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Family Fundamentals

My husband and I feel secure financially, but I'm concerned we are simply spending too much on a day-to-day, month-by-month basis. Do you have some tips to help us cut back?

More and more people are focusing on discretionary spending and trying to find ways to reduce it. While on a macro level that has a negative effect on the economy, on a micro (family) level, it's simply good practice. No matter what the economy is doing, family finance specialists encourage families and individuals to be cautious about everyday spending and not let money slide between their fingers. By spending less, you can save more -- for emergency reserves; long-term goals such as retirement or college; or even for a new piece of furniture or perhaps a summer vacation -- things you really want and might otherwise put on the credit card.

Ohio State University Extension has a free four-page fact sheet, *Some Options for Resourceful Living*, available online at <http://ohioline.osu.edu>. It offers guidelines to use less or substitute lower-cost items for what you normally purchase; take care of what you already have so it keeps longer; improve your shopping skills; and to do it yourself. Among the tips:

Plan more meals around lower-cost protein-rich foods, such as eggs, beans and dairy products.

Plan your grocery purchases and use of food so that you don't end up throwing food away because it has gone bad.

Be sure to treat spots and stains on clothing promptly - the longer they remain on fabric untreated, the harder they are to remove.

Plan excursions to limit backtracking and reduce the miles you put on your car. Choose public transportation or, for short trips, walk or ride a bike when possible.

If your car is older, drop collision insurance coverage, but be sure to get regular maintenance and service checkups.

Opt against buying unnecessary vitamins, tonics or other health-care products; choose cleaning supplies that are useable for more than one purpose.

Plan to garden this year and can or freeze the surplus.

Prepare recipes in quantity and freeze leftovers for later use. (Be sure your freezer is kept at least three-quarters full for most efficient operation.)

Be choosy about signing up for new credit cards. Shop for credit as carefully as you would for a new car or other major purchase.

Examine your cable and phone bills to find out how much you're paying for "extra" services (premium channels, voice mail, etc.) Drop those that get little use or that you could get more cheaply in other ways (borrow DVDs from the library; use an answering machine).

Family Fundamentals is a monthly column on family issues. It is a service of Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Family Fundamentals, c/o Martha Filipic, 2021 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1044, or f Filipic.3@cfaes.osu.edu.

Short-Term Host Family Opportunity

Stark County families will have the opportunity to welcome a young person from Japan into their home for one month this year, as part of the 4-H International Exchange program being offered by the Stark County Ohio State University Extension. The Japanese visitors belong to the LABO Foundation, an organization which promotes the study of English culture and language in Japan.

Host families are needed for 93 Japanese youngsters (aged 12-16) and 5 or 6 adult chaperones, who will visit Ohio from July 23 through August 18. Host families provide the exchangees with room and board and a chance to experience daily life in America. Families are urged not to alter their daily routines or lifestyles during their visitor's stay. Exchangees provide their own spending money, and the sponsoring organization furnishes comprehensive insurance.

All types of families are eligible to become hosts, including urban, rural, single-parent, childless, and non-4-H families. The only requirement is that for the youth Japanese exchange, a host family must have a family member of the same gender and approximate age of the exchangee.

Those interested should contact the 4-H International County Coordinator, Marlene Beggs, 330-456-5215 for an application form and/or more information. A host family Program booklet and/or application can also be downloaded online at <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international/>

Happy Birthday Lizzie!

Many people would think turning 105 is a momentous occasion. You would have lived through 1,260 months, 5,460 weeks and 38,325 days (not counting leap years!) Shady Lawn Health Care Community resident, Lizzie Yoder wonders what all the fuss is about.

"All I've done is get up every day!" Lizzie exclaims. "My children explain the reason I've lived so long is because I've never drank or smoked. I had two brothers and a sister and they didn't either -- but they passed in their 90's. Mostly they had heart problems -- I have a strong heart."

She says she has had a fulfilled life and thinks you live longer if you have a good attitude. "Grumps never get anywhere. If you don't have a good attitude, you'll be down in the dumps!" Getting along with others is a big part of life. She also recommends watching what you eat, and exercise to keep you going.

When asked how life is different for children today Lizzie explains that kids want everything and they don't have to struggle for anything. "Work won't hurt you!" Lizzie has always enjoyed keeping busy, she never minded doing housework. Lizzie estimates she has made hundreds of quilts for family and she used to go to a sewing circle once a month.

Please join us in wishing Lizzie Yoder a "Happy Birthday" on March 4th. Cards can be sent to Lizzie in care of Shady Lawn Health Care Community, 15028 Old Lincoln Way East, Dalton, Ohio 44618.

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Light for my Path

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5

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Spaghetti Dinner

The Beach City Boy Scout Troop 301 is having an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, February 28** at the Beach City United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7:30 pm. Adult meals cost \$6.00, youth 5 through 12 years eat for \$3.50 and children under 5 eat for free. The fellowship hall is located on the corner of Redwood and Church Streets. A portion of the proceeds from this dinner will help the boys with summer camp.

Spaghetti Supper

The Dalton Rotary Club is hosting a Spaghetti Supper on **February 28**, serving from 4:30 -7:00 pm. All you can eat for \$7.00 (advance sale \$6.50) at the Dalton Intermediate Cafeteria, 151 W. Main St. in Dalton. All proceeds benefit High School Scholarships.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Brewster Moose is hosting a spaghetti dinner on **March 1st** for Fairless student Rachel Kurucz. She has been chosen to serve as a People to People Student Ambassador and is going to Italy and Greece in the summer of 2009. Dinner is from 11 am to 2 pm. All funds raised go to help with Rachel's expenses.

Community Breakfast

The next monthly community breakfast will be held at Valley View Community Church's Family Life Center in Sugar Creek. The breakfast will be held on **March 7th**, from 7 am - 11 am. The all you can eat breakfast consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs (cooked to order), french toast, sausage gravy & biscuits, hash browns, oj, coffee, chocolate milk, hot chocolate and the occasional special dish. Come in, sit down and let us serve you a quality breakfast. Donations are welcomed. All are invited to come for good food, fellowship and relaxation. For more information about this monthly breakfast, please call 330-852-2273.

Swiss Steak Dinner

St. Clement Church in Navarre will sponsor a Swiss Steak Dinner on **Sunday, March 8th**, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the church hall at 432 North Market St. in Navarre.

Dinner will include Stan Josefczyk's famous swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, tossed salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Adult tickets are \$8.00. Children 4 yrs to 12 yrs. are \$5.00 and children under 4yrs eat FREE. Carry-out dinners will be available. Tickets may be purchased/reserved by calling 330-879-5900 from 9-4, Monday thru Friday.

Gather your family and friends and come to Navarre on March 8th for a great Swiss Steak Dinner. A Chinese auction will also be held.

Ham Dinner

All-you-can-eat Ham Dinner (includes scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, dinner rolls, a slice of pie and beverage) served family-style on **Sunday, March 8** from 11 am to 1 pm. Price for adults is \$8, \$4 will cover children ages 4-10 and children 3 and under eat for free. The meal is served in the Wilmot Fire Hall, 204 Mill Street, in Wilmot. All proceeds to benefit Wilmot Fire & Rescue - a volunteer department. Carry out available. Call (330) 359-5995 for more info.

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Retiree's Breakfast

The Nickles Bakery retiree's and their guests are invited to breakfast on **Saturday, March 7**, at 9:00 am, at the Amish Door Restaurant in Wilmot. Visit with friends and enjoy a good breakfast too!

Fish Fry

Brewster United Methodist Church will hold its annual Fish Fry on Friday, February 27 through Friday, April 3 from 4-6:30 pm. Fried or baked fish is available and included is your choice of french fries, macaroni and cheese or hot rice, cole slaw, or homemade applesauce, roll and butter, coffee or punch all for \$7.50. Fish sandwiches are \$3.50 and homemade pie slices are \$1.50. Take out meals are available by calling 330-767-3813. The church is located at 457 S. Wabash Ave. in Brewster.

Fairless Food Cupboard

The Fairless Food Cupboard will distribute free food to qualified residents of the Fairless School District on **Thursday, February 26** from 10:00 am until noon, in the basement of St. Theresa Catholic Church, 500 S. Wabash in Brewster. You must have identification, meet the financial guidelines, and proof of Fairless School District residency is required.

Soup Lunch Benefit

The Massillon Museum's fifth annual "Soup Up Your Support" lunch will be held on **Wednesday, March 11**. The soup lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Museum lobby and the Chit Chat Coffee Shop at the Massillon Museum. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Museum.

Pottery soup bowls - handcrafted and donated by volunteers and off-duty staff members - will be displayed in the lobby of the Museum beginning on March 4. Museum friends are invited to choose a bowl and purchase it for a minimum donation of \$15. Payment secures a reservation for the lunch.

Supporters may phone in "soup" reservations with Visa or Mastercard (330-833-4061), or they may make their reservations in person with cash, check, or credit card, which will provide the opportunity to select bowls in advance. Advance purchases will be tagged and displayed in the lobby until March 11 to show each contributor's support of the Museum.

Bowls may be selected during all Museum hours: Tuesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

On the day of the lunch, each bowl will be filled once - at no charge - with soup from the Chit Chat Coffee Shop, which is now located in the Museum lobby. The lunch will include bread, dessert, and iced tea or lemonade.

Those who have created the bowls are Jill Malusky Bacon, Libby Bracy, Christopher Craft, Flora Csejtey, Sylvia DeMarco, Keith George, Jacqueline Holmes, Angela Klusty, Judith Lancaster, Brittany Mazur, Clarice Nelson, Alexandra Nicholis, Judy Paquelet, Scot Phillips, Gloria Pope, Holly

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The Kent Area Chapter of Links, Inc. offered special support and Aqua Ohio sponsored the clay and glazes.

"The soup lunch is one of the many ways that Museum supporters can contribute and be a part of the Massillon Museum," Shearer says. "Most of all, we want people to participate here at the Museum, to know that this is their Museum." This is a fun event to attend, she said. "The lobby is filled with people enjoying great soup, lively conversation, and original art. It's casual. Some people eat and leave; others stay to see who's coming next."

The Massillon Museum is located at 121 Lincoln Way, East, in downtown Massillon. Call the Massillon Museum at 330-833-4061 or visit www.massillonmuseum.org for details.

Rumors! Rumors!

Rumor has it that the Far Corner will not be printed but only available on-line. Squash that rumor! As long as we have the community and advertisers' support we will be available to pick up or sent directly to your home. We ARE promoting our web site. Folks from out of town, and out of state can catch up on the latest in our area, and some folks just prefer to view us on-line. We are trying to serve them too! Thanks for reading Far Corner!

Jazz Bands

The Tuslaw Jazz bands is having a dinner, auction and concert on **Saturday, March 28** at the North Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department Hall. Music starts at 6 pm, dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Cost for the evening is \$10 for adults or \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 eat for FREE. Reservations are required. To make yours please call Joy at 330-828-8261 or 330-313-0489. You can also call Kristen at 330-832-0739. The bands want to raise money for new marching raincoats and instrument maintenance.

Philharmonic Auction

The Tuscarawas Philharmonic is conducting its third annual online auction to raise essential operating funds. The auction will open February 21 with the bidding continuing through March 15.

At a secure auction website devoted entirely to the Philharmonic, a wide variety of fun and useful items, from gift certificates for fine dining and overnight stays, to home and garden items, to travel, will be up for bids, with all proceeds going toward continuing the existence of the Philharmonic Orchestra and Choruses. Photos and descriptions of the items in the auction can be viewed by clicking on the auction link at the orchestra's website (www.TuscarawasPhilharmonic.org).

Donations of auction items are being accepted now and will continue to be added to the catalog up to the last week.

Another option is to become a sponsor (Silver \$100 - \$249; Gold \$250 - \$499; Platinum \$500 and above). Sponsors and contributors will be credited on the website and their business logos can be used, as well as a link to the business's own website in each item's listing.

To contribute an item or become a sponsor, or with questions, call or email Bud Winn at 330-364-1843 evenings, or at bwinn@roadrunner.com.

ACHA National Hockey Tournament

The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) is pleased to announce the ACHA Div II Southeast Regional Tournament will be held Friday, February 27th and Saturday February 28th at the Alice Noble Ice Arena, 851 Oldman Rd., Wooster. Contact the Alice Noble Ice Arena for times, Chris Wilk at 330-221-4411 or chriswilk@achahockey.org.

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OBITUARIES

JANE A. MILLER, 73, of New Philadelphia, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, in Union Hospital, Dover, following a brief illness.

Born, Apr. 16, 1935, in Coshocton, she was a daughter of the late Grover and Bernice Nealey Newell. Jane attended school in Coshocton, and, on Nov. 14, 1953, married Blaine Miller. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and was employed by The Repository, from which she retired after twenty-three years of service. Some of Jane's favorite pastimes included woodworking and wood-burning and needlepoint. She also enjoyed music – playing the guitar, and sometimes the mouth-harp; she was fond of "the old hymns."

Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Jesse) Shaffer and Darlene (Mechael) Miller, both of New Philadelphia; two sons, Wayne (Iris) Miller of Ragersville, and Rusty Miller of New Philadelphia; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert (Janice) Newell and David (Kathy) Newell, both of Coshocton; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Jane was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Blaine, on Feb. 27, 2001; twin infant daughters; three sisters; and one brother.

A funeral service was held in the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home & Crematory, 246 E. High Ave., New Philadelphia, with Tuscarawas County Hospice Chaplain Rick Brinsley officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Sandyville. Family and friends were invited to call at the funeral home. To sign an online guestbook and share a fond memory of Jane, please visit the funeral home's Web site and click on Obituaries.

The family suggests that contributions in Jane's memory be made to Hospice of Tuscarawas County, 201 W. Third St., Dover, OH 44622.

God's Favorite

Get Ready to Laugh! The Players Guild Theatre proudly presents Neil Simon's comedy, *GOD'S FAVORITE*. This Neil Simon comedy is adapted from the Book of Job. *God's Favorite* transfers the scene to a Long Island mansion where our modern day "Job" is a tycoon living with his family. When a fire is sent to wipe him out, factory and home, everything becomes a test of his faith. Through his suffering, (neuralgia, tennis elbow and hemorrhoids) he believes he has been chosen to show how much a man can love God. In the end, God in the form of a messenger answers him...

Under the direction of Players Guild Resident Director, Jonathan Tisevich. *God's Favorite* opens February 27 and runs through March 15. Tickets are available now and can be obtained by calling the Players Guild Box Office: 330-453-7617 or online at www.playersguildtheatre.com.



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"Do the Mu!"

On Saturday, March 7, the Massillon Museum will celebrate Victorian style for its third monthly "Do the Mu" program. Families and individuals are invited to join staff members between noon and 2:00 p.m. for a tour of the second-floor Victorian parlor exhibit and the lower level lobby display on The Gilded Age. Participants will be treated to tea and sweets, and then, using the Victorian "language of flowers," they will be encouraged to make a tussie mussie or buttonaire.

The March "Do the Mu" is based on the Massillon Museum's second annual National Endowment for the Arts grant project, "The Big Read: Western Stark County Reads The Age of Innocence."

The popular new "Do the Mu" program, instituted by the Massillon Museum's educator, Jill Malusky Bacon, is free and open to all. Participants may drop in any time between noon and 2:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, for a special talk and an arts activity. No pre-registration is required. "Do the Mu" is one of many free activities for families at the Massillon Museum.

The Massillon Museum is located at 121 Lincoln Way East (Ohio Route 172) in downtown Massillon. A visit to the Massillon Museum is always free. For more information, call the Museum at 330-833-4061 or visit www.massillonmuseum.org.

Historical Society Meeting

The Brewster Sugar Creek Twp. Historical Society met for a scheduled meeting on February 17th at 2:00 P. M. There were 6 members in attendance. The pledge to the flag was led by Bob Luckring. The minutes were approved as read by Marilyn Cook. A motion to accept the treasurers report as prepared by Judy Maybaugh was made by Wallace Davis and seconded by Erma Melson. Motion passed. Balance forward \$7,329.03, expenditures \$1,056.10, receipts \$3,874.62, balance for the end of January is \$10,147.55.

Business- Bob advised the members we are still waiting for a correction to our insurance policy premiums. Bob helped repair a drain in the wall in the restaurant which had rusted off. It was mentioned that we could move our meetings back to evenings from afternoons and maybe more people would attend meetings. No action was taken.

Wallace Davis made a motion to renew our membership with the Ohio Historical Society at a cost of \$35.00, seconded by Erma Melson. Motion passed. Bob advised he would purchase more coat hanger stands as needed for the theater area. Wallace Davis made a motion to permit Bob to purchase four used movable partitions at a cost of \$60.00 each, seconded by Erma Melson. Motion passed. Wallace Davis made a motion to permit Bob to purchase a mannequin at a cost of about \$160.00, seconded by Erma Melson, motion passed.

Bob advised that he will be building another show case similar to the one that is in the museum at this time. Bob advised he was going to contact a college to try to get help with interns who are studying to do archival work, and need the experience. Bob advised if he is successful we will have to purchase another computer for that purpose. Our present computer is 12 years old. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. Next meeting will be on March 17th.

Museum Board Meeting

The Massillon Museum Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 26**, at 4:00 p.m., in the Fred F. Silk Community Room at the Massillon Museum, 121 Lincoln Way East, Massillon.

Museum Board officers who were elected at the annual meeting in January are: Jeff McMahan, Chairman; Shane Jackson, Vice-Chairman; Margaret Cocklin, Treasurer; Maude Slagle, Secretary; and Nancy Gessner, Past Chairman.

For information about the Massillon Museum, call 330-833-4061 or visit massillonmuseum.org.



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Garden Club Benefit Drive

Tuslaw Garden Club will be holding its first "Military and Loved Ones's Honor Benefit Drive." The Club is selling Red & White Geraniums for \$3.00 a piece. The price includes grave preparation and planting of flower(s) in the following areas: N. Lawrence, Dalton, Brewster, Navarre, Massillon and Canal Fulton.

For more information or to place an order call 837-0437, 832-2369, or 418-9134.

Bluegrass Music

The Red Lantern Barn, on the banks of the Sugarcreek, will host a Bluegrass Concert on **Saturday, March 7** from 7-10:30 pm. Mark your calendar for the Lloyd Blevins and Rambling Mountain band along with our own Red Lantern Bluegrass Band! Extraordinary music, located at 13130 Mt. Eaton Street, just outside of Brewster off Rt. 93. Cost for the concert is \$10 per person (under 12 enter free).

For additional information call 330-767-6075 or 330-705-3114.

Birthday Celebrations

Come join us to celebrate birthdays! The Massillon Women's Club is hosting "Birthday Celebrations" on **March 14** at 12 noon. (Snow date March 21). Cost is \$12 per person and reservations can be made now through March 9 by calling the Club at 330-833-4896. Each table of eight will represent a month – pick your table/month. Make your reservations early! The Women's Club is located on historical 4th Street.

Foot Health

Do you have sores on your feet that won't heal? Do you experience calf or leg muscle aches when walking? You could be one of the 8 million Americans affected by this disease. Join Joseph Davis, DPM as he presents "Foot Health: Living with Peripheral Arterial Disease" on **Friday, February 27** at 1 pm. Dr. Davis will discuss risk factors, symptoms, and current treatments for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). PAD is usually caused by atherosclerosis, the same disease that causes heart disease and strokes.

Take this opportunity to have all of your foot health questions answered. This program will be held inside Affinity Medical Center's Conference Room 1 (off of the Eighth St. entrance). Refreshments will be served. The event is FREE and reservations are requested. Please call 330-837-6887.

Affinity Medical Center is committed to partnering with its community, patients, physicians and employees to provide high quality, personalized, compassionate healthcare; contributing to a healthier community by promoting healthful living; and providing educational opportunities for healthcare professionals.

Women's Brunch

Holmes County Christian Fellowship meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 3**, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Carlisle Inn, in Walnut Creek, \$8.00 inclusive.

"Simple Estate Planning" will be presented by Sam Steimel, Attorney. Music will be by Phyllis Yoder of Baltic.

Reservations for brunch are due by Friday, February 27. Email hccwclub@yahoo.com or phone Barbara at 330-674-4894 or Rheba at 330-343-7046. If unable to attend, please call and cancel.

Senior Expo

The annual Senior Expo, co-sponsored by PrimeTime Health Plan and PrimeTime Seniors will be held at the Canton Memorial Civic Center, Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

This Roaring 20's themed event will feature an expo, entertainment and more geared toward mature adults age 50 plus.

The hours of the expo are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The free expo will include everything from health and insurance, to travel and senior organizations.

Any local business looking to exhibit may call 330-484-6622 or log on to shannonenglishmarketing.com for more information.

Ohio Compost Course

Twenty-five people who really dig composting will go to school here soon. They'll end up digging it even deeper and also on a bigger scale. And you can be one of them.

The 2009 Ohio Compost Operator Course, open to anyone who works in or around the composting industry, takes place April 1-2 at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), 1680 Madison Ave.

It offers "a practical understanding of the composting process and the means to address operational issues, economics and environmental concerns associated with the production of compost at large-scale facilities," said Fred Michel, an associate professor in Ohio State's Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering.

It will cover, he said, both the science and art of composting.

The instructors will be OARDC scientists, Ohio State University Extension specialists, facility design engineers, compost industry regulatory personnel, compost facility operators and marketing experts.

Michel will be one of them. He's also one of the course's co-organizers. He holds joint appointments with OARDC and with OSU Extension.

Sessions will be in the Arden Shisler Center for Education and Economic Development on the OARDC campus.

Registration costs \$175 for Ohio Compost Association (OCA) members and \$225 for non-members. Continental breakfast, lunch and all materials are included.

To register, send your name, affiliation, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address to Ohio Compost Operator Education Course, OARDC/OSU, Ag Engineering Building, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691.

Indicate if you're a member of OCA when you register. Make checks payable to OARDC/OSU.

Registration is due by March 21 and is limited to 25.

For more information, contact Mary Wicks, (330) 202-3533, wicks.14@osu.edu. Or download the course brochure at <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/ocamm/CompostCse09.pdf>.

To join OCA and get the discount registration fee, e-mail Linda Robertson, director@ohiocompost.org.

Participants are eligible for the following continuing education credits: 13.0 hours, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Waste Water Certification; 11.0 hours, Registered Sanitarians.

OARDC and OSU Extension are the research and outreach arms, respectively, of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Submitted by Mark Jones, Pastor
True Hope Community Fellowship

"NUGGET" of Truth

What is Worship?

Submitted by Mark Jones

Some individuals clap hands, others raise hands, some shed tears, some "shout to the Lord", and others stand in silence. The truth is that these are only expressions of our worship. The definition of worship is to "ascribe the highest worth to". The Bible tells us in John chapter 4 that we are to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. What does that mean? Perhaps Paul can help us understand from his letter to the Corinthians and the Philippians...

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord who is the Spirit makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image... (2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT)

For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort... (Philippians 3:3 NLT)

Do you understand that worship is something you mechanically learn, but something you automatically do as a child of God. We are to reflect the glory of the Lord. HE will make us more and more like Him. We are to rely on Christ and brag about Him. When are we to worship? Where are we to worship? Why do we worship? How are we to worship? We'll answer these questions in future Nuggets.

We would love for you to join us any Sunday at 10:30 AM. We are True Hope Community Fellowship and we meet in the Navarre YMCA. Check us out at www.truehopecommunityfellowship.org.

One Year Anniversary

The O₂ Ministry is celebrating its two-year anniversary Sunday, March 1, 2009. This outreach ministry of Otterbein UMC began meeting in March 2007. However, the vision and planning began more than a year previous to that. The founder, Keith Brown, tells how he drove to work every morning at Perry High School and would see several new housing developments and wondered where those people went to church. He began to pursue this by enlisting other church friends to help gather information. They looked at demographics, interviewed residents and surveyed existing worship opportunities.

They developed a mission and vision to "Encounter God through worship, Encourage growth through discipleship and Exercise faith through service."

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through a very dedicated team of servants. It is a service done in a contemporary fashion with modern worship and praise songs, drama, media and relevant messages. It is held at T. C. Knapp Elementary School every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. The focus is to reach the community by taking church to the neighborhood and providing a new worship service with a goal of helping people begin or renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and then actively becoming disciples and then servants. There are also classes for children through 6th grade. Childcare is provided for the toddlers. Each evening begins with a fellowship time with light refreshments.

As people move into new communities they also look for a new church home. The O₂ Ministry worship service provides an opportunity for those seeking a new Christian fellowship, as often it is difficult to feel like you "fit in" at an established church.

Podcasts of the services are available each week at www.o2ministry.org.

The Ministry has provided several events for the community. They have held car shows, outdoor games and activity day, and an outdoor back to school concert. Trunk or treat was held in October and Soup with Santa came in December. This was followed by a Christmas program presented by the O-zone children and youth. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 11 at the Otterbein campus.

Local opportunities for mission included the Backpack Project, a project to provide back to school supplies for children; Christmas Stocking Project to provide stockings with personal items and gifts for children and the Laundry Project to provide kits and quarters for use at the laundromat. They participated in Perry Fun Day, the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, The Perry Pride Parade for the 50th Anniversary of Perry Schools and other community events. They assist shut-ins and those suffering illnesses with meals and transportation.

All are invited to celebrate this anniversary Sunday, March 1. There will be fellowship and refreshments at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:00 pm. Be prepared to experience church that is "Simply Different."

Call (330)484-2776 for additional information or visit the web site www.O2ministry.org or follow the link from www.otterbeinconnection.org.

Woodland Wildlife Workshop

Find out which mushrooms will taste great or kill you. Learn ways to prune trees so they look good, feel good, and stand less chance of falling on something. And discover things you might not have known about bats, quail, ponds, GPS, flying squirrels, wetland wildlife, woodland wildlife, wildlife predators, monitoring wildlife with a camera, what to do about the emerald ash borer, and how to care for streams, ponds, forests, wetlands and vernal pools to make them even better for wildlife.

Do it and more at the 2009 Ohio River Valley Woodland Wildlife Workshop, Saturday, April 4, 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Diamond Oaks Career Development Campus, 6375 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati.

The course is open to anyone interested in woodlands, wildlife and good ways to manage them. It's designed especially for the tri-state area: Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Twenty concurrent sessions and a lunch talk on emerald ash borer are offered.

Speaking will be experts from the workshop's three sponsors: Ohio State University Extension, the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Register by March 27 and pay \$30 per person. Register from March 26-30 and pay \$40 per person. Registration ends March 30.

Register online at <http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu>. Or send your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to Ohio Woodland Stewards Program, Ohio State University, School of Environment and Natural Resources, 210 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Rd., Columbus, OH 43210. Make checks payable to The Ohio State University. Lunch and materials are included.

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Cooking with a Diabetic Chef

When people first get a diagnosis of diabetes, they often feel an extreme loss of control. They fear the illness will take over their entire life.

Chris Smith knows from experience. At age 27, when he was a student at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, doctors first attributed his chronic fatigue and stomach cramps to stress. After seven months of continuing symptoms, Smith began experiencing an urgent need to urinate and started losing weight -- dropping 30 pounds in six weeks -- and he went to the doctor for answers.

"I was down to 105 pounds, and I'm 5-foot-10," he said. Finally, a doctor did a blood sugar test, "and 45 seconds later I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes," he said.

That day, his life changed. But he still became a chef, and now he draws upon his life and his skills to help others with diabetes -- and anyone interested in adopting healthier skills in the kitchen and throughout their lives.

Smith, author of "Cooking with the Diabetic Chef" and "The Diabetic Chef's Year-Round Cookbook," is coming to Columbus for a live cooking demonstration and a message of empowerment, sponsored by Ohio State University Extension's Dining With Diabetes program.

"Cooking for a Healthy Lifestyle with the Diabetic Chef" will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 30**, at the Msgr. Joseph Jessing Conference Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St. The event is limited to the first 300 who purchase tickets, available by credit card for \$12 each, which includes shipping and tax, at OSU Extension's online store, <http://estore.osu-extension.org/> (search for "cooking"). A free health fair focused on diabetes treatment and prevention will precede the event, 4:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call (614) 292-9833.

"The physician who diagnosed me said I needed to leave the cooking industry," Smith said. "Because of the long hours and the amount of time chefs spend on their feet, he was worried about circulatory problems developing -- that can be a long-term problem for people affected with diabetes. But I went to a new doctor, and I'll never forget what he said: Diabetes is one of the few diseases you can actually manage and control. That was a very empowering message for me, and I share that message with my audience."

Smith is currently Executive Chef at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina and a contributing editor to the Better Homes & Gardens quarterly magazine Diabetic Living, but said he found his calling in public speaking. "When I started speaking to groups, I realized this is what I was meant to do," Smith said. His message emphasizes the importance of moderation, variety and portion control -- all while creating meals full of flavor.

During his March 30 presentation, one of Chef Smith's demonstrations will be what he calls a "template recipe" -- a simple chicken breast. "Once you learn a few techniques, you can copy them with any meat item. They're very easy to do and the result is meat that is nice, tender and moist." The presentation isn't limited to those with diabetes. "Every

single American is my audience," he said. "I hesitate to call what I promote a 'diabetic diet.' It really is just a healthy lifestyle."

Ohio State University Extension's Dining with Diabetes program began in 2003. The program, offered in more than 50 counties across the state, is comprised of three sessions and a follow-up, during which participants enjoy foods prepared on-site while learning about portion sizes, food labels, and how to prepare well-balanced, healthy meals. Programs are led jointly by OSU Extension educators and registered dietitians or certified diabetic educators and more than 2,000 Ohioans participate each year. The program, which is holding its annual statewide update for Dining with Diabetes leaders on March 31, is also sponsoring a free health fair before The Diabetic Chef's presentation, said Cindy Oliveri, Extension family and consumer sciences specialist and coordinator of the Diabetes Education Team.

"We wanted to reach out to the general public and present something similar to a commercial cooking school, but geared to people who are interested in healthy cooking," Oliveri said. "Everyone needs new strategies to prepare healthy meals, especially people who have been diagnosed with diabetes. A lot of people with diabetes think, 'Oh, now I'm on a special diet, it's going to be boring.' But eating healthfully doesn't have to be boring, and I think Chef Smith will break a lot of those myths."

For more information about OSU Extension's Dining with Diabetes program, contact Cindy Oliveri at oliveri.1@osu.edu. For more information on Chris Smith, see his Web site at <http://www.thediabeticchef.com/>.

Two Crops in One Season

An alternative agricultural production system that supports two crops within the same growing season is winning favor among Ohio farmers for its risk management and conservation benefits.

Modified Relay Intercropping (MRI) is the practice of interseeding soybeans into standing wheat in late May or early June. As a result, two crops are grown and harvested from the same field during the season.

The move to MRI has been greatest in Crawford County where two decades of Ohio State University Extension research has shown that the system not only works, but it also can be profitable for the farmer. Today, MRI systems account for nearly 25 percent of the wheat acres in the county.

Steve Prochaska, a OSU Extension educator in agriculture, horticulture and natural resources for Crawford County, said that with the state of today's economy, MRI can hedge grain market and crop production risk associated with growing only one crop in a field per season.

"Hedging can be very a useful tool to mitigate risk and the MRI system is a way to mitigate that risk because of the elements it offers. In the MRI system, two crops are harvested in the same year. Because of the differences in crop growth requirements and grain markets, farmers can effectively hedge production and price risk," said Prochaska.

Prochaska said that returns for MRI systems in the county have often been higher than conventional wheat, corn or soybean returns. Based on OSU Extension field research conducted in Crawford County in 2008, the gross return of MRI was 6 percent greater than monocrop corn, 29 percent greater than monocrop soybeans and 45 percent greater than monocrop wheat based on bushels produced and market prices at the time of July wheat harvest.

In addition to its profitability, MRI is an attractive system because of its conservation benefits.

"The system is highly responsive in terms of addressing what is probably the major pollution issue on the farm: soil erosion. Soil erosion is directly responsible for water quality issues. It's soil erosion that carries fertilizers and pesticides into water sources. Further, soil erosion may result in a direct loss to soil productivity," said Prochaska. "This system

is very good from the standpoint of preserving soil because a crop is growing in the field for at least 12 consecutive months. MRI is one of the best conservation systems on the farm."

Based on the USDA-NRCS Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation calculation for Crawford County, the traditional tilled corn followed by no-till soybeans rotation system generates 3.2 tons of soil loss per acre a year. With an MRI system, soil loss is only 1.3 tons per acre per year.

Prochaska will offer tips on how MRI can work on a farm at the Conservation Tillage and Technology Conference in Ada, Ohio. "Intercropping Soybeans into Wheat" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 27. The conference will be held Feb. 26-27 at the McIntosh Center of Ohio Northern University. For complete agenda and registration information, log on to <http://ctc.osu.edu>.

Prochaska said that the reason why modified relay intercropping seems to be successful is because of the wheat crop.

"Wheat is such an adaptable, flexible plant. There is no standard row-spacing system. You can have two 6-inch wheat rows and a 14-inch skip. You can have a 12-inch row spacing or two 8-inch wheat rows and a 12-inch row skip, and it all seems to work," said Prochaska. "The narrower wheat rows seem to increase wheat yields and produce more consistent soybean yields because they capture more sunlight."

In six years of replicated field trials in Crawford County, Prochaska found that under the MRI system soybeans averaged 30 bushels per acre and wheat yields averaged 73 bushels per acre. By comparison, conventional monocrop soybeans and wheat averaged 42 and 62 bushels per acre, respectively.

"The good thing about MRI is that it brings wheat back into the rotation picture," said Prochaska. "It's been a declining commodity because as a monocrop, it's the least profitable enterprise on the farm."

Despite all of its positive attributes, the biggest downside to modified relay intercropping is the intensive planning and management inputs.

"You can't start the system in mid-stream. It takes quite a bit of planning, simply because of the interaction between the two crops. There really is no ideal date to interseed soybeans. Is the wheat early or late, tall or short, thick or heavy? What is the row spacing? All of these things enter in as to when you sow your soybeans," said Prochaska. "But for those people who are willing to learn, MRI can work very well. It can be a nice, profitable system that can better utilize your land, labor and equipment."

Prochaska said modified relay intercropping was the most profitable enterprise on the farm in Crawford County in 2008.

For more information on modified relay intercropping, refer to the OSU Extension fact sheet, "Modified Relay Intercropping" at <http://ohio-line.osu.edu/agf-fact/0504.html>, or contact Prochaska at (419) 562-8731 or prochaska.1@osu.edu.

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History Group

The Massillon Museum's History Discussion Group, "Massillon Remembers," will talk about old-time home remedies at its monthly session at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 3**, at the Museum. Participants may tell about their personal experiences and family tales. Bringing objects and photographs to illustrate the stories enlivens conversation. Chris Craft moderates the discussion.

The History Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until noon to chat casually about a pre-announced topic, usually a narrow segment of Massillon history. The April subject will be old-time radios and radio shows.

The "Massillon Remembers" group is free and open to everyone; new participants are welcome at any time. Some people come to every session; others attend when the topic is of particular interest. No reservations are required.

The Massillon Museum is located at 121 Lincoln Way East (Ohio 172), in downtown Massillon. For more information, call the Massillon Museum at 330-833-4061 or visit www.massillonmuseum.org.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

On **Saturday, March 7** at 10:00 am children from grades K-6 are invited to the Massillon Public Library for "Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" as part of its Super Saturday Series. **THING 1:** Everyone love a birthday party! **THING 2:** We would like you to come and help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's 105th birthday! We will read Dr. Seuss books, do Seuss crafts and have a gribbulous good time!

Registration is required. For more information or to register stop by the Children's Department, call 330-832-5037 or log onto our website at www.massillonlibrary.org.

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United of Massillon will be meeting for "World Day of Prayer" on **Friday, March 6th** at 9:30 a.m. at St. Barbara Catholic Church, 2813 Lincoln Way West Massillon.

The theme for the day is "In Christ there are many members yet one body". Our speaker will be Captain Tawny Cowen-Zanders B.A. from the Massillon Salvation Army. She will talk about the Salvation Army's work in the country of Papua New Guinea. All ladies from the area churches are invited to attend. Please call Mary Jane Malich at 330-833-3756 to make a reservation by Monday, March 2nd.

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Brian Hutchison, son of Dennis & Sally Hutchison of Sugarcreek Township, was promoted February 1, 2009 to the rank of Master Sergeant. Brian was also recently named Non-Commission Officer of the Quarter for October-December 2008 for Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska where he has been stationed since 2007. He joined the Air Force in 1993 and Brian works in military intelligence.



Brian is married with 1 son and daughter and recently celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary. He is a 1992 Fairless High School graduate and former Brewster Volunteer Fire Department member.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday will be observed at St. Paul UCC, located at 21 Wooster Street, Navarre, on **Wednesday, February 25** beginning with a pancake, sausage & fruit supper in the Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served beginning at 5:45 p.m. There is no cost for the meal, but offering baskets will be available for you to place a free will offering to help defray the cost of the meal. Following supper, there will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., also in the Parish Hall. The service will consist of Scripture readings, Communion and the Distribution of Ashes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend both the supper and worship service, or just the worship service if your schedule does not permit you to be here for supper. This is a family event and not limited to just the members of our church. Please invite your friends and family to join us.

Fairless Seniors

On a windy, clear-cold February 5, 2009, 54 Fairless Senior Citizens and 6 guests gathered in the Fairless High School Auditorium for their monthly meeting.

Dr. Larry Chambliss, principal at Fairless High School welcomed our group back and gave us an up date on all the exciting events going on at Fairless this time of year. Our guest minister for our meeting was Rev. Dave West from Fohl Memorial United Methodist Church in Navarre. Rev. West led us in opening prayer and led the table grace for us.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Robert Owens, husband of member Vivian Owens who passed away recently. Our sunshine list consisted of Ila Troyer, Willa-May Kyle, Joyce Shrake and Mary Shook.

Special dates to remember in February are: Ground Hogs Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Washington's Birthday, Ash Wednesday, and Black History Month.

Our group decided to give half of our donation basket to the girl's unit from Navarre VFW Post 5047, to purchase teddy bears. These girls had a project which involved giving each of our veterans at Brecksville V.A. Hospital a teddy bear for Valentines Day. Our members also brought teddy bears and member Marti Smith took these items over to the girls unit for us.

Our entertainment consisted of Cory Jansen a senior at Fairless who played many selections on the piano for us.

President Jack Evans read poems for us.

Our luncheon was prepared and served by the Fairless Home Economics Class under the direction of Diane Morgan. Favors were miniature jars of Smuckers Jelly.

A thank you card was signed by all to send to Brewster Parke Assisting Living for inviting us as their guests to a Tea Party-Luncheon at the Dolley Madison House.

Our next meeting will be March 5, at 12:00 noon if you did not sign up at the February meeting or if you did sign up and can not attend please call Jack Evans at 330-879-2206 on or before Tuesday, March 3. Please remember to bring your nonperishable food items for the Fairless Food Cupboard and your can pull tabs for the Brewster American Legion. Due to our members bringing in very few Campbell's Soup label's we decided to discontinue this project.

Non-Profit Booth Space

Massillon's traditional Independence Day celebration will return to Stadium Park this year. The July 4th Picnic in the Park will again be a community celebration with games and food from 11:00 am. until dark, when the fireworks will begin. Non-profit groups may reserve 12-foot by 12-foot booth spaces for games or concessions at the Picnic in the Park. The standard booth fee is \$50. A booth with electricity and water may be reserved for \$75. Any organization wishing to offer a children's games booth will pay just \$25. Double spaces are available. The organization keeps all the profits it makes throughout the event and creates goodwill by its presence at the community event.

Applications may be obtained by contacting committee member Joe Herrick at HeyBlue57@yahoo.com or by calling booth chairperson Bev Schenz at 330-834-1834. Any organization that pre-pays its registration fee by April 15 will be eligible for a 10% discount on the booth fee. All applications will be due on May 31. Applications and payment should be made to Massillon Fourth of July Committee at P.O. Box 257, Massillon, 44648.

The day in the park will include children's games, concessions by local non-profit organizations, the Little Miss Liberty and Little Uncle Sam contests, a tug of war, a wing-eating contest, a petting zoo, the Tuslaw Lions train ride, and many more family-friendly activities. The full slate of live music will be held in the Amphitheatre in Stadium Park. A fireworks display will cap the celebration.



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White-winged crossbills "feed on small, soft cones such as the ones produced by hemlocks," Snyder said. "It's believed that large numbers of this species move south of their normal range during years when poor cone crops occur in Canada."

Hundreds or even thousands of white-winged crossbills have come to Ohio this winter, she said, with sightings reported in more than half Ohio's 88 counties.

Arboretum Program Director Ken Cochran said look for them especially in a long row of hemlocks that starts at the Seaman Orientation Plaza and in hemlocks and other conifers east of Green Dr. where it curves into Williams Rd.

Secret, as a site for both research and education, has big, diverse plantings of conifers. Among them: pines, firs, spruces, yews, hemlocks, junipers and arborvitaes, plus deciduous types such as larch and dawn redwood.

Included are Ohio's biggest specimens of Nikko fir, Nordmann fir and Japanese larch, according to the "Big Trees" program of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In all, some 2,000 different kinds of trees and shrubs call the place home.

Admission is free and open to the public. Enter the OARDC campus at 1680 Madison Ave. then follow signs on campus about 1.7 miles to the arboretum.

Maps, parking, restrooms and walking trails are available.

Get details and directions at <http://secrest.osu.edu/> or call (330) 263-3761.

Snyder will lead a free public bird walk in Secret Arboretum from 9-11 a.m. on **Saturday, March 14**. Meet at the Seaman Orientation Plaza. She said she hopes the walk turns up both winter finches and early spring migrants.

Learn more about the Greater Mohican Audubon Society at <http://www.gmasohio.org/>.

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The Malone University Office of Admissions will host a Discover Day for high school juniors and seniors on **Monday, March 23**. High school students will have the opportunity to discover firsthand what it is like to be a student at Malone University. Opportunities include an admissions presentation, a tour of the campus located at 2600 Cleveland Avenue N.W. in Canton, and lunch with a professor from the prospective student's chosen major.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Office of Admissions at 1-800-521-1146, ext. 8142 or register online at www.malone.edu. Students may also schedule an individual appointment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an admissions counselor by calling 1-800-521-1146, ext. 8142 or email us at specialevents@malone.edu.

Serenity Cabin

Many people are feeling the pressures of these tough economic times. Some turn to their spiritual advisors for counseling and help, but who helps the helpers? Camp Buckeye is offering Serenity Cabin FREE of charge to any pastor for a time of relaxation and reflection. Lent is an excellent season to spend time apart. Serenity Cabin is a secluded, self-contained facility available for the community. Call 330-756-2380 for available times or check it out at www.campbuckeye.org. Camp Buckeye has been serving adults and children of our community for 25 years.

Restoration Band

The Gathering Place is presenting Restoration Band in concert on **Friday, Feb. 27** and the David Fell in concert on **Friday, March 6** at 7 pm, at 409 West Main St. in Wilmot (formerly Midwest Pizza). Come and enjoy uplifting music in a relaxed coffee shop atmosphere.

Street Sweeping

The streets in the Village of Navarre are scheduled to be swept on Wednesday, March 4. Residents are requested to park all vehicles off the streets the evening before.

The remaining dates for street sweeps are April 8, May 27, July 1 and September 2.

All sweeps are scheduled for Wednesday as weather permits.

March Programs at the YMCA

The YMCA of Western Stark County is accepting registration for March classes and programs at both the Massillon Family YMCA and Towpath Trail YMCA. Our February programs include swimming, gymnastics, dance, martial arts, baton, pom, fitness, cycling, Zumba, Turbo Kick, youth sports and more. Registration is available online at www.west-starkymca.org or in person at either branch.

For more information, you can visit us online or contact the Massillon Family YMCA at 330-837-5116 or the Navarre, Towpath Trail YMCA at 330-879-0800.

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Hands-On Basic Cheese Making

Enhance your dairy operation with a farmstead cheese business with the aid of an Ohio State University Extension cheese-making workshop.

The workshop will be held April 16-18 at the OSU Extension office in Ashtabula County, 39 Wall St., Jefferson. The course will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an optional evening cheese house tour. Registration is \$425 per person and includes course tuition, resource materials, workshop supplies, lunches and refreshments. Registration is limited to the first 15 people.

"Hands-On Basic Cheese Making -- Enhancing Dairy Profitability with Cheese," is packed with information on milk quality, ingredients used in cheese making, cheese-making processes and techniques, and tips for establishing a cheese-making business.

David Marrison, an OSU Extension educator for Ashtabula County, said that the workshop is intended for those interested in a value-added opportunity in meeting the public's growing demand for local cheeses.

"Farmstead and artisan cheese operations allow dairy farm families to become price-makers instead of price-takers for their milk," said Marrison. "The heart of the workshop is the hands-on opportunity to make a number of different cheeses, including Gouda, Havarti, Lactic, Tomme, provolone, Paneer, Ricotta and Mozzarella."

Peter Dixon, one of the nation's premier cheese-making instructors and operator of the Center for Farmstead Milk Processing in Vermont, will teach the course. Dixon's experience includes training with fourth-generation French cheese makers; working as a cheese maker and quality control manager at Shelburne Farms and Vermont Butter and Cheese; consulting on international development projects to create farmstead cheese cooperatives, improve product quality, and develop brand recognition for local sheep cheeses; and developing and operating food safety programs for Vermont Butter and Cheese Company and the Vermont shepherd cheese producers.

According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio ranks ninth in the nation in general cheese making, and first in the nation in Swiss cheese production.

For more information, contact the OSU Extension office in Ashtabula County at (440) 576-9008, or e-mail Abbey.Averill@osu.edu.

Launch Your Kids for Life

The Massillon Family YMCA is inviting all parents to come to the YMCA on **Sunday, March 15th** at 6:00pm for "Launching Your Kids for Life," a seminar for parents with speaker Mike Parrott.

"It was very helpful with ideas I could use in my home" say Eric and Amy Balizet of Massillon, Ohio. Bob and Jen Comparda, also of Massillon said, "We think this seminar is very valuable" when they were asked about the seminar. Both the Balizets and the Compardas have attended the seminar before and are looking forward to the one coming up on the 15th of March.

Mike Parrott has been an Assistant Professor of Bible at Cedarville University since 2004. He is married to Tracey and they have four adult children. Mike and Tracey served on the staff of Student Venture, the high school outreach of Campus Crusade for Christ, for 30 and 32 years respectively. Mike is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree in Outreach and Discipleship from Gordon-Conwell

Theological Seminary. He holds a M.Div. in Pastoral Theology from Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon and a B.S. in Biochemistry from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, California. Mike and Tracey are active church members at Antioch, the church of the Y.

For more information or to register for this seminar, contact the Massillon Family YMCA at 330-837-5116 or visit our website at www.weststarkymca.org. This program is open to the community and is being offered for only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Child watch is available at no extra charge and light refreshments will be served.

The YMCA welcomes all who wish to participate and annually raises scholarship funds to help make that possible. Please let us know if we may serve you or your family in this way.

Farm Bill Meetings

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture is putting the final touches on the 2008 Farm Bill, farmers are making production decisions related to the Farm Bill that could have significant economic impacts. Ohio State University Extension is hosting a series of meetings throughout Ohio in March to aid farmers and landowners in the decision-making process.

The meetings, free and open to the public, will focus on topics related to farm operations, income and tax liability. Agricultural economist Carl Zulauf will lead the meetings, along with Robert Moore, an attorney with Wright Law Company of Dublin and a former OSU Extension educator.

"Some of the more significant changes in the Farm Bill relate to limitations on payments received from the government that affect how farm businesses might best be organized," said Zulauf, who holds a research appointment with the Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center.

Zulauf will cover details of Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) -- a new farm payment program being offered through the 2008 Farm Bill. Zulauf will discuss the differences between ACRE and traditional payment programs and cover important questions that producers need to consider as they manage their farm operation in today's highly volatile market environment.

Moore will discuss changes to Farm Service Agency programs, with emphasis on payment limitation rules. His presentation will outline how best to ensure compliance with FSA rules through tax analysis, business structuring and farm operation.

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

- March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon -- The Lighthouse, 10055 US Rt. 224 W., Findlay.
- March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. -- Knights of Columbus, 8440 SR 47, Versailles.
- March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon -- All Occasions Catering, 6989 Waldo-Delaware Road, Waldo.
- March 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. -- Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 N. Fifth St., Zanesville.
- March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon -- Ross County Fairgrounds, 644 Allen Ave., Chillicothe.
- March 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. -- OARDC Fisher Auditorium, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster.

For more information on the meetings, contact OSU Extension educator Chris Bruynis at (419) 294-4931, or bruynis.1@cfaes.osu.edu, or Stan Ernst at (614) 292-6421 or ernst.1@osu.edu.

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