



## CITY COMMISSION DECLARES THE DANDELION AS THE OFFICIAL CITY FLOWER



The Wrinkle City Commission voted unanimously to declare the dandelion as the official city flower. "We might as well have done it years ago 'cause people don't mow

their yards and take care of their weeds. No wonder people call this a blighted town!" exclaimed Councilman Delbert Twitt. Many of the yards have grass and weeds over 8" tall. Mayor Alton J. Souhey urged citizens to harvest their dandelions and take them to his office as he needs them to make dandelion wine.

## HEAVY RAIN CAUSES OUTHOUSES TO FILL UP; ADDITIONAL PUMPING NEEDED.



Ground water saturation is causing a problem with local outhouses filling up. City Council has mandated all privies need to be pumped on a weekly basis.

Souhey Septic Sucking Services cannot handle the load and has brought in additional contractors to help during the rainy season.



## URGENT REQUEST FROM CITY HALL!

Due to the lack of funds for the city services street maintenance budget and an excessive amount of potholes in the streets, the city is requesting a non-tax deductible donation by the citizens of one bag of asphalt patch or gravel per household. City Manager Virgil Tinzlee is asking every citizen to donate as much as they possibly can. Small donations can be made at any time through the night deposit box. If you can afford large bags of cold patch, they can be delivered to the city manager's office from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO SEWAGE PLANT LEAK

Wrinkle City firemen were awakened from their sleep around 6:00 AM from a frantic call from the local sewage treatment plant. It seems a gauge in the plant indicated low pressure in a tank which set off an alarm.

All six firemen responded with in 30 minutes to the scene to find the sewage treatment facility evacuated and a brown foul

smelling sludge seeping from one of the treatment tanks. The firemen donned their new hazmat suits while Chief Red Spenders sprayed the air with a fog of Fabreeze to kill the stench. "We ran out of Odo-Ban and had to stop of 'n buy a case from Kerger's Market" he said.



The crack in the tank was sealed and the stench was cleaned up. Chief Spenders had hose practice on the firemen to clean them up before returning to the station.

"People gave us crappy looks when we pulled into Tim Hortons for donutz and coffee while returning to the station" said Spenders. "They handed us our bags of donuts on ten foot poles and told us it was on the house!" he exclaimed.



## CITY SCHOOLS STUDENTS TAKE STATE TESTS

Superintendent Jimonetta Carter told the Wrinkle City Board of Education that all students are taking the state proficiency tests. The tests will cover reading, writing,

ciphering and common sense. "We need at least an 80% score to pass the proficiency she said."

"Sillyman Learning Services have replaced the teachers to drill the material into the little critters' heads for the past month" remarked Carter. "The proof in the pudding will come when we git the test results" she said.

Traditionally, Wrinkle City students have done poorly on all state achievement tests except for pregnancy where they have excelled.

## HAVE AN IDIOT FOR A KID???



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## Wrinkle City Weather

**Gloomy, Damn Wet, Windy, Taxes Past Due, City Full of Potholes And Getting Worse All The Time**

## GRUMPIN AROUND TOWN WITH GRUMP

By Falworth T. Grump

I need to comment about the city's lack of good road pavement.



For several years in the past we have had a paving tax to keep the streets smoothly paved. Lately the street crew has just been throwing some cold patch on the potholes and hoping it sticks. It obviously didn't as I was going down Wayne Street and my vintage VW bug was sucked into a large pothole so deep, I had to call the local crane company to get my car out. I called city hall's ombudsman at 1-800-BIITTC to complaining and got a recording saying "tuff luck."

I thought the paving tax was to repair the streets. Wish those SOB's in charge get their act together!

Grump out!

## SCAPEGOAT SPORTS

Coach Smithers has a serious losing season on his hands with the winless Wrinkle City High School's Fighting Scapegoats baseball team. "We've been practicing 30 minutes after school for the past 3 weeks trying to learn the fundamentals" Smithers remarked. "We've become proficient in sliding and swearing at the umpire, but can't hit the ball worth a dang!" he exclaimed. "We can't help it the team is a bunch of idiots" he said. The 0-10 Scapegoats play 1-9 Fairlawn at Hardiman Field.

## SCAPEGOAT TRACK

In a recent interview, Coach Smithers said "Our track team is excellent and very talented, but I have to motivate them to run." "It seems they all run real fast when cops come by to watch the practice!" he exclaimed. "It takes me a couple of days to round them up" he said. "It must be those dammdarned sirens!" Smithers exclaimed!



## TALES FROM THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLE

By Toots Kowalski

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. The golfer says to himself, "I'd give anything to sink this next putt."

A stranger walks up to him and whispers, "Would you give up a fourth of your sex life"

The golfer thinks the man is crazy and that his answer will be meaningless but also that perhaps this is a good omen and will put him in the right frame of mind to make the difficult putt and says, "OK." And sinks the putt.

Two holes later he mumbles to himself, "Boy, if I could only get an eagle on this hole."

The same stranger moves to his side and says, "Would it be worth another fourth of your sex life"

The golfer shrugs and says, "Sure." And he makes an eagle.

Down to the final hole. The golfer needs yet another eagle to win. Though he says nothing, the stranger moves to his side and says, "Would you be willing to give up the rest of your sex life to win this match"

The golfer says, "Certainly." And makes the eagle.

As the golfer walks to the club house, the stranger walks alongside and says, "You know, I've really not been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil and from now on you will have no sex life."

"Nice to meet you," says the golfer. "My name's Father O'Malley."

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. 'How was he killed?' asked one detective. 'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied. 'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?' 'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan.'

## LIKE BACON?



Try the new bacon burger at Lusch's Bar and Grille.

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## MORTALLY SPEAKING...

By Emerson Balmer  
Amigone Funeral & Cremation Service



Who says us undertakers don't have a sense of humor?! We **do** have a funny side...sometimes!

A henpecked husband was advised by a psychiatrist to assert himself. "You don't have to let your wife bully you," he said. "Go home and show her you're the boss." The husband decided to take the doctor's advice. He went home, slammed the door, shook his fist in his wife's face, and growled, "From now on you're taking orders from me. I want my supper right now, and when you get it on the table, go upstairs and lay out my clothes. Tonight I am going out with the boys. You are going to stay at home where you belong. Another thing, you know who is going to tie my bow tie?" "I certainly do," said his wife calmly, "the undertaker."

## You Might Be From Wrinkle City If ...

1. You fish coins out of public fountains.
2. You consider pork and beans to be a gourmet food.
3. Your potholes are 3 feet deep.
4. You enjoy going to Markie's Tires 'N Stuff each month to get your car aligned after driving on the streets .
5. Four generations of your family are currently working at McDonald's.
6. Your grandma wears a tank top without a bra to show off her 44 longs.
7. You grow dandelions for wine and salad.
8. Your bathroom tissue is Wendy's napkins.
9. Your idea of talking during sex is "Ain't no cars coming, baby!"
10. Ya can't get married to yer sweetheart cause there is a law against it.
11. You go to a family reunion at the county jail just to get a date.
12. Any of your daughters are older than your wife.
13. You've lost your wife in a poker game twice.
14. The church social committee is afraid to meet at your house.
15. The caterer for your wedding was Oscar Mayer.
16. Your nosey neighbors count the number of times your girlfriend sneaks out of you trailer at midnite just before your wife gets home from the bar!



## RELIGIOUS HUMOR...

By Rev. Jeraldene Dibley

### Overcrowded church

The one thousand member Baptist church was filled to overflowing capacity one Sunday morning. The preacher was ready to start the sermon when two men, dressed in long black coats and black hats entered thru the rear of the church.



One of the two men walked to the middle of the church while the other stayed at the back of the church. They both then reached under their coats and withdrew automatic weapons.

The one in the middle announced, "Everyone willing to take a bullet for Jesus stay in your seats!"

Naturally, the pews emptied, followed by the choir. The deacons ran out the door, followed by the choir director and the assistant pastor.

After a few moments, there were about twenty people left sitting in the church. The preacher was holding steady in the pulpit.

The men put their weapons away and said, gently, to the preacher, "All right, pastor, the hypocrites are gone now. You may begin the service."

### After giving a sermon

The Methodist preacher just finished his sermon for the day and proceeded toward the back of the church for his usual greetings and handshaking as the congregation left the church. After shaking a few adult hands he came upon the seven year old son of one of the Deacons of the church.

"Good morning, Jonathan," the preacher said as he reached out to shake Jonathan's hand.

As he was doing so he felt something in the palm of Jonathan's hand. "What's this?" the preacher asked.

"Money," said Jonathan with a big smile on his face, "It's for you!"

"I don't want to take your money, Jonathan," the preacher answered.

"I want you to have it," said Jonathan. After a short pause Jonathan continued, "My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had and I want to help you."

An old man goes to the local parish priest to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The priest says, 'Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you.' The old man says without hesitation, 'I now pronounce you man and wife.'

Moe: 'My wife got me to believe in religion.'

Joe: 'Really?'

Moe: 'Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in Hell.'

## LAFFIN AT THE LAW

In an Irish Courtroom, the judge says to a double-homicide defendant "You're charged with beating your wife to death with a hammer".

A voice at the back of the courtroom yells out, "You bastard!"

The judge says, "You're also charged with beating your mother-in-law to death with a hammer."

The voice in the back of the courtroom yells out, "You rotten bastard!"

The judge stops and says to Paddy in the back of the courtroom....."Sir, I can understand your anger and frustration at these crimes but no more outbursts from you, or I'll charge you with contempt. Is that understood?"

Paddy stands up and says, "I'm sorry, Your Honor, but for 15 years I've lived next door to that jerk, and every time I asked to borrow a hammer, he said he didn't have one!"

### Divorce Court

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the Divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week,' 'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

## WISDOM OF A RETIREE



I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well..I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and margaritas into urine.

### WHAT'S HAPPENIN IN COVINGTON?

#### Resident Writes Book on 50 Great Dandelion Salads



town.

Local resident Ellie McFerdie has published a new book entitled "50 Great Dandelion Salads" that can be picked up at the town hall. The local octogenarian is donating the 50 page book to anyone in the

"I really like this recipe," said Miss Ellie: Combine 1 pound of dandelion greens, half of one red onion, cherry tomatoes, shaved asiago cheese, one half tablespoon of dried basil and add a hot bacon

dressings. This is a very good use of all those annoying dandelions growing in your yard. Just so long as you don't have a dog!

Miss Ellie recommends eating dandelion greens as it is a miracle drug. "Suppose your doctor tells you, on your next visit, that he has just discovered a miracle drug which, when eaten as a part of your daily diet or taken as a beverage, could, depending on the peculiarities of your body chemistry: prevent or cure liver diseases, such as hepatitis or jaundice; act as a tonic and gentle diuretic to purify your blood, cleanse your system, dissolve kidney stones, and otherwise improve gastro-intestinal health; assist in weight reduction; cleanse your skin and eliminate acne; improve your bowel function, working equally well to relieve both constipation and diarrhea; prevent or lower high blood pressure; prevent or cure anemia; lower your serum cholesterol by as much as half; eliminate or drastically reduce acid indigestion and gas buildup by cutting the heaviness of fatty foods; prevent or cure various forms of cancer; prevent or control diabetes mellitus; and, at the same time, have no negative side effects and selectively act on only what ails you. If he gave you a prescription for this miracle medicine, would you use it religiously at first to solve whatever the problem is and then consistently for preventative body maintenance?" she asks.

All the above curative functions, and more, have been attributed to one plant known to everyone, *Taraxacum officinale*, which means the "Official Remedy for Disorders." We call it the common dandelion. It is so well respected, in fact, that it appears in the U.S. National Formulary, and in the Pharmacopeias of Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, and the Soviet Union. It is one of the top 6 herbs in the Chinese herbal medicine chest.

According to the USDA Bulletin #8, "Composition of Foods" (Haytowitz and Matthews 1984), dandelions rank in the top 4 green vegetables in overall nutritional value. Minnich, in "Gardening for Better Nutrition" ranks them, out of all vegetables, including grains, seeds and greens, as tied for 9th best. According to these data, dandelions are nature's richest green vegetable source of beta-carotene, from which Vitamin A is created, and the third richest source of Vitamin A of all foods, after cod-liver oil and beef liver! They also are particularly rich in fiber, potassium, iron, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus and the B vitamins, thiamine and riboflavin, and are a good source of protein.

Mmmmmmm good, says Miss Ellie.

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## LOCAL RESIDENT THROWS PARTY FOR ROWDIES

A filthy rich Covington resident decided that he wanted to throw a party and invited all of his buddies and Covington neighbors to his mansion in Florida. He also invited Leroy, the only Redneck in the neighborhood. He held the party around the pool in the backyard of his mansion.

Leroy was having a good time drinking, dancing, eating shrimp, oysters and BBQ and flirting with all the women.

At the height of the party, the host said, 'I have a 10 foot man-eating gator in my pool and I'll give a million dollars to anyone who has the nerve to jump in.

The words were barely out of his mouth when there was a loud splash. Everyone turned around and saw Leroy in the pool!

Leroy was fighting the gator and kicking its rear! Leroy was jabbing it in the eyes with his thumbs, throwing punches, head butts and choke holds, biting the gator on the tail and flipping it through the air like some kind of Judo Instructor.

The water was churning and splashing everywhere. Both Leroy and the gator were screaming and raising heck.

Finally Leroy strangled the gator and let it float to the top like a dime store goldfish. Leroy then slowly climbed out of the pool. Everybody was just staring at him in disbelief.

Finally the host says, "Well, Leroy, I reckon I owe you a million dollars. "No, that's okay. I don't want it," said Leroy.

The rich man said, 'Man, I have to give you something, you won the bet. How about half a million bucks then?'

"No thanks, I don't want it," answered Leroy.

The host said, "Come on, I insist on giving you something. That was amazing. How about a new Porsche and a Rolex and some stock options?" Again Leroy said no.

Confused, the rich man asked, "Well, Leroy, then what do you want?"

Leroy said, "I want the name of the sumbich who pushed me in the pool!"

## PEA HILL UPDATE



**Local residents are planning the 2012 Memorial Day parade, community picnic and 12 K run**

Mayor "Big John" Lolly presented his plans for the annual Memorial Day parade and community picnic. Local resident Gretta Schmultz proposed a 12 K run to Covington and back to raise money to build a memorial dog park downtown. The proposal was voted on and approved. Tom and Livonia Bettencrak were appointed to head the picnic committee while Gretta Schmultz was appointed to supervise the running event.

In other action, the town council rejected a motion by member Rev. Gilroy T. Cleaver to move the monument to the proposed dog park.

### Hill Street Almost Done

Residents along W. Hill Street won't have to wait too much longer to park on the newly rebuilt and resurfaced roadway. "We used to have a nice wide street, but the town council narrowed it and added more grass to keep the cost down," said Bonnie Schmulze.

## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AROUND TOWN



**Border City Luncheon Club** meets every Monday at 11:30 AM at the Eagles for lunch. New members always welcome! Old members expected.

**Stone Cutters** meet the first Monday of the month. The Stone Cutters Companions meet on the first Tuesday next month.



### Pastor Bob's Church of the Covered Dish

Join us for our weekly sauerkraut and bean casserole dinner in the church congregational center every Friday. We've got a new cauliflower salsa and chips deal too! The women's auxiliary will be selling Beano for those who need the extra help.

**Blessing of the Brew** held at First Lutheran Universalist Church every Saturday at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Parishioners are urged to bring some friends and



some fresh brew to be blessed. This month's specialty will be vintage Bailey's Irish Crème!

**City Commission meetings (aka The Gong Show)**

held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Citizens will be frisked at the door for cream pies, rotten tomatoes and building plans for porches and decks. The traditional "afterglow" at Boobs 'N Beer will be followed by a tour of the city.

The local **Stone Squarers** will have their last formal meeting the first Monday in June prior to going dark in July. All members are asked to wear their tux and special aprons for the yearly memorial service.

**Liar's Club** meets at City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM

**St. Croissant's Church** will hold their monthly Donut Sunday on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM prior to services.



The St. Croissant beer bottle band will practice every Wednesday night until they get "Stars and Stripes" learned for the Memorial Day concert. Members of the band need to calibrate their bottles prior to practice. No flat tones will be allowed.

**Boobs 'N Beer**

150 N. Main Street (next to Sillyman's)

Depressed???  
Do the potholes  
and taxes have  
you down in the  
dumps?

Relieved that  
the Shootin  
Sisters are  
gone? Get

happy after the next City Commission meeting!  
Beer's a buck and the boobs are ... the  
Commissioners of course!



**GOSSIP PLACES 'N TIMES**

**McDoogles** on Covington Avenue 6 AM – 10 AM  
Any Day. (If you can stand the poor service!)

**Casey's Old Italian Inn** on Roosevelt 6 AM – 11 PM  
Any Day. Bill does a mean breakfast! (Lunch too!)

**Wendeez Burger Shoppe** 11 AM - 1 PM  
Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

**The Awful-Wafful House** 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Sundays.  
(Bring extra rubber gloves and sanitizing towels to  
clean your booth)

**Amigone Funeral Services** will have a grief counseling  
service and BBQ the last Saturday of the month. Our  
guest speaker will be Gonzo the Clown who topic will  
be: "How do we get from second base to home?"

**The Wrinkle City Commission** will meet every Tuesday  
night after the commission meetings in May at Lusch's  
Bar to discuss city problems and settle any bets. The  
first round is on Vic Lusch, the rest are on Virgil  
Tinzlee.

**Covington Eagles is the place to be!** Open to the  
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welcome.

**Git It At Wil-Mart**



**Will there be another  
Wrinkle City Gazette?**



**Who knows!**