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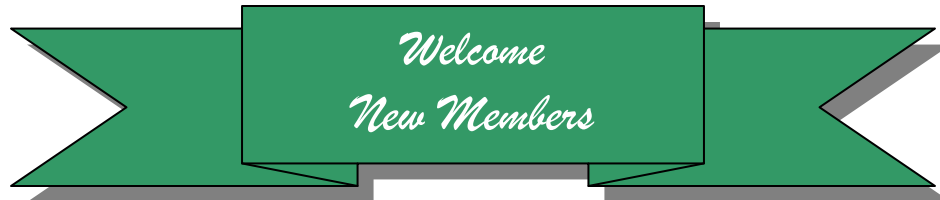
BUSINESS BROADCAST

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The Area 5 Agency on Aging is the starting point for locating local services and assisting with referrals. Discover choices and resources available to make good decisions regarding long-term care to help maintain independence and dignity in a home environment.

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Donna Meyer, Store Manager
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Ribbon Cuttings

2nd location!



New Business in Mount Vernon!



SHOE SENSATION

Monday, Nov 9th—Noon
812 Coshocton Ave
(previous Medicine Shoppe)
RSVP to chamber office

Thursday, Nov 12th—9:00am
1005 Coshocton Ave
(next to Alltel)
RSVP to chamber office

Leadership Knox - Down on the Farm, page 8

- Milk is the most tested commodity.
- 285 ginseng roots equals approximately one pound.
- Raccoons and groundhogs do more damage to crops and property than deer.
- There are Hellbenders in the Kokosing River.



**BWC
Education On Demand...Nov 7th!**

Get Out and Vote - November 3rd

Visit <http://co.knox.oh.us/offices/boe/> for records on:

- Election Results
- 2009 General Election
- What Do We Do?
- Ohio Secretary of State
- News
- Registration Info
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- Election Calendar
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- and More!



Drop the Board of Elections Website into your favorites so you can browse through their many links and be informed.

Their Website has facts for your personal use and for your business.

The Chamber would like to encourage you to support Issue 2 to Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

Ohio families need the safe, nutritious, affordable, locally grown food that Ohio farmers provide each day. But consumers also want to know more about how their food is produced on Ohio's farms. That means knowing:

- Animals are healthy and well cared for,
- Food is safe and of the highest quality,
- Locally produced food is available at the grocery store and
- Farmers are running their farms responsibly and following relevant regulations.

Meeting changing consumer expectations and providing that reassurance is why Ohio's farmers, legislative leaders from both political parties, Governor Ted Strickland and agriculture organizations support a measure to create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (the Board), because the Board will be made up of Ohio experts in animal care making decisions for all Ohioans. Ohio's agriculture community believes the best regulations for animal care will be achieved when all interested parties join together to develop a framework that is both effective and practical for consumers and for farmers. The Board is the right approach to reach that goal.

Why Support the Board

Out-of-state activist groups have signaled they would like to bring an initiative to Ohio that would set rigid, inflexible and impractical rules for how livestock and poultry are housed. This would lead to *higher costs* for consumers, put *food safety at risk*, increase the amount of *food imported to Ohio*, cause thousands of *farmers to go out of business*, and *endanger the overall health and well-being* of Ohio's flocks and herds.

About the Board

The Board will set standards for livestock and poultry care that take into account issues of food safety, local availability and affordability of food and best farm management practices for animal well-being; considered in the context of their impact on animal health, farm biosecurity, disease prevention, food safety and food production. The Board will be chaired by the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and will be made up of 12 Ohioans, including:

- Three family farmers
- Two veterinarians (one of whom is the state veterinarian),
- A food safety expert
- A representative of a local humane society
- Two members representing statewide farm organizations
- The dean of an Ohio agriculture college
- Two members representing Ohio consumers

Where to Learn More

To learn more about the Issue 2 campaign, to volunteer, to donate, or to talk with a farmer from your community, visit www.ohiolivestockcare.com.

For an overview of both sides of each Ohio issue on the ballot, click here [State Issues](#)

State Representative, 90th District

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SD19@senate.state.oh.us

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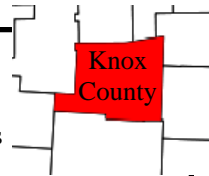
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Nonprofit Board Responsibilities Topic of Free Workshop

Nonprofits help people in countless ways and strengthen our community. Providing board leadership to a charitable organization can be a rewarding experience, but it comes with serious responsibilities and legal obligations to ensure that the interests of that charity are protected.

Monica Moloney and Beth Short of the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section will present two important free community workshops on Thursday, November 19 aimed at strengthening Knox County's charitable community. The sessions will cover the legal duties of board members and strategies to avoid problems. Discussion topics include fiduciary obligations - the duty of care, loyalty, compliance and maintaining accounts; internal controls - fraud prevention, fiscal accountability, policies and procedures; conflicts of interest; and regulatory requirements.

Serving as a trustee, director, or board member should not be treated as an honorary title. This presentation will equip current and future nonprofit leaders with tools on how to approach their important role with confidence. This workshop will be held from 2-3:30 p.m., and will be repeated from 6-7:30 p.m. Both sessions are sponsored by United Way of Knox County and The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County. Refreshments will be provided. Workshops will be held at the William B. Burgett Training Center, 125 Mount Vernon Avenue, in Fredericktown. To RSVP, please call United Way of Knox County 740-397-5721 x101 by November 13 and indicate which workshop session you wish to attend.



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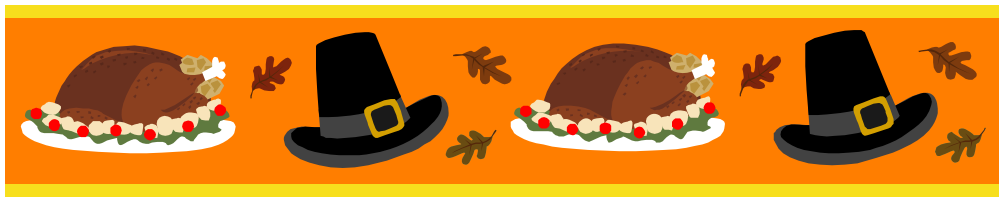
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Midday Matters

A monthly program of the
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Mayor Richard K. Mavis
Commissioners: Bob Wise, Allen Stockberger,
Teresa Bemiller,

Thursday, Nov. 19th
noon to 1pm

Alcove Restaurant
116 South Main Street, Mount Vernon

Cost includes lunch.
Check in begins at 11:45
Chamber Members: \$15 Non-Chamber \$20

RSVP online, or 740-393-1111, or
e-mail chamber@knoxchamber.com



Safety Council

ODNR
Officer Mike Miller

When: Nov. 18th
Where: Dan Emmett Conference Center
Time: 7:30 until 8:30 am.
RSVP: Reservations required. Contact the
chamber office at 740-393-1111 or e-mail
chamber@knoxchamber.com.
Cost: \$10, breakfast provided.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR YOUR LOCAL
BWC REPRESENTATIVE?
Call: 419-529-4528

Committee Meetings

Business Education Workforce Dev.
Wednesday, Nov 4th at 8:30 am,
Chamber office

Leadership Knox Steering Committee
Wednesday, Nov 11th at 8:00 am,
Chamber office

Legislative Steering Committee
Thursday, Nov 12th at Noon,
Sip's Coffee House & Deli, downtown

Safety Council Steering Committee
Tuesday, Nov 3rd at 8:00am,
Sip's Coffee House & Deli, downtown

Agriculture Day - Leadership Knox - October 15, 2009

Submitted by: **Vikki Eley, Arthritis Foundation**



“Ag” Day was enjoyable in spite of the incimate weather. We visited three Knox County Farms. The cold wet rainy weather enhanced our awareness that, like the mail, the farm chores must go on regardless of rain, hail, sleet, or snow.....

Our first stop was The Ruprecht dairy farm near North Liberty. Ken and Marilyn Ruprecht were our hosts. Ken explained how the dairy farmer is always trying to improve the quality and quantity of milk that is produced by each cow. In the milking parlor, we observed how cows are milked and where the milk is cooled and stored. Milking occurs 3 times each day. It costs \$5.32 to feed each cow per day--\$558.29 for all 105 milking cows. One cow produces 10 gallons of milk daily. The happier the cow, the more she eats and the more milk she produces. Factors that may affect the sense of comfort and well being in the bovine are bedding and feed. Milk prices are affected by supply & demand, the cost of the feed, bedding, and trucking expense to name just a few.

Our next stop the Skyline Turkey Farm in Danville, owned and operated by Don and Janet Hawk. The Hawks started out raising turkeys—8,500 of them, 6 times a year to be exact. The Hawks have since branched out into other ventures. Today, feeding out 2,500- 3,000 lambs each year for the east coast restaurant trade is their main focus but they also feed out 55 calves and raise 4,000 turkeys twice each year for a specialty market. The Hawks grow much of the feed for their farming operation. They have 275 acres of corn, 275 acres of soybeans, 70 acres of wheat and 60 acres of hay.

While at the Hawk’s farm, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by all three farm families and sponsored by the Farm Bureau. We enjoyed roasted turkey and lamb with many side dishes. Our hosts explained State Issue 2 to us and why they supported it.

After lunch, we traveled to the Boeshart’s grain farm. Our first speaker was Mike Miller, the State of Ohio Wildlife Officer in Knox County. Mike talked about all the responsibilities of his job. He enforces Hunting/Fishing/Trapping laws. Mike handles complaints from deer and ginseng poachers to teaching Hunter Safety Classes. He completes various surveys pertaining to wildlife in Knox County. Mike’s #1 priorities are responding to hunting injuries or houses hit by stray bullets and responding to pollution emergencies. 40% of his time is spent addressing complaints from crop and livestock damage stemming from wild animals. Mike’s agency is a self-funded agency supported by private conservation groups. Mike’s presentation was full of interesting facts.

Branton Boeshart spoke regarding the issues facing grain farmers and about the many different variables that could affect the profit margin in the production of corn and soybean crops. This year, if Branton gets 150 bushels of corn per acre, he will have to sell it for \$3.35 to break even. Assuming that soybeans average 40 bushels per acre, the break even cost to sell the beans is \$7.13 per bushel. We all climbed aboard his John Deere Combine that sports an on-board computer system that constantly tells the moisture content of the corn or soybeans and what the yield is per acres. All this does not come cheaply. The cost of farm equipment is staggering.

Each farmer echoed how farming is greatly affected by the global market. What goes on halfway across the world can greatly influence the cost of farming necessities. For example, India purchased a tremendous amount of fertilizer which raised fertilizer costs thereby increasing the cost of the crop which in turn adds to the cost of feed which results in higher meat and dairy prices. It’s a little like playing economic dominoes on a world scale.

Several common threads were apparent as we listened. All are passionate about their work and lifestyle. Farming Income is the sole support for each of these families. Lastly, each farm represented the second or third generation of a farming family.



Fire safety was the topic of the October Knox County Safety Council. Assistant Chief, Mike Menapace, identified the various types of fire extinguishers, how they are marked, their color, and the importance of using the right extinguisher depending on the type of fire. Following his presentation, the members had the opportunity to go outside and extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. This was a hands-on opportunity to use a fire extinguisher and learn the proper way to attack a fire. Fire extinguishers were provided by Dick McCluskey of McCluskey Fire Extinguishers.



Every business must be prepared for the unexpected fire. Be sure you follow the fire code and have the extinguishers properly mounted and inspected each year. If your business would like additional information on fire safety, please contact your local fire department or McCluskey Fire Extinguishers in Mount Vernon.



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Chamber of Commerce**

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**400 South Gay Street
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Location:
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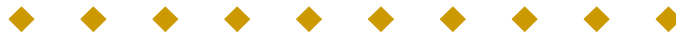
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The November Business After Hours event was held at Flapper's. If you missed this event, you missed networking with 100 people. It was a wonderful turnout and we appreciate the support the members extended to Jeff Boucher and his staff.

Great food and door prizes were just part of the event as people mingled, networked, and shared some laughs. Check out our Photo Gallery on our Website for photos from this event and others.

Remember, the Business After Hours events are *open to the public* so please mark your calendar each month to attend this event and bring a co-worker or friend. The more the merrier! Bring your business cards to distribute as you meet with people and don't forget to throw one in the door prize drawing container.

Networking is: The exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions; specifically: the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business.

Join us next month at American Red Cross of Knox County. See page 5 for details.

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