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Wilmington Mayor David Raizk, right, proclaimed Thursday Geographic Information Systems Day in conjunction with National Geographic Awareness Week. Joe Merritt, GIS manager for Clinton County, is on the left.

First of two seminars scheduled for Thursday on Clinton County's GIS work

In connection with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day and National Geography Awareness Week, the Clinton County GIS Department will offer two training/demonstration seminars on Clinton County's GIS work. The first session will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the back meeting room in Books 'N' More.

Each of these seminars will be an informal, question-and-answer time for anyone who has an interest in the online mapping program established by the Clinton County Auditor's Office. It's also for anyone interested in what data the GIS Department has available online.

"We also will demonstrate how to download a free GIS data viewer and the data that goes with it, and how to keep that data updated on your system once you've installed it for the first time," said Joe Merritt, GIS manager for Clinton County.

The sessions might be of particular interest to realtors, teachers, geography students, city and village employees, and anyone who works 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can't attend meetings or training sessions that occur during the day, Merritt said.

The second seminar will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday in the downstairs meeting room at the Wilmington Public Library.

Anyone interested is invited to attend either of the two training sessions. If you plan to attend, e-mail Merritt at merrittjoe@hotmail.com or call 382-0035.

For more information, visit www.clintoncountyohgis.org.

"I'm really expecting the sessions to be question-and-answer sessions, on GIS in general and on what we have available online," added Merritt.

Merritt also will make an appearance in several classrooms in various schools during the week, demonstrating how computers have changed the study of geography and mapping over the past few years.