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## Digital ASAP

A major blunder was just discovered last month in the DTV transition. Only 10% of the new digital converter boxes can pass an analogue signal. That means that when most converter boxes are installed they will decode and pass digital signals but will block all analogue signals. Yes this also means the signal of thousands of TV stations including COACB stations will effectively be blocked by the converter boxes. Lawsuits have been filed but there is not time to resolve this issue before February 19, 2009 when all full power stations must cease broadcasting in analog.

Although current FCC rules allow thousands of stations including all COACB Stations, Class A Stations, Low Power Stations, and Translator Stations to wait until 2012 to go digital, it is now absolutely essential that each go digital on February 19, 2009 or lose a large numbers of viewers.

The COACB currently needs approximately \$130,000 to complete the conversion of all COACB stations to digital. Each station will carry (6) video channels and (6) radio channels. To save money, we decided to broadcast exactly the same programming on all COACB stations. This allows us to purchase only one set of encoders and multiplexers then feed all COACB transmitters with the same program streams. This saves the COACB \$70,000 per station. The following shows how the money will be spent:

Engineering and legal costs	\$ 2,800
Modifications to transmitters	60,000
Video Encoders	15,600
PSIP encoders	2,400
Multiplexer	10,000
Satellite receivers	3,000
EAS Upgrade	2,800
Audio encoders	6,000
Monitors, test equipment	4,000
Modifications to control room	4,000
Budgeted unexpected expenses	20,000

Engineering must be filed in May to be able to go digital by February. Please help the COACB with this project and send in your tax exempt donations.

## Delaware Studio Moved

For the last 10 years the COACB had leased the Delaware studio building. We lost this lease at the end of March, so the Delaware studio has temporarily moved to the COACB corporate office building in Marion. Its phone number and operation remains the same but its mail should be sent to 1282 N. Main St, Marion, Ohio 43302

## COACB VOLUNTEER



### Grant Powell

Grant Powell has been a COACB volunteer since 1989. He has done everything from TV production to equipment repair. Grant is extremely good at computer repair and debugging. **Thank you, Grant, for being a COACB volunteer.**

## Friends of the COACB

The second Saturday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM there is the live call-in prayer line called the Friends of the COACB. It consists of a dozen prayer warriors praying. The service is extremely spiritual and the excitement builds throughout the night as everyone anxiously awaits to see what the Lord will do next. Many are healed. Calls come directly from hospital emergency rooms and intensive care. Calls have also come in saying Life Flight is in the air transporting loved ones to Columbus and the doctors say the situation is hopeless. After prayer, reports come back there has been major changes in the condition of patients. **Thank you Lord**

A call came in for one young man who had fallen from a roof and broke his neck. Doctors said there was no hope. He would be paralyzed from the neck down for the rest of his life but because of prayer he now is able to feed himself and is starting to walk. **To God Be the praise.**

One woman called to say her back problems left as soon as prayer was said but she waited a month to call back in because she wanted to see if the pain came back. It did not. **Praise The Lord.**

One man had an eye problem and was prayed for. He had been to University Hospital doctors were at a loss as to what course of action to take. After prayer the problem went away leaving doctors at University Hospital baffled. **Yes prayer works.**

**Come be a part of this service next month**



Post Your Prayer Request:  
[www.coacb.org/prayer](http://www.coacb.org/prayer)



### TRY THESE RECIPES!

#### MASHED POTATO CANDY

Thelma Aiken

¾ cup cold mashed potatoes; 4 cups shredded coconut; 4 cups confectioners sugar; 1½ teaspoons vanilla flavoring; ½ teaspoon salt; 4 ounces baking chocolate.

Mix plain mashed potatoes (no milk, butter or salt added) and confectioners sugar. Stir in coconut, vanilla and salt. Blend well. Press into 1 large pan or 2-8 inch square pans so that candy is about ½ inch thick. Melt chocolate in double boiler, over low heat. Do not allow water to boil. Pour over top of candy and cool in refrigerator. Cut in bite-sized squares or for variation you can roll in balls and roll in cinnamon or shape in 1 inch high cones and dip base in chocolate forming little hay stacks. Yield about 100 hay stacks.

#### BARBECUE CHICKEN PIZZA

Anonymous

2 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about ½ lb.), cut into thin strips; 1 green pepper, cut into strips, ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion; 1 prepared pizza crust (12 inch); 1/3 cup Kraft Original Barbecue Sauce; 1 cup Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Reduced Fat Mozzarella Cheese; 1 cup Kraft Fat Free Shredded Non-Fat Mozzarella Cheese.

Spray large skillet with no stick cooking spray. Add chicken, green pepper and onion; cook on medium-high heat 4 to 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Place crust on cookie sheet. Spread with barbecue sauce. Top with chicken mixture and cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes or until cheese is melted and crust is golden brown.

#### SIMPLE MEAT BALLS

Betty A. Syck

Season one pound ground beef lightly with salt and pepper. Form into one inch balls. Brown in skillet using enough cooking oil to brown evenly. Remove excess fat when browned. Add ½ can cream of mushroom soup which has been diluted with equal amount of water. Stir well, then cover and simmer 30 minutes. Serve over rice.

#### CHOCOLATE VELVET PUDDING PIE

Anonymous

One 4-serving-size package chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling; 1 cup cold milk; 2 squares semi-sweet chocolate, melted (optional) or ½ cup semi-sweet morsels; one 8-ounce container non-dairy whipped topping, thawed; 1 graham cracker crust.

Prepare pudding with 1 cup milk as directed on package, with electric mixer. Gradually blend in chocolate at low speed until smooth, then fold in whipped topping. Spoon into pie crust. Freeze until firm, about four hours. Garnish as desired.

## Airtime is Available

AIR YOUR PROGRAM ON FOUR COACB TV STATIONS

**\$200 for a half hour**

**\$300 for an hour**

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### What is Digital TV??

Think of a digital TV station as a very large one way modem that can transmit an incredible 19,400,000 bites of data each second. To put that in perspective, a dial up internet connection can deliver at most 56,000 bites of data per second. So a digital transmitter that is equal to 346 dial up modems working in parallel. Also think of a digital Television receiver as nothing more than a fancy computer because that is exactly what it is.

Digital is much more efficient than analog. A digital TV transmitter can carry up to eight programs at the same time compared to an analog transmitter that can carry only one. Actually since digital deals only with data, it can do much more than carry TV programs. The COACB has decided that its transmitters will carry (6) video streams and (6) radio streams. That makes a COACB digital station equal to twelve broadcast stations (six television stations and six radio stations)

By now you are probably asking yourself where the COACB will get enough programming for the twelve stations. The FCC has said we can lease out bandwidth through FCC approved lease manage agreements. We are already in talks with several groups that wish to serve Central Ohio through the COACB stations.

### STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

John Hoffman

I would like to tell you about my Uncle Clodd. His last name is Hopper. Uncle Clodd was a poor farmer. He never had anything modern in his home. He was really back woodsy. He didn't have a radio or TV. It so happens he spent his last dollar on a lottery ticket. And, would you believe it, he was a million dollar winner. The first thing he did was to have a \$300,000.00 home built. I asked him one day, "Uncle Clodd, How large are your bathrooms?" He thought for a minute, then replied, "Well, John, I reckon we can seat eight."

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### NEED AN OUTING FOR YOUR GROUP???



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