



George Schreckengost, Virgil Springer, Bob Burk and Bud Householder, from left, volunteer at WOCC, the in-house TV station at Copeland Oaks Retirement Community in Sebring.

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Stay tuned

Copeland residents enjoy local TV shows

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SEBRING — Thanks to generous donations of time and money, the residents of Copeland Oaks Retirement Community can watch locally produced television programs.

The family of resident Bob Burk contributed a considerable amount of money in the mid-1990s to get the station off the ground. In 1995, Burk and several other volunteers began taping and broadcasting worship services.

Today, residents who live anywhere on campus can watch a variety of programming on two channels: COCC TV-2 and WOCC TV-26.

“Bob Burk deserves most of the credit,” said Virgil Springer, 71, a retired Marlinton High School teacher who began volunteering at the stations in 2002. “He kept it going after it started,” Springer said. “Without the Burk family’s contribution,” he said, “and Bob Burk’s continued contribution, we would not be where we are.”

Burk and his wife, Ruth, who is now deceased, donated \$26,000 to aid the fund from the estate of his late sister and former Copeland resident Marguerite Burk. The Burks moved to Copeland Oaks more than 10 years ago.

Burk, 88, a retired teacher from Warren, sends

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WOCC Program schedule is varied

Along with “New Resident Interviews,” the program schedule includes “Old Time Radio,” an actual re-broadcast of a classic radio show with a picture of an old radio on the screen; the travelogue “Where in the World is Mary?,” “Culinary Corner,” a how-to cooking show; “On the Road with Wolf;” “Focus” hosted by Dr. Jim Doty; “Copeland Roundabout,” the station’s oldest show; “Outta Sight,” a reading program for the blind; and “Veterans Spotlight,” hosted by David Mannion.

Farmer John

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degrees for 25 minutes for cabbage and tomato seed.

Dear Farmer John,

My mother called it a milkless, eggless, butterless cake, or chocolate mayonnaise cake — 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups flour, 4 tbsp. cocoa, 2 tsp. baking soda, 3/4 cup cold water, 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix mayonnaise and sugar, add flour and cocoa, soda alternating with cold water, add

vanilla, grease and flour a 9-by-13 pan, pour in batter and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. I was born in Newcomerstown 82 years ago, oldest of 13 children. I did a lot of cooking and baking. I used to stand on a chair when I was 5 years old to help mother bake bread. Thank you for your time.

TR, Fenton, Mich.

Dear Farmer John,

This is a tip for your readers who aren't proud like I was. When I turned 60, my

one son told me to use a walker on ice or in snowy weather. I laughed and said I was in fine shape. But he said he heard of a person using one on television and that it just added more security to keep from falling. Well, I didn't listen and I fell. Now I use a walker that he got me for icy weather. In the summer, I walk two miles a day, so I am not crippled, but I learned to put pride aside, and it does help give one more stability on slippery walks.

Learned the Hard Way, Akron

Dear Learned,

How does that go? Better safe than sorry? There are some other things we who are older should remember — don't use step stools, just put things you use no higher than what you can reach; second is to stay off ladders — either get children to do high work or hire a professional. We all like to save money, but one never saves when there is a chance of falling from something even as short as a step stool. I have had friends get

serious injuries from falling from ladders and step stools. That is why it is a good idea when planning an orchard, or even getting a couple fruit trees for the back yard, to look at dwarf or semi-dwarf types, not standard fruit trees. And if you must get up on a ladder, always have someone hold and steady the ladder.

SANDWICH FAVORITES

Dear Farmer John,

My favorite sandwich is ground sausage fried well with ketchup on one side

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TV shows

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credit back to Springer for being knowledgeable and organized. Springer began in the summer of 2002 producing a 35-minute resident interview program. "He was the brains behind it," Burk said.

Burk Studio, where the shows are produced and played for the campus, is named after Bob's family.

All volunteers at the station are residents of Copeland Oaks. Bud Householder came to Copeland Oaks last spring and soon began helping with producing TV shows. He said

he gets a lot of satisfaction from his work.

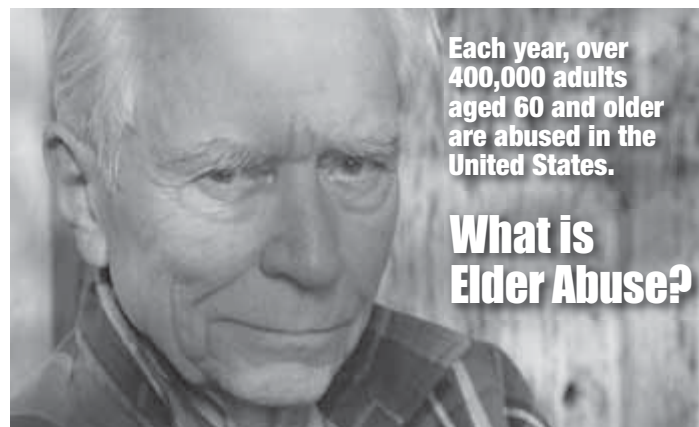
"This is a real way to reach people and help them," said Householder, 64, a retired money manager from Beaver, Pa. "Everything is for the benefit of the residents."

Also involved in producing programs is George Schreckengost, 79, a retired Methodist minister from Copley. Schreckengost said the station's equipment is up-to-date and shows can be recorded on DVD.

Thanks to the donation of a DVD burner and printer, it's easy to make

multiple copies of a single program. Other volunteers in the television department are Gilbert Shilling, Tex Hudson and Howard Wilhelm, all cameramen, and Binford Eubank, who operates the controls.

Springer said he enjoys the time he spends producing TV programs. He said he gets a good feeling when a resident stops him in the hall to thank him.



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