



# Hello, Hamilton County

E-News for Hamilton County Citizens and Employees

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Quote of the week: "(Man) is distinguished from animals by his freedom to do evil or to do good." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Hamilton County welcomes Commissioner Phil Heimlich

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Phil Heimlich was sworn into office by Chris Finney at the Hamilton County Commissioners' January 13, 2003 meeting.

Several County officials, staff members, family and friends were in attendance.

Commissioner Heimlich will serve a four year term.

Rob Seddon was appointed Administrative Aide to Commissioner Heimlich.

We extend a warm welcome to Commissioner Heimlich and Rob.



Pictured above: Commissioner Heimlich being sworn in by Chris Finney. Pictured below: Rob Seddon, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Heimlich



Janet Roedel, of the County Prosecutor's Office, was named the 2002 Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association's Outstanding Staff Person of the Year. She was selected from staff persons in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

"Janet plays a huge role in making the Prosecutor's Office a great place to work. She has a can-do attitude and her work is invaluable. Her quality service to the people of Hamilton County merits this recognition" Prosecutor Mike Allen stated.

Ms. Roedel joined the Prosecutor's Office in 1993.

Mike Allen and Karl Kadon are shown with Ms. Roedel

### Janet Roedel receives top honor



### Feel The Breeze

The Hamilton County Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) is pleased to announce it's newest outreach initiative. This includes two new publications that were created and distributed by AQMD to inform the community and schools about the latest environmental issues affecting our air quality, both nationally and locally.

One publication, *The Breeze*, is sent to residents, businesses and non-profit organizations in the four-

county area to let area residents know what AQMD is doing for them, what is going on in their community, and the latest data results from air samples taken in the area.

Another publication, *The School Breeze*, is sent to schools in the four-county area to inform teachers, administration, and students of air quality issues and the ways teachers can introduce these subjects in the classroom. Also included are activities for children to

learn a hands-on approach to environmental education.

To request a copy of either publication, call 513.946.7747. For information about free air quality programs, call 513.946.7754 or visit [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org).

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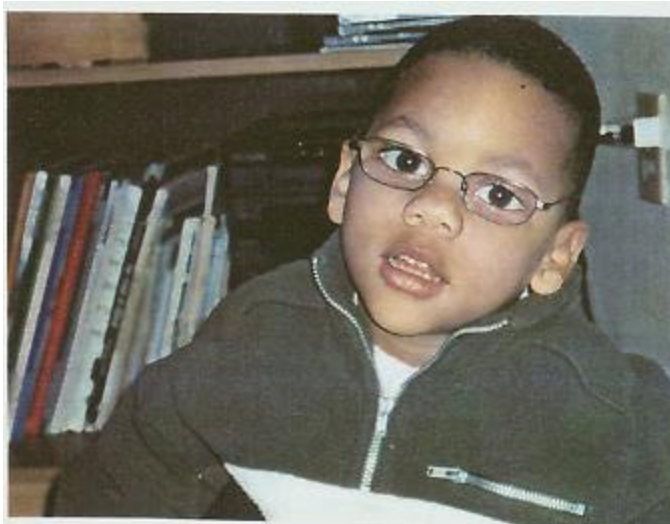
### Hoxworth Blood Drive Results

Twenty-four employees donated blood on Friday, January 3, at our one-day Hoxworth Blood Drive.

Hoxworth was most appreciative of our support.

Kim Pennekamp, coordinator of the drive, adds her thanks to those who were able to donate.

### Thursday's Child — Adoption and Foster Care



Perion, dob 9-22-99

If you want to believe in miracles, just get to know Perion! He is a miracle in the making.

Due to meningitis as an infant, Perion has severe developmental and physical delays. But due to a loving and dedicated foster family, this special little boy has made great strides. He is now able to hold his own bottle and is learning to stand with help. He has

hopes of walking one day. His communication skills are improving.

Perion enjoys looking at and turning pages in his favorite books. He also has an ear for Mozart and other classical music. School is one of his favorite places.

Perion is charming, funny, and has a sense of humor. He also likes to show off, and is a flirt.

### Call 513.632.6366 for information

## Volunteers Honored at a Hamilton County Volunteer Christmas Breakfast

The Hamilton County Volunteer Christmas Breakfast was held in the County Commissioners' conference room in December, to honor each of our volunteers for a job well done throughout the year 2002.

Five volunteers were recognized and thanked for their invaluable contributions: Inell Nash, Mattie Armstrong, Carol Cartwright, Willa Barclay, and Claudia

Jackson. Several departments were represented at the breakfast.

In 2002, volunteers contributed a combined total of 6297 hours to County service.

Each volunteer received a gift certificate as a show of appreciation.



Pictured congratulating Ms. White are County Commissioners Tom Neyer and Todd Portune and County Clerk Jacqueline Panioto.

## 25 Years of Service

Elaine White, who is employed by Hamilton County's Job & Family Services department received a pin for 25 years of County service.

Commissioners Tom Neyer and Todd Portune, at their December 30 meeting, congratulated Ms. White and thanked her for her years of dedicated.

Ms. White works with Workforce Development, and serves as staff for the Workforce Policy Board.

Congratulations to Ms. White.



## Job and Family Services Award

JFSWEB, the Intranet for the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, recently captured first place in a six-state competition.

The intranet took honors in the Internal Communication category of the annual competition sponsored by

the East Central District of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), competing against entries from county, state and local governments in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kentucky.

The winning entry demonstrated how Job and Family Services is using a strategic approach to build and maintain an intranet that helps employees reach greater

levels of productivity, higher morale and a more complete understanding of the agency's environment and the economic climate that affects it.

A team of section authors managed by the agency's Communications office and supported by its Information Systems function maintains the intranet. JFSWEB has several interactive features,

such as "Ask Administration" where employees post questions and receive prompt answers. Workers can also salute cohorts in the "Employee Kudos" area.

Approximately 950 of the agency's 1500 employees utilize the intranet daily.

We are proud of the JFSWEB team.



Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968), American clergyman and Nobel Prize winner, one of the principal leaders of the American civil rights movement and a prominent advocate of nonviolent protest. After his assassination in 1968, Dr. King became a symbol of protest in the struggle for racial justice.

## Celebrate The Dream!

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### Certified Facility Manager designation earned by Mark Hardin

Mark Hardin, Hamilton County Facilities Department's Trades Superintendent, earned the designation of Certified Facility Manager (CFM) from the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) on December 20, 2002. The CFM designation represents that the recipient is a competent facility professional through their work experience, education and the ability to pass a comprehensive examination.

The International Facility Management Association is the premier professional association for facility management. Supporting the largest community facility management professionals in the industry, IFMA membership comprises more than 18,000 facility professionals throughout 50 countries. IFMA was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit, incorporated association dedicated to promoting excellence in the management of facilities. Globally, IFMA spots trends, conducts research, provides educational programs, and assists corporate and organizational facility managers in developing strategies to manage human, facility and real estate resources.

Mark is also a member of the Public Sector Facilities council of IFMA. This council is set up specially for those managing, maintaining or constructing government buildings and facilities. The council addresses the constraints of budgets, organization policies and bureaucracy in city, state, provincial or federal government agencies.

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### Federal Budget Delays

President Bush signed a bill into public law on January 10, 2003 that keeps all federal government departments, except Defense, operating on roughly last year's spending levels through January 31.

Unfortunately, this means a further delay in the announcement of the majority of federal grants and pass-through grants to the states. The President has asked Congress to pass the budget before January 28. Because of the possibility that Congress will not be able to agree on overall spending levels, adoption of a final budget may not happen until February or later.



Please remember to post *Hello, Hamilton County* in your areas so that everyone can see what's going on!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this issue.

**Hello, Hamilton County** is published twice monthly on the County's web page. It is intended to inform both residents and staff of Hamilton County. If you have questions or suggestions for future editions, please contact Sharon Booker (946.4428) or Peter Hames (946.4432) in the County Administrator's office.

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