

Public Affairs Program

Air Date: January 20, 2013

Organization : Union County Health Dept.

Interview of : Jennifer Thrush

Length: .30 Minutes

Interview with Jennifer Thrush: Public Information Officer

Jennifer spoke about the current Influenza and Norovirus outbreak

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The mission of the Union County Health Department is to protect the health, safety and well-being of all Union County by providing quality public health services.

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Air Date: January 20, 2013

Organization : Red Cross of Union County

Interview of : Cindy Shanklin

Length: 30 Minutes

Interview with the Executive Director of American Red Cross for Union and Madison County, Ohio

Cindy spoke about the need for blood donations, how the blood is used and information related to locations and availability of Blood donation centers/Bloodmobile.

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

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Air Date: February 3, 2013

Organization : Girl Scouts of America

Interview of : Melinda Prickett: Community Development Manager and Donna Huges: Regional Director

Length: .30 Minutes

Interview with Melinda Prickett: Community Development Manager and Donna Huges: Regional Director about The Girl Scouts and the opportunity for young girls to be involved in the community by way of the organization.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls - where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress in 1950. Through membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, GSUSA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries. Girl Scouts of the USA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

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Air Date: March 3, 2013 , 2013

Organization : Union County Health Department

Interview of : Alex Jones ;Nursing Director and Mary Salimbene ;Epidemiologist

Mary and Alex talked about the flu epidemic and the importance of getting a flu shot especially for seniors and young children. Other topics included Norovirus and services offered through the Union County health dept.

Length: 30 Minutes

The Union County Health Department offers vaccinations for both children and adults. Fees vary for the services and Medicaid, Care Source and Molina will cover the cost of many of these services. We do not accept private insurance for payment of vaccinations, however you will be provided with a receipt that you can submit to your insurance provider. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

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Air Date: March 8, 2013 , 2013

Organization : Public Utilities Commission

Interview of : Gretchen Blazer ~Office of Public Affairs

Length: 30 Minutes

Interview with Gretchen Blazer of Ohio Public Utilities Commission

Gretchen explained "What" PUCO is and how it helps citizens of the State of Ohio

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is an agency of State of Ohio that is charged with the regulation of utility service providers such as those of electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications as well as railroad safety and intrastate hazardous materials transport.

There are several ways by which the Commission attempts to do this:

Enforcement of laws against service deemed unfair or unsafe, Resolving disputes between utilities and residential, business, and industrial customers, as well as between competing utilities.

Assuring availability of residential, business, and industrial utility services

Providing consumers with relevant information about their rights and responsibilities

Regulating rates for utility services in which there is little to no competition (i.e. electricity and natural gas services)

PUCO Mission

Our mission is to assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices.