Transitions … Late Winter into Early Spring

Tips for Beating the Late-Winter Blahs

By Mrs. Rudy Kathryn Detweiler

Late winter weather getting you down? Well, try to pamper yourself and chase away the blues!

Bake your favorite pie and cookies.
Put lots of pillows under your head and then read until you drift off to dreamland.
Share a hug.
Take a bath using your favorite bubble bath.
Go on a small trip (to your favorite place).
Reach out to others.
Visit your grandchildren.
Remember old friends by writing them a letter.
Say a simple prayer of thanks for all the blessings.
Whistle and sing to the Lord while working.
Visit old friends you haven’t seen for a while.
Take flowers to somebody sick … to somebody sad.
Rest on the floor and let little ones walk over you.
Enjoy a coffee break with someone.
Chit and chat about this and that.
Remember … today is your life, not tomorrow, not yesterday!

Got Spring Fever?

By Mrs. Rudy Kathryn Detweiler

Want a head start on your garden? If you lack the tools, patience or space to make a cold frame for early summer plantings, try this! Using the exterior south wall of a building as one side of a box, stack some old bricks on top of each other to form the other three sides. Fill the resulting box with rich potting soil and cover with an old storm window. You can prop the glass up with a stick as the weather warms. Then, just plant your seeds and you are on your way to an extra early harvest.

When Winter Hangs On and Spring Seems Far Away

Bring the bowl of popcorn to in front of the stove and sit on the floor listening to the grandfolks. I did, many a time and I learned:

That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
That being kind is more important than being right.
That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
That you can always pray for someone when you can’t help him in any other way.
That we should be glad God doesn’t give us everything we ask for.
That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
That when your grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you’re hooked for life.

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“A Doctor’s Confession to Geauga County”
And Why I Still Do What I Do...

By Dr. Tad Roediger

Let me start with our family photo ... You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, “I know you. You’re Dr. Roediger. I’ve seen your ad with that picture of you and your family.” Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about the photo. Let’s start with me, the guy on the left in the photo.

I know what it’s like to live with constant pain. As a sophomore on the University of New Hampshire football team, I developed sciatica: an excruciating condition that caused sharp pain in my leg and lower back. I was unable to play football anymore and the pain was so bad that at times it was difficult for me to even walk or concentrate. I was told surgery was the only option to alleviate the condition, but even after undergoing surgery, the pain persisted.

On the advice of a friend, I decided to see a chiropractor. After the initial examination, the chiropractor was able to determine that I had several bones out of alignment in my spine, and that they were putting pressure on the nerves in my back. The situation was serious, but after a few treatments I noticed the pain had decreased and I felt better overall. Over time the chiropractic treatments allowed my body to heal itself naturally!

MY CONFESSION IS ... I help people live their lives as they are intended to live. What I do is perform a gentle spinal treatment to alleviate nerve pressure without any ‘twisting’ or ‘popping’, and the body responds by healing itself. It’s as simple as that.

I have helped thousands of people with a variety of health problems. It’s strange how life is. Now people come to see me with their low back and sciatic problems. They also come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, numbness in limbs, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, sports injuries, just to name a few.

My wife, Sharon, suffered for years with migraine headaches. She took ibuprofen everyday. We found her migraines were from misaligned vertebrae in her neck, we adjusted them, now she rarely has migraines.

Ty, our son, gets checked weekly to make sure his growing spine and body are working at its best.

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Please write in and share some …

- **BENEFITS** (printed at no cost) that will take place after Mar. 2
- **BIRTHDAYS=ANNIVERSARIES**
- **BITS & PIECES FROM THE PAST**
- **RECIPES** for soups and chili
- **STORIES, PUZZLES & RIDDLES**
- **TIPS** on planting and caring for spring gardens
- **MEMORIES** of sugaring

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Geauga County Health District hosts local children’s immunization clinics. Please bring your insurance card and immunization record for your children and adolescents. If your child doesn’t have insurance coverage, immunizations are provided free of charge. Please call the health district at 440-279-1950 with any questions.

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(canceled when Cardinal Schools are closed)

- **When:** Second Wednesday, March 9 from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Where:** St. Lucy Mission, 16280 Kinsman Road

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**Daylight Savings Time:** March 13 - Spring Forward -
Mary Beth were 4 months old and cute

 Lines by Linda

Feb 17, 2016: Hello Friends! Greetings to everyone in Post-land. Hope you are enjoying this snow. Everything looks so beautiful ... if I can stay inside! I did enjoy watching it from my windows. The last several inches were quite heavy and Jake was out shoveling with his snow shovel when one kind neighbor, Marvin Gingerich, came and plowed it for us. What a blessing that was! So up came the 40s and 50s by the weekend, which is OK by me.

Feb 16, 2016: Dan and Kate Kurtz were welcomed back to the fold after missing church three times. Dan seems to be doing well as he helped with the butchering of 20 pigs. Kate helped, too. They had a lot of orders for sausage and, yes, we are enjoying some, too. It’s delicious!

Dan needs to do another test that we’re hoping shows he doesn’t need further treatment. We’ll have to wait and see. Remember him in your prayers.

Wishing you all God’s blessings!

By Barbara Ann Detweiler

Saturday, Jan. 23: Oh my! All five girls in the house at the same time just doesn’t work! Rose Edna and Katherine were giving Laura a hard time (all in fun) about getting busy and by the time all was said and done, Katherine was pulling Laura through the house by her legs. I guess the floor got cleaned with her backside! I can’t get a word in edgewise, so I just shook my head and sighed.

Sunday, Jan. 24: Today is Betty’s 12th birthday. I gave her a Lego set that’s pretty complicated to put together, but she loves it.

Monday, Jan. 25: It warmed up to 40 degrees. I went to visit friends. My hands are really bothering me. It really is something how you learn to do things without bending the fingers.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Grocery day ... a dreaded day. It’s getting colder again.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Katherine subbed at school today because Teacher Rachel was sick. I enjoyed the quiet.

Thursday, Jan. 28: It started snowing tonight and doesn’t want to let up.

Friday, Jan. 29: Lots of snow around! I went to school with a treat for the children. I also dressed up as an old lady and they loved it.

Saturday, Jan. 30: I baked while the girls did laundry and cleaned. No shenanigans today, thankfully!

Sunday, Jan. 31: The weather was very mild. We drove down to Wayne’s parents and didn’t have to freeze.

Monday, Feb. 1: My neck is stiff and hurting. I can hardly move it left or right. I have to move around carefully.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: It was my turn to bake for the parent/teacher meeting. I made ginger cookies. My neck is a little better.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: Tonight I went with visit to Uncle Donnie (Post writer) and Nancy along with the rest of Wayne’s siblings and Mom.

Friday, Feb. 5: We babysat three little neighborhood girls which is always enjoyable.

Saturday, Feb. 6: I could hardly get out of bed this morning. I was a hurting mess. Every inch of my body was in pain. Needless to say, I didn’t do much today. I am so thankful for my girls.

Sunday, Feb. 7: I actually moved it to church today. It was a beautiful day, almost 50 degrees. Maybe that’s why I didn’t hurt so much. Norma has a cough that sounds like a dog barking, so she stayed home.

Monday, Feb. 8: Norma stayed home from school and was on the couch most of the day. Her eyes look shrunken and she has fever and headache.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: I went to get groceries. Norma stayed home from school again. Rose Edna was home with her. My driver helped me with the groceries since Katherine couldn’t go along.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: So nice to be home today. I didn’t venture far from the stove. Norma stayed home again today.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Norma finally went to school today. Am so glad she feels better.

Friday, Feb. 12: Katherine taught at school for Laura. The annual eighth grade Spelling Bee was today. Wayne got two dressed pigs and started cutting up the meat.

Saturday, Feb. 13: A busy day with getting the meat all done and canning and freezing it. It’s so nice to have fresh pork.

Sunday, Feb. 14: We went down to my parents tonight. Some of us played games. The children went sledding.

Monday, Feb. 15: We had friends here tonight, so I made crackers (doughnuts) today.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: I went to the Senior Center today and didn’t realize until I was out on the road, how terrible it was. The snow was heavy and wet, but we finally made it. Then tonight, I went out to eat at Mary Yoder’s with my Mom.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: I was one tired lady today. I guess yesterday was too much for me. I was cooking tapioca and Norma took a dry one and threw it on the floor to see if it would bounce.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Rose Edna was home today so she got the house looking spic and span. This afternoon she and Wayne went around to visit some furniture stores to check out bedroom sets.

Friday, Feb. 19: Wayne was taken by surprise recently when a few people asked him if he’s feeling, thinking he has cancer. We finally figured out they got him mixed up with someone else who has the same name.

Mom’s Diary

By Mrs. Rudy Kathryn Detweiler

Feb 10, 2016: We hope everyone is keeping warm and healthy as another cold spell hits us again. Just when we have a touch of Spring Fever, here comes the snow again. The five-day forecast for this week is in the single digits and a low of 2 degrees below O! We are thankful for a roof to keep out the snow and four walls to keep out the wind - God bless it! So, we’ll put more wood on the fire, brew more coffee, pop more popcorn and keep dreaming. Wonder where our robin is we heard singing outside the other day.

What a nice surprise when I received a $40 gift card for Vinny’s Restaurant from the Fontanella Group and a thank you card the other day in the mail. I did not expect anything and it is very much appreciated. I have never been to Vinny’s and Italian food is my favorite! I repeat a great big Thank You to all of you!

Our grandchildren live all over and it is always interesting to go visit them in their homes. Yesterday, we traveled way down Moore Road in Orwell, close to Fenton Road where Robbie and Cindy Burkhilder live. Cindy, Dan and Ruth Schrock and Mary Beth of Guernsey County, Danny and Mary Beth who are 4 months old and cute

Howdy from West Farmington

By Linda Weaver

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Hello from Amish Crossing Corner

By Sarah Miller

Feb. 18, 2016: A good morning to all on this lovely morning … although it is cold with 14.5 degrees at 9:15 a.m. I have the laundry done, but it’s still a little chilly to hang out clothes and even if I could get to the wash line because the snow is too deep. Already half of February is gone, so now we can think spring!

Saw Mill Lane School mothers took hot lunch to school on Tuesday, Feb. 16. That is always a day brighterener for the teachers and pupils.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Chester D. Byler and the Wayne M. Detweiler families as Chester and Wayne both have cancer.

Reports are Alan R. Miller of Georgia Road is making progress with his therapy having been paralyzed from the waist down in an accident. He is in a hospital in Pennsylvania.

Levi S. Yoder of Newcomb Road had a recent hospital stay for a few days but is home again. Our singing group had plans to visit them on Monday evening, Feb. 27.

Today, Feb. 19, our family plans to visit the Daniel Buckholder family. It was a year ago in January that he was hurt and is paralyzed from the waist down. He recently had surgery on a sore on his back, but is recovering at home.

Well, the old house on the corner of Mumford Road and Route 168 is no longer. It was built in 1813 by John Colson. In 1905, Joe’s grandparents, Levi and Clara Miller, moved on this farm, renting it 50/50 with great-grandparents, Moses C. Yoders. Joe’s mother was born on this farm and never lived any place else. The farm was kept in the family until it was sold to Joseph and Betty J. Yoder in 2005. It is said this place was a stopping off place between Warren and Cleveland for slaves. Well, Joe is making a path so I can hang out some clothes. So I will finish later.

Leaving for Florida this morning, Feb. 19, were son Wayne, Judy and two little boys. They went with the chartered bus that goes back and forth most weeks. They plan to be gone for a week. Tonight, Joe and I plan to take granddaughters Kaylin and Karen to the Benefit Auction at Buster Millers.

Today, Feb. 19, Joe and I went to the Air Works Expo down in Holmes County with son Ray, Judy, daughter Sylvia, grandson Allen Ray, granddaughter Maria, and Bob Hershberger Sylvia. Wow! What a crowd!

Well, our diet had gone very well. Joe lost 30 pounds. His heart doctor was very pleased. He was able to take Joe off one of his medications. If anyone’s interested in Joe’s story, you can call him at 440-834-0326.

Katherine’s Korner

By Katherine Byler

Oh! Groan! A few days after you read this will probably be the day to turn those clocks ahead one hour, ready or not! But if it means spring’s near at hand, we will welcome that sign!

Wow! Just now checked the calendar to see how many days to spring and noticed Daylight Savings Time doesn’t start until March 13. Then, another week after that is spring! And, another thing, as always, 300 days after my husband’s birthday on the 18th of March is Christmas. (Just thought you might want to know!)

Neighbor Willie Detweiler stopped in his tracks one day recently when at work a nailer sent a spike through his shoe and foot. Lucky for him, it missed the bones and was carefully removed - not by a nail puller, as someone wanted to do. Ouch!

On a 5-degree below zero sunny morning recently, we spent a forenoon at the doctor’s office getting the final OK to go ahead with the first knee replacement for my husband. The sunshine put us in a good mood and the doctor did even more so, with his permission to go forward with the plans for March 14. (If nothing turns up.)

With brother Bill turning 70 years old, our family of Millers has to take him and his better half out to a restaurant for dinner, and it happened to be on the evening of said doctor visit. There were 19 boys and girls from our church here to sing for us, blending their voices splendidly. Thanks again!

Senior Moment … Confusing your age with your cholesterol count when someone asks you how old you are!

A tiny baby son named Robbie Jon was born Feb. 10 to Isaac and Emma Byler. Grandparents are Henry Jr. and Kathy Miller and Attie and Erma Byler. Grandma Kathy was oozing and aching over the little one until his 4 1/2-year-old sister, JoAnna, informed her, “Well, Grandma, you can go to the Warren Hospital and get a baby, too!” Said Grandma is looking at a 60th birthday come May.

Thanks to Emanuel Stoltzfus, Jr. for plowing out our driveway on a very-deep-snow morning. Pretty soon, we may have to send our horses somewhere to be broken in again; they have had quite a break from work. We’ll probably truck them to Willis W., the horseshoer as soon as we can call and schedule.

Our supper group supped at Mary Yoders on a Tuesday eve. Buy one and Get one free deal. Then, we spent the rest of the eve at the Crist P. Miller home. Those going were the Crist J. S. and David J. S. Millers, the Jonas (Yogi) Millers, Dan P. and Esther Hostetler, plus my sister (John) Betty Weaver and me. It was interesting to say the least, to watch the revealing of the stump where Crist had part of a leg removed several years ago due to diabetes.

Joe had welcome company while I was at the Senior Center last time … all men…10 in number. In looking over the names just now, I noticed that one wrote he missed me. He should be thankful he got a chance to talk, although I appreciate the thought. I know I would have enjoyed it, though. Those who were here were Crist J. Miller and four sons, Joe J. Miller and two sons, and Jerry J. Miller and son. Thanks fellas, come again!

Maple syrup time. Son John and crew made nearly 130 quarts the first week of February because of tubing, vacuum and reverse osmosis. He is in shares with Noah Miller Jr. (son-in-law of Paul Mast), and is actually the main guy. They are very lucky to have Ray Mast at their beck and call during the day, to cook the sap when all the rest are at work. The end product justifies the means, but there is a lot of work and time involved. Keep it up, guys. This is on the former Joe Gingerich farm on Dead End Shedd Road, now owned by son John.

Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping the gears.

Chuckles:

There’s a great shortage of water in Arizona. They plan to ration people to one bath a

Chuckles:

Hymns by Profession

Dentists … Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weathermen … There Will Be Showers of Blessings

Contractors … The Church’s One Foundation

Tailors … Holy, Holy, Holy

Golfers … There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Politicians … Standing on the Promises

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Blessings
Coffee Break with Sue

By Susan Yoder

Feb. 17, 2016: A friendly “Hi, Y’all!” it’s cold and snowy these days with lots of birds at the feeders. Ideally, we’d all enjoy these cozy winter days, but, for those who have to venture out, it’s a different story, especially for the aged and ailing.

Sis-in-law Virginia started chemotherapy this week. Danny Kaufman has been in and out of the hospital. He’s battling an infection in his leg (stub) and has had several surgeries. His address is 16453 Madison Road, Middlefield if anyone wants to send him cheer. He has cancer and has been through a lot.

We recently spent two days at the Cloverdale Horse Auction in Indiana along with Bill and Ray Gingerich, James Gingerich, Adam Yoder and son Aaron. It’s enjoyable to watch these fancy horses. After being there, I’ve come to the conclusion there are many people with more money than brains.

Jonas and Laura Byler were blessed with daughter number four. She’s named Lynda and was born on Feb. 5. She is also welcomed by one brother and grandparents David L. Bylers and Jake A. Bylers. Greats are Lester Lee Bylers and John H. Miller (Fritz) and Mrs. Andy Byler (Sarah).

Son Joey and Martha Kay recently had some big trees taken down in their yard, making me gasp. I love big trees even if they make messes. Possibly, I love them because it makes me gasp. I love big trees even if they make messes. Possibly, I love them because it makes me gasp.

May God be with us all!

Bits and Pieces of the Past

Submitted by Donnie Miller

This is an Ad submitted to the 1950 Sugarcreek Budget by my father, Donnie Miller. For Sale - Pure Maple Syrup, $4 a gal. or $2.25 half gal. Will ship F.O.B. in six-gallon case lots. Enos Miller, Route 3, Box 96, Georgia Rd, Middlefield, Ohio.

Harvey J. Weaver, 70 of Parkman, passed away peacefully at UH-Geauga Medical Center on Feb. 20, 2016. He was born May 20, 1945 to the late John H. and Fannie C. (Hershberger) Weaver. Harvey later married Barbara Miller on Nov. 27, 1969. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Barbara; children, Melvin (Kathryn) Weaver, Martin (Rebecca) Weaver, Viola (Noah) Hershberger, Albert (Susan) Weaver, Harvey (Sarah) Weaver Jr., Maryann (Home) Yoder, Alta (Marlin) Troyer, Edna (Samuel) Byler, John Henry Weaver, Elizabeth (Reuben) Byler, Nancy (Josh) Roman, David (Laura) Weaver, Martha (Nathan) Weaver, Barbara (Mark) Weaver; 75 grandchildren; two brothers; five sisters; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Harvey is preceded in death by: his parents; daughter, Ellen Weaver; one brother; one brother-in-law; one sister; and one sister-in-law. Harvey’s final resting place is in Yoder Cemetery. Parkman. Online condolences to www.bestfunerals.com.

In Memoriam

Parkman Pathways

By Ellen Hershberger

Saturday, Jan. 23: Brrr … I was glad for a basement to hang the curtains that I had washed. We’re glad for the winter as it is, freezing some things and bringing birds to the feeder.

Sunday, Jan. 24: We had brunch with Johns and Noahs, followed by games and reading.

Monday, Jan. 25: I made Swiss steak and mashed potatoes and the rest of our group brought more food and we all had lunch by Albert and Barbara Mast. The Singles went to Emma Miller’s for another good meal and fellowship.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Happy Birthday, Aunt Sara (Scribe)! We had Ladies’ Day at Carol’s. Tonight, I joined the crowd at Busters’ to hear John Keim and others talk about the new Gentle Solutions Facility.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: I spent most of the day cleaning and getting things ready for my Ladies’ Day tomorrow.

Thursday, Jan. 28: A delightful day of visiting here when nine women came from our former church on 168.

Friday, Jan. 29: Even my puppy was surprised this morning to see the snow!

Saturday, Jan. 30: Part of the family spent the day renovating the front of the basement. We did some baking and cooking, and had a few over-nighters.

Sunday, Jan. 31: Baptismal services were held today for Raymond Fisher Jr. and Noah Yutzys Jr. Later, we all had supper at Noah and Kathy’s.

Monday, Feb. 1: Making potato salad and keeping an appointment was on the agenda for this morning. Then, at 3:30, four couples and I took supper to Mrs. Katieann Yoder in Atlantic. Also joining us was the David Mullet family who lives there.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Our family always loved Cortland apples when grownups, so I was quite pleased to find some this late in the season. A friend brought us four pecks of them.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: This was DDC Clinic day where we quilt, knot comforters, sort material, sew blocks together or just visit.

Thursday, Feb. 4: After doing the whites early, I went to the bank and did some shopping. And then I did the color wash. I also baked a batch of cookies.

Saturday, Feb. 6: Guess I wrenched my back again, according to the pain I’m feeling. So, today I just did more bookwork and slowly cleaned my house. Then friends took me to a good dinner tonight. A delightful end to the week. Some of the first maple tappings were seen today, or the preparations for it (the scattering of the buckets).

Sunday, Feb. 7: Some of the family had brunch along with three little visiting sisters. Later we spent a few hours with Millie in Orwell.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: I had an enjoyable day at Tinkers’ Creek School and then this evening, our group sang at Daniel Burkholder’s. Let’s keep them in our prayers.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Today, I kept busy with bookwork and a mid-day appointment. The blowing snow brings the cardinals to the feeder.

Thursday, Feb. 11: The whole morning was spent in making nine stops, which included shopping for groceries. I’ve got a rebuilt washer on hold since mine is worn out, leaking oil and water.

Friday, Feb. 12: Today was spent with Aunt Fannie and Melvin Yoder. Later, coming home from Cortland, we were on 88 in a snow squall, going very slowly, hardly being able to see the road! Scary, but God led the way.

Saturday, Feb. 13: It was a cold day for moving, but with plenty of help they got Linda Yutzys’ things moved over here to her brother Noah and Barbara Yutzys’. It’s a nice apartment in the walkout basement where she won’t have but small half steps to get in and out. In the midst of the busy morning, the chimney burned out, causing some concerns.

Sunday, Feb. 14: We attended church today at Albert Miller’s and then had a quiet evening with family.

Monday, Feb. 15 - Wednesday, Feb. 17: I’ve just been doing mostly bookwork, baking, laundry and watching it snow. Our day at Senior Center was cancelled on Tuesday due to the snow. My driver got stuck in a driveway because we came too early, before the snowplow. A friend took two of us to Mary Yoder’s to take advantage of the 2 for 1 Tuesday dinners.

Thursday, Feb. 18: I had an interview to do volunteer work at Bria Hill.

May God be with us all!
The Care Center is a Hive of Activity
By Jaime Fisher RN/DON MCC

So here is the buzz. Already flying toward the beginning of March. Oh my where does the time go? I see that spring is not too far off and still haven’t completed the fall to do list. Flutter Faster. The entire Care Center staff just completed Competency Day. This all-day training makes sure our staff is up to snuff. An annual review of nursing and nursing assistant skills, safety, and disaster training. To all staff, thanks for the great turnout. I know for many it is a sacrifice to come. I realize the Care Center is not your primary job.

Congratulation to the Melvin and Esther Miller family. Your family has won the care package for the month of January with seven visits to the Care Center. Thank you for the continued support.

So far 11 babies were born as of Feb. 24 and at least three more are expected to buzz in before February concludes. Trying to keep the honey comb full.

In other Hive news, I finally was able to talk to a few of the founding members’ wives about the Care Center’s early days. I also spoke to our Hospital Administrator George Pogan. It was interesting to hear the story about how the Center got started, when it was just an idea. Not a brick laid, not one dollar short. But not one penny collected. But what I really wanted to know is why these individuals worked so hard to start something they couldn’t even use. So I jotted down some of their comments and decided to use one from each person I talked to. Esther Fisher (Crist Fisher) said, “You see, my husband could see the good in things. You didn’t have to prove anything to him. If he saw it was going to be good, then he did it. He wasn’t the wait and see type.” Martha Yoder (Jonas Yoder) said, “Jonas was a respected leader who didn’t turn away from something that might be hard to do. Dr. Al must have seen that in Jonas. He sure spent a lot of time talking to him.”

The Birthing Center idea faced a lot of opposition. Not everybody could see the positive impact the Care Center would have on this community.

George Pogan (hospital administrator/board member) stated, “This is one of the most successful projects I have worked on in my life. The Care Center is something I am proud of and consider it one of my greatest accomplishments. Being in public health is this what I believe in. The type of health care that cares for people was needed.”

The next Care Center update will include why the women in our lives are so important to our community. A three-year update on the Home Visit Program, and February’s final totals. The bee keeper will check in next month. Until then, you can find me tending the Hive.

— Labor the hardest work you will ever love. —

Greetings from the Plain Community
By Donnie Miller

Feb. 16, 2016: Our feathered friends are busy at the feeders this morning. Another snowstorm overnight, plus a bit of a warm-up keeps things interesting. Guess this weather will help our maple syrup producers. I for one am winter weary. We do not want to complain, but it seems we still do!

Wife Nancy was at Hillcrest Hospital yesterday for two scans and we are glad to report her head still shows clear. Today, I go to the Clinic to see a surgeon about my infected gall bladder.

Tomorrow, the 17th, Nancy and her sisters will treat their sister Linda for her seventh birthday, which was on the 11th of February.

Making a short call with Nancy on Feb. 8, were Simon Linda, Lester Ada Marie Byler, Mrs. Ida Kaufman, Marvin Mae Schrock, Mrs. Laura Fisher, Lester Mary Ellen Byler, and sister Dan Linda. These ladies were all from the Bloomingford, Orwell area.

Also making a call here on the evening of the fourth were sister Sally Detweiler, her children David and Barbara Ann, Chester and Lydia, Robert and Elizabeth, Lenoy and Barbara, Steven and Sally, and Norman and Viola.

Sunday evening the 14th, Andrews and we made a call at son Mille and Susie Mae at their new home on Cutlass-Mayfield Road just outside the Burg. This was our first visit since they moved on. There is still a lot of work on the outside once the weather clears up!

Many of our people are traveling south to Florida for a short vacation. I hope they leave the door open and let the warm air flow north!

We bought a new stove this year that burns sawdust. A real fill in. We stay so much warmer this winter so far even though we’ve spent more on fuel so far.

Hello from Huntsburg
By William Bender

Feb. 19, 2016: I am a day late and a dollar short. Jacqueline was here to pick up my letter and I was way out in left field. I can blame it on the bump on my head. Last Monday, I was back to the doctor. All this, “How are you feeling?” and all that goes with a check-up. My head isn’t right; the nurse says it never was. Well, she knows me, as I was going there every four weeks for the last 15 years.

I am a lot better than I was five weeks ago. I drove the horse to Middlefield three times now and I can read an hour at a time now.

The boys are getting ready to tap. If everything goes as planned, they will tap tomorrow, is this boy ready to see Spring come! The last few years, I am not a winter man.

Boy, did we have a surprise last Wednesday evening when a load from Fredonia came up to see us. Coming were Allen Bylers, Enoch Byler, Melvin Troyers, Widow Emma Byler, Joe Mullets, Uriah Hostetlers, and William Yoders. There was only one thing wrong. They didn’t stay long enough. Now, today, I got two letters from Delaware. We get a lot of visitors; I cannot name them all. But, if they come from out of state, I try and write their names down.

We got word that Roman Troyer passed away. We want to go to the viewing sometime Saturday. We knew the Troyers for a long time.

I saw Melvin Miller in Walmart and didn’t recognize him. I knew I should know him, but my mind was blank. We are staying so much warmer this winter so far even though we’ve spent more on fuel so far.

Greetings from Garrettsville
By Rachel Miller

Feb. 17, 2016: I will try and get this in the mail tomorrow as I missed getting it out today. We have 20 degrees not. It is not as cold as it was over the weekend! We had one on Sunday morning with wind. I didn’t go to church; it was too cold and I was afraid I’d get a cold and cough. Ivan and Barbara went.

It is now three months since my open-heart surgery. I still get some mail. I’ve had a lot so far. I have secret friends who send cards, some bookmarks, letters, stickers and even some money. Today I got number two. It had a word scramble and a baggie with some paper capsules that I am to take one a day. Today’s said, “Will power to eat one salted peanut a day.”

We get company too. Someone is coming tomorrow night. Last Thursday a couple of the neighbors were here with salad, pizza, etc. Wednesday, I had six ladies here and next Wednesday, my cousins are coming. I doubt if they all will come, as that would be a lot.

We got a lot of snow over the weekend and Monday night we got 6 inches. Ivan worked all day yesterday to get our driveway plowed. The pine trees were loaded with snow and looked so nice with the red cardinals. We have a lot of birds. They are real busy at the feeders.

About two weeks ago, we had eight deer cross the road by us and go down beside the treeline in the field.

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Greetings From Mobile Services

By Leah Schmidt

The Middlefield construction project is winding down and the expansion of Mobile Services is moving ahead. We continue to look for ways to better serve our patrons, and would like to know if there are authors or titles (available in print) that you would like to see added to our collections. Feel free to drop off notes with your recommendations to our drivers. We are interested in your ideas for all ages, and especially for school aged children.

March brings us the hope of an early spring, but in Geauga there is always a possibility of snow. We again remind Bookmobile Stop locations to keep their driveways plowed. Plowed drives help assure that we do not get stuck and it makes it easier for the patrons to have access to the bus. If the Bookmobile service is delayed or suspended due to weather, we will call each Bookmobile Stop contact person, and let them know the status of our schedule. You may also call the Middlefield Library, 440-632-1961 to check on the status.

March reading recommendations: The western “Scalpers” by Ralph Cotton; Amy Clipston’s “The Forgotten Recipe” which is Book 1 of The Amish Heirloom Novels; Jerry S. Eicher’s “Miriam and the Stranger” which is Book 3 of The Land of Promise Novels (“Miriam’s Secret” Book 1, “A Blessing for Miriam” Book 2); and “A Bride at Last” by Melissa Jagears. Nonfiction titles include: “Home Tanning and Leather Making Guide” by Albert C. Farnham and “Framing Floors, Walls & Ceilings” by the Editors of Fine Homebuilding. New books about food include: “Sally’s Candy Addiction: Tasty Truffles, Fudges & Treats for Your Sweet-Tooth Fix” by Sally McKenney; “Simply Scratch: 120 Wholesome Homemade Recipes Made Easy” by Laurie McNamara, and “The Complete Book of Jerky: How to Process, Prepare, and Dry Beef, Venison, Turkey, Fish and More” by Philip Hasheider.

February reading selections for our younger patrons include the board book, “A See” by Elizabeth Doyle. Books for children from ages 4 to 8 include: “Animals in Spring” by Kathryn Clay, which is a nonfiction title; “Pony Party” by Catherine Hapka and pictures by Anne Kennedy, and “A Farmer Boy Birthday” by Jody Wheeler. Fairy Tale Comics: “Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists” edited by Chris Duffy is recommended for children from 6 to 12. Finally for children from 8-12 years we recommend the inspirational book “Across the Border” Book 4 of the Beyond the Orphan Train series, by Arleta Richardson.

Happy Easter!

Tips … Time to Plan for Spring Cleaning

Submitted by Sarah Miller

A little instant coffee will work wonders on your darker furniture. Make a thick paste of coffee and a little water and rub it into the nicks and scratches on your furniture. You’ll be amazed at how new and beautiful those pieces will look.

To avoid that musty smell in the clothing storage bags used for winter coats, etc., simply keep a sheet of fabric softener or a small bar of fragrant soap in the bag.

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**Recipes**

**Tasty Treats for the Lunch Box**

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**Peanut Butter Whoopie Pies**

Submitted by Ellen Hershberger

- 4 tablespoons soft butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 5 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 2 1/3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup buttermilk

Combine all ingredients. Place rounded spoons full of batter on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees until done.

**Filling**

- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 2 cups marshmallow crème

Mix the peanut butter and the marshmallow crème together well. Place a generous spoonful of this mixture between two cookies. (Each set of two cookies makes 1 Whoopie Pie!)

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**Snowball Doughnuts**

... Quick and Delicious

Submitted by Katherine Byler

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- Confectionery sugar as needed

Mix eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla together. Stir in flour, salt and baking powder. Add melted butter. Drop by teaspoonfuls into melted fat or oil and fry until brown. Drain on paper towels. Roll in powdered sugar or other.

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**Peanut Butter Marshmallow Eggs**

Submitted by Rachel Miller

- 1/2 cup butter (soft)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 5 – 6 cups powdered sugar
- 1 3/4 cups marshmallow crème
- 1 cup peanut butter

Cream butter and 2 cups powdered sugar in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Add peanut butter, marshmallow crème and vanilla, blending well. Gradually add remaining powdered sugar. Mix to a consistency that can easily be handled to form small egg shapes. Dip eggs into melted chocolate and let stand until chocolate is hardened.

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**Ritz Yums**

Submitted by Mrs. Rudy Katherine Detweiler

Ritz crackers
Peanut butter
Melted chocolate

Spread peanut butter between two Ritz crackers and coat in melted chocolate. Allow the Ritz Yums to cool and harden. Put a few into a baggie for a lunchtime treat.