

“Nifty Notes”

Income Tax Time!

As tax time creeps up closer and closer, everyone is on a mission to find that extra help they need to organize and file all of their earnings from the past year.

RSVP will NOT be participating in assisting people with their taxes this year, but there are other options such as The Potters House, which is located in Sciotoville. Income eligibility is 56,000 or less a year.



Contact person that will be able to help you set up your appointment is Annieta Casper at 776-4004. She can help you set up a day and time that best fits your schedule, (so the sooner the better!) Don't wait till the last minute, get on the ball and get those taxes finished!

Dates To Remember:

Feb. 1– Super Bowl

Feb. 2– Groundhog Day

**Feb. 3– Special election for
Portsmouth residents**

Feb. 14– Valentines Day

Feb. 16– Presidents' Day

New Contact for Alzheimer's Association!

Laurie Hogue, RN is the Southeastern Ohio Branch Manager for the Alzheimer's Association. Laurie is now serving Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Scioto and Vinton Counties. The new office number is (937) 442-2200 or you could reach her on her cell phone at ((740) 710-1821. Her email address is: Laurie.Hogue@alz.org .

Laurie has informed RSVP that the Alzheimer's Family Support Group meetings are still being held on the first Tuesday of each month at the USSA Senior Center, 117 Market Street, Portsmouth from 1p.m. – 2:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this meeting because you are unable to leave your loved one alone, help may be available through the USSA Adult Day Care.

Give Jamie Williams a call at 740-354-3661 and see if she has room for your loved one during the meeting. Prior Arrangements must be made through Jamie before coming to the Day Care.

If you are interested in having a presentation made to a group, give Laurie a call. She has a list of educational and supportive programs which are free of charge and could be offered at convenient timeframes.

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Laughter for the Soul!!

There was an old man sitting on his porch watching the rain fall. Pretty soon the water was coming over the porch and into the house.

The old man was still sitting there when a rescue boat came and the people on board said, "You can't stay here you have to come with us."

The old man replied, "No, God will save me." So the boat left. A little while later the water was up to the second floor, and another rescue boat came, and again told the old man he had to come with them.

The old man again replied, "God will save me." So the boat left him again.

An hour later the water was up to the roof and a third rescue boat approached the old man, and tried to get him to come with them.

Again the old man refused to leave stating that, "God will save him." So the boat left him again.

Soon after, the man drowns and goes to heaven, and when he sees God he asks him, "Why didn't you save me?"

God replied, "You dummy! I tried. I sent three boats after you!!"

Still Laughing....

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."

Thank You

**A Very Special Thank You to:
Darlene Sexton!!**

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Winter Safety Tips

“Winter” is one of those words that we usually associate with snow, ice and of course that freezing cold air. Even though we are half way through the cold and frosty months, its not over yet and taking steps that can keep you safe or prepared are always beneficial and it is smart to take precautions. Different things to be aware of would be the following:

- Protecting your home from harsh weather or other disasters.
- Being alert to news warnings on severe weather or hazardous terms
- Being aware of the safety guides for carbon monoxide.
- Snow emergency classifications & knowing the different level of warnings
- Portable Generator Safety Information
- Winter Safety Tips for Vehicles.
- Winter Fire Safety Tips.
- Winter Health and Safety Tips.

To get more information on these subject matters visit the website at

<http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov>

If you do not have internet access then please give us a call at the RSVP office 354-3137 and we will send you a copy of the information regarding Winter Safety Tips. Or simply stop in and see us in our office located in the 1st Presbyterian Church on the corner of 3rd and Court and we will be happy to give you a copy. Either way this is information that can be very useful to help keep you and your family prepared and safe this winter.

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Green Tips~

Start green for 2009! Going green when grocery shopping? Take these 5 easy steps! Made popular by celeb chef Susannah Locketti.

- No more paper plates or plastic cups, instead use reusable dishware, a little extra time washing dishes really does save!
- When grocery shopping, bring your own cloth bag instead of collecting a handful of plastic bags
- No more paper towels! Instead use washable dish rags or towels.
- Recycle cans and bottles! Don't throw them away, recycle them!
- Buy concentrated rather than full size whether with cleaning products or even juice!



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**Southern Ohio Performing Arts Association
and SSU-Vern Riffe Center for the Arts
Presents**

Feb. 17, 7:30 pm JAZZ MOVES: BalletMet of Columbus performs a groundbreaking fusion of dance and music glorifying the past, present and future of American dance and jazz. The electrifying program features especially commissioned dance works and music by renowned artists from around the country. Together, the dance and music touches on the legendary figures of the 1950s and the unstoppable energy that propels today's artists forward.

In this collaboration, five BalletMet choreographers created 15 substantial dance numbers. The dancers will be accompanied by a pre-recorded rendering of the original music as performed by the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

March 1, 7:00 pm THE DROWSY CHAPERONE:

"The Drowsy Chaperone" is currently still appearing on Broadway and is the show that boldly addresses a great unspoken desire in all of our hearts – to be entertained.

It all begins when a die-hard musical-theater fan plays his favorite cast album on his turntable. The musical literally bursts to life in his living room telling the rambunctious tale of a brazen Broadway starlet trying to find and keep her true love. It is a tale filled with mobsters, movie moguls and monkeys as well as Latin lotharios, love songs, lavish dance numbers and of course, the comedy staple, the classic spit-take. Everything you could want in a musical comedy is in this show.

Call McKinley Box Office for tickets: 740-351-3600

**Television Transition to Occur
February 17, 2009!**

Thanks to tremendous partner support, NTIA has successfully completed its "Apply, Buy, and Try" campaign which urged consumers to apply for coupons immediately if they opted to purchase a digital-to-analog converter box to keep their TV working. In December 2008, NTIA received more than 7 million coupon requests

However, Due to this enormous consumer response, on Sunday, January 4, 2009, NTIA hit the \$1.34 billion program funding limit. For consumers this means that anyone requesting coupons will be placed on a waiting list and will be mailed coupons on a first-come, first-served basis as funds from expired coupons become available.

Consumers who have not taken action or who have applied and been put on the waiting list are encouraged to take Action to ensure at least one TV in their

home is ready for the transition on February 17, 2009. Consumers can:

- Purchase a converter box with-out coupon
- Purchase TV with digital tuner
- Subscribe to cable, satellite or another pay service

Cook with Heart

February 24, 2009

2 pm - 7 pm

Friends Community Center

Featuring healthy cooking demonstrations and free health screenings including:

Total Cholesterol Screening
Blood Sugar
Blood Pressure
Body Mass Index
Waist Circumference
Heart Risk Analysis

Pre-registration required. If you have any questions or to schedule an appointment for your free health screening call 356.7665.

**Southern Ohio
Medical Center**

VMJ Good things are happening here

Emergency Solution!

Sometimes tragedies hit us hard when we are unprepared or unaware of what could possibly happen. One minute you might be just fine, living your life from day to day going to work, picking up your kids from practice, taking care of all of the small necessities that come with life and family. However, what if something terrible were to happen and you were not able to be reached? This is one of those situations that people do not like to think about but it is something that we can never be sure of and by taking steps towards reassuring you and your loved ones with a back-up plan can make all the difference.

For instance, a woman lost her son in a car accident. She was unable to be contacted for 7 hours after her son was injured and he died alone. By initiating the 'Next of Kin Bill,' signed into law by Governor Strickland on May 1, 2008. This woman has worked to ensure that each driver in the state of Ohio can register can register 2 emergency contacts (with up to 3 telephone numbers each) through the BMV to be contacted in the event of an emergency.

So ask yourself these questions? How would law enforcement find your loved ones if you were in an accident? The only information that responders would have in order to identify who you are is the address on your drivers license, but is there always someone at the that address on your driver's license? If not, the police then must begin a time intensive search to find your loved ones.

This procedure takes no more than a few minutes to complete online. If you are interested in having a back-up plan and in making sure you are there for your loved one then visit the website at: <https://www.dps.state.oh.us/>

In addition to registering your emergency contact on the above mentioned website we have another item that you can attach to your windshield for a quicker form of acquiring this information.

That is the Critical First Contact card that we distributed at our 2008 Recognition Dinner. This card is filled out with your choice of two emergency contacts and their phone numbers. There is also a spot for medical information that could be critical in saving your life. After Filling out this card you remove the strip on the back and apply it to the upper left or lower left hand corner of your windshield. It is right there for the first responders to remove (easily reapplied) and know if you have any allergies to medicines, heart condition, etc along with your choice of who to contact and how.

If you are interested in receiving a card, we still have some available so give us a call at the RSVP office and we would be happy to provide you with an Emergency Contact Card.

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February

2/03 -Arrietta Bennett
-Darlene Moore
-Beverly Ann Donaldson

2/05 -Phyllis Hock

2/09 -Delores Clinebell
-Don Nourse

2/10 -Helen Servey

2/12 - Gail Miller
-Goldie Griffith
-Catherine Frazier

2/13 -David Ferrell

2/15 -Selma Gannon
-Mary Martha Questal

2/18 -Eloise Egbert
-Howard Taylor

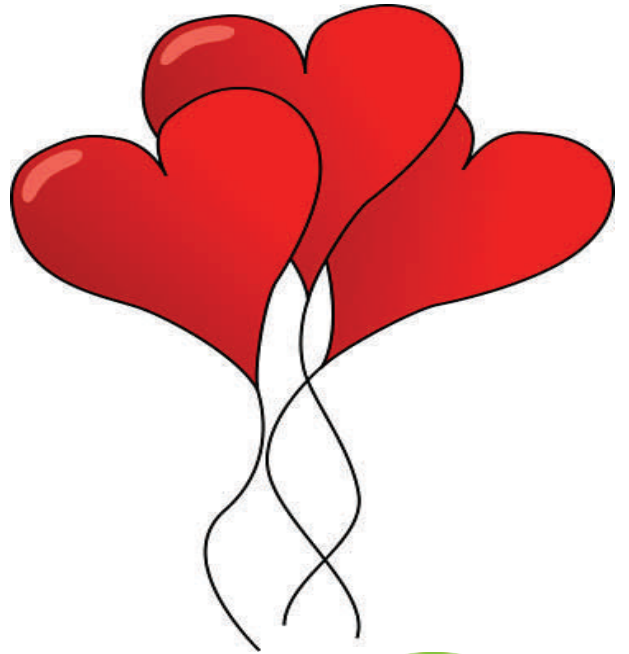
2/19 -Keith Spires

2/20 -Elmer Smith

2/21 -Howard Richard
-Sue Welty
-Carolyn Crabtree

2/27 -Louis Kielmar

2/28 -Jack Whitt
-Ralph Fuller



Happy
Birthday!

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pension check sent directly to the
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St. Monica's
St. Peter's
Second Presbyterian
Valley United Methodist

Recipe Corner! Brownie Pie

- 1 (20 ounce) package chocolate brownie mix with pecans
- 1 (3.9 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup shaved semisweet chocolate, for garnish (optional)

1. Make brownies in a 9x13 inch pan according to package directions. Bake and cool.
2. In a small bowl, combine pudding mix and milk. Whisk until smooth. Allow to set up 5 minutes, then spread over cooled brownies. Spread whipped topping over pudding layer. Garnish with shaved chocolate and crushed chocolate wafers immediately before serving. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

Bumper Sticker:

Where there's a will,

I want to be in it.