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Western Reserve Public Media to host Passport Fair on Thursday, May 21

KENT, Ohio — May 8, 2009 — Travelers will be required to present a passport when traveling to and from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean beginning June 1. To assist Americans in meeting this deadline, the U.S. Postal Service and Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) will hold a Passport Fair on Thursday, May 21, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the television station's offices, 1750 Campus Center Dr., Kent.

Those applying for a new passport should bring the following items:

1. Proof of U.S. citizenship (certified birth certificate, prior passport or U.S. Certificate of Naturalization).
2. Proof of identity (permanent driver's license; state-issued I.D. card; previous or current U.S. passport book; previous or current U.S. passport card; Certificate of Citizenship; military identification; or federal, state or municipal government employee identification card).
3. Two recent identical color photographs, 2" x 2" in size. A photo service will be available at the passport event for a fee of \$15 each.
4. Two checks or money orders in the following amounts:

For applicants 16 years of age or older:

\$75 made payable to U.S. Department of State

\$25 made payable to U.S. Postal Service

For applicants 15 years of age or younger:

\$60 made payable to U.S. Department of State

\$25 made payable to U.S. Postal Service

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Both of the child's parents or legal guardians, in addition to the child, must appear when applying. A passport application requires both parents' consent.

Those wishing to renew a passport should bring the following items:

1. Your most recent U.S. passport book and/or U.S. passport card.
2. A marriage certificate or court order if your name has changed.
3. Two recent identical color photographs, 2" x 2" in size. A photo service will be available at the passport event for a fee of \$15 each.
4. A check or money order in the following amount:

For applicants 16 years of age or older, \$75 made payable to U.S. Department of State

For applicants 15 years of age or younger, \$60 made payable to U.S. Department of State

For more passport information, visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport> or call the U.S. Postal Service in Akron at 330-996-9475.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.