3 Army Band Concert

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors for helping us to provide these exciting performances for our community.

LOOKING AHEAD

We will present the Boone Woods Park 29th annual Arts & Crafts Show on Sunday, September 20th from 11 am - 4 pm. Enjoy a day in the park listening to live Blue Grass music and viewing arts and crafts. Mark your calendars for the Arts & Crafts Show.

Don't forget all of our youth programming and adult programming that is available throughout the year. If you would like to obtain more information about our programs and special events, please visit our website at www.boonecountyky.org/parks or call 859/334-2117.

We hope to see you in the parks!

Looking for Some Quality Family Time?

Take Advantage of Boone County Golf Course's Kids Play Free Program!

Boone Links – Ridgeview Course Only:

Saturdays and Sundays before 11 am

Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 11 am and 2 pm

Lassing Pointe:

Mondays between 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Kids Play Free program is restricted to Boone County residents, one child (13 years or younger) per adult and subject to availability May, June, July and August.



Need a Catered Corporate or Personal Event?

Use Boone County Golf Courses Clubhouses — Lassing Pointe can seat 60 people for dinner and Boone Links can seat 180.

New extensive dinner menu available, as well as breakfast and lunches.

Contact Jeanni Reusch for availability – 334-4853.

Boone Links Golf Course

19 Clubhouse Drive
Florence, KY 41042
859/371-7550

Lassing Pointe Golf Course

2266 Double Eagle Drive
Union, KY 41091
859/384-2266

www.boonecountyky.org/golf.aspx

Low Fares and DHL Draw Passengers and Jobs to CVG

Low fares are drawing passengers back to CVG, after years of “leakage” to surrounding airports.

In February Delta announced reductions on most CVG fares. Other airlines quickly followed suit. A recent analysis by Business Travel News showed the average fare was 31% lower than a year ago. Some local companies are increasing their use of CVG by 30%, according to local chambers of commerce. Delta reports that local traffic in and out of CVG is up by as much as a third.

The airport estimates that annual savings to local passengers could total tens of millions of dollars. For example, an overall reduction of 20% in the average CVG fare could result in annual savings of more than \$80 million.

“Lower prices and increased traffic add up to a win-win for the airlines and passengers,” said H. Lawson Walker II, Airport Board Chairman. “We must continue to take advantage of these fares so that this trend continues.”

Airport officials are also pleased with DHL’s announcement to reopen its international sorting hub at CVG.

“We are excited that DHL Express is returning to CVG,” said Dale Huber, interim CEO for the airport. DHL’s return will help to retain and increase jobs in the region, while decreasing overall operating costs for all carriers.

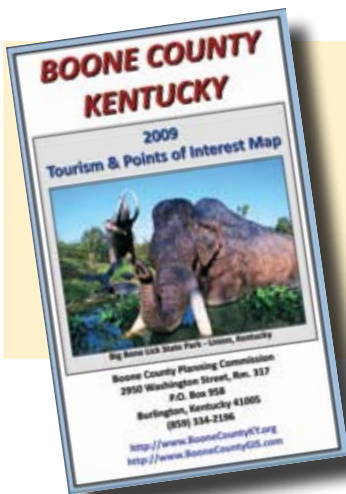


Low fares are drawing passengers back to CVG. To celebrate, the airport is also offering customers a special parking offer. See coupon above.

www.cvgairport.com

Boone County Planning Commission

2009 Tourism and Points of Interest Map Released



The 2009 Tourism and Points of Interest Map is available at the Planning Commission offices (2950 Washington Street, Burlington), the Florence Government Center, the Union City Building and the Walton City Building.

related businesses in Boone County. In 2008, the tourism industry generated over \$306 million in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties. The 33"x34" folded map has panels promoting Boone County tourist attractions. The map was professionally designed by the Boone County Planning Commission’s GIS staff, which has produced several award

winning County maps in the past.

The printing of 7,500 maps was partially funded by a grant from the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau. According to Kevin P. Costello, AICP, Executive Director of the Boone County Planning Commission, “The 2009 map showcases our community by identifying attractions for residents and travelers. It will help tourism and businesses in our backyard.”

The 2009 map includes parks, recreational areas, heritage/historic sites, hotel information, campgrounds, sports venues, entertainment facilities, etc. The map is divided into two sections. The Western section includes detailed information about Burlington, Ohio River towns,

Big Bone Lick State Park, area museums and community events. The Eastern section includes golf courses, other sporting attractions, shopping areas and the airport. The map will be distributed to some of the area attractions and will be available at the Planning Commission’s office (2950 Washington Street in Burlington, Kentucky), the Florence Government Center, the Union City Building and the Walton City Building. In addition, each Boone County Library will have copies. A web version of the new map will also be available on the County web page at a later date. If you want to get out and relax in Boone County, this map will help you. Pick up one today!

The 2009 Boone County Tourism and Points of Interest Map is now available. The 2009 Map is one-of-a-kind — folded differently to showcase the many tourist attractions and

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Women's Crisis Center

New Regional Services Center Opens in Hebron

Women's Crisis Center (WCC) recently opened its new Regional Services Center in Hebron, which replaces its Florence office. Established in 1976 as the Rape Crisis Center of Northern Kentucky, WCC was formed to provide crisis and support services for rape survivors. In 1979, the name was changed to Women's Crisis Center to reflect services being provided to battered women and their children. The community served has grown to include all 13 counties in the Northern Kentucky and Buffalo Trace Area Development Districts. WCC has grown from an all-volunteer grassroots organization into an agency with 78 professionally skilled staff, over 150 volunteers, two domestic violence shelters and six walk-in offices. WCC is a vital non-profit community-based 501(c)(3) organization providing confidential services at no cost to individuals and families seeking assistance. WCC's mission is to lead our community in the social change needed to end domestic violence, rape and sexual abuse.

The Regional Services Center provides a warm, welcoming and safe environment for people seeking counseling services in the areas of



The Regional Services Center, 3580 Hargrave Drive, Hebron, provides a warm, welcoming and safe environment for people seeking counseling services in the areas of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault.

domestic violence, rape and sexual assault. The office will house WCC's rural services program along with its prevention education department, volunteer services and administration. The rural services program serves Boone, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Owen and Pendleton counties. This program provides vital crisis intervention, individual (short-term and long-term clinical) and group counseling, medical and court advocacy services, information and referrals. The prevention education department has received national recognition for its age-appropriate programs from pre-school aged

children through college. Last year, the prevention education program reached over 56,000 individuals through its personal safety program, back-to-school fairs, relationship abuse program and other presentations throughout the community. The prevention education program's goal is to prevent domestic violence, rape and sexual assault from occurring and provide information and resources for assistance to those already experiencing abuse. The volunteer services program provides a 40-hour training program three times per year and administers a network of over 150 dedicated volun-

teers. WCC's volunteers play a vital role in its ability to meet the growing needs within the community.

Moving administration from the Covington office into the Regional Services Center has provided much-needed additional space for counselors in the Covington office. The location of the new office is in a rapidly growing area of the county that is central to WCC's overall service area providing easy access for clients, volunteers and staff.

The Regional Services Center and the renovation of the Covington office are part of the *Leadership for Change* campaign. In addition to the generous support of donors such as the Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile, Jr. U.S. Bank Foundation, WCC has been awarded a national challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation in order to finalize the campaign. With this challenge, WCC must raise \$600,000 by December 31 in order for The Kresge Foundation to provide the final \$260,000 needed for the campaign. Contact Kimberely J. Adams, Executive Director, at 859/655-2644; kadams@wccky.org; or visit the website at www.wccky.org to learn more about WCC and the *Leadership for Change* campaign.