



Hello, Hamilton County

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Quote of the week: "If you're too busy to help the people around you succeed, you're too busy." - Bob Moawad

Happy New Year!

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On December 4, in the second annual random drawing, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners drew the names of 16 Hamilton County residents who watched Bengals' games from the County's Paul Brown Stadium (PBS) suite.

The board holds the raffle to ensure that the people who are paying for the stadium—the Hamilton County sales taxpayers—have an opportunity to experience the facility that they built. Food and soft drinks were also provided.

The winners for the December 15 games against Jacksonville were: Robert Auel, Terry Brunner, Ron Downey, Valerie Harms, Tamara Jacobs, Jeffrey Leigh, Sondra

Winners of the Cinergy Field Implosion Raffle were drawn during the Commissioners' December 18 meeting by the Board members and Mike O'Rourke.

The winners were:
 First place—will trigger the implosion—Jim Matthews, Sharonville.
 Second place—will perform the countdown—Bill Bristol, Cincinnati.
 Third place—8 tickets to the VIP viewing area—Rebecca Bursk, Wilder, KY.
 Fourth place—8 tickets to the VIP viewing area—Mark Rapier, Springboro, OH.

Congratulations to the lucky winners!



McFarlin and Debbie Roe-Dixon.

Mike Herrmann, Rebecca Nolan, Gary R. Shuler, Jr. and Steven Whitson.

Winners for the December 22 game against New Orleans were: Andy Burroughs, Trina Caudill, Micelle Dornbusch, Renee Freeman,

Pictured: Commissioners Todd Portune, Tom Neyer, Jr. and John S. Dowlin.

Implosion raffle winners



Hamilton County says farewell to Commissioner Tom Neyer, Jr. and Staff

Commissioner Tom Neyer, Jr. was appointed to the Board of County Commissioners in February 1997 to fill the unexpired term of Judge Guy Guckenberger.

In November 1998, Commissioner Neyer was elected to serve a four-year term.

Commissioner Neyer chose not to run for re-election.

Pictured with Commissioner Neyer are his Aide, Mike Robison and Secretary, Deena Talbert.

We send our best wishes with Commissioner Neyer and his staff.



Mobile Mammography – Corrected Information

A portion of the mobile mammography schedule listed in the November 6 issue of *Hello Hamilton County* was incorrect, as was the information provided. Following are the corrections:

Friday, January 10
Alms & Doepke Building
222 E. Central Parkway

Tuesday, January 14
River City Correctional
3220 Colerain Avenue

Thursday, January 16

Taft Building
230 E. Ninth Street

Tuesday, January 28
County Administration Bldg.
138 E. Court Street

Thursday, January 30
Alms & Doepke Building
222 E. Central Parkway

Friday, January 31
Job and Family Services
Bldg.
237 Wm. Howard Taft Rd.

The mobile unit will be in

front of River City Correctional from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The unit will be in front of each of the other locations from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30p.m.

Remember, with the increased use of mammography screening, breast cancers are being detected earlier in their development when they are more treatable. The American Cancer Society suggests women aged 40-50 should have a mammography screening every 1-2 years, and women

over 50 years of age should have one every year. More than 97% of women whose breast cancer is found and treated early will survive.

Female employees, 35 and older, may contact the Health Alliance Call Center at 513.585.1000 to schedule an appointment.

If you have questions about the County's mammography program, please contact Kim Pennekamp at 946.4705.

Thursday's Child – Adoption and Foster Care

Call 632.6366 for information



Pictured: Ashli — DOB 01/08/95

Ashli is a beautiful girl with an adorable smile. She's a warm, playful child who is energetic and very outgoing.

Swimming, playing with dolls, drawing and coloring are Ashli's favorite things to do. She has a good appetite and is not picky about the food that is prepared for her.

Ashli likes school and will

need a family willing to help her with her schoolwork. She has a good relationship with her siblings and will need to maintain that relationship.

For more information about Ashli, or information about any of the children shown in *Hello Hamilton County* as Thursday's Child, please contact Job and Family Services, Adoption and Foster Care, 632.6366.

Kudos to Tammy Arthur

For ten years, Tammy Arthur has served as coordinator of the Hamilton County United Way campaign for the departments under the Board of County Commissioners.

Each year, the contributions received from Hamilton County employees are used in partnership with United Way to assist in the strengthening of neighborhoods and communities.

Thanks to the generosity of the Hamilton County's employees, many individual

lives are being touched and given hope for a better tomorrow.

Thanks, Tammy, for ensuring the success of Hamilton County's 2003 United Way campaign, and thanks to the wonderful employees of Hamilton County for your contributions.



2002 Flu Shot Program Success

Thanks to the efforts of the Hamilton County Personnel Department, the County's 2002 Flu Shot Program was successful.

The Health Alliance, our flu shot vendor, administered a total of 1,614 vaccines to eligible Hamilton County employees and/or their dependents.

For more information about Hamilton County's Flu Shot Program, contact Kim Pennekamp, 946.4705.



... And a good time was had by all ...

Winners of the Bengals' suite seats attended the Bengals vs. Jacksonville game on Sunday, December 15.

Winners were randomly selected by the County Commissioners, Administrator Dave Krings, and Clerk Jacqueline Panioto at the Board's December 11 meeting.

Sixteen additional winners attended the Bengals vs. New Orleans game on December 22.

Recycle your Christmas tree!

What will you do with your Christmas tree when the holiday is over? Have you thought about recycling your Christmas tree? It is now easier and more convenient than ever to recycle your tree. Many communities in Hamilton County offer Christmas tree recycling programs,

but for those who don't, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District is sponsoring a free Christmas tree recycling program for Hamilton County residents.

On Saturdays only, January 4 and January 11, residents can drop off their trees for recycling, free of charge, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at the following locations:

- East: Evans Landscaping
3700 Roundbottom Road in Newtown
- West: 6717 Bridgetown Road, Kuliga Park, in Green Township
- North: Struble Road and Colerain Avenue, Rumpke Sanitary Landfill in Colerain Township

All ornamentation, tinsel, and lights must be removed from the trees before they are dropped off.

To find out if other communities have a Christmas tree recycling program, or for additional information about the Solid Waste District's program, visit the website at www.hcdoes.org or call the Yardwaste Hotline at 513.946.7755.

New Hamilton County Flag arrives in Columbus

In celebration of Ohio's 200th birthday, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission asked each county to send its county flag to Columbus. Last summer, Hamilton County created its first flag to participate in the 2003 event when all the county flags will be collectively flown at the Ohio Statehouse on a designated day. According to the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, all counties have committed to providing a flag to be flown at the Statehouse.

The Hamilton County flag was created by Justin Green. The emblem highlights include: Hamilton County's 21 cities, 16 villages and 12 townships are represented by 49 stars; the star on the crossbar of the red "H" represents Cincinnati, the county seat; the gold crown above the crossbar is a reference to Cincinnati, the Queen City; the gold "O" containing the red "H" is the modern abbreviation for the state of Ohio.

The flag currently flies in front of the County Courthouse and is on display in the Board of Commissioners' hearing room, 605 County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street. The flag's emblem has also been adopted by the County EMA's Citizen Corps.



Happy New Year!

ASPA Public Administrator of the Year Nominations

On April 25, 2003, the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) will hold its annual banquet to honor the winners of its Public Administrator of the Year Awards. Hamilton County employees and members of the public are invited to nominate a friend or colleague in public service who they feel is deserving of such recognition by ASPA.

The nomination categories include "Service Innovative," "Early Careerist," "Career Achievement," and "Support Services." The deadline for submitting nominations is February 21, 2003.

Award winners will also be recognized on Fountain Square as a part of Public Sector Recognition Week. For more information, please contact Joan Gilmore, 946.4316 or joan.gilmore@hamilton-co.org.

Sharon Chamberlin receives professional designation from BOMI

Sharon Chamberlin of the Hamilton County Facilities Department received her Real Property Administrator (RPA) professional designation from the Building Owners and Managers Institute (BOMI) Institute on November 30.

The RPA designation indicates that the recipient has completed a program on in-depth courses dealing with the ownership, management and operation of major office and commercial buildings. Seven required courses provide in-depth coverage of building systems, life cycle costing, energy management and the environment, insurance and legal issues, finance and asset management.

BOMI is a nonprofit organization formed in 1970 to provide comprehensive continuing education in the complex issues involved in the operation and maintenance of building systems. More than 15,000 property professionals have earned one or more BOMI designations.

Congratulations, Sharon!

Hoxworth Mobile Blood Van

On Friday, January 3, 2003, the Hoxworth Mobile Blood Van will be parked in front of the County Administration Building from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Local blood shortages traditionally occur during and after the holiday sea-

son. Please share your good health with a New Year's donation by contacting Hoxworth representative Herman Bryant for an appointment, via email at: herman.bryant@uc.edu (Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted.)



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.