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WORKING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OHIOANS LIVING IN THE 32-COUNTY REGION

Governor John Kasich Dedicates Holocaust Memorial at the Statehouse

Three years ago at Ohio's annual Holocaust remembrance event, Governor John R. Kasich called upon the people of Ohio to build a memorial in honor of the victims, survivors, and liberators of the Holocaust.

On June 2, 2014 more than 2,000 people attended and more than 4 million people across the country watched as Governor John R. Kasich and Daniel Libeskind, the memorial designer, unveiled the Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial at the Ohio Statehouse.

A solemn ceremony preceded the unveiling and reflected on the lives lost, lives saved, and the sacrifices of the liberators.



First Lady Karen Kasich and daughter Emma Kasich participate in the candle lighting ceremony.

Candles were lit in tribute to the lives lost. It also was a time to remember that we must all remain vigilant to ensure that it never happens again.



After the ceremony, Ohioans gathered near the memorial to reflect and thank the many liberators that traveled to Columbus for the dedication.

Each year, more than 70,000 students visit the Ohio Statehouse. Located on the south lawn of the Ohio Statehouse, the memorial stands as a monument to the six million Jews and other displaced people who perished in the Holocaust and honors the Ohio liberators who freed thousands from the death camps in the spring of 1945.

When visiting the memorial, guests will enter a sloped platform of smooth reddish-grey granite that leads up to the monument. The top of the walk is etched with the words, "If you save one life, it is as if you saved the world."



Governor John R. Kasich and memorial designer Daniel Libeskind pause for a moment of reflection at the Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial.

"By coming together Ohio has made an enduring tribute to those who were lost and those who liberated survivors, and have renewed our commitment to never let it happen again," said Gov. John R. Kasich.

Summer Fun Should Include Safety On The Road

Summer is here and family vacations can finally begin. Before you hit the highways, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) offers helpful driving tips.

To arrive at your destination safely this summer, remember:

Put Cell Phones Down While Driving – Crashes caused by distracted drivers result in approximately 330,000 injuries every year and kill 11 people each day.

Move Over When You See Flashing Lights – Ohio's new Move Over law now requires all drivers to move over one lane passing by any vehicle with flashing or rotating lights parked on the roadside.



Don't Tailgate – Following too closely is the leading cause of crashes in Ohio. Leave plenty of room between you and the car in front of you.

Slow Down – Obey reduced speed limits. Remember, fines for speeding are doubled in work zones.

Stay Alert – Avoid distractions, especially in work zones.

Click It or Ticket – Seat belts are the most effective safety feature and help save lives.

Know Before You Go – Visit www.OhGo.com for up-to-the-minute traffic flow, construction information and weather conditions. When driving through work zones, motorists can improve safety by following all posted signs and obeying flaggers, expecting the unexpected and being aware that normal traffic patterns may be shifted.



Governor's Office of Appalachia Internship Available

The Governor's Office of Appalachia is accepting applications for summer and fall interns. Students must be from one of the 32-Appalachian counties, a junior or senior in college, and available to work in Columbus. Interested students should send their resume and cover letter to appalachia@development.ohio.gov or call (614) 644-9228.

The Ohio State University-South Centers in Piketon Recognized for Excellence

Across the state the [Ohio SBDC network](#) is helping Ohio small businesses grow and succeed. With many local community partners including colleges and universities, economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, and other community organizations, the centers are providing small businesses with a variety of business counseling services.

Recently the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at The Ohio State University-South Centers in Piketon was recognized for its work with local small business owners. The center received the Small Business Development Center Service Excellence and Innovation Award for the Columbus District SBA, as well as the SBA's Region 5, which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. This award recognizes the SBDCs for providing superior services to the local small business community while offering advancements in management through innovation.

Led by Center Director Ryan Mapes, the center covers a 10-county area in the south central part of Ohio, and works with diverse businesses. From agriculture to manufacturing, to retail and tourism-based businesses, the center takes a holistic approach when reviewing a client's business and needs. When appropriate, the center refers clients to the International Trade Assistance Center and the Manufacturing and Technology Small Business Development Center.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (October 2012 – September 2013) the center surpassed its job creation and export sales goals for the year with 381 jobs created and \$1.9 million in export sales.

More information on [The Ohio State University South Centers](#) call (740) 289-2071.



HEAP SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM BEGINS JULY 1

July and August can be two of the hottest months of the year in Ohio, especially for those without air conditioning or a fan.

The Ohio Development Services Agency and local community action agencies across the state are accepting applications for the Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program. The program helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty level purchase an air conditioner or fan, and/or assist in the payment of an electric bill, helping them keep cool during the hot summer days.

“For older Ohioans and those with breathing conditions, the heat can take its toll. Together we’re reducing the risk of heat related illnesses in our communities,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

To be eligible Ohioans must be at or below 175 percent of poverty, and have either an elderly member of the household (60 years or older), or provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. This can include lung disease; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; or asthma, which affects more than 850,000 Ohioans, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

This year, the program will also provide assistance to customers of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. Customers of the unregulated utilities are eligible if they have a disconnection notice and have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

For more information about the Summer Crisis Program call at (800) 282-0880 or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.



Attending the Ohio State Fair? On July 30 and 31 the Development Services Agency booth will highlight the Appalachian Region.



Ohio Veterans Bonus

If you served in Iraq between March 19, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2011, you only have until Dec. 31, 2014 to apply. Don't miss out on this thank-you from Ohio voters.

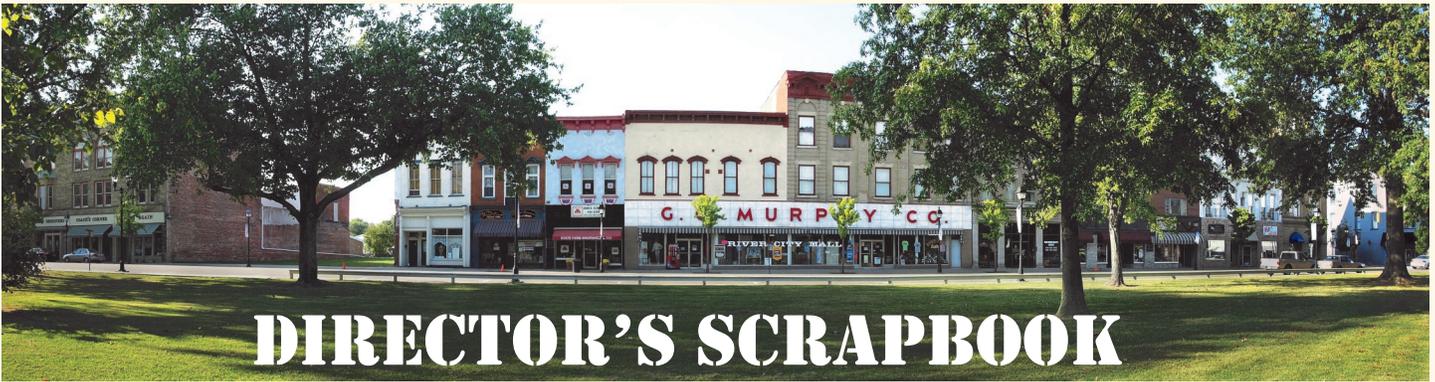
Find out more at: https://veteransbonus.ohio.gov/odvs_web/, or contact your [County Veterans Service Office](#).

Summer Safety Tips from the Ohio Fire Marshal

After what seemed like a never ending winter, summer is finally here! That means it's time to get outside and enjoy the weather. But before you get out the sparklers, the State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers has a few tips to keep your family safe.

Firework Safety:

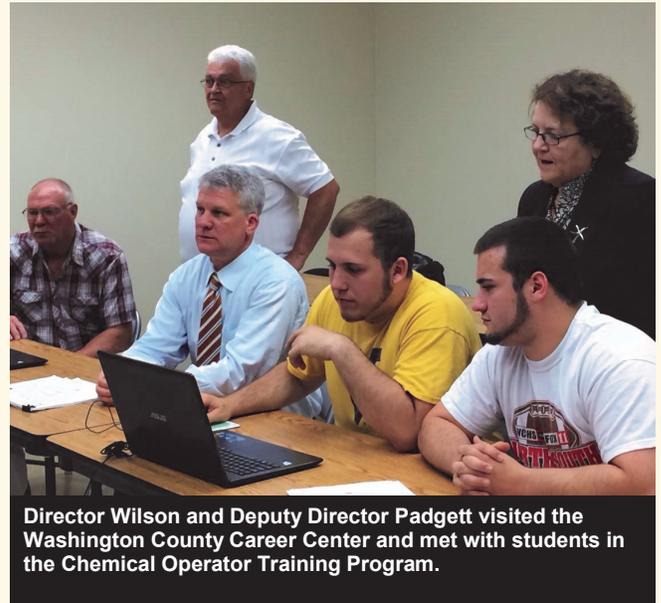
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used. **Don't let children handle and discharge trick and novelty devices without adult supervision.**
- **Carefully** read and follow the label directions on the trick and novelty device packaging.
- Light only one sparkler at a time and hold it away from your body and others.
- Sparkler wires, which can burn up to 1800 degrees, should immediately be placed in a bucket of water to avoid injury. They remain hot for a few minutes after burnout.



DIRECTOR'S SCRAPBOOK



Director Wilson and Deputy Director Padgett with ARC Federal Co-Chair Earl Gohl at the State of the Region meeting at Ohio University (picture courtesy of Robert Gordon, Ohio University)



Director Wilson and Deputy Director Padgett visited the Washington County Career Center and met with students in the Chemical Operator Training Program.



Director Wilson toured the IPS facility in Struthers, Ohio. IPS supplies pipe and valves to the oil and gas industry.



Deputy Director Padgett with Michelle Decker and Tom Redfern of Rural Action at the Chesterhill Produce Auction.

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