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New program: 'If you eat, you qualify'

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

The Circleville Nazarene Church has kicked off its Angel Food Ministries, a program designed to help area residents double their food dollar by ordering from a designated menu each month. With a motto of "If you eat, you qualify," the

national Angel Food Ministries helps feed more than 500,000 families per month in 35 states, according to Theresa Weller, AFM coordinator for Circleville Nazarene Church. "I was at our district convention in May of 2007 and saw a workshop on a local compassionate ministry center,"

Weller said. "One was Angel Food Ministries, and as they were explaining the program, I thought what a wonderful opportunity that would be for our community and how many needs that type of program would meet."

Through AFM, residents can place orders from a designated menu which changes each

month. The \$30 food box, she said, always includes between 17 and 19 items and 10 pounds or more of meat, up to a \$78 value. The menu also includes monthly meat specials for \$20 per order.

Weller said orders will be collected in person three times per month at Circleville Nazarene Church, as well as one

day per month at Brooks-Yates Center on S. Pickaway Street. Orders will then be distributed once per month at the Brooks-Yates Center facility. "We're really grateful to Brooks-Yates Center for letting us host this out of their building," Weller said. "That location is more convenient for people who have

transportation issues. And for people to be able to place orders, the PICCA bus will be able to bring them there the day we take orders. That was a huge plus." The Pickaway County Community Foundation granted start-up funds for the ministry, Weller said, which helped pay for flyers and signs to get the word out. She said the

group also invites other churches and agencies in Pickaway County to help spread awareness of the program. "We visited in Sciotoville while they did a distribution day," Weller said. "They had over 300 orders that were being picked up. People had driven miles to pick up boxes for neighbors. See **Food A2**

Bill backs gay rights

Measure bans discriminating on orientation

By **JULIE CARR SMYTH**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After Jimmie Beall was fired from a teaching job she loved because she was a lesbian, she made a promise to her students that she'd fight to prevent the same thing from happening to others.

On Tuesday, Beall helped state lawmakers unveil a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs, credit and housing. Backers say the political climate is prime to make Ohio the 22nd state to pass such a law.

Opponents of similar measures that have failed in the past suggest the potentially divisive proposal's introduction may be politically loaded, coming just months before a critical presidential contest in the pivotal swing state.

Beall said she had just received a stellar review and great new work assignment days before her firing from the London City Schools in western Ohio. Then the principal discovered she was gay.

"Being fired left me stunned, absolutely devastated," she said. "I don't know how to express how it feels when you know that you have children and no income and no insurance now because of who you are."

Democrats — led this year by Rep. Dan Stewart

See **BILL A5**

OVI CASE CONTINUES; ADDITIONAL CHARGES POSSIBLE



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Sgt. Tim Carpenter of the Pickaway County Sheriff's office describes photos of a fatal accident to city law director Gary Kenworthy (left) and Judge James Fais in court on Tuesday.

Sobriety tests will be allowed as evidence

Judge denies motion to suppress

By **TRISH BENNETT**
STAFF WRITER

A motion to suppress evidence in the OVI case of Michael S. McKeivier, 46, of Circleville, was denied by Judge James Fais Tuesday in Circleville Municipal Court.

The motion, filed by Diane Menashe, McKeivier's attorney, asked the court to suppress evidence obtained by police following the Jan. 25 accident on U.S. Route 23 north of state Route 752 in South Bloomfield in which Walter Paul Bryant of Circleville was killed and his wife, Carolyn, was injured.

Robert



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Michael McKeivier (right) and his attorney, Diane Menashe, listen to proceedings on Tuesday.

Dauberman, South Bloomfield Police department, along with Sgt. Curtis Fortner, Deputy Casey Thress and Sgt. Timothy Carpenter of the Pickaway County Sheriff's department, faced a grilling on the stand by the defense, which included questions about the uniformity of field sobriety procedures, the right of jurisdiction in the affected section of

U.S. Route 23 and the existence of probable cause after the accident to detain or arrest McKeivier.

Menashe's motion asked the court to suppress evidence obtained from what it called the "warrantless seizure of the defendant" including but not limited to tests of the defendant's coordination, sobriety, alcohol and/or drug level from

field sobriety testing; statements taken from or made by the defendant; observations or opinions of police officers regarding the defendant's sobriety, physical dexterity and/or alcohol or drug level; the defendant's alleged refusal of the alcohol test; and any and all evidence obtained as the result of seizure of the defendant.

After nearly two hours of testimony, Fais ruled that the field sobriety tests administered by Sgt. Dauberman, a patrol officer for South Bloomfield, are admissible in the upcoming court trial due to evidence regarding the time of his response and the jurisdiction of the South Bloomfield Police. Statements McKeivier made to Dauberman were also ruled admissible, which cleared the issue of

See **McKeivier A2**

New road to U.S. 23 advances

City to stick with plan for Court St. link

By **DAVID AMEY**
EDITOR

The South Court Street connector, as originally planned, is back on Circleville's front burner.

Following a meeting with officials from the Ohio Department of Transportation, city service director Terry Elliott told city council's service committee Tuesday he is ready to release easement letters for the project, which will connect South Court Street in front of Court Street Elementary School and U.S. Route 23, south of the traffic signal at Pickaway Crossing.

His boss, Mayor Chuck Taylor, wanted to relocate the proposed connector link more to the north so it would connect directly with the access road into Pickaway Crossing between Taco Bell and Ponderosa steak house.

The original project was to be funded in part by a \$1.4 million grant from ODOT, and about \$400,000 has been spent thus far on mapping and engineering.

The revised plan was scrapped for several reasons, Elliott said.

The project would have to be reengineered at an estimate additional cost of \$250,000 and a



TAYLOR

Winter weather woes

Circleville's nine-member service crew logged more than 200 overtime hours last weekend battling the 13.5 inch snowfall, according to street superintendent Dane Patterson, using four salt dispersing trucks with snow plows and a smaller plow.

Friday, the crew started with priority streets and tackled all city streets, he said. However, Saturday's continuous snow fall caused them to stick primarily to the priority streets with only a single pass through on residential roads. On Sunday, the crew used a convoy to clear the main roads, and also cleared snow from city office buildings.

The big break came Monday, when they applied the last of their allocation of 400 tons of salt to break up the ice down to the pavement.

The plows cannot plow and salt at the same time, Patterson said. He estimates about eight hours are required to plow the main streets of Circleville, while two hours is required to apply the salt.

— David Amey

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Wanda Mason Beathard, 93

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To our readers
The new calendar is designed to keep you better informed about community events. Please give us your feedback and suggestions by sending a note to news@circleville-ohio.com

Community calendar

Today
• **Skating Party** to benefit CHS band; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Circle-D Recreation; \$2 per skate and \$1 for skate rental; door prizes and games.

Friday
• **Lincoln Day Dinner** hosted by Pickaway County Republican Party at the Pickaway County Senior Center, 2105 Chickasaw Drive. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 as well as a silent auction. Robert Bennett, chairman, Ohio Republican Party, will speak.
For tickets, e-mail ssharpana@columbus.rr.com.
For more information, contact chairman Jeff Call at 614-582-7020 or vice chairman Stuart Sharpnack at 740-601-4276.

• **Home and Garden Show**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pickaway County Fairgrounds.

Saturday
• **"The Resurrection and the Life"**, 7 p.m. at Circleville Church of the Nazarene, 2264 Walnut Creek Pike. Second presentation 10 a.m. Easter Sunday.
Special activities planned for children during both performances; infant and toddler nursery care available.
For more information, call (740) 474-7350.

• **Home and Garden Show**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Pickaway County Fairgrounds.

• **Pancake breakfast** sponsored by the True Colors 4-H Club, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Community Lighthouse Church (Fellowship Hall in Rear), 502 S. Water St. \$5 for all you want to eat/drink.
• **Atlanta Fish Fry**, Atlanta UM Church, Ohio 207, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$8 for fish, potatoes, salad or scalloped potatoes, baked beans or green beans, slaw, dessert, drink.
For carry-out call, 986-5111.
• **Easter bazaar, crafts, bake sale**, Laurelville Church of God, 16457 state Route 56, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• **Cookie Walk** to benefit Pickaway County Genealogical Library building fund, 9 a.m., Moore House, 304 S. Court St.
• **Auction** to benefit Circleville high school and middle school track teams at CHS. Tickets sold 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; auction starts at 7 p.m.

Sunday
• **Home and Garden Show**, noon to 4 p.m., Pickaway County Fairgrounds.

Tuesday
• **American Red Cross blood drive**, Calvary U.M. Church, 427 S. Washington St. 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. No appointment necessary.

March 22
• **American Red Cross blood drive**, Scioto Township Fire House, Commercial Point, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment necessary.

March 26
• **Ham and bean dinner**, Pickaway Senior Center, 2105 Chickasaw Dr., Circleville, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., \$4, beans, slaw, drink, cornbread; \$2 hot chicken sandwich; \$1.50 hot dog with sauce.

Preaching Mission continues

By STEVE JONES
FOR THE HERALD

The size of the congregation at the 36th annual Preaching Mission increases each night. It is hosted this year by Circleville First Church, 436 East Ohio Street.
Rev. Rich Teske, the guest speaker, again went to 1 Corinthians for the basis of his sermon, "We Need Each Other."

"We need each other for the body (church) to function," Rev. Teske said. He praised the local churches for gathering together to worship as one for 36 consecutive years. The music was inspiring, as was it was in the two previous sessions. The song leader for the gathering hymns was Esther Fouts. Donald Metzler presented the Prelude. The Circleville Nazarene Choir,

conducted by Jeff Gray, and the St. Joseph's Catholic Choir, conducted by Patty Immel and accompanied by Jessica Blair, sang the anthems.

For the offertory music, Esther Fouts, violinist, and Donald Metzler, pianist, played "Deep River." Pickaway County churches are blest with many talented musicians.

Pastor Don Bachman of Trinity Lutheran Church welcomed the congregation and delivered the Invocation. Bruce Bell gave the first scripture reading and Diane Berger the second. Fr. Steve Krite led the pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer. The closing prayer and Benediction were by Jack Snyder of Grace Anglican.

The preaching mission ends today with the noon Bible Study being a part of the

Lenten Luncheons at the Presbyterian Church, 134 East Mound Street, and the evening service at First Church. A fellowship supper will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the First Church Annex. A free will offering will be accepted at the supper. Tonight's program includes a Junior and Senior High service in the annex.

Money collected during the services is used to pay for the expenses of the preaching mission. Funds in excess of the cost go to the Ministerial Association's Emergency Clearing House.

At the noon Bible luncheons, Dr. David Case has been speaking on "Who Is Jesus?"

On Sunday night, the Bell Choir from the Presbyterian Church was joined by the Mary Gans Memorial Chime Choir.

Deaths and funerals

WANDA MASON OGLESBEE BEATHARD
GRANTVILLE, Ga. — Wanda Mason Oglesbee Beathard died Sat., March 1, 2008 at her home in Grantville, Ga.

She was born March 25, 1914, in Derby to the late Rev. W. E. "Dick" and Edna Ramsey Mason.

She retired as a psychiatric aide from the Orient State Institute. Wanda had made her home in Georgia for the past 15 years.

Preceding her in death were her brothers, Muri "Pat," Elmer "Slim," and Willis "Kie"; sisters, Lucille Mason Phillips and Alice Mason Baker; husbands, Lloyd W. "Jeff" Oglesbee, and Leslie A. Beathard.

She is survived by her daughters, Rebecca Oglesbee Ewing of Grantville, Ga., and Joyce Beathard Snyder of

Sanford, N.C.; stepson, John L. Beathard of Mount Sterling; sister, Laurabelle Mason of Mount Sterling; sister-in-law, Jean (Willis) Mason of Toledo; six grandchildren, Jay, Nicole, Gregory, Shawn, Amy, and Jessica; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held at the Mount Sterling Church of Christ in Christian Union at 11 a.m., Thurs., March 13. Rev. Terry Russell and Rev. John Colburn officiating with interment at Pleasant Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family suggested memorial contributions may be given to the Mount Sterling Church of Christ in Christian Union.

Local arrangements were made under the direction of Porter Funeral Home, Mount Sterling.

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16-month delay.

• The newly proposed route goes against the grain of the project — driver safety — and would include an additional safety feature not required in the initial design. And, it could not meet the original criteria of the ODOT grant.

• The northern proposal would be sited very close to the existing medical center, and could cause operational

problems.

Elliott also updated committee members on the status of the North Court Street water project, which has been entangled with a variety of delays.

The bidding process on the road, to extend city water service north to Bell Station road, could begin May 31, he said, now that a route has been established.

The water lines will be located 9 feet off the edge of the pavement, he said, and the lines will be opened by directional bore technology.

At this time, there is no schedule when work will commence.

With regard to the city's storm water plans, Elliott reported his staff will play catch-up much of this year through in-house work and start the work process in 2009.

That's much the same scenario he revealed for street maintenance in the city, even though Council president David Crawford encouraged him to work to look beyond the next year.
Projects, originally planned

for 2007, will be completed this year, Elliott said, including Town Street east of the Pumpkin tower, Mill Street, and the roads leading to Barthelmas Park.

Big news for city drivers was the possibility of obtaining a grant to resurface Atwater Avenue from state Route 188 to Morris Road, High Street west of North Court Street, and the Goodchild access road.

Estimated cost of the package project is \$448,000, and the grant to resurface is \$323,000.

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of Columbus in the House and Sen. Dale Miller of Cleveland in the Senate — have been behind similar measures in the past. More unique are the two Republicans who have signed onto the proposal this time: so far, Rep. Jon Peterson of Delaware and Sen. David Goodman of Bexley.

Peterson, who backed a bill in 2004 declaring gay marriage in conflict with state policy, said he has been soul-searching since then on the question of gay rights.

After conversations with his pastor, friends, and his 14-year-old daughter — who is non-plussed at anyone's interest in someone else's sexual preferences — he decided to advocate the anti-discrimination legislation.

"It's a new day, it's a new time," he said. "And I am focussed on trying to open hearts, and open their eyes and their ears to compelling testimony like Jimmie's this morn-

ing."
Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat, said Tuesday that he would sign the bill if it made it to his desk.

Lynne Bowman, executive director of the gay rights group Equality Ohio, said 21 other states, 433 of the Fortune 500 companies, 11 of the state's 13 four-year universities, and 16 Ohio cities and villages already have such protections in place.

"The public supports this, our top business leaders embrace this, fairness demands this," Bowman said. "Why would the state tolerate any form of discrimination for any reason?"

Barry Sheets, a lobbyist for the conservative Christian group Citizens for Community Values, said similar bills have failed to win support in the past — and that workplace equality comes to be improving for gays and lesbians just the same.

"I'm wondering if this isn't a solution in search of a problem," he said. "If I'm not mistaken, the Human Rights Campaign just came out with a workplace equality index and

said there's been quite a massive increase in the number of businesses that are GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender)-friendly."

He wondered why a bill with few changes from its earlier incarnations took until 15 months into a 24-month session to be introduced.

"If this is really, truly a problem — and I don't see the data really showing that, even from homosexual advocacy groups, which are moving forward saying workplace equality is advancing by leaps and bounds — why take 15 months to bring it up?" he said. "It makes me wonder whether maybe there's something else going on here."

Sheets' organization backed a statewide gay marriage ban in 2004 attributed with mobilizing Christian conservatives who helped swing the state to President Bush in that year's election.

The bill's advocates say they have a growing body of evidence on discrimination's economic effects — such as Beall's loss of her job and

insurance — to make their case this time around.

A 2002 study by the U.S. General Accounting Office found that such protections did not lead to a flood of lawsuits against government. In California, 596 of the 17,668 discrimination cases filed in 2001, for example, involved sexual orientation. In Connecticut, the number was 44 of 2,006. In the District of Columbia it was 19 in 210, and in Hawaii, 9 of 535, the study found.

And a recent survey by The United Way found that half of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people who responded had been victims of some form of discrimination.

Beall said the superintendent in her former school district sent an e-mail to school board members urging them to fire her, just based on the suggestion that she might be gay. He later told the courts he didn't know it was wrong to discriminate based on sexual orientation. The district has since passed an anti-discrimination policy.

Market Report

Selected stocks of local interest provided by the Circleville office of Edward Jones, 583 Lancaster Pike.		
AEP	41.86 + 1.57	
ADM	44.52 + 1.63	
AZO	114.84 + 4.61	
Bob Evans	27.48 + 0.56	
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General Electric	33.40 + 1.70	
Huntngtn Bkshr	12.10 + 0.88	
Kroger	26.00 + 0.66	
Limited	15.59 + 0.77	
Lowe's	22.21 + 0.60	
McDonalds Corp.	54.25 + 0.45	

JP Morgan Chase	38.84 + 2.36
National City	15.57 + 1.05
PACCAR	44.31 + 2.86
JC Penney	40.72 + 0.30
Altria Group	75.25 + 0.51
PPG Inds. Inc.	59.73 + 2.23
Ralcorp Holdings	54.51 + 0.78
Thomson Multi	6.31 + 0.24
United Parcel Serv	72.79 + 1.60
Wal-Mart	50.25 + 1.40
Wendys Intl.	24.20 + 0.66
Verizon Comms	35.21 + 0.84

Prices paid to farmers by Cargill the previous day:

Corn	5.37
Soybeans	13.38
Wheat	11.23

Lottery

NIGHT DRAWINGS

Rolling Cash 5

11-13-20-29-31

Pick 3 Numbers

2-0-6

Pick 4 Numbers

1-6-4-7

Ten-Oh Numbers: No. 438

1-4-8-9-14-15-16-24-31-33-37-39-42-43-44-50-61-65-67-72

DAY DRAWINGS

Pick 3 Numbers

0-3-4

Pick 4 Numbers

6-9-1-5

Ten-Oh Numbers: No. 437

1-4-14-15-18-23-25-27-30-31-32-40-44-52-53-54-68-76-78-79

The Classic Lotto jackpot is \$13.1 million.

Correction

The annual weather spotters training course, sponsored by Jim Deal, director of the Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency, is scheduled March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pickaway County Engineer's Garage, 1660 Island Road.

Training is provided by the National Weather Service of Wilmington. Instructions are offered on spotting and identifying tornadoes.

This training is free and refreshments will be served. Call the Pickaway County EMA at 477-1165 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday - Friday by March 15 to enroll.

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