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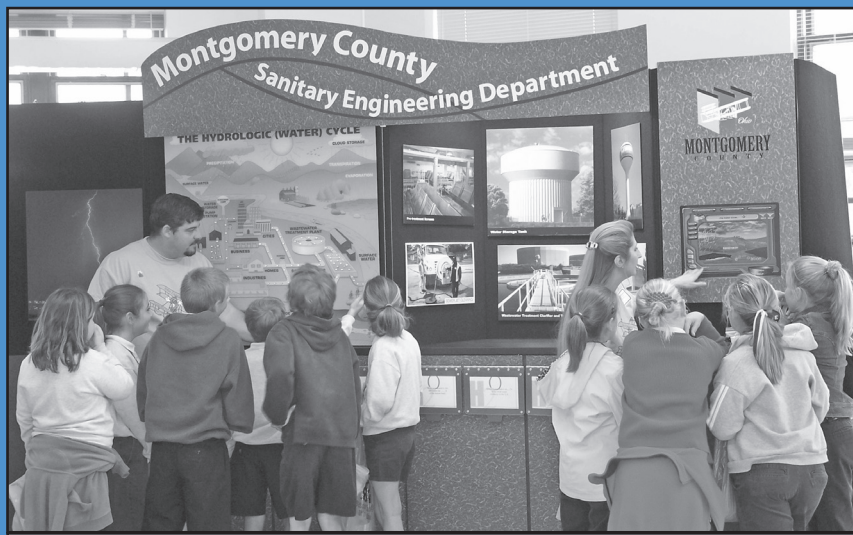
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Sanitary Engineering Awarded Public Education Grant

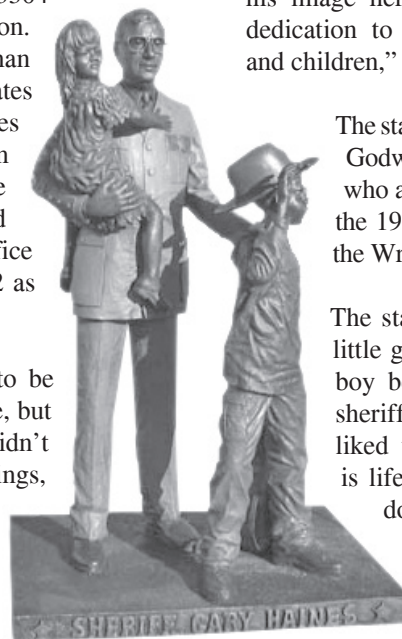
The Sanitary Engineering Department's Public Education Committee has been awarded a \$4,684.00 mini grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Ohio Environmental Education Fund. The grant will provide funding for the establishment of an environmental resource library and some new portable educational displays. The resource library will provide environmental educational materials to Montgomery County teachers, scout leaders, employees and citizens. The educational displays will be used for new employee orientations, in school demonstrations and will be placed in the lobby of the Sanitary Engineering Building for customer viewing. In May, Sanitary Engineering employees participated in the annual Children's Water Festival, held at the University of Dayton. The festival educates students about water related issues and celebrates National Drinking Water Week.



Children hear about Montgomery County water

Haines Statue at Children Services Unveiled

A bronze statue of former Montgomery County Sheriff Gary Haines now graces the entrance to the Haines Children's Center, a three story structure that houses Children Services at 3304 N. Main St. in Dayton. The slightly larger than life statue commemorates the memory of Haines who died of cancer on April 6, 2000 at the age of 50. He worked with the Sheriff's Office for 31 years, the last 12 as Sheriff.



"We are happy today to be able to unveil this statue, but I would be remiss if I didn't say it is with mixed feelings, because time has not lessened our sorrow over Gary's death," remarked Commission President Vicki D.

Pegg. "We could not have thought of a more fitting tribute to the children of Montgomery County than to name this beautiful building after Gary and to place his image here for all to remember his dedication to protecting our community and children," she continued.

The statue is the work of artist Larry Godwin of Brundidge, Alabama, who also was commissioned to do the 1905 Wright Flyer that honors the Wright Brothers at RiverScape.

The statue features Haines with a little girl in his arms and a young boy beside him with the former sheriff's hat, which Haines never liked to wear. "A likeness that is lifeless is not a success and it doesn't come off as a work of art," said Godwin. "In going after his likeness, I also tried to impart feeling and stature."

United Way Running Earlier Campaign Pacesetter Style

The Montgomery County United Way Campaign will kick off earlier this year, with the annual Kick-Off event being held on Wednesday, June 23rd in the parking lot adjacent to the Crime Lab. Mark your calendars for this earlier date and be sure to look for raffle tickets – there are some great prizes to be won this year.

The earlier date will allow for not only warmer weather for the notorious dunking booth, but it will assist the Dayton United Way in completing its reporting as well as for the County to use the location prior to construction beginning in that area.

Please consider your United Way donation, many families in Montgomery County benefit every day from the generous contributions made by employees.

Summer Camp Planner

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Summer Camps for Children

Parents – its never too early to plan for keeping your children busy during summer vacation. Montgomery County offers a variety of excellent summer day camps that run weekly at the Montgomery County Parks.

Each session offers the campers opportunities to enjoy nature, actively participate in sports, and experience supervised activities. The great news is that these camps are not only safe, well run and fun for the children; they are also economical, with prices ranging from \$39 to \$80 per each week session. Camps are available for children ages 3-15, with special sessions offering field trips, tennis instruction and outdoor activities. To learn more about Montgomery County's summer camp program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 496-7134, or log onto www.mcoho.org/parksrec. Camps begin June 14th.

Children Services Director Wins Prestigious Award

Helen Jones Kelley, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Children Services received the Catholic Social Services Agency Outstanding Community Leadership Award. The honor was given in recognition of her support of public/private service partnerships that are effectively protecting children from abuse and neglect. According to Dr. Ronald Eckerle, Executive Director of CSSMV, Kelley has "challenged public and private organizations to work together." "Helen Jones-Kelley's willingness to partner has encouraged synergy and efficiencies among human service providers," explained Eckerle.

Since 1995, in collaboration with Montgomery County and with support from

federal and state grants and private charitable support, Catholic Social Services has created parenting support programs -Teen ParentLink and FatherLink. It has also introduced the Teen LifeLink prevention program and the Erma's House Family Visitation Center, a family violence prevention program. These collaborative programs, administered by Catholic Social Services, have provided service to more than 4,000 families in Montgomery County.

Recent studies have concluded that since Teen Parent Link began in 1995, substantiated abuse and neglect of the children of teen parents in Montgomery County has decreased by 50%. This service outcome recently earned a special

award for the Teen ParentLink program. The Ohio Children's Trust Fund on April 1 awarded the CSSMV program its 2004 award as Ohio's #1 Child Abuse Prevention Program.

Eckerle explained, "In 1995, CSSMV gave the agency's first Community Leadership award to honor the University of Dayton's Brother Ray Fitz for his work with the Community Task Force. He led the effort to identify and mobilize public attention and concern for the needs of local children and families. On Wednesday, we will again give this award to Children Services Director Helen Jones-Kelley – to honor her leadership and support, and to recognize her efforts to create collaborative and innovative solutions to protect children in our community."

DAYTON DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS

The Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations is a community initiative whose primary goal is to implement a process of healing race relations by utilizing dialogue to foster reconciliation through honest conversation, understanding and action. The Dialogue's innovative approach has proven helpful in opening others up to recognizing the value that each person contributes to the workplace.



The Dialogue is an open, honest conversation between people of all backgrounds on matters of race, reconciliation and responsibility.

Montgomery County began its initial Dialogue group in late April. We began this reconciliation with twelve (12) of our management officials.

The group meets during County time for a total of twelve (12) hours over a period of six (6) weeks.

We will be extending Dialogue groups throughout the organization in the near future. Participation is voluntary. Sessions will be held at various County facilities during County time and a twelve hour commitment by participants is required. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sue Donahue in HR.

CORNER

Benefits Open Enrollment Make Any Changes Now

Montgomery County's Open Enrollment is occurring through May 28th. All employees should have received packets mailed to their homes that describe health/dental care and choice spending account options for 2004.

All changes begin July 1, 2004

If you are interested in making changes to your health or dental coverage or participating in the choice spending account – please go to the website www.mcoho.org/benefits to make changes or fill out the paper form and return it to the benefits office by May 28th. All changes begin July 1, 2004.

Two County Employees Win Recognition

Debbie Dulaney of Stillwater Center was recognized for her work with the Montgomery County MRDD and received the 2004 Erin Ritchey Memorial Spirit Award for dedicated outstanding service to the community.

Tammy Combs-McNew, from Organizational Development, received the Wright State Department of Communication Outstanding Alumnus of 2004, and was honored at the annual Liberal Arts Awards Dinner.