



**Summer, Summer
Is finally here
Time for Fun,
And Swimming Gear!**

Anything new going on? If so, come in to fill-out a Reporting Change Form and possibly an Employment Verification Form. These forms can be turned into the office manually or even faxed to the office to make the process easier. This is important so that I can keep updated information in your file and also keep your Escrow Savings Account updated. Maybe you haven't started your Escrow Account yet, with updated information you turn in (New Job, raise at work or more hours at work) - I can get your Escrow Savings Account started for you. Please turn in any changes you may have by the 23rd of the month.



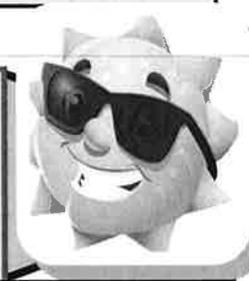
Are you or somebody you know looking for a job? Check-out the New *"Looking for a Job?"* Bulletin Board located in the Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority Waiting Room. Every 2 Weeks I update the board with the most current Help Wanted Ads in Washington Court House and the surrounding area. Have a Great Summer!
Jenni Jones





Family Self-Sufficiency

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Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.
- Anthony D'Angelo
- ◆ When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy & to love.
- Marcus Aurelius
- ◆ Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.
- Charlotte Whitton
- ◆ A smile is simply sunshine within that you just can't keep to yourself.
- David Cuschieri
- ◆ A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and a man cannot live without love.
- Max Muller
- ◆ Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop & look around once in a while, you could miss it.
- Ferris Bueller

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is excepting New Members!



Just like in life, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program goes through changes - we have lost 2 of it's members to bigger & better endeavors. It's all a good thing! We are very happy for them! On the road to Self-Sufficiency, they had done so well financially that they graduated early from the program. Both had been paying their full portions of rent for 6 Months, paying all their own utilities and no longer required Job & Family Services for their Food Allowances & Medical Cards. This is everyone's goal in the FSS Program. Once

you come to the point that you are paying your full portion of your rent, the Housing Authority will hold your Voucher for 6 months before you will completely graduate from both the Housing Authority & FSS Programs.

Do you know anyone who is enrolled in the Fayette County Housing Authority Program that would be a great candidate for the FSS Program? Like yourself, the likely candidate must be the Head of Household in their family, be interested in becoming Self-Sufficient by achieving their GED, going to College, starting a good Career all while earning an Escrow Savings Account. If so, tell them about our program & what it's done for you. And if you don't mind, give them my name & have them give me a call. The FSS Program is 20 members strong & always open to more families like yours who are seeking a better future. We'll welcome them with open arms!

Motivational Message For The Month

Treasure it all

Without the difficult times, you could not fully appreciate the good times. Without the good times, the difficult times would be infinitely more difficult. Life changes, and that's what makes it life. Life changes, and in the changes live every possibility. Do not boast too loudly about your good fortune or despair too long about the disappointments. Things will change, and with that change will come new opportunities and new challenges. Instead of fighting and judging, worrying and fretting, make the choice to marvel at the richness of it all. Enjoy, learn from, and be inspired by what's here while it's here, then be ready to move quickly forward as life continues its ceaseless transformation. Care deeply and profoundly, but don't let yourself take things too seriously. Walk that fine, marvelous line between unshakable responsibility and joyous serendipity. In the ups, in the downs, in the detours and straightaways, there is much to treasure. So breathe in the richness, and treasure it all.

— Ralph Marston

Let's Go Camping this Weekend!

Are you in need of a mental break from work and/or school? Just a weekend to get away to clear your head & spend some quality time with your family? How about going **CAMPING**? Your kids are only going to be young & at home for a short while - why not form some memories that will last. **Deer Creek State Park** may be the perfect place for you. **From June to the end of October is considered Peak Season.** Deer Creek offers three affordable overnight accommodation options:

- **Campsites with Electricity (for Campers or Tents)**
\$28.00 per night (Friday & Saturday) and \$27.00 per night (Sunday - Thursday).
- **Camper Cabins** (Sleeps up to 6 people) \$60.00 per night / \$360.00 per Week.
- **2 Bedroom Cottages** \$139.99 per night.

Located on the Deer Creek State Park Facilities:

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| • Amphitheater | • Miniature Golf |
| • Basketball Court | • Mountain Bike Trails |
| • Bike Rental | • Naturalist Programs |
| • Boat Launch | • Picnic Tables |
| • Bridle Trails | • Playground |
| • Camp Store | • Ranger Station |
| • Comfort & Dump Stations | • Restaurant |
| • Fire Rings | • Showers |
| • Fishing | • Swimming |
| • Horseshoes | • The Lodge |
| • Marina | • Walking Trails & More! |

So, what do you say Pack your sleeping bags, camping gear, fishing poles, s'mores supplies, hotdogs & the kids and head out to Deer Creek State Park - Less than a 30 Minute drive from Washington Court House!



DEER CREEK STATE PARK
 20635 State Park Road 20
 Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143
 Park Office: (740) 869-3124
 Campgrounds: (740) 869-3508
 Visit the Website at parks.ohiodnr.gov/deercreek



Fun Alternative Hotdog Toppings!

This is the time of the year when a **Hotdog** either on the Grill or Roasted Over a Fire Outside tastes so good! A toasted bun is good but you may prefer a soft bun. Sure they taste great with standard Mustard, Ketchup, Relish or even get a little crazy with Diced Onion, Coney Sauce & Cheese - but check-out these fun **Hotdog Toppings**.



The Nacho Dog - Warm Refried Beans, Nacho Cheese Sauce & Jalapeño Pepper Slices.



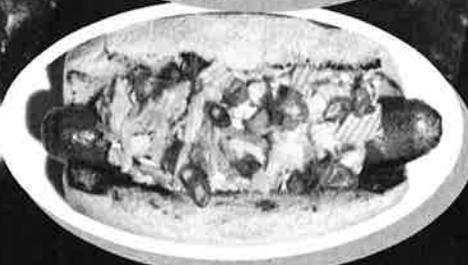
The Monte Cristo Dog - Grilled Thin Slices of Ham 'n' Turkey, Melted Swiss Cheese & a Drizzle of Warm Maple Syrup.



The French Onion Dog - Caramelized Onion, Melted Swiss Cheese & a Sprinkle of Fresh Thyme.



The Frito Pie Dog - Warm Chili, Crumbled-up Frito Corn Chips, Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Diced Green Onion & a Dollop of Sour Cream.



The Onion Dip Dog - French Onion Dip, Crushed-up Ruffle Potato Chips & Diced Green Onion.

Watermelon Shark

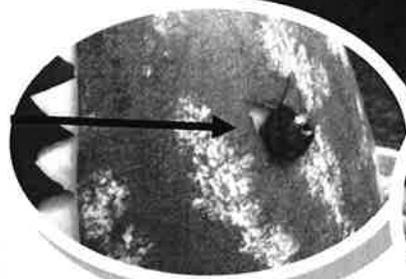
You'll Need:

- 1 oblong, seedless Watermelon
- Dry erase marker
- Large knife
- Smaller utility knife
- Large spoon
- Paring knife (you can use the tip of a vegetable peeler)
- 2 Blueberries
- Toothpicks

Cut off the bottom third of the shark at a slight angle, so that the shark leans forward. Lay the watermelon shark flat on its belly and, cutting from the top, slice down and toward the front. Again, only slightly. Draw and cut the mouth. Use your spoon to carve out the flesh inside, leaving about two inches of flesh in the bottom. Finally, take your paring knife and cut a line about half an inch back from the edge of the mouth hole. The cut should be shallow – just under the surface of the green rind. Then use the paring knife to carve off the green rind around the edge of mouth, back to the line you just cut. Use the paring knife to create a nice set of pointy shark teeth. Also carve out an eye hole – about 1/4 inch deep – and place your blueberry inside (held in place with a toothpick, which doubles as the center of the eyeball). Using a piece of rind removed from the mouth area, carve a dorsal fin (you might have to make the bottom slighted rounded inward so it fits nicely on the back of the watermelon). Affix the fin to the back using two toothpicks. Fill your Watermelon Shark with chunks of watermelon - You can also add Blueberries, Green Seedless Grapes & Cantaloupe Balls to the Watermelon Chunks to make a nice fruit salad!



This would make a really cute Edible Centerpiece for the Picnic Table at your next Family Cook-out!



Look for an Update on *Jenni Jones' Weight Loss* in the July Issue of the FSS Newsletter!

Catching Fire Flies!

As a little girl (forty-some years ago) I loved the Summertime! One of my fondest memories was going outside with my little sister after dark, seeing our yard all lit up with what we called "Lightning Bugs" and catching them. We would put them in a Mason Jar with a stick & grass in it and my Mom would poke little holes in the lid. We would have a blast running around catching them. Then, when we went to bed for the night, we would set them on our nightstand by our bed & watch them until we fell asleep. It was great! I had fun catching Fire Flies with my little girl and now that she's grown - I have a little grandson that I can't wait to carry on the tradition with. This is a great Summertime activity to share with your children. It's so much fun and it will create memories that last a lifetime.



New Donations to the FSS Incentive Program!



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The Family Self-Sufficiency Incentive Program already had some awesome Sponsors from 2014 that donated some great Gift Certificates & Gift Cards. The majority of the sponsors from last year believed in our program so much that they donated more this year! I also approached New Sponsors this year that were very generous in their donations. I'm so excited about everyone in the FSS Program - You guys are go-getters & are flying through your goals on your Action Plans. I'm just dying to reward you with a cool Gift Certificate! If you are new to the Family Self-Sufficiency Program & aren't familiar with the Incentive Program, here's how it works:

- ◆ As you **complete a Goal on Your Action Plan** - let me know either as it's completed or every (4) Months during your FSS Update Appointments.
- ◆ Then, the Housing Authority & Our Local Community Sponsors will reward you with a Gift Certificate to take & use to celebrate with your family!

It's just that easy! Keep me posted on any new developments & you'll get rewarded.



Thank You to Our Local Community Family Self-Sufficiency Incentive Program Sponsors!

