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September is National Preparedness Month!

During September the American Red Cross will join the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Association and other organizations in celebrating National Preparedness Month. The campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies, from a hurricane to a heart attack. The Red Cross has several new and enhanced resources to help individuals, families and communities in preparedness actions.

Downloadable electronic versions of "Be Red Cross Ready" information brochures are posted on RedCross.org for public ease of access. In order to help reach diverse communities, these tear sheets are also being translated into six additional languages (French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Haitian-Creole and Tagalog) and will be posted when they are available.

Topics include:

- Be Red Cross Ready (general preparedness)
- Earthquake Safety
- Fire Prevention & Safety
- Flood Safety
- Flu Safety Checklist
- Heat Wave Safety
- Hurricane Safety
- Landslide Safety
- Pets and Disaster Safety
- Power Outage Safety
- Returning Home after a Hurricane or Flood
- Taking Care of Your Emotional Health after a Disaster
- Thunderstorm Safety
- Tornado Safety
- Wild Fire Safety
- Winter Storm Safety

This is but one example of the resources available on the Allen County Chapter website, (www.allenohrc.org) as well as the American Red Cross website, redcross.org.

To stay current on chapter activity we encourage all of you to visit the chapter web site for the latest in chapter information. Blood drive schedules, health and safety class schedules and special event dates are all posted on the chapter web site at www.allenohrc.org. As always, we count on each of you through your generous giving of time, blood and financial support to make our chapter successful. It is with your help that we are able to do great things!

Be Red Cross Ready

Get a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed.

Gallon Blood Donors

Congratulations to those of you who have donated 10 gallons or more! For a schedule of upcoming blood drives, please visit www.allenohrc.org. To schedule your next appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.givelife.org.

10 GALLONS

Robert Bertrand
Elizabeth Eley
William Kroeger
Vickie Martin
Michael Metcalfe
Charles Rohrbacher
Mary Wilkin
Delores Winegardner
Dale Woods

15 GALLONS

Thomas Arheit
Delphia Kiggins
Dee Sherer
Marvin Spitnale
Arthur Utrup

11 GALLONS

Thomas Altenburger
Judith Badertscher
Robert Barnhardt
John Brunk
Alan Goergens
Marilyn Hoffman
Lynn Miller
Mary Say
Roger Scott

16 GALLONS

Richard Boop
Richard Furry
James Gable
A.J. Keasler
Larry Risser

12 GALLONS

William Askins
Sean Carpenter
Marilyn Fuhrman
Susan Sarakaitis
Arnold Wienken

17 GALLONS

Dale Binkley

18 GALLONS

Richard Baumgartner
Robert Krueger

19 GALLONS

Charles Riffle

20 GALLONS

Richard McCrate
Russell Stauffer

13 GALLONS

Dennis Estes
Elton Hammond
David Haver
Mary Haver
Cleadous Hawk
Robert Johns
Darrol Keck
James Mauk
Paul Ruen
Ronald Shook

22 GALLONS

Eloise Shumaker

23 GALLONS

Richard Fox

24 GALLONS

Clarence Roller

14 GALLONS

Beth Arheit
Gary Boedicker
Roger Camper
Mary Haase
Christine Hoff
Joseph Miller

25 GALLONS

Esther Hartman
Robert Maenle

26 GALLONS

James Ryan

27 GALLONS

Earl Hofstetter

Red Cross Honors Volunteers

The American Red Cross in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties held its annual volunteer recognition celebration on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at American Legion Post 96 in Lima.

Those volunteers being honored this year included volunteers who help with blood drives, assist at fundraising events, help out in the office, and disaster volunteers who leave home in the middle of the night to assist a fire victim.

The recognition program expanded this year to include volunteers in Auglaize and Hardin counties. The Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross now has branch offices in those two counties.

The Clara Barton Award and Volunteer of the Year Award were given to an individual in each county. The Clara Barton Award recognizes a volunteer who has displayed significant leadership and commitment to the Red Cross mission. The Volunteer of the Year Award honors a volunteer who is tirelessly carrying out the mission of the Red Cross, whether working blood drives, serving on disaster teams or working

in the office. Several additional awards were given only in Allen County, including the Frances Miller Award and Flickinger Leadership Award. Following are the honorees in each county:

The Allen County Chapter's Frances Miller Award was presented to Allen County Chapter board treasurer Bruce Gelsinger. The Frances Miller Award can only be given once in a person's lifetime and is given for a person's outstanding service, commitment and dedication.

The Allen County Chapter's Flickinger Leadership Award was presented to Allen County Chapter board member Richard Locke for providing outstanding leadership, direction and vision to further our humanitarian mission.

The Allen County Chapter's Clara Barton Award was presented to Allen County Chapter Disaster Action Team member William Weldy Jr. of Lima.

The Allen County Chapter's Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Disaster Services and Blood Services volunteer Francis Early Jr. of Elida.

The Allen County Chapter's Youth of the Year Award was given to Lima

Senior High School student Brianna Henderson.

Two local businesses received the Organization of the Year Award in Allen County. Kewpee

Hamburgers was recognized for the great support it has given to blood drives in Allen County. **American Legion Post 96** was recognized for donating its facility and the food for the volunteer banquet last year and again this year.

The Auglaize County Clara Barton Award was presented to Auglaize County Emergency Management Agency Director Troy Anderson.

The Auglaize County Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Blood Services Volunteer Coordinator Mary H. Stueve of Minster.

The Hardin County Clara Barton Award was presented to Eve Johnson-Timmons of Kenton, who is the on-call person for Hardin County to assist military families at any time of the day or night, and is a member of the Disaster Action Team.

The Hardin County Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Pamela Sprang of Kenton, who coordinated the Moose Lodge blood drive in Kenton.

Tributes & Memorials

In lieu of flowers, a memorial or in honor of contribution pays tribute to loved ones. A notice is sent to the family of each honoree notifying them of the contribution. The chapter is grateful for donations made between August 21, 2008 and August 30, 2009 in memory of or in honor of the following people:

In Memory of parents, Ba & Bapuji
Dipak and Bharti Naik

In Memory of James Barber
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

In Memory of Yvonne Binkley
Thomas and Roseanne Bayliff
Kathleen Flory

Louis and Virginia Forney
Ned and Kim LaWarre
Clyde and Kay Rauch

Kenneth and Dana Jo Renner

In Memory of Marsh Bowersock
Elizabeth Kantner

In Memory of Lucille O. Chiles
Emil Chiles
Women of the Moose, Lima

In Memory of D. "Mickie" Roberts Dodge
Robert and Gloria Davis
Gene and Agnes Krietemeyer
Robert and Carole Maenle
JoAnna Neu
Richard and Drena Neu
Robert and Andrea Neu
Dwight and Betty Nicolet

In Memory of Frederick Fassel
Tom and Bebe Tilson

In Memory of Charles Fuller
J. Thomas and Janet Benjamin
Betty Bushong
Diana Diller
Richard and Teresa Gaskin
John and Sally MacDonell

David and Linda Neth
James and Elizabeth Prince

Colleen Quinn

Jim Ryan

Ruth Shaw

Lynn Shock

West Central Ohio Labor Council
Susan Young

In Memory of Susan Gerber
Ruth Ann Barber

In Memory of friend, Opal Grogg
Marjorie Pugh

In Memory of Alyce Jenkins
Thomas and K. Sue Fettig
Marcelle Hefner
Violet Perkins

In Memory of Floyd Metzger
Della Archer
H. Herbert and Alice R. Bushong
Frank and Mary Clark
John and Diane Corrigan
Tim and JoAnn DeHaven
William Dicke
Downtown Lima, Inc
James and Barbara Duval
Sandi Imbrock

Lima/Allen Chamber of Commerce
John and Sally MacDonell
Metallic Recourse Recovery
Ruby Sandy
Rex and Jean Thomas

In Memory of Ruth Michael
Jay and Laura Ulm

In Memory of Elizabeth M. Oswald
Ruth Ann Barber

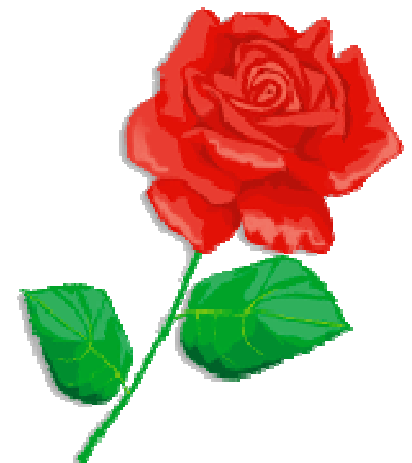
In Memory of Burt Poole
Darrel and Nancy Acker

In Memory of Marlene Powers
Ruth Ann Barber

In Memory of Brenda Steele
James Kammerzelt
Manpower/Lima

In Memory of Janice Weldy
Robert and Janis Allen III
Bradley and Glenna Cox
Greg and Karen Schwark

In Memory of Merle Will
Ruth Ann Densel



The Lima Fire Department topped the Lima Police Department in the second Annual Lima Battle of the Badges blood drive in August. The Fire Department will receive a plaque and bragging rights for the year. A total of 125 units were collected.



Jan Riestenberg donates during the Lima Battle of the Badges blood drive

Ralph C. Roller of Allen County proudly displays the shadow box showing his American Red Cross gallon donor pins. Mr. Roller, who will be 100 years old on Sept. 30, 2009, has donated 26.5 gallons of blood in his lifetime. The box was made for him by his son, Clarence Roller, who has donated 24 gallons of blood. Blood donors receive gallon pins for each gallon milestone. To achieve 26.5 gallons, Mr. Roller donated blood at least 212 times. Each donation has the potential to help three people, thus, Mr. Roller has helped more than 630 people in his lifetime with his blood donations.



What's New in Hardin County

The Hardin County Branch of the American Red Cross has kept busy promoting blood drives due to the increased need for blood during the summer months. 125 productive units were collected in June reaching about 70% of our goal, however, July and August drives were very well attended. In July, 149 productive units were collected reaching 108% of our goal and August 143 were collected reaching 133% of our goal.

A successful Guns & Hoses Blood drive campaign was held on July 30th surpassing the goal, collecting 42 productive units. Firefighters as in the past, won again this year,

although only by 5. It was a great day with a lot of friendly competition between law enforcement and firefighters. Keith Everhart, Sheriff was very supportive of this effort and vowed to do it again next year to even up the score.

A new 12 foot, furnished disaster trailer was presented to Hardin County Red Cross on Thursday, August 13 through the efforts of the Allen County Chapter who received grant funding through the Wal-Mart Foundation. The trailer holds cots, bedding kits, comfort kits and coolers to store beverages, food and ice. The disaster trailer will be showcased at

the Hardin County Fair during the week of September 8-13th.

Hardin County Red Cross was the recipient of a Hardin County EMA grant in the amount of \$6,500 toward 127 cots and 125 blankets. These items were received on August 27 and are being dispersed to stage designated Red Cross shelters throughout the county to include Alger, Dunkirk, Forest, Mt. Victory and Ridgeway. Emergency Disaster Start-up Kits are also being stored at those designated shelters so that necessary supplies to open a shelter are available to DAT responders if called to open a shelter.

10 GALLONS

Hal Elsasser
Dana Putman

13 GALLONS

Barbara Cline
Elaine Dirmehyer
Paul Pemberton

18 GALLONS

Greg King
Robert Kline
Paul Taylor, Sr.
Paul J. Taylor

20 GALLONS

Jackie Byers
Vera Davis

11 GALLONS

Jerry Arnold
David Dulin
Lora Ferrand
Dale Musselman

14 GALLONS

Dale Osborn
Martha Skeens

19 GALLONS

Roberta Dennis

22 GALLONS

Curtis Engelhardt
Keith Kissling

12 GALLONS

Jim Crates
Penny Moore

15 GALLONS

Cloyd Jones
Jeff Kehler

16 GALLONS

James Downey
Gloria Oates

23 GALLONS

Robert Lambert
Forrest McCune

27 GALLONS

Robert Bennett



Hardin County Volunteers at Volunteer Banquet

Front Row: (left) Chris and Tom Gibson; Nila Highslip; Alta Boger; Eve Johnson-Timmons; Esther Duprey; Mary Jane Kirkland and Patty Whitt

Second Row: (left) Pam and Jim Sprang; Edna Sponsler; Patti and Forrest McCune; Lois Stout; Dortha Kaser; Jim Ramge and Carol and Bill Bostelman

Not pictured: Dick Lawrence

What's New in Auglaize County

We now have a firmly established American Red Cross, in Auglaize County, providing a full range of Red Cross services, while engaging as a recognized partner to all of the other service organizations of the county.

Over the course of this summer, we have remained busy with ongoing training and continued participation for disaster services. Highlights of these services/trainings are as follows:

DaNeen Bryan, Auglaize County Branch Director, provides presentations for public awareness, offering opportunity for questions and answers throughout the year, with late spring and summer of 2009 offering opportunity to present to Wapakoneta Chamber of Commerce, Women in Business Association, Noon Optimist, Breakfast Optimist and Council of Agencies.

On June 20, 2009, Auglaize County Red Cross Disaster Action Team Volunteers and Director Bryan participated in a full scale Emergency Management Exercise. As a vital partner in this exercise, the Red Cross provided a mock shelter simulation; we are pleased to report that this activity was recognized by the Ohio State Emergency Management Department, as meeting and exceeding performance requirements.

Auglaize County Red Cross Disaster Action Team Volunteers assisted two families, of Auglaize County, displaced from their homes due to fire. Temporary shelter and funds for meeting the families' short-term clothing and food needs were provided, which allowed them relief and time to seek long-term housing, while reestablishing their day-to-day amenities. We are very pleased to be in place, as first responders when disaster hits, and we are especially pleased to have established excellent partnerships with other human service organizations of Auglaize County to refer our clients for further assistance.

We are happy to announce that the American Red Cross of Auglaize County has received, via a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation, a new Disaster Response Trailer. This is one of three donated to the American Red Cross local service area of Auglaize, Allen and Hardin Counties.

The American Red Cross of Auglaize County's Disaster Action Team Members hold monthly meetings offering an opportunity for local residents, interested in becoming Red Cross Volunteers, to learn more about our local services; and, for added convenience, these meetings are held at the Fire Departments throughout the County. All meetings and special events of The American Red Cross – Auglaize County are posted on the local cable networks and in the Wapakoneta Daily News and St. Mary's The Evening Leader.



William C. McCollum of New Bremen proudly displays the shadow box he received as a Christmas gift from his daughter and her family. The shadow box is a display of his American Red Cross blood donor pins he has received through the years. Mr. McCollum began donating blood in 1956, but didn't start donating consistently until the mid-1960s. He has donated 17 gallons, 6 pints of blood. "I'm very proud to be a blood donor and hope it can help someone along the way," he said. The shadow box was designed and constructed by a local craftsman in Minster, Ohio.

10 GALLONS
Dorothy Parker

12 GALLONS
Thomas Brookhart
Kathryn Danaher
Judy Mowery
Joseph Schetter

14 GALLONS
Joan Boley
William Doenges
Joseph Kuebler
Robert Seebach

22 GALLONS
Mary Stueve
Rita Tebbe

27 GALLONS
Lawrence Dieringer

11 GALLONS
Cynthia Dodds
Patricia Thuman

13 GALLONS
Michael Suchland
Marvin Selhorst

18 GALLONS
Kevin Bowersock

21 GALLONS
Jean Bowsher

23 GALLONS
Gary Hale

28 GALLONS
Robert Ziegenbusch

Disaster Blaster

In February, the Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross received a Wal-Mart Foundation Disaster Readiness and Capacity Building Grant in the amount of \$40,726.

The generous grant has enabled the Allen County Chapter to increase its response capabilities in the three counties it serves. In August, the Allen County Chapter deployed three fully equipped Disaster Response Haulmark 6 X 12 dual axle trailers. Each trailer is equipped with 10 Jumbo Cots, 100 Deluxe Military style cots, 120 Comfort Kits, 100 Bedding Kits, 3 Five Gallon Cambros and 3 Hot Food Tray Cambros, 1 case Hot/Cold Cups and 1 100 Quart Ice Chest. Trailers are strategically located in Allen County, Auglaize County and Hardin County and demonstrate the interest of the Wal-Mart Foundation in expanding the readiness capabilities in the communities they serve.

Blood Drives

For the latest schedule of blood drives in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties, go to the Allen County Chapter's website at www.allenohrc.org and click on the separate counties. Or, to the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region website at www.indianaohioredcross.org.

Blood drives are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Chapter House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the third Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m. The Chapter is located at 610 S. Collett St., Lima. Other blood drives are held in the counties on a regular basis.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes Offered

June 1st through the 6th the American Red Cross held its second annual Adult CPR/AED Awareness Week. Our chapter participated in this national campaign, and was sponsored by Lima Memorial Health System. With Lima Memorial Health System's generosity 23 people were able to take the Adult CPR/AED class at no charge to them and were certified in Adult CPR/AED.

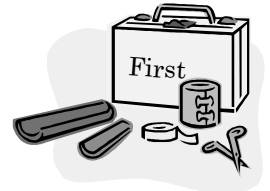


For a printable schedule and registration form for our Adult CPR – AED – First Aid – Infant & Child CPR – CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer/Healthcare Provider and Child Care Provider classes, you can go to www.allenohrc.org or email Patrick Shelton at health@allenohrc.org.

First Aid Station

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the First Aid Station at the Allen County Fair this year. Without the volunteers the First Aid Station would not operate as easily as it did. We would also like to say thank you to all the businesses that donated supplies to the American Red Cross for the first aid station.

7 UP Distributors of Lima
Peacock Water
Rays Supermarkets
Sam's Club
Tracy Appliances



And a special Thank You to Larry Flick and Bob Davis of Davis Dynamic Signs for their work on the First Aid Station sign.

Babysitters Training

Learn First Aid
Improve Babysitting Skills
For Girls & Boys 11 - 15 years old
Earn an American Red Cross Babysitting Certification Card

DATE: Saturday, October 10, 2009 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
COST: \$40.00 per person (must pre-register)
PLACE: American Red Cross Chapter House

Participants need to BRING A SACK LUNCH AND DRINK

Parents need to register children with Paul Barker at 419-227-5121 or by emailing him at workplace@allenohrc.org
Our office hours: are from 8:30am - 4:30pm.