

- I. Good Evening. Most of you here know who I am, but for those who do not, allow me to introduce myself: My name is Hope Tilley.
 - A. Standing with me tonight is a long-time friend, associate, and Carthage township neighbor, Mr. Charles Putnam.
 - B. Since moving to Carthage Township in 1993, I have worn many hats!
 - i. Teacher
 - ii. Restaurant Owner
 - iii. Race Track Photographer
 - iv. Even Goat Herder!
 - C. But I am best remembered for an older hat that I wore between the years of 1994 and 1996: PUBLISHER of a “Little Green Paper” called The Saw Mill Press.

- II. Tonight, I am wearing one new hat and carrying with me an older one.

Tonight, I stand before you to make two official announcements, as well as to offer a gesture of my good intentions.

- A. Over the years, many of you have asked, “when are you going to start publishing your paper again?”
- B. I stand before you tonight to answer that question: The TIME is NOW!
- C. Beginning officially on March 15, 2007, Saw Mill Press will be back up and running at its new website, SawMillPress.net. At SawMillPress.net, you will find something old and something new.
 - a. By popular request, you will find there republished copies of most of the old issues of The Saw Mill Press Country Courier.
 - b. You will also find at SawMillPress.net a new version of Country Courier, tricked up by technology-enabled internet publishing capabilities (thus, my video camera). The name of that new Saw Mill Press paper is Dog Hollow Howler.

- III. I didn’t pull that name out of a hat!

- A. Dog Hollow is the name of a road, not very often taken, in Carthage Township, near where I live.
- B. Dog Hollow is also part of the name of a published history book.
- C. The full title of that book is Dog Hollow USA and its author is the late Grace Jeffers Greiner, Troy High School Graduate, 1932.

IV. Another friend, associate and Carthage Township neighbor, Grace Jeffers Greiner was not only an avid supporter and major contributor to my Saw Mill Press paper, but she was also a superbly talented writer and thinker with a passionate interest in education.

Grace Jeffers Greiner is the inspiration behind my second official announcement:

- A. I stand here before you wearing a new hat: I am the chairperson of a newly incorporated and chartered educational and historical foundation called the Lottridge Legacy Foundation.
- B. Named in honor of Grace's second of three history books, The Lottridge Legacy, and dedicated to Ms. Greiner's memory, the Lottridge Legacy Foundation exists to create and sustain special educational opportunities for students of all ages in Athens and Meigs Counties.
- C. You can read a full statement of our mission, as well as a history of the concept, at our official website, LottridgeLegacyFoundation.com.

V. The projects our Board and associates are considering are many and varied.

- A. At this time, the Foundation is especially interested in developing and funding technology-enabled learning tools and online learning communities: Schools Without Walls.
- B. Our board members and associates believe, borrowing on the title of a recently published article in Newsweek magazine, that a MERE \$100 can change the world.
- C. The Foundation board members and associates want to help bring about that change—one student at a time—beginning with students living and learning in the Federal Hocking School District.

VI. Allow me a quick illustration.

A In my jacket, I am carrying three pens, all gifts to me from former students. In my briefcase, I am carrying three more pens, each costing about \$100.

- B. One pen is a digital voice recorder, which, together with the speech-to-text software installed on my laptop computer, could have enabled these otherwise bright and creative pengivers to overcome the handicap of language-based learning disabilities so that they could have written the many stories they were so eager to tell.

The second pen in my briefcase actually reads to you when you scan printed text, as well as scanning and storing notes for future reference.

The third pen writes on your computer screen, allowing those with poor keyboarding skills to use the information-organizing capacity of the computer more efficiently.

- C. These are just a few examples of how \$100 can enable learning, and change a child's life—forever—just by giving gifts of PENS!

VII. The Lottridge Legacy Foundation anticipates more than adequate funding through private donations and grants.

- A. I am here on behalf of the Foundation not only to announce our existence and offer our support to the Federal Hocking Community, but also to extend an invitation:
- B. Our first major fund-raising event--a SpringFest—will take place on April 13, 2007 from 3:30-10:30 PM on Main Street, Coolville, near our Foundation headquarters at the old Roots store.
- C. There will be activities for children, country and blue grass bands, speakers, refreshments, and what promises to be a very exciting auction with Mr. Bill Moodispaugh, auctioneer, presiding. We are anticipating a crowd of about 1000, and YOU are our first invitees!

VIII. I have one more “unofficial” announcement:

- A. This year, I am NOT running for President of the United States! As I told you when I spoke here in 2004, I was just practicing then for a higher office.
- B. The TIME for Practice is NOW over.
- C. NOW, more than ever before, is the TIME for all good men to come to the aid of their district.

IX. Mr. Daily, on behalf of the Lottridge Legacy Foundation, I am presenting this first \$100 towards changing the world—one student at a time—right here at Federal Hocking. The Lottridge Legacy Foundation looks forward to serving you.

X. Members of the Board, Mr. Superintendent, Federal Hocking Friends and Neighbors, THANK YOU.