



A Thanksgiving Prayer
 Be thankful for God above
 and for His precious gifts of warmth & love.
 Be thankful for your home
 and for family too,
 and for the blessings you receive
 the whole year through.

Looking for a Job?

Are you or somebody you know looking for full time or part time work? Don't forget about the big "Looking for a Job?" Bulletin Board located in the Waiting Room at the Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority. Every 2 Weeks the Housing Authority updates the board with the most current Help Wanted Ads in Washington Court House and the surrounding areas.

Always Inform the Housing Authority of Any Household Income Changes

If you have experienced any Income Changes in your household such as starting a new job, quitting an old job, getting a raise from work, increasing or decreasing the hours you work - let your Housing Specialist know so that they can have you fill-out the necessary forms and submit required documentation to update your file. Turn in any changes you may have by the 23rd of the month. The Housing Authority guidelines require that any income changes must be reported within 10 calendar days. You must report all income in your household - which includes income from: Self-Employment, Social Security, SSI, Child Support, Jobs & Family Services Benefits, Retirement, Pension, Alimony, Stock Dividends, Rental Property Income, Veterans Benefits and all other sources of Income. Failure to report increased income will result in Termination of Assistance or Repayment to the Housing Authority.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority

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Who Will You Vote for President of the United States?

Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ◆ **The efforts of the government alone will never be enough. In the end, the people must choose and the people must help themselves.**
- John F. Kennedy
- ◆ For this nation to remain true to its principles, we cannot allow any American's vote to be denied, diluted or defiled. The right to vote is the crown jewel of American liberties, and we will not see its luster diminished.
- Ronald Reagan
- ◆ One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.
- John F. Kennedy
- ◆ This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their own destinies.
- Lynden B. Johnson
- ◆ **The best thing about the future ... is that it comes one day at a time.**
- Abraham Lincoln

Election Day is Tuesday - November 8, 2016. Poling Centers in Ohio are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Are you registered to vote in the state of Ohio? If so, once you are aware of where your Poling Center is located - then, it simply comes down to the question "Who are you voting for?" If you haven't made up your mind yet, consider these helpful hints:

- Set aside some time in the next week to read up on the candidates ahead of voting day. Conduct some research - read up on both candidates on the internet and in publications.
- Vote for the candidate that shares the same opinion on policies and issues that you do. As with any other decision you make, weigh the Pros and Cons.
- Turn to the manifestos. Each party has released fairly weighty documents outlining their pledges. Even the most diligent voters don't have time to go through them all with a fine toothcomb, simply catch up on highlights here and there to help simplify your decision.
- Take some time to digest all the information you've learned about each candidate. Give yourself the space to make a decision knowing that your vote matters. Take the time to watch debates on TV or on the internet.
- If you trust the opinions of friends or loved ones, discuss the candidates with them to get their insight to help you better make your decision.
- If all else fails - Go with your "Gut" feeling. Who do you honestly feel is the best person for the job of President of the United States?

Good Luck with your decision, be proud of your choice - Your Vote Matters!



Motivational Message For The Month

Encouraged about the future

Every prediction of the future is based on the past. No person knows for sure what will happen tomorrow, or next year. If you're tempted to be discouraged about the future, avoid that temptation. The results are not in yet, and you can act right now to dramatically improve those results. There are billions of people in this world, seeking to live prosperous and fulfilling lives. Each day, a whole lot of them are doing so. Countless new and worthwhile ideas are born every moment. In our highly interconnected world, good ideas and their implementations can quickly spread. No one knows what tomorrow will bring. Yet there's an enormous shared incentive, spread throughout the world, to make tomorrow a little better than today. Let yourself envision a bright future ahead, then do something to make it so. You can be sure many others, every day, are doing the same.

- Ralph Marston

Delicious Thanksgiving Desserts!

Caramel Apple Trifles



Caramel Sauce:

½ cup granulated Sugar
2 tablespoons Water
2 tablespoons Unsalted Butter
6 tablespoons of Heavy Cream
½ teaspoons of Kosher Salt

Add sugar and water into a saucepan over medium low heat. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Use a wet brush to remove any crystals that form on the side. Once sugar has dissolved increase heat to high. Now and then, using the handle give the pot a swirl to keep the mixture moving. Do not stir the mixture directly. The mixture will start to bubble after a minute. As the mixture darkens to a dark amber color, approximately 5-7 minutes, add the butter and cream to saucepan. The mixture will bubble wildly. Whisk to combine (bubbles will subside upon cooling). Add salt and stir to combine.

Caramel Mousse:

1 cup Cold Heavy Cream
2 tablespoon Sugar
¼ cup Caramel Sauce

Place chilled heavy cream with sugar in a bowl and using a whisk or a hand held mixer on medium speed or medium strength. Beat cream until soft peaks form and cream is light and fluffy. Gently fold in caramel sauce.

Apple Crumble:

½ cup diced fresh apples
½ cup apple chips
½ cup crumbled granola

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix to combine.

To assemble your trifles simply layer the caramel mousse, caramel sauce & apple crumble a couple of times and top with Reddi Wip whipped cream topping then drizzle with caramel sauce in glasses as shown. The recipe makes approximately eight 3 1/2 oz. servings.

Pumpkin Cake

4 Eggs
2 cups Sugar
1 cup Vegetable Oil
1¼ cups Pureed Pumpkin
3 cups Flour
1 teaspoon Cinnamon
2 teaspoons Nutmeg
2 teaspoons Baking Soda
2 teaspoons Baking Powder
1 cup Raisins
1 cup Chopped Pecans
Cream Cheese Icing

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour two 13 x 9 inch pans. Mix the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin together in a medium bowl. Sift the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda and baking powder into a large bowl. Stir in the raisins & pecans. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Divide between prepared pans. Bake for 35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cakes comes out clean. Remove from the oven and allow to cool before icing. Makes approximately 24 Bars.



Easy & Beautiful Ways to Decorate Your Thanksgiving Dinner Table!

Pumpkin Flower Holder Centerpieces

**Small to Medium Pie Pumpkin
Paring Knife and Spoon
Small Drinking Cup
Fresh Fall Flowers (you could
even use artificial flowers)**

Cut open a pumpkin and remove the seeds. Place a small glass into the cavity of the pumpkin and add water. Cut flowers so that about $\frac{2}{3}$ are in pumpkin and place in glass.



Thanksgiving Napkin Rings

**Empty Toilet Paper Tube cut in 1/2
Burlap
Hot Glue Gun
Scissors
Thin Brown Ribbon
Small Fall Decorations & Trinkets**

Cut burlap in strips enough to cover & wrap around the tubes. Using the hot glue gun - glue the burlap onto the tube. Tie the brown ribbon in a bow around the burlap tube and secure it with the hot glue gun. Then, using the hot glue gun, affix the small Fall decorations & trinkets you've chosen.





Are You Able to Work and Receive Social Security Benefits?

You can get Social Security retirement or survivors benefits and work at the same time. But, if you're younger than full retirement age, and earn more than certain amounts, your benefits will be reduced. The amount that your benefits are reduced, however, isn't truly lost. Your benefit will be increased at your full retirement age to account for benefits withheld due to earlier earnings. (Spouses and survivors, who receive benefits because they have minor or disabled children in their care, don't receive increased benefits at full retirement age if benefits were withheld because of work.)

NOTE: Different rules apply if you receive Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income payments. Then you must report all earnings to Social Security.

How much can you earn and still get benefits?

If you were born January 2, 1943, through January 1, 1955, then your full retirement age for retirement insurance benefits is 66. If you work, and are full retirement age or older, you may keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn. If you're younger than full retirement age, there is a limit to how much you can earn and still receive full Social Security benefits. If you're younger than full retirement age during all of 2016, we must deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$2 you earn above \$15,720.

If you reach full retirement age during 2016, we must deduct \$1 from your benefits for each \$3 you earn above \$41,880 until the month you reach full retirement age.



Can You Work and Receive Social Security Disability Benefits?

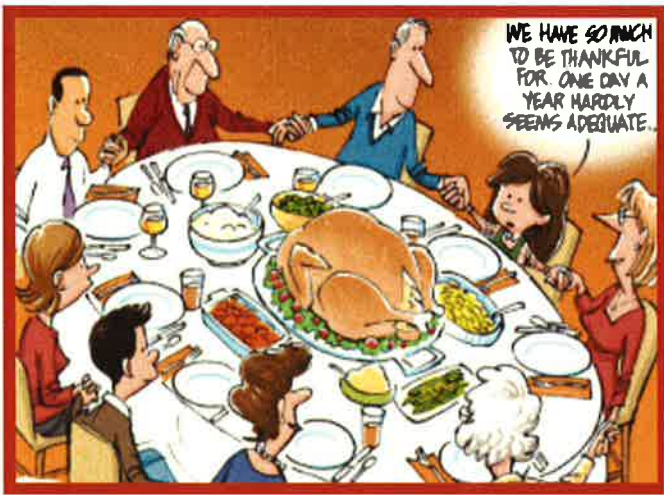
Generally, you can't start doing "substantial gainful activity" (SGA) and continue to receive disability benefits. SGA means you are working and making more than \$1,130 per month in 2016 (or \$1,820 if you're blind). There are exceptions to this rule. For SSDI recipients, there is a trial work period during which you can make more than the SGA amount without losing your benefits. SSDI recipients are entitled to test their ability to work and continue to receive full benefits regardless of whether they make more than the SGA amount, for a nine month trial period. For 2016, the SSA considers any month where a person has a monthly income more than \$810 a trial work month. If you are self-employed, any month where you work more than 80 hours (or earn more than \$810) is a trial work month.

Once you have completed the nine-month trial work period, you can still receive SSDI for any month where your earnings fall below the SGA level, for a period of 36 months. This is called the extended period of eligibility. In other words, if you earn more than \$1,130 per month, you won't get disability benefits for that month. If your SSDI payments have stopped because your income is substantial, the SSA gives you five years during which your benefits can be reinstated if you stop work because of your disability. During the five year period, the SSA will not require you to file a new disability application to get benefits. This is called expedited reinstatement. If you lose your job during the trial work period, your disability benefits will not be affected. If you lose your job during the 36 months following the trial work period, and you are still disabled, you will need to call the SSA to have your disability benefits restarted.

Working and SSI Benefits

Go to www.socialsecurity.gov for more information.

You can begin to work and continue to receive SSI benefits as long as your wages and other resources do not exceed SSA's income limit for SSI, however, your monthly benefit amount will be reduced in proportion to your income. Here's how the SSA reduces your income. If your only income is from your job, the SSA does not include the first \$85 you earn toward your countable income. After the \$85 adjustment, the SSA will deduct 50 cents for every dollar you earn from your monthly benefits. If your SSI payments stop because you earn too much money, but you are subsequently forced to quit work because of your disability, the SSA will reinstate your benefits without the need for a new application for a period of five years.



Election Day



Tuesday - November 8, 2016

Why is Voting so important?

Voting is one of the surest ways for citizens to establish influence over elected officials. Because politicians are concerned primarily with the most vocal elements of their constituencies, groups of people who do not vote tend to receive less attention. This ultimately translates into less power for non-voters to affect the formation of public policy in accordance with their own private interests.

Elected officials attend to a great number of extremely important policy issues. These concern the distribution of social resources, the creation or nullification of laws and the limitations or restrictions that affect daily life. For young people just reaching voting age, such issues range in gravity from considering the legal drinking age to the government's ability to draft young men and women into the armed forces, the latter conceivably being a life or death proposition. Because politicians want to appear effective, and because they often desire re-election, they typically choose pathways that please the most people who will then re-elect them. Consequently, people who tend not to vote have limited influence.

On the other hand, lobbies that participate regularly and exert a collective will tend to receive large amounts of attention from policy makers. For example, the senior lobby wields considerable influence in Washington, because the elderly tend to vote and to have strong non-governmental organizations like the AARP to advocate for them. While voting does not guarantee that the policy a person supports will ultimately be adopted, not voting promotes no chance at all. Supporters of democracy insist that voting is one of the most cherished rights in a free society. To vote is to celebrate this way of life and to remember that it is denied many around the world. Voting is both a civic responsibility and a method of practicing awareness of access to political participation.

**VOTE - It's your right & responsibility
 as a citizen of the United States of
 America!**

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