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**Seniors to Receive Broughton Gift  
O'Neill Senior Center, nutrition program recipients of social's proceeds**

A day after Washington County voters overwhelmingly agreed to continue a senior services levy, area seniors learned they had even more reason to celebrate.

Broughton Foods announced Wednesday the O'Neill Senior Center and Washington/Morgan Community Action Senior Nutrition Program will be the recipients of the proceeds from the company's annual ice cream social, to be held this July.

Over the past 22 years, Broughton's has helped raise more than \$340,000 for nearly 30 local charities and organizations through the annual social. Dave Broughton, general manager of the dairy, was on hand to make the announcement and ice cream was distributed to those attending the press conference.

Terry Zdrale, executive director of O'Neill Senior Center, said her center plans to use the Broughton gift to open a computer lab and educate seniors on general computer use, including how to navigate the Internet. She said seniors enjoy researching genealogy and digital photography.

Marietta senior Carol Dewey said she is looking forward to having the opportunity to get online.

"I did have a computer at home, but I gave up on it," Dewey said. "I feel left out not being able to go on the Internet."

Dewey said she participates in activities at the O'Neill Center several times per week. David Brightbill, executive director of Washington/Morgan Community Action, said his group's share of the social proceeds will be used to help sustain the county's home delivered meal program for seniors. He said that even with funding from federal grants and the senior services levy the program is continually looking for additional funding sources to meet the demands of the community.

"We are in ever increasing need for home delivered meals," Brightbill said. "It seems the faster we go the further behind we get."

In addition to the home delivered meal routes, the senior nutrition program has six congregate dining sites located throughout Washington County. All meals are prepared in the main kitchen, located in the lower level of the O'Neill Center.

The goal of the nutrition program is to provide ailing seniors with nutritional meals. The program assists people who otherwise would lack sufficient supplemental care, and would possibly be forced to enter a nursing home for residential support, Brightbill said.