



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

5-26-11

Support Group

@ 6pm

Location:

Child Care
Choices

Galion

Toll Free Kinship Care Line

**1-877-419-
6049 @235**

or

**419-569-0160
419-562-0015**

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Support Group Meetings:

Our April support group meeting was yummy! Our potluck was great!

Next meeting: May 26th. Please call Connie at 1-877-419-6049 @236 and let her know by 5/20 with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough childcare & supplies! There was a discussion concerning the non-profit, and many great ideas to raise money that can help create a Kinship Child Care Package that could include a backpack filled with a blanket, toothbrush, towels, etc. for children moving to a new kinship home.

Send us your cell phone if you want us to TXT a reminder TXT for daycare RSVP and another TXT just prior to the meeting. We can also call you on your home phone for a reminder if you wish. If you would like to be added to this list, please call Connie.

Little Buckeye Children's Museum in Mansfield

The museum celebrates self-directed play through creative, open-ended learning environments that engage kids and adults, spark imagination, and promote discovery. They are open May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29 from 10am - 8pm. They are located at 44 West Fourth Street, Mansfield, OH 44902. The daily admission is \$6 for ages 2 and up.

Kinship Job Support

Job openings are posted on our Kinship Facebook page. Please let us know if you do not have internet and would like us to mail you with the job openings on a regular basis! Please call Connie! To locate our Facebook page, please search for Crawford County Kinship Connection.

Need Children's Clothes? Have Too Many?

We have a clothing room for children's clothes. If you need some children's clothes, please call. We are in need of boy's items, and in all sizes.

Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

Here are the meeting dates for next year. These are subject to change.

May 26th Galion July 28th Galion Sept 29th Galion

June 30th Bucyrus Aug 25th Bucyrus Oct 27th Bucyrus

Dec 1st should be our Christmas Party. The location will be announced closer to the party date! Clip this and stick it to your fridge!

Bucyrus-Council on Aging, 200 S. Spring Street & Galion-Child Care Choices, 601 South St.

Newsletter & Informational E-mails:

Please forward any tips & news updates to reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Capstone Enrichment Center will be holding it's 7th Annual "Art Saves Lives" Art Show and Sale on Fri. May 20th from 10 am to 2pm @ 120 Harding Way East, Galion, Ohio. Students create art work throughout the year, and then present it in a "Gallery Opening" type setting, complete with appetizers. The proceeds from the sale of art work will go to Capstone's field trip fund.

The students are very proud to see their art work framed and presented in a "professional" manner. They enjoy taking visitors through the show, and pointing out their own pieces of work. This has become a very popular community event. We hope you can join us!

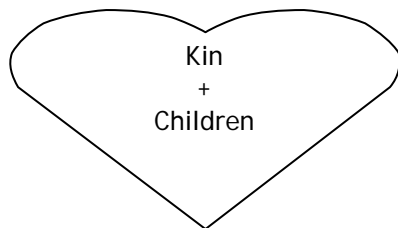
The **Bucyrus Brautwurst Festival** went green in 2010 and they are now collecting cans and bottles to cut down on waste. If you are interested in sponsoring a recycling can, then you can sponsor a can with your kinship/child's names, grandchildren or business name. The cans will be used each year during the festival until they are unusable. The cost is \$25 and up to 4 words per can. The Boy Scouts will receive all money collected from the bottles and cans. Contact Kinship Caregiver Scott Short at 419-617-7224 or 419-562-2728 for more information.

Kinship Directory:

Come prepared to have your picture taken at our next meeting! Your participation is voluntary. The support group has decided to have a Kinship Directory. Members would like to have contact information when someone wants to reach out for a listening ear of someone who has been there and is there going through a similar situation. This directory will have pictures of our kinship families and contact information. It is up to you if you want your entire family in the directory for the picture or no picture at all. It is up to you what type of contact information you want included. This directory will be mailed to all new members. We can also come to you to take family pictures! You can also forward a picture and contact information to Peggy (reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us). If you have any questions about this directory, please come to our next meeting or call us!

Kinship – Spread The Word:

We want to reach out to all kinship families to let them know we are here! We are looking for a short logo to represent our Kinship Group. We want to have a few creative ideas for everyone to vote on. Here is one:



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Crawford Park District Activities:

Spring Bird Walk - Sunday, May 1 9AM Sears Woods - The first week of May is the most active time for bird migration in Ohio. Vireos, Thrushes, Flycatchers, Tanagers, and Warblers are more numerous in May than at any other time of the year. In their full breeding colors, many more are spectacularly beautiful. Meet Warren Uxley at the Sears Woods parking lot.

Bison: They're Big! Tuesday, May 3 7PM Lowe-Volk Park - Bison were a sight to behold to the first explorers of North America. Join Josh for a hands-on experience that will explore the beasts that gave "Buffalo" Bill his moniker. Local Bison rancher Ron Treisch will also be on hand to discuss other aspects of Bison.

Woodland Ecology - Saturday, May 7, 9AM Sears Woods - Join Wynford High School senior, Cody Kent, for an informative hike covering some of the ecological connections that can be found in Sears Woods. May is a beautiful time at Sears. Don't miss this program by a CPD Junior Naturalist!

Tellin' Tales: Annapolis aka Sulphur Springs - Saturday, May 7, 2PM Nature Center - A special focus for this Tellin' Tales will be Sulphur Springs which was laid out in 1833 as the village of Annapolis. If you have special connections to Sulphur, come tell what you know! Share your stories of our county's geology, farming history, weather catastrophes or other happenings. Moderated by Jim Croneis, former publisher of the Bucyrus Telegraph Forum and local history buff.

Leesville History: Roundtable Discussion - Saturday, May 7, 3:15PM Nature Center - Anyone who has a connection to Leesville or is interested in the history of our area is welcome to participate in this discussion lead by local resident and Leesville promoter, Joe Everly. Bring pictures to be shared, stories to tell and a listening ear. Leesville's rich history needs told, retold and updated!

Resthaven Wildlife Area - Sunday, May 8 10AM Meet @ Lowe-Volk Park - This program will explore the botanical treasures of Resthaven Wildlife Area. It will include one of the largest populations of the Endangered White Lady Slipper Orchid. Meet Warren Uxley at the Lowe-Volk Nature Center parking lot.

Pancakes in the Park - Saturday, May 14, 8 AM- 1 PM - Come and support your Parks while satisfying your appetite. Enjoy an all you can eat breakfast of: pancakes with real maple syrup, ham, orange juice and coffee. Donation of \$5.00 per meal. Sponsored by The Crawford Park District Assisted by Galion Rotary

Bird Banding on the Porch - Saturday, May 14 7AM - 1PM Lowe-Volk Park - For the fourth year in a row, Bob Scott Placier will string up mist nets to see what birds reside in or pass through Lowe-Volk Park. Vital to the long-term study of bird trends, banding is scientific and fun! Join Bob and Josh at the Nature Center to see birds up close and personal. A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush! All ages welcome.

Viewing the Night Sky - Saturday, May 14, 9:30PM Lowe-Volk

Let's Go Fly A Kite - Sunday, May 15, 1 PM Unger Park - Do you have an old kite that has been in storage for a long time? It's nothing fancy, just some old-fashioned fun on a Sunday afternoon. Come and join the excitement which will be lead by CPD volunteers, the Steve Meadows family. All ages welcome!

Toddler Trot - Saturday, May 21, 2PM Lowe-Volk - Come and hike with Joy-Etter Link then make a craft at the Nature Center. The focus is the younger crowd through second grade, but all youth are welcome! Fun, Fun, Fun!

Camp Fire Cooking - Saturday, May 21 1PM Lowe-Volk -Knowing how to cook outside over a camp fire can make your next camping trip fun and tasty. People have been cooking with dutch ovens and cast iron pans for hundreds of years and now you can learn how. Come join Wendy Peyton and give this cooking method a try and a taste.

Please call 419-683-9000 with questions about programs. Most events are free. Donations for programs are appreciated. Nature Center Hours- Saturdays, 9AM to 4PM. Sundays - Noon to 4PM

Recipe: Crockpot Egg Casserole

<http://busycooks.about.com/od/eggentreerecipes/r/cpeggcasserole.htm>

- 32 oz. bag frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1 lb. cooked ham, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1-1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 12 eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

Spray inside of slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. In small skillet, cook onion and green pepper in olive oil until crisp tender. Let cool about 10 minutes. Place one third of the frozen hash brown potatoes in the slow cooker. Add one third of the ham, onion, green pepper and cheese. Repeat layers, ending with the cheese. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, milk and seasonings until well mixed. Pour over the ingredients in the slow cooker, cover and turn on low.

Cook for 8-10 hours, until casserole is set and eggs are thoroughly cooked. Serves 12. If you have a new hotter cooking crockpot, you'll need to check this after 6 hours. It will probably be done after 7 hours.

The eggs should reach a temperature of 160 degrees F. Use your imagination when making this recipe. Try Canadian bacon instead of ham. Use Havarti or Swiss cheese instead of Cheddar. Add some minced jalapeno peppers if you like hot foods. Then enjoy!

Craft: **Coffee Ground "Fossils"** <http://crafts.kaboose.com/fossil.html>



- 1 cup of used coffee grounds
 - 1/2 cup of cold coffee
 - 1 cup of flour
 - 1/2 cup of salt
 - Wax paper
 - Mixing bowl
 - Some small objects to make impressions in the dough (Shaped cookie cutters work well.)
 - Empty can or a butter knife
 - Toothpicks, optional
1. Stir together the coffee grounds, cold coffee, flour, and salt until well mixed.
 2. Knead the dough together and then flatten it out onto the waxed paper.
 3. Use the can to cut out circles of the dough or use the dull knife to cut slabs large enough to fit your "fossil" objects.
 4. Press your objects firmly into the dough. When you take the object out, you have your "fossil". If you want to hang the fossil, poke holes into the edge to hold the string.
 5. Let the fossil dry overnight (and up to two days) and then hang it if you wish. String to hang your fossil, optional

Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!

Need: computer tower, computer desk

Donated: monitor, keyboard, printer & mouse

twin bed set, crib, walker, playpen & big wagon

Don't Forget Facebook: We are trying to update our Kinship Connection Facebook page with up to date information. For more information about Facebook, please call!

Here: Job & Family Services has a website to list the available services for our agency.

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/> Kinship has a page with updated information!

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/more-services.html#kinship>

May Funny Days:

National Egg Month- 1-3

National Barbecue Month- 1-31

National Hamburger Month- 1-31

National Salad Month- 1-31

National Chocolate Custard Month- 1-31

National Raisin Week- 1-7

National Hoagie Day- 5

National Candied Orange Peel Day- 4

Lumpy Rug Day- 3

Paste-Up Day- 7

Clean Up Your Room Day- 10

National Escargot Day- 24

My Bucket's Got a Hole in It Day- 30

Here Are Some Area Training Options:

COMPASSION FATIGUE FOR FOSTER CAREGIVERS: A SHORT COURSE

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2011 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

Trainer: Patricia Harrelson - **Location:** Crawford County DJFS, 865 Harding Way West, Galion

Description: Child welfare is a demanding and challenging profession requiring us to bear witness to some of the most painful events in the lives of children and their families. Caring for the children of trauma is even more difficult. Over time, this constant bombardment of trauma can impact our lives. We may find ourselves so worn out by our role as helper that not only do we suffer, but the children we care for suffer also. This one-day workshop brings together current research on compassion fatigue with specific challenges found in a foster parenting environment. Participants will leave with an understanding of compassion fatigue, how to prevent it, how it may impact them, and what strategies they can use to effectively deal with it.

Please call Peggy if you are interested in attending this training session.

*Attending any of these training sessions is dependent on the availability of open seats.