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KENTON??

Several people have asked what will happen to Kenton when the COACB goes digital because for the last 11 years Kenton has been operating under special temporary authority of the FCC. Frankly I had been very afraid to ask the FCC that question because I was afraid that if I raised the question, the FCC might not renew the current authority. With a prayerful heart I finally asked the question and was very pleased to learn the FCC is receptive of letting us convert Kenton to digital and letting us continue to operate that digital as a special temporary authority. It may also be possible to get a permanent license.

Digital is much more efficient than analogue so a 10 watt digital transmitter will cover much more area than the current 100 watt analogue transmitter.

FUND RAISERS



Jackie Robinson Earlene Hatch

The COACB says BLESS YOU Sister Hatch and Jackie Robinson because the staff and management of the COACB feels completely overwhelmed with all that they have to handle keeping four television stations up and operating during the Digital transition. In addition to operating the stations, There is the design, working with suppliers, scheduling delivery, and supervising installations. All of this is going on in addition to trying to raise the thousands of Dollars needed. I was pouring out my heart to Sister Hatch about this seemingly impossible task. Sister hatch then said if she could recruit helpers for the task she would volunteer to work toward raising the needed funds. She has recruited Jackie and they are working hard to raise the funds, Sister hatch's phone number is (740) 387-4404. Jackie's phone number is 387-4668. Both are available to meet with your Churches or group.

Digital Changes

Everywhere I go; people stop me to say they sure do miss our station. They say that when they installed digital converters that they lost access to our station. They are now afraid to remove the converters because they may not be able to get them to work again and they are told at least 20 times each day that without converter, they will not have no television service after February 17, 2009. They urge us to hurry up and convert to digital. We are also contacted by cable companies asking when we will make the change to digital. They want to make the change as soon as possible. We too want to convert to digit as quick as possible but we are also struggling to just pay the bills.

To compound our problems, the US economy is in the midst of a very deep recession, the government is out of converter coupons, and no money to print more. Congress is considering putting the digital conversion on hold for four months. Even in the midst of all this, all broadcast stations are still required by the FCC to air the message many times each day that analogue will end on February 17 and any station not airing this message, the prescribed number of times is subjected to fines of tens of thousands of dollars.

I really do hope that the transition goes ahead on February 17 because if it doesn't, it will leave people more confused and angry than ever. The original date for the transition was January 1, 2006. It has already been delayed enough. The COACB is working very hard to try to be ready. Also many of the larger stations have seen their income go down 70%. Most are struggling and can no longer afford to operate both analogue and digital transmitters.

I have shared with our readers that in order to cut costs, all COACB streams will be put together in Marion and aired over all COACB stations so this means that Marion must go digital first. This will first be accomplished with four digital video streams, John Peterson, and Dick Hanes, are working on the digital equipment racks and routing. David Aiken has been assisting with the design. The encoders and routers (\$12,500) will be installed by John and Dick as soon as they arrive in Marion. Four days are set aside to debug the system before the change over. The changes to the transmitter (\$8,600) will be accomplished in about 6 hours using a modification kit provided by the manufacturer of the transmitter.

After Marion is digital our crew will move on to Delaware to convert it. In Delaware, Gary Cope and David Aiken have just completed all the conversion to Delaware except installing the new digital transmitter (\$5,500). The conversion in Delaware will be completed in just over an hour. We will then add the other four more streams and convert Columbus and Kenton. Each COACB station will air five video channels and three radio channels



TRY THESE RECIPES!

BROCCOLI RICE CASSEROLE

JENNY HALL

1 small onion, chopped; ½ cup chopped celery; 1 tablespoon butter or margarine; 1 (8 oz.) jar processed cheese spread; 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped broccoli, thawed; 1 (10 ¾ oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup (undiluted); 1 (5 oz.) can evaporated milk; 3 cups cooked rice.

In large skillet over medium heat, saute onion, celery and broccoli in butter for 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in cheese, soup, and milk until smooth. Place rice in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Pour cheese mixture over. Do not stir. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

HONEY KISSES

JONATHAN AIKEN

2 C. dry milk; 1 C. peanut butter; ¼ C. honey; Mix ingredients and form into balls and eat. Makes 34 kisses.

BUTTERSCOTCH CREAM PIE

RETA RUTHERFORD

Make baked pie shell of desired size. This is for 9" Pie. Mix in saucepan: 1 cup brown sugar (packed); ¼ cup cornstarch; ½ teaspoon salt; Stir in gradually: 1 cup water; 1 2/3 cups milk; Add: 1/3 cup butter.

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Gradually stir at least half of hot mixture into 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten. Then blend into hot mixture in saucepan Boil 1 minute more, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Blend in 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla.

If pie is to be finished with meringue, pour immediately into baked pie shell. Spread meringue lightly on top, sealing to edge of of crust to prevent shrinking. Bake at 400 degree oven until delicately browned. Let cool at room temperature.

PUMPKIN COOKIES

ANONYMOUS

2 cups flour; 1 cup sugar; 1 cup quick oats; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2teaspoon salt; 1 cup butter, softened; 1 cup brown sugar; 1 cup canned pumpkin; 1 teaspoon vanilla; Decorations: sprinkles, raisins, chocolate chips, nuts, frosting, etc.

Mix together flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Cream butter, sugar and brown sugar. Add the egg, vanilla and pumpkin to the butter sugar mixture. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop ¼ cup of dough onto cookie sheet and form each into a pumpkin shape. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. Decorate cooled cookies.

CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY COOKIES

THELMA AIKEN

1/2 cup butter or margarine; 1 cup sugar; 1 egg; 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract; 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour; 1/2 cup cocoa; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon baking soda; 48 maraschino cherries (blotted dry)

FROSTING

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips; 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk; 1 to 3 teaspoons maraschino cherry juice

In a mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Batter will be very firm. Shape into 48 balls, about 1 inch round and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Push 1 cherry, half way into each ball. For frosting melt chocolate chips in milk in a small sauce pan over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add cherry juice and stir until smooth. Spoon 1 teaspoon frosting over each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Yield 4 dozen cookies.

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STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

John Hoffman

My Grandpa Snort had been a local preacher for many years and his eyesight was getting very dim. He could just barely recognize people. One Sunday morning he was walking across the front of the church. Two little eight year old boys were sitting on the front pew. They were wearing short pants. Grandpa Snort stopped in front of them, placed his hands on their knees and prayed, " Now, may God bless these two bald-headed men. Earlier he had put his hands on the little boy's knees and lovingly asked, "Now, who has pink chubby legs?" Out loud, the little five year old replied, loud and clear, "MOMMY."

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