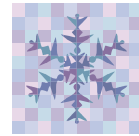
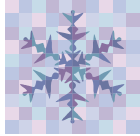




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**Support  
Group**

**@ 5:30pm**

**Location:  
Crawford Co.  
JFS**

**Kinship Website  
www.kinship.ohio.org**

**Our last support group meeting was creative!** The group discussed being one step closer to the possibility of becoming a non-profit. The group also discussed doing crafts during the support group meetings to help raise money for kinship families, so bring your crafty ideas and any craft items.

## The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:

Date & Time: Thursday – Feb 23rd at 5:30pm  
Location: Job & Family Services (224 Norton Way, Bucyrus)  
Potluck – bring a small dish. Place servings provided.

We will contact WQEL 92.7 FM if the meeting needs to be canceled due to weather.

Please call 419-562-0015 @235 by February 17<sup>th</sup> with your child care needs so we have a child count for crafts.

**A special thank you to Jeff Ashley** –An area Boy Scout who, with the help of his family and Bucyrus Middle School, knotted many blankets for children in care. Thank you Jeff, his parents & BMS!



**A new store for New Day Ministries** has opened (grand opening will be in March). This is in the old Struble's Drug Store/Batters Blitz building in Bucyrus. They have clothing, furniture, etc. at very reasonable prices. Donations are welcome. Their Hours are: Monday thru Thursday 9-5, Friday 11-7, Saturday 9-12. Some prices are: Necessities (clothes & shoes), 25 cents; wants (purses, etc), \$1; toys 25 cents.

**Amazon Mom** is a free membership program created especially for parents and caretakers of small children. This program offers promotions geared toward parents and 20% off diapers and wipes which are auto-delivered to your doorstep with Subscribe & Save.

**Need:** Rocking Horse, heaters, toy box, dresser, coffee table, bike helmet (10 yr. boy) with elbow & knee pads, bassinet & swing, and stationary bike. **Have:** twin beds, 2 high chairs, gate, pack-n-play & stroller.

### The 2012 Support Group Meetings @ 5:30pm– open to change:

February – 23	May - 31	August - 30	December– 6?
March - 29	June - 28	September- 27	Christmas Party
April - 26	July - 26	October - 25	

## February Funny Days:

Return Carts to the Supermarket - 1-28  
National Grapefruit Month- 1-28  
National Snack Food Month- 1-28  
Fly a Kite Day- 8  
National Plum Pudding Day- 12  
National Gumdrop Day- 15

National Chocolate Mint Day- 19  
National Pancake Week- 21-27  
National Tortilla Chip Day- 24  
National Pistachio Day- 26  
Public Sleeping Day- 28

## A Hearty Dessert

Making a big impression on your little sweethearts is a piece of cake with this Valentine's Day dessert, which gets its color from strawberries and red Jell-O and its shape from two standard-size cakes.

**Ingredients:** 1 18 1/4-ounce box white cake mix (plus eggs, water, and oil, as directed on box), 1 3-ounce box strawberry-flavored Jell-O, 1 16-ounce package frozen sliced strawberries, thawed and drained, 1 cup butter, softened, 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract & Red or pink candies.



<http://familyfun.go.com/valentines-day/valentines-day-recipes/valentines-cakes-cupcakes/a-hearty-dessert-683728/>

**Instructions:** 1. To begin, heat the oven. Meanwhile grease and flour two 8-inch baking pans, one round and one square, as directed on the cake mix box. Add the Jell-O to the cake mix, then prepare the mix as directed on the box. Fold half of the strawberries into the batter. Pour the batter into the prepared pans and bake according to the package directions. Remove the cakes from the pans and allow them to cool completely on wire racks.



2. To make the frosting, beat the butter, sugar, and vanilla extract until light and fluffy. Add the remaining strawberries and beat until well combined.
3. Cut the round cake in half and place the two semicircles against two sides of the square cake, as shown.
4. Spread on the frosting and decorate to your heart's content with the red or pink candies.

## Here Are Some Area Training\* Options:

**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.

**PARENTING TEENS WITH LOVE AND LOGIC -Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012 -**

**Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) **Location:** Crawford County DJFS, 224 Norton Way, Bucyrus

**Description:** *Love and Logic* is a model of raising and teaching children and teens which allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in their interactions with youth. *Love* allows youth to grow through their mistakes. *Logic* allows youth to live with the consequences of their choices. The *Love and Logic* model is a way of working with youth that puts parents back in control, teaches youth to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences.

**EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL**

**Date:** Saturday, March 31, 2012 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) **Location:** Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road,

**Mansfield - Description:** As sure as parents and caregivers are children's most important teachers, children's ideas about education and its significance begin with parents and caregivers. Therefore, foster parents have a responsibility to participate actively in their children's education. This class will offer caregivers an opportunity to enhance their own skills to assist children with their academic pursuits. This course also serves as a basic introduction to understanding special education and surrogate parenting.

Job & Family Services has a website with a list of available services:

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/>

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

Job Support – CCJFS has a regularly updated Area Hot Job's Page:

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/area-hot-jobs.html>