



COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS

Our policy on community calendar events is non-profit, non-business related and bonafide community events and activities will be listed free of charge on our site, as long as you are not paying to advertise your event or activity elsewhere. If you are, then you will be expected to pay for our services, as well. Otherwise, we'll be happy to post it for you at no cost. We're always looking for events to add to our community calendar and if you have something you'd like listed, just email it to: communitycalendar@thevoiceofholmescounty.com or fax it to 888-494-7079.

Parent Meeting For Fifth Grade Band at West Holmes Sept. 15

The West Holmes Music Department will be holding a parent meeting for all Fifth Grade students and their parents interested in FIFTH GRADE BAND. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the details of this years FIFTH GRADE BAND and it's return to the West Holmes Elementary Schools. The meeting is Wednesday September 15th at 7pm in the High School Theatre. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brian Dodd at West Holmes High School at 330-674-6085 or at whol_dodd@tccsa.net

State Report Cards on East Holmes, West Holmes released

The State Department of Education has released the 2009-10 report cards on the East and West Holmes Local School Districts. The information for the two school districts can be accessed with these links:
East Holmes:

http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_Questions.asp?sel=047688,East%20Holmes%20Local%20Holmes%20County

West Holmes:

http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_Questions.asp?sel=047696,West%20Holmes%20Local,Holmes%20County

4-H Beef Carcass Contest Results

The 2010 Beef Carcass Contest has been completed. Results on this year's event can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/2010BeefCarcassContest>

Holmes County Education Foundation 2009 Annual Report Now Available

The Holmes County Education Foundation's (HCEF) 2009 Annual Report is now available to view at www.hcef.net/news/annual-report.html. Hard copies of the report will be found as an insert within the Bargain Hunter newspaper soon, and will also be mailed to local P.O. boxes and to out-of-county donors. The HCEF has been encouraging further education for Holmes County residents by awarding well over \$5.5 million in scholarships and grants since 1991. To learn more about the Foundation, visit our website at www.hcef.net. Darla Stitzlein, HCEF Executive Director, can be reached by calling (330) 674-7303.



Killbuck Early American Days Festival Sept. 4 and 5

The Killbuck Early American Days Festival will be held on Saturday September 4th thru Sunday September 5th. The Grand Parade will be held on Sunday September 5th and the public is urged to participate in this event. The Grand Parade will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. from the SOUTH end of town; registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. You are encouraged to pre-register by calling Michele Snow at (330)276-4881 day; or (330)231-4390 evenings. Restrooms will be available in the parade information area.

Holmes County Antique Festival Princess and Queen Candidates Sought

Holmes County Antique Festival princess and queen candidates are currently being sought. Girls 7 to 10 by Sept. 1 who are residents of Holmes County or attend school in Holmes County are eligible for the Princess contest. A **mandatory** information meeting for those girls and their parents is set for Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 7 p.m. at the Millersburg Christian Church. For more information, contact Rachel Day at 330-763-0135. The Holmes County Antique Festival Queen's committee will hold its first meeting at the Millersburg Christian Church on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, at 7 p.m. Any interested young ladies between 15 and 18 years of age who live, work or go to school in Holmes County are eligible to enter the Queen contest and should attend this meeting. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Pam Akins, 330-674-4358.

ALS Benefit Walk Set For Sept. 11

The ALS Benefit Walk to benefit the ALS Association and those area residents dealing with Lou Gehrig's disease will be held Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. To register your team or make a donation, contact Pam Gardner at 330-473-7430 or email gardnermill@gmail.com. You may also contact Jenny Burgett at 330-378-4811. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds stay in Holmes and Wayne Counties to assist ALS patients and their families. The remainder is donated to the ALS Association for cure research. The event is sponsored by the Holmes County Shooting Sports 4-H Club.

Hawaiian Luau For Big Brothers Big Sisters Set For Sept. 11

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio and Hendricks Rentals are hosting the fourth annual Hawaiian Luau at the Petersburg Covered Bridge and the site of the Algonquin Festival. The date is set for Saturday September 11 from 5:00pm -11:00pm. Details can be found here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/BBBS01.pdf>

Holmes County Home Benefit Auction Sept. 18

The 39th Annual Holmes County Home Benefit Auction will be held Sept. 18th at 9 a.m. at the Holmes County Home. Proceeds will benefit the elderly at the home. The event will be preceded by a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. A bake sale, furniture auction and quilt auction are among the activities. Lawn furniture and barns will also be sold.



Pomerene Foundation Introduces Half Marathon To Sept. 18 Fall Trail Run

The Pomerene Foundation Fall Trail Run, set for Saturday, September 18, 2010, will be introducing a ½ marathon race this year. Those wishing to compete in the ½ marathon will receive a running shirt. Registration fee is \$55.00. The ½ marathon (13.1 miles) will start at 7:30 am. The Fall Trail Run will take place at the Millersburg Trail Depot (Rails to Trails) located at Clinton & Grant streets. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. or ½ hour before the start of each event. Other events include: 10K Race- 7:45 a.m. 5K Race- 9:00 a.m. 2 Mile Walk Race- 10:00 a.m. Fun Walk- 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration fee for these events is \$20.00 and includes a long sleeve t-shirt. Day-of-event registration is \$25.00. Please contact Christine Court at 330-674-1584 ext. 1264 or Sandy Weltmer at 330-674-1584, ext. 1222 for more information or to pre-register. You may also visit www.pomerenefoundation.org and click on the news release to print off a registration form. Please mail forms to: Pomerene Foundation, 981 Wooster Road, Millersburg, OH 44654. Checks are payable to Pomerene Foundation.

Nashville Fire Department Health & Safety Festival Sept. 25

Nashville Fire Department is hosting a FREE community Health & Safety Festival on Saturday, September 25th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nashville Church of Christ parking lot, east of Nashville on State Route 39, just past the elementary school. This family friendly event will feature many activities and exhibits for the young and old including cornhole. Free hotdogs and chili dogs along with chips and drink will be provided. Highlighting this event will be MedFlight and Life Flight helicopter landings at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. (weather permitting) for tours and questions. A free self-defense clinic by Mixed Martial Arts of AsWand is scheduled at noon. Plus, you can learn about electrical safety with a presentation by Holmes Wayne Electric Co-op at 2 p.m. You can also see the variety of resources in this area including The American Red Cross, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Holmes County SafeCommunities. There will be many local businesses with exhibits as well. Free drawings and giveaways will be conducted throughout the event in addition to free health checks, ambulance tours, fire trucks and much more! A silent auction, with many unique items donated by area businesses, will run from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Cowboy Race Sept. 25

The Lonesome Hollow Stables Cowboy Race will be held Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Holmes County Fairgrounds. Complete information and entry form can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/CowboyRace.pdf>

Pomerene Employees Complete Training From FEMA

Cynthia Norris, Safety Officer & Director of Emergency Management; Kim Martin, RN, Emergency Department Manager; and Don Jones, Risk Management & Compliance Officer, Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, OH, recently completed training offered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). Details here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/PomereneFEMA.pdf>

Holmes Lumber Earns National Award



For the sixteenth year, including four consecutive years, Holmes Lumber is the proud recipient of Rural Builder Magazine's Gold Key of Excellence Award. Details and photo can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/HolmesLumber.pdf>.

Putting For Paws Golf Scramble Rescheduled For Sept. 26

The 1st annual, Putting for Paws, Golf Scramble has been rescheduled from Sept. 11 to Saturday September 26 at 9a.m., with a shotgun start. The 4-man scramble event will be played at Fire Ridge Golf Course in Millersburg. Cost is \$60 per individual, \$240 per team with \$5 skins, \$5 mulligans, and door prizes, as well as a longest drive and closet to the pin contest. Lunch and cart is included in the price. Anyone with questions can contact Katelyn at 330-674-6301 or Fire Ridge Golf Course at 330-674-3921. Registrations are being accepted now as well as on the day of the event.

Frenette-Rickley Benefit Raises \$4,300

On Sunday, June 27, 2010, the 11th Annual Aimee Frenette-Rickly Golf Tournament was held at Fire Ridge Golf Course in Millersburg, raising over \$4,300. Story and photo can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/Frenette.pdf>

Pomerene Foundation Awards \$4,000 to Area Graduates

The Pomerene Foundation has awarded four \$1000 scholarships to 2010 graduating seniors of area high schools. Details and a photo can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/PomScholars.pdf>

HCHEC To Offer Saturday Business Classes

The University of Akron Wayne College Holmes County Higher Education Center will offer three Saturday classes within the Business Management Technology associate degree program . Details at <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/BusClass.pdf>

Pomerene Foundation Hosts 10th Annual Starlight Scramble

Sixteen teams of golfers showed up at Fire Ridge Golf Course to take part in the 10th annual Starlight Scramble, hosted by the Pomerene Foundation and Pomerene Hospital Auxiliary. The event was hosted on May 28th and started at 9:00 pm. A story and photo of the winning team can be found here: <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/Starlight.pdf>

Reminder To Buy Dog Licenses For 2010

The Holmes County Auditor's office sent out letters the first week of June to dog owners that did not purchase 2010 tags. If you overlooked buying your 2010 dog license, you can obtain them at the Auditor's Office or at the Holmes County Dog Pound. The fee is \$28 per dog, which includes the late penalty. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Auditor's office so we can remove your name from our list of dog owners. The deadline for license fees was January 31. Jackie McKee said



approximately 600 dog owners are delinquent at this time. The Holmes County Dog Warden's office will pay visits and issue minor misdemeanor citations to dog owners who have not licensed their dogs yet this year. For more information call the Holmes County Auditor's office at 330-674-1896 or the Holmes County Dog Warden at 330-674-6301.

New Hours for Holmes County OSU Extension Office

The Holmes County Office of Ohio State University Extension has a new, simpler schedule of business hours. According to Kate Shumaker, County Extension Director, "The new schedule should be easier for everyone to remember and will allow us to use staff time more efficiently." The new schedule of business hours will allow the office to be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m and closed Monday and Friday. Staff may be available by appointment or chance on Monday and Friday. There may be 4-H deadlines set that fall on a Monday or Friday and the Office will gladly accept these items on their next business day.

Holmes County Part District May 25 Track Results

Several records were broken during the first Holmes County Park District Youth Track Meet of 2010 season on Tuesday, May 25th at West Holmes High School .In the 4-year-old division both Grant Miller and Laynee Renfrew set new records in the 100 meter dash with times of 21 seconds and 22 seconds respectively.In the 5-year old division Maddie Rhees established a new mark in the softball throw hitting 36'4". While Nicholas Ginsburg set a new mark of 17.7 seconds in the 100 meter dash.For the 6-year olds Nathan Ginsburg and Jerzey Morris set new records for the 100 meter dash as well. Ginsburg dashed to a time of 17.3 seconds, while Morris set the new girls mark at 18.7.

Terrell Yoder rounded out the records for the night by tying the 800 meter dash time for 11-year-old boys of 2:56.The remaining track meets will be held Wednesday, June 2nd; Tuesday, June 8th; and Thursday, June 10th at West Holmes High School track. Full results available here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/track.pdf>

Rinfret Joins HCEF Board Of Trustees

Judge Robert D. Rinfret, currently serving as Common Pleas Court Judge in Holmes County, recently joined the Education Foundation's Board of Trustees. Rinfret previously served as the assistant prosecutor for the Holmes County Prosecutor's Office, and has also been an attorney for Rinfret Law Office since 1973. He has also been a professor of law at The University of Akron | Wayne College. Rinfret currently serves as a volunteer coach for the West Holmes High School track team and is a founding member of the Holmes County Junior Olympic Track Club. He has also been involved in the Holmes County Rail to Trails Coalition, is a former Holmes County Park District board member, a Holmes County volunteer basketball coach for East and West Holmes elementary school districts, and is a former advisor for the Holmes County Mock Trial Teams.

Holmes County Education Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners

The Holmes County Education Foundation (HCEF) has selected numerous first-year applicants to receive various scholarships. The winners and details on the scholarships can be found here:



<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/Scholars.pdf>

University of Akron Wayne College Writing Winners Announced

High school, college and community writers received awards for their work at The University of Akron Wayne College's annual Writers Workshop. For ten years, The University of Akron Wayne College has recognized exceptional writing with its Writing Awards. The competition recognizes students from area high schools, Wayne College students, and community members for writing projects submitted at the end of the fall semester. High school and college writers competed in short story, poetry or personal essay categories; regional writing competitors wrote poetry, short story or nonfiction pieces. The winners in each category received a monetary prize and complimentary registration to the April 17 workshop event. **Emily Votaw of Hiland High School** was the first-place winner in the high school personal essay category with "Gentle Moon." In the college personal essay division, **Stacy Coblentz of Millersburg** won second place with "Obstacles."

Martin Ends Tenure on Habitat For Humanity Board

Larry Martin has ended his career on the Holmes County Habitat for Humanity Board. A story and photo can be found at <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/HabitatMartin.pdf>

How You Can Help Red Cross Haitian Relief

Local residents wishing to help in the American Red Cross Haitian relief effort can mail monetary donations to Holmes County Chapter American Red Cross, P.O. Box 70, Millersburg. Donations of common medical supplies are also being sought. These are items that would be commonly found in first aid kits and at home to help treat a variety of ailments and injuries. If you have any questions about how you can help, contact Patricia Lang, Director of the Holmes County Chapter American Red Cross at 330-674-5861. If she is unavailable, PLEASE leave your name and number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Holmes County Education Center Offering Senior Citizens Free Classes

Senior citizens can attend classes free at The University of Akron Wayne College Holmes County Higher Education Center in Millersburg. The Sixty-Plus Program waives tuition and general service fees for individuals aged 60 and beyond who wish to audit classes. Participants can register for up to three undergraduate courses per semester. They must fulfill any necessary prerequisite courses and/or have the instructor's permission. Sixty-Plus Program students are responsible for paying lab fees and textbooks. Interested individuals should contact the Holmes Center at 330-674-2514 or e-mail HolmesCenter@uakron.edu.

Holmes County Education Foundation On Facebook

The Holmes County Education Foundation now has a presence on Facebook to keep recipients and donors alike, up-to-date on Foundation activities. Here is the link:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holmes-County-Education-Foundation/193993093839>



Library Seeks Volunteers

The Holmes County District Public Library is seeking volunteers for a variety of duties at all Library locations. Those interested should contact Susan Corl at 330-674-5972, ext. 203 or email scorl@holmeslib.org.

Holmes County District Library On Facebook

The Holmes County District Library can now be found on Facebook. Visit them by going to www.holmeslibrary.org and click on the Facebook logo.

Education Foundation Needs Volunteers

The Holmes County Education Foundation is in need of volunteers to assist with receptionist duties, preparing mailings, and other assorted tasks. Please inquire at 114 North Clay Street, Millersburg or call 330-674-7303.

Pomerene Providing Medication Lists

Pomerene Hospital and community members are partnering to improve patient safety by providing medication lists to the community. <http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/MedLists>

Register For Family Notification In Case Of Emergency

If your community experiences a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you do not have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

Killbuck Valley Historical Museum Open

The Killbuck Valley Historical Museum is now open for the season. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays every weekend through October.

Holmes Genealogy Library Now Open

The Holmes County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society Library is now open for the season. Hours are 1-4 p.m. on Wednesdays or by appointment by calling Judy Smetzer, 330-378-2020. The Library is open through November. The Society meets at the Library the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. through November.

Property Tax Calculator Now Available

Jackie McKee, Holmes County Auditor, announces a new feature on the Holmes County Auditor's website. The Holmes County Auditor's Tax Estimator will calculate and display your estimated increase and estimated total property tax amounts. Property owners can visit the website at <http://www.holmescountyauditor.org/> and search for their property by name, address or parcel number. For more information about the Holmes County Auditor's Office Property Tax Estimator, please call 330-674-1896.



Red Cross Seeking Addresses Of Military Personnel

The Holmes County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking addresses and e-mail addresses for military personnel. If you have an address to contribute, sent it to P.O. Box 70, Millersburg, OH 44654 or email it to langpa@valkyrie.net.

Lighthouse Love Center Hours

Lighthouse Love Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. north of Millersburg on State Route 241. Frozen meats, food items, fresh produce and fruits for donation can be dropped off during regular hours. Cash contributions can be mailed to Lighthouse Love Center Food Pantry, P.O. Box 31, Millersburg, OH 44654.

Volunteers Needed At Hospital Gift Shop

Flexible scheduling is available for those who volunteer at Pomerene Hospital Gift Shop. The shop currently needs additional volunteers and further information is available by calling Cynthia Norris at 330-763-2007.

Humane Society Aluminum Can Collection

The Holmes County Humane Society holds an aluminum can collection the first Saturday of every month at Rodhe's IGA Marketplace parking lot in Millersburg. Hours are 8 to 11 a.m.