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Election Day is here

BY STEVEN COLLINS
Circleville Herald Senior Reporter

CIRCLEVILLE — It's Election Day and the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. To vote either early or in person, you must have a valid ID, like a driver's license.

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Races and issues on the ballot:

Statewide Issues:

State Issue 1:

The title of the amendment is "A Self-Executing Amendment Relating to Abortion and Other Reproductive Decisions"

According to the ballot language The proposed amendment would:

- Establish in the Constitution of the State of Ohio an individual right to one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Create legal protections for any person or entity that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical



treatment, including but not limited to abortion;

- Prohibit the State from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing, or prohibiting abortion before an unborn child is determined to be viable, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means;
- Grant a pregnant woman's treating physician the authority to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether an unborn child is viable;
- Only allow the State to prohibit an abortion after an unborn child is determined by a pregnant woman's treating physician to be viable and only if the physician does not consider the abortion necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health; and
- Always allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability if, in the treating physician's determination, the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health.

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Bench dedicated, council chambers renamed in Wise's honor

BY STEVEN COLLINS
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ASHVILLE — The Village of Ashville and local community organizations have honored Charles Wise, renaming council chambers and dedicating a bench in his honor.

It was standing room only in the building during the dedication, with people packing in the room to hear from local leaders who shared Wise's history with the Fire Department, Police Force, village government, church and community organizations.

Wise was Mayor of the village from Jan. 1, 2001 until his death earlier this year.

Wise was a former Police Chief of Ashville and had served on the Harrison Township Fire Department. He was a 1977 graduate of Circleville High School. He then went to the Police Academy and the Fire Academy and became an EMT.

Wise was a member of the Harrison Township Fire Department from 1982 to 1985. He received his firefighter certification while volunteering at Pickaway Township Fire Department in southern Pickaway County before moving to Ashville.

From there, Wise went onto serve his community of Ashville as Police Chief and then Mayor, being the longest serving Mayor and Police Chief in Ashville history.

Those who worked with him spoke about him and what he meant to the village. Mayor Nelson Embrey II declared Nov. 5, 2023



Charles "Chuck" K. Wise

"I can tell you he really will be missed' — Bill Welsh, a township trustee and Ashville Community Club member

"Charles K. Wise Day" in the village.

Many shared jokes and personal stories as they spoke about Wise's dedication to Ashville. Brian Stewart, a former council member, county commissioner and now Representative to the Ohio State Legislature, jokily said it was a testament to how much Wise meant to the community to have so many people in attendance during the Browns game.

"I learned so much from Chuck Wise here and he continued to be leader, mentor, advisor, cheerleader and sounding board when I was county commissioner and now in the state legislature," he said. "Pillar of the community gets thrown around a lot but when I hear that phrase it's Chuck Wise. I don't know anyone who better personified that."

Rev. Kevin Pees spoke about Wise's involvement in the church and even shared his first



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Ashville Mayor Nelson Embrey II (left) and Ohio State Representative Brian Stewart (right) present Charles Wise's widow, Sherri, with a pair of proclamations at the ceremony.



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A plaque commemorating the Charles K. "Chuck" Wise Council Chambers in the doorway to the space.

official conversation with him.

"Not long after I came to Village Chapel he scheduled an appointment to talk to me and when someone wants to talk to me you don't know how it's going to go," he said. "Even though he didn't know me well he essentially

said 'I want you to know that I'm for you, I'm with you, I'll walk beside you.' That meant so much to start at a church where a beloved pastor had left. To have Chuck's support in that way was so powerful."

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Teays Valley High School 1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll



Editor's Note: Academic excellence should be applauded and praised as much as throwing the game winning pass Friday night, so we're going to publish each school's Honor Roll starting on the front page. Congrats to these Vikings' High School scholars who made good grades in the First Nine Week's Honor Roll.

Area schools who are interested in publishing their honor rolls should send them to mlayton@circlevilleherald.com

9th Grade

Jacob Abercrombie, Aiden Adair, Charlotte Adams, Mackenzie Addy, Mylee Adorno, Sana Afzaal, Stephen Alava, Aiden Allmon, Hussein

Amin, Alyssa Anderson, Paige Baker, Kaden Barrick, Jack Baumgardner, Alabama Beumer, Hayden Blackstock, Rebecca Blair, Cameron Blake, Owen Blake, Trinity Blake, Joseph Blaney, Katelyn Blaney, Kaeden Booth, Kaylee Borgman, Sophia Boyre, Evangeline Branch, Trevor Bridges, Lauren Bright, Samuel Bristle, Addison Brown, Austin Brown, Chesney Brown,

Miley Brown, Natalie Brown, Amelia Brumfield, Sydney Brumfield, Brylee Brunton, Madilyn Burdette, Lacey Burgess, Samuel Caceres, Emma Camden, Brielle Cannon, Brandon Carpenter, Kaleb Cassady, Benton Caudill, Jaelle Caudill, Michael Chaffin, Ryleigh Clark, Brandon Clemens, Jerzy Cline, Leyton Cline, Kiley Coleman, Joseph Collins, Alyssa Corcoran, Carsen Cordes, Myleigh Cossin, Kaleb Crabtree, McKenna Craft, Hayden Crawford, Chelsea Crossen, Brendan Cupp, Angelena Dail, Dylan Dameon, Abigail Daniels, Allison Dean, Lainey Deemer, Olivia Delape, Aeron Denton, William DeVors, Mathew Diaz-Hatfield, Micah Dick, Natasha Diddle,

Brayden Dixon, Ezekiel Dixon, Makayla Dunbar, Brooklynn Edwards, Elise Edwards, Tucker Ehman, Marley Erler, Bryce Ferrell, Jenna Ferrell, Chrystian Finley, Brody Fitch, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jackson Fleming, Brycen Fletcher, James Foose, Mallory Frabott, Lillianna Fritz, Briar Furby, Eva Gaal, Reese Gallinger, Talia Garten, Stephen Gentzel, Peter Graham, Carson Grey, Harper Grimese, Xavier Haag, William Hakes, Gaige Hall, Madalyn Hamilton, Lilly Hayhurst-Berry, Nathan Haynes, Noah Haynes, Julia Helenthal, Brennan Helton, Faye Hendricks, Peyton Hendricks, Corbin Henry, Charles Herald, Yahir Hernandez Garcia,

Mikayla Hickel, Jason Hickman, Noah Hilgenberg, Blake Hines, Carson Hix, Genica Holland, Brayden Holt, Gabriel Horn, Tessa Horsley, Avery Hostutler, Brayden Houser, Jessica Howes, Landyn Huffman, Dayton Hughes-Cruse, Isaac Garrison, Merivey Ishimwe, Jersey Jackson, Brandon Jakeway, Charles Jett, Ashlyn Johnson, Erica Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Marley Jones, Areyana Karshner, Tanner Kelley, Hayden Kellough, Addison Kepler, Donovan Kight, Montana Kinzy, Haley Kirk, Maria Krupp, Karter Kozlowski, Hailey Kronk, Lance Kuhlwein,

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Nelson Embrey II, Ashville's Mayor, acted as emcee for the dedication event introducing the speakers and sharing his own stories on Mayor Wise.

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Bill Welsh, a township trustee and Ashville Community Club member, said he really appreciated his friendship with Wise.

"I can tell you he really will be missed," Welsh said.

Ashville Police Chief Jeff George had the crowd laughing with several jokes, including one involving his four swearing-in ceremonies, saying those were the only times Wise sworn at him.

"He has some big shoes to fill, literally he was a big guy and I'm just a little guy," he said. "One thing Chuck was always easy going and I don't think I ever saw him mad. He was a gentle giant."

George shared that when they'd hire a new officer, Wise would want to interview them, but that interview would often be a single question followed by thirty minutes of storytelling on Wise's part.

"After that he'd call me into the office and

we'd talk for about 20 minutes and at the end he'd ask me if I liked them, I'd say I think they'd do good, and he'd say well we've let them sweat it enough," George said.

Greg Sturgill, who said Wise helped him go from a high school dropout to getting his G.E.D. and becoming a police officer, shared some personal stories.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without him," he said.

Franklin Christman, the village administrator, said Wise had his respect not only because of his position but because of his commitment to Ashville and the village's collective future.

"Mayor Wise never stopped providing for all of us," Christman said, noting that the village grew by 43 percent during his tenure. "We've had him work towards our community having a stable and sustainable future."

Christman called on those present to remember Wise and continue his mission.

"He loved Ashville but he recognized the Ashville he loved but only if we could discover ways to sustain the village," he said. "He will be hard to replace but he would be disappointed if we don't and we don't continue to move forward because he recognized you cannot stand still. I He never stopped and we should not stop either. This is professionally and personally. I believe that would make Mayor Wise very happy."

Following the dedication of council chambers, the event went outside to dedicate a bench in Wise's honor.

Cynthia Hughes of the Ashville Women's Civic Club, Dan Litzinger of the Ashville Kiwanis Club, Ralph Dickie Gloyd of the Ashville Community Men's Club shared their thoughts on Wise.

"This bench is being dedicated in honor of Chuck Wise who will always be remembered for his leadership and dedication to the Village of Ashville," Hughes said.

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The Amish Cook: What's the key to success?

BY GLORIA YODER
THE AMISH COOK

I breeze into my little office, my eyes catch the words on my desk: Quiet moments.

I gulp. Why am I scurrying again? I mean, there are always things tugging at my apron strings, trying their utmost to convince me that if I hurried just a tad more, I could get accomplished what I call important.

From past experience, I know it's not true. Rushing and staying busy is not the key to a successful life-or is it?

What's that missing ingredient? Okay, bring on your answers, I enjoy learning from others.

What is your goal in life, and what does it take to get you there?

I'm the type of person who enjoys getting things done more than spending tedious hours at a single project; I tend to stack in all the events and projects I can. And too easily, I get myself into trouble with it. In my mind, I know that with only five more minutes I could have the last pantry shelf wiped down before the children come home from school. Yes, I find it fulfilling to have the three little boys helping me, yet many times it would be so much easier to quickly do it myself. I step back and analyze for a moment. What is the most important, a speedy completion of the job at hand or a relaxed atmosphere as we work together as a team, instilling work ethics into men in the making?

When the priority has been pinpointed, action takes its turn; will I be strong enough to do what in my heart, I know is best?

The answer isn't the same each day. We each find what's best for us as individuals. For Daniel it was much more important to come home to a happy wife than to have all the cleaning done (though he much appreciated cleanliness). Children don't outright express that, but aren't they much the same? They don't

care whether or not each item has been crossed off the to-do list or not, just as long as they can feel that love and closeness, they are good to go.

So tell me, how can we simply and effectively reach the goal of efficiency and relational interaction?

A little song the children sing grabs my attention; their hands motion along with the song, "Since the Lord has loved me, I'm as happy as can be, my cup is full and running over..."

I love it. That's it. How easily we slide through life, forgetting to take the time to ask God to fill our cup with Himself. How naturally we put the best of expertise to use, minus the One who fills us up with exactly what we need!

Many times he reroutes my ideas and plans, sometimes much to my disappointment; in the end things fall into place and I have no idea how so much work has been done.

Then there's events we all enjoy being a part of, there's campings and picnics, family gatherings and work bees, school projects for the children and sewings for the ladies, annual birthday parties for the children, and now on the horizon, holiday preparations and events!

It's all good, but if I do it all, will it still all be good?

I ask myself, "Have I once regretted a time I skipped out on an event to spend time playing games or singing with the children?"

The answer is simple. No I haven't.

Have there been regrets of having had too much on my docket?

Gulp. Yes, there's no doubt about that. All right, now I have a good idea which direction to aim for.

Okay, it's time for me to get back to the real world, and guess what? First thing I'll need to be doing is stopping and asking God to fill my cup with Himself so he can plan out the week ahead which looks quite colorful with Daniel's parents mov-

ing into their new house, a birthday party for Austin, and a children's camp to attend for a couple days. I don't know how He's gonna organize it for me, but I have no doubt in his ability.

Daniel's sister Mary, who will be coming next week, shared this recipe for me to pass on to you. Enjoy the warmth of this soothing dish straight from her kitchen!

Easy chicken pot pie
1 2/3 cup mixed vegetables
1 cup cut-up chicken
1 10-3/4 oz can cream of chicken soup
1 cup Bisquick baking mix
1/2 cup milk
1 egg

Heat oven to 400. Mix vegetables, chicken, and soup in ungreased 9-inch pie pan. Mix together baking mix, milk, and egg with a fork until blended. Pour over veggie mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown.

AMISH CHRISTMAS COOKBOOK SPECIAL: There are two brand new Amish cookbooks being released along with a revamped old favorite! The Ultimate Collection of Amish Recipes, Vol 1 (400 pages, hundreds of recipes), The Ultimate Collection of Amish Recipes, Vol 2 (300 pages), and An Amish Christmas.

The Ultimate Collection contains hundreds of Amish recipes collected from Amish kitchens over the decades by Amish Cook Editor, Kevin Williams. These are traditional family favorites that have been perfected and passed down from generation to generation.

Recipes like Rhubarb Crips and Ham with Homemade red-eye gravy are favorites found in the book! An Amish Christmas is a smaller cookbook, a collection of recipes and stories to celebrate the holidays. The three-book set is available for \$69 plus \$6 shipping by sending a check to Oasis Newsfeatures, PO BOX 157, Middletown, Ohio 45042 or purchase online at www.amish365.com/books. Additional sets are available for \$40 a set. Allow two weeks for delivery.

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