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Candidates Speak Out

By Nancy Bowman

Contested races in the Republican primary for Miami County sheriff, prosecutor and two county commission seats helped fill the Troy Junior High School gym last week for the traditional Meet the Candidates Night.

The 90-minute program featured opening and closing remarks by each of 10 candidates with questions posed by a panel in-between. One issue on the March 15 ballot – the Troy schools' operating levy renewal – was discussed briefly by Superintendent Eric Herman.

A brief summary of candidate remarks and answers to questions specific to their political race:

Sheriff:

Chris Anderson: A recently retired Troy police captain, Anderson said he would stop playing politics with the office.

Steve Cooper: A retired sheriff's office captain, Cooper said his focus would be on keeping the people of Miami County safe.

Dave Duchak: Now serving as chief deputy for retiring Sheriff Charles Cox, Duchak said the state of the sheriff's office is strong.

Paul Reece: A former deputy, Reece said the agency's most important asset is its people

County Commission Seat

Jack Evans: An incumbent, Evans said the commission represents the people of Miami



Miami County Commission candidates (L to R) Cynthia Lillcrap, Jack Evans, Gregory Simmons and Richard Cultice

County and works diligently to make sure things are being done properly and correctly.

Cynthia Lillcrap: Making her first bid for an elected office, Lillcrap said she is serious about the election and only wants to work hard for the people of Miami County.

Richard Cultice: An incumbent, Cultice said he believes his service and track record have earned the voters' support.

Greg Simmons: Making his second run for a commission seat, Simmons said he is invested in the community and believes he would serve the county well.

County Prosecutor:

Mel Kemmer: A retired municipal court judge, Kemmer said his complete experience including previously serving as an assistant prosecutor and a law director as well as a judge make him unique-

ly qualified for the job.

Tony Kendell: The incumbent, Kendell said the only thing that has changed since voters in the 2014 election confirmed his initial appointment to the job has been he has gained more experience.

Sheriff candidates

Question: "Assessing the performance of the current sheriff's department, if elected would you keep it on the same direction or change course?"

Anderson: "I would have to look at investigating and going for national accreditation for the sheriff's department ... I believe getting the department accredited, although it is a somewhat tenuous adventure to get there, can do nothing but establish professionalism and provide a morale boost that is sorely needed."

Cooper: "The sheriff's office

is a young department. I would like to see a lot more training in the sheriff's office from firearms, driving, domestic violence. The things going on inside the office, some accusations of bullying, sexual harassment ... I would like to get them all some training ... and put a stop to it."

Duchak: "I think the sheriff's office is very strong and is on the right direction ... With respect to accreditation, Sheriff Cox and I have looked at that in the past, it is expensive ... We follow best practices. All of our procedures are top-notch."

Reece: "The sheriff office has to change ... change from the top ... You lead people through purpose, direction and motivation."

Prosecutor candidates

Question: What is the first thing you would do if elected prosecutor?

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Centerpoint Church

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

A church plant has begun meeting at the Motel 6 on Dorset Street. It is a Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) church called Centerpoint Christ Community Church. Blazing a new trail in more than one area, Centerpoint Church hopes to make its mark on the city through creative outlets in serving and demonstrating compassion in what they teach and how they live.

Centerpoint's mission is "to genuinely embrace today's generation with love and truth so that together we might know and passionately live for God, making Jesus Christ the "CenterPoint" of our lives." Pastor Paul Calvert and wife Shelly described their congregation as "loving" and "relaxed." Their hope is to see continued growth, even as they reach out to the community in unique ways.

Shelly has helped to spearhead a new venture in serving called "We Love Birthday Parties" through the Troy soup kitchen. It is an outreach that celebrates birthdays for at-risk kids who may not otherwise have their special day remembered. According to Shelly, outreaches like "We Love Birthday Parties" are an extension of the love of Jesus Christ to children of Troy who need it most.

Pastor Calvert is a fourth generation Trojan and Class of '84 Troy high school graduate.

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Chamber Awards Outstanding Young People

Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Troy Chamber of Commerce had their 77th annual dinner at the Crystal Room on Market Street on the evening of February 25. The elegant, black-tie occasion was a social opportunity for business leaders and city officials to gather and celebrate the experiences and initiatives the community shared in 2015 while anticipating new ventures in the upcoming year.

The most anticipated segment of the evening was the presentation of awards for Outstanding Young Woman and Outstanding Young Man of the Year. These awards go back to 1954. The Troy Chamber of Commerce adopted the legacy from an organization no longer in existence and has carried on the tradition since the year 2000. Many distinguished former recipients of these awards were in attendance for this year's reveal. The excitement was palpable as Mary Wolke, the 2014 recipient of the Shirley Culp Davies Memorial Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award, gave a heartwarming speech introducing her successor, Melissa Nichols of River-

side Developmental Disabilities. Nichols grew up in Miami County, graduated from Ohio State University, and has volunteered for many years at Troy Christian School where her children attend, at her church, and at the Miami County Animal Shelter. Her passion is advocacy, to be a voice for those in the community who have no voice. This led her to her current position as the Director of Community Relations at Riverside. "She is a role model every young woman aspires to be," Wolke said. "We are very fortunate to have her in Troy."

The A. Robert Davies MD Memorial Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award was presented by Michael Ham, the 2014 recipient. The City of Troy Planning and Zoning Manager, Tim Davis, was the 2015 recipient of the award. According to Ham, "to know him is to admire and respect him for his energy and commitment to others." Davis received his bachelors and masters degrees at Wright State University and has been an active part of the community, especially where ser-

vice to youth is concerned. As a member and former president of the Troy Noon Optimists, he has helped with numerous city events including coordination of Troy's annual Halloween Parade. He is an advisor to the Mayor's Youth Council and a soccer coach at The Rec Youth Center. This year marks the 23rd anniversary of his father receiving the award. "He reminds us all of the joy that lies in being a big kid," Ham said. "I believe there are lessons to be drawn from his joyful way of life and the way that he gives of himself to others."

This event has special meaning for the Chamber of Commerce and upholds many decades of tradition for the City of Troy. Jon Dankworth of Crown Equipment brought the festivities of the evening to order and performed his final duties as the 2015 Chairman of the Board. Doug Stone was honored for serving as the Strawberry Festival Chairman and the outgoing 2015 Troy Chamber Board of Directors was recognized, including Jim Dromey, Joe Dickerson, Earl Reives,



Michael Ham (right) presents the Outstanding Young Man award to Tim Davis



Melissa Nichols (left) was presented with the Outstanding Young Woman award by Mary Wolke

Pat Keaty, Jim Hurak, and Tom Holderread. Before relinquishing his post, Dankworth introduced this year's incoming Chairman, Lisa Schelin of MainSource Bank. Schelin, then, had the opportunity to introduce the 2016 Board of Directors.

Pictures and a raffle concluded the evening as guests enjoyed conversation and refresh-

ments. The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce Staff responsible for overseeing the organization and planning of the event included President J.C. Wallace, Executive Director Kathi Roetter, Financial Manager Joan Thayer, Event Coordinator Heather Littlejohn, and TSF Manager & Leadership Troy Coordinator Corie Schweser.



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Miami County Sheriff Reports

WEDNESDAY 2/24

10:01 a.m. Traffic stop on Peters Rd. at Monroe-Concord Rd. While speaking with the driver, the deputy could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a bag of leafy green substance that smelled like marijuana. The passenger had an electronic scale in his pocket. He was cited for a stop sign violation, possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence was booked into the property room.

6:29 p.m. Traffic stop on Nashville Rd. at Swailes Rd. The plates on the vehicle were registered to another. The driver said he had just purchased the vehicle and put the plates from his old vehicle on it. The deputy discovered that the man was stopped in November for the same circumstances and the same vehicle. He was found to have a marijuana pipe in his possession. The driver was cited for fictitious plates and the vehicle was towed.

THURSDAY 2/25

9:42 p.m. Traffic stop on Piqua Troy Rd. at Woodhaven Ln. The driver had failed to stop for a stop sign. She said she was coming home from work and was tired. She was cited for a stop sign violation and for no operator's license.

FRIDAY 2/26

12:34 p.m. Traffic stop on I-75 at the 73 mile marker. The driver was advised that he was stopped for following too closely. A passenger was found to have two outstanding warrants. She was arrested and taken to the Miami County Jail. The driver was cited for following too closely.

8:39 p.m. To the 3700 block of St. Rt. 718 for a report of a disturbance. A deputy arrived to find a male standing outside of a vehicle. He said that he was arguing with the female driver and she pulled over and refused to take him to his residence. The driver reported the same story. The man was given a ride home and the woman went home.

SATURDAY 2/27

2:03 a.m. To E. St. Rt. 55 for a report of an unresponsive female. She was found lying on the garage floor near a work bench. Her boyfriend (the reporting party) was also there. He said he had not seen her since the previous afternoon. He said he tried calling her several times to find out where she was. He said that she had a history of medical issues. She was pronounced dead at the scene and the coroner released the body to a funeral home.

9:31 a.m. Traffic stop in the 700 block of W. Main St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and for speed.

11:03 a.m. Traffic stop on Dye Mill Rd. at County Rd. 25A. The drug dog was called and alerted for narcotics, but none were found. The driver was given a warning for a traffic offense.

2:24 p.m. Traffic stop on W. Market St. at Horizon West Ct. The juvenile driver was cited for a traffic offense, possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Rape charges change Safety reminders issued

Multiple rape charges against a Troy man were sent to Miami County Common Pleas Court last week after he waived hearings in county Municipal Court.

Benjie D. Vanwinkle, 42, faced more than 20 felony counts of rape for allegedly engaging in sexual conduct with girls under age 13 in Troy and in Brown Township.

He remains jailed in lieu of bail set following his arrest in early February.

Troy City Schools' students are hearing reminders about safety walking to and from school after two students were involved last week in vehicle-pedestrian accidents near Heywood elementary and in the junior high parking lot.

Superintendent Eric Herman asked school principals to make announcements "encouraging students to be extra careful when coming to school in the morning and going home at night."

Troy Police Reports

MONDAY 2/22

10:19 a.m. An officer saw 7 vehicles on E. Canal St. that were in violation of the city junk vehicle ordinance. A 46' trailer had a dealer plate that expired in May, 2008. It came back as non-existent. A Shasta motor home had a plate that expired in December, 2007. The front tires were flat and dry rotted. A Chevy pickup truck had plates that expired in April, 2013. It had three flat tires. Another Chevy pickup truck had plates that expired in December, 2015. It had a flat tire. A popup travel trailer had a flat tire. A boat trailer had no registration. The boat was uncovered and in poor condition. Another trailer that appeared to be homemade had no plates or VIN. IT was loaded with junk and debris and was in poor condition. All vehicles were photographed and green tagged and given until March 10 to be removed. The officer spoke with the property owner about a notice sent in September about the many junk vehicle violations. He was advised that if the violations were not corrected, the vehicles would be impounded.

11:24 a.m. To W. Main St. A store manager showed the officer surveillance video of a male subject trying to steal scratch-off lottery tickets. He was unable to provide a copy of the video, but said that police would be notified when it was ready. Fingerprints were lifted from the ticket boxes. The incident is under investigation.

4:40 p.m. Traffic stop on W. Market St. at Garfield Ave. The driver was cited for expired plates.

5:02 p.m. Traffic stop on E. Canal St. at S. Market St. for expired plates. The driver said she had just purchased the vehicle and had not yet completed the paperwork. She was cited for expired plates.

5:19 p.m. Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 48 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said her speedometer was broken. She was advised that her registration had expired, and she said she forgot to renew it and that this was the first time she had a vehicle registered in her name. She was cited for speed.

5:33 p.m. To Experiment Farm Rd. for a report of an accident. A woman reported that she was leaving the shopping center onto Experiment Farm Rd. when she was struck by a vehicle entering the center. She said she did not see it because of the sun. The other vehicle was located and both exchanged information. No charges were filed because it occurred on private property.

7:58 p.m. Traffic stop on Rt. 718 at Washington Rd. The driver had run the light at 718 and Dorset Rd. and was travelling between 65 and 70 MPH. He admitted to the offenses. He was charged with failure to obey a traffic control device and issued a warning for speed.

10:05 p.m. To the 700 block of W. Main St. for a report of an accident. A driver had hit the gas instead of the brake and struck landscaping rocks on private property.

11:33 p.m. Traffic stop on N. Market St. at Troy St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and the passenger was arrested for warrants out of Champaign County and Montgomery County.

TUESDAY 2/23

8:09 a.m. To Leedes Rd. for a report of a disturbance. A suspect was arrested for domestic violence and taken to the Miami County Jail.

3:43 p.m. A man came to the Police Station to turn in a digital camera that he found on the street in the 900 block of N. Dorset Rd. The camera was not reported as stolen. It was entered into property.

4:04 p.m. While on patrol on S. Walnut St., an officer saw a male subject working on a vehicle. The officer recognized the subject as having an outstanding warrant for theft. The warrant was confirmed and the subject was taken to the Miami County Jail.

10:50 p.m. While stopped for a train on Staunton Rd., the officer saw that the plates on the vehicle in front of him expired in August, 2015. He verified that the plates were expired, walked up to the vehicle and issued the driver a citation.

9:04 p.m. Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. at Ohio Ave. The vehicle was clocked at 51 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver stated that he was 19 and the passenger was 16. The officer asked where they were coming from and the driver thought for a moment and said "Maplecrest." The passenger was asked for his name and he refused to provide it. He then stated that he was Austin Lee and was born June 29, 1998. The officer said that would make him 17 and the driver said that he was 16. The driver then identified the passenger, and the passenger then confirmed his identity. He said he didn't want to give his name because he had an outstanding warrant for cutting off his ankle bracelet. Dispatch confirmed that the juvenile was missing. His probation officer was contacted and he advised that the juvenile should be incarcerated. He was

Herman asked for the announcements last Thursday and Friday and then periodically for the rest of the school year. "We need to bring the attention level up of all involved - children and adults," he wrote in an email to administrators.

Plea made in attempted murder

A Piqua man pleaded no contest Feb. 25 to felony attempted murder and was found guilty in a November shooting in Piqua.

James E. Wright, 35, also pleaded to having a weapon

while under a disability and aggravated robbery. The attempted murder and aggravated robbery charges also included gun specifications.

Police said the shooting resulted from Wright's attempt to obtain money from a friend, who was hospitalized briefly for a wound to the head.

As part of a plea deal, prosecutors agreed to recommend a 10-year maximum sentence for Wright and to not file additional charges from the November incident.

Wright's sentencing was scheduled for March 3.

cuffed and incarcerated. The driver said that he knew that the passenger was listed as missing and had been trying to get him to act better because he had been hanging out with bad kids. He was warned about doing such things and was released.

11:13 p.m. Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. near Market St. The vehicle had accelerated to beat the red light and was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he was aware of the violation. He was cited for speed.

WEDNESDAY 2/24

12:22 a.m. Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. The driver was found to be under suspension, but he said he was not aware of the suspension. He was so cited and called for a friend to pick up him and his vehicle.

12:45 a.m. To Fairview Ct. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a male subject called and threatened her. The male subject was identified and charged with menacing.

1:56 a.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. near Elm St. The vehicle was stopped for having only one operational headlight. The officer learned that the driver had received multiple warnings for one headlight since January. He was cited for having only one headlight.

7:59 p.m. Traffic stop on S. Stanfield Rd. The driver was cited for speed (55/35).

FRIDAY 2/26

7:20 a.m. An officer drove through the Walmart parking lot and saw a Chevy Prizm occupied by a female passenger. When she saw the officer, she reclined her seat. The officer ran the plate and found that the registered owner had an outstanding warrant. He approached the vehicle and found that the passenger was the owner. He informed her of the warrant, and the woman said that she had missed a court date for a theft charge. The jail would not accept her, so the officer issued a summons.

1:39 p.m. To Mystic Ln. S. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that the temporary tag had been removed from her vehicle while it was parked in front of her residence. She said that this morning she found the doors ajar. The plate was entered into the system as missing.

8:09 p.m. To Atlantic St. for a report of an abandoned bicycle. A woman reported that a bicycle had been abandoned outside of her residence. The officer found that the bicycle had been reported as stolen. The owner

was contacted and advised that he could pick up his bicycle.

8:36 p.m. To Walker Dr. for a report of a dog complaint. A woman reported that a neighbor's dog had been barking. The officer arrived to hear a dog barking. The woman said that the dog has been barking non-stop, and that this has been a problem for some time. The officer could not get an answer at the neighbor's door. Checking the system, the officer found that the neighbors have been charged multiple times in the past for barking dogs. Charges were filed again.

SATURDAY 2/27

1:23 a.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. near Monroe St. The driver was cited for OVI and no headlights on.

2:57 a.m. To Kroger's for a report of shoplifting. A male subject was apprehended and charged with theft and open container.

8:00 a.m. To Fountain St. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a man who had just been released from jail has been calling and texting her repeatedly. She said he was in jail over a domestic violence charge involving her daughter. She said he had called her home phone 30-40 times within a day. She said that she asked him to stop but he continues to call and text. The officer spoke with the man and warned him not to call the RP or any member of her family again.

8:24 a.m. While on patrol on S. Walnut St., an officer saw a blue Mazda parked on the street with its hood up. A neighbor stated that the car had been there for about three days. The registered owner was from Englewood and is deceased. It appeared that someone was working on the vehicle as there was a spark plug wire on the street and an empty anti-freeze jug in the engine compartment. The vehicle was towed and will be held until someone claims it.

11:34 a.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. The driver was cited for speed (49/35).

2:56 p.m. To Willow Point Ct. for a report of a man in a wheelchair knocking on the door. The man was located and transported to UVMC for mental evaluation.

5:13 p.m. Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. just past the city limits. The vehicle was clocked at 51 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he thought the speed limit was 55. The officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle, but the driver was found not to be impaired. He was cited for speed.

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County Approves Trafalgar Rezoning - Again

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners approved the rezoning of 50 acres off Monroe-Concord Road in the unincorporated area of Concord Township from agricultural to residential for the 17th time Feb. 23.

The commission since 1995 has approved the Trafalgar rezoning repeatedly. Mark Geisinger, representing landowner Trafalgar Corp. of 1619 Monroe-Concord Road, said he thinks this was the 17th application for rezoning.

Each approval has been overturned in referendums decided by residents in the township unincorporated area.

The most recent vote was in November.

During a public hearing before the vote, the commission heard comments only from Geisinger.

"Everything is still the same," he said of the rezoning request.

"We have reviewed this ... we have been all the way to the Supreme Court of Ohio ... and each

time we have prevailed because it does meet the comprehensive plan, it does have services available. Therefore, to deny it would not be reasonable and certainly would put the county in jeopardy," Commissioner Jack Evans said. The vote was 3-0.

Those opposing the rezoning have 30 days to file for a referendum.

In other business last week the commission voted to replace the control module for the Safe-

ty Building fire system after the module malfunctioned earlier in the month. A temporary fix was made but replacement of the module was needed, the commission said. SecurCom of Minster will be paid up to \$10,216 for fees, inspections, part and labor.

The commission also:

- Authorized the 2015 county highway system mileage certification for 424.230 miles of county maintained roads. The mileage has decreased 0.088 miles due to

two annexations, the commission was told. The annexations were 0.026 miles along County Road 25A to Tipp City and 0.062 miles along Brown Road with an annexation to Covington.

- Approved an independent contractor agreement with Candace Goodall, architect, to provide plan review services for the department of development for 2016. She will be paid \$98.34 per hour for up to \$100,000 of work.

Meet the County Commission Candidates

By Nancy Bowman

Cultice/Simmons Commission Race

Incumbent Richard Cultice and challenger Greg Simmons, a former county employee, are seeking a seat on the Miami County Board of Commissioners in the March 15 Republican primary.

Cultice has been on the commission since May 2011. Simmons ran unsuccessfully for the commission two years ago.

Simmons said there is a need for integrity, accountability and honesty in the commission office. Cultice said the claims have no basis.

Greg Simmons said he believes he would be "a real asset to the county" with his experiences working for the organization.

Simmons said he was unsuccessful in his previous bid for county commission when he ran against Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien, but learned a lot from the experience.

"I was kind of by myself last time. I have quite a few people helping me out this time," he said of his campaign.

A Troy resident, Simmons previously worked for Miami County Children's Services, was a chief probation officer and was director of the West Central Juvenile Detention Center.

"I believe I have what it takes to be a governing elected official that will serve this region well. I have the expertise of providing quality leadership and accountability. When I retired from West Central as director, I left nearly a million dollars in unencumbered money," Simmons said.

"Our governing officials of our region need to have integrity, accountability and transparency. I have all those," Simmons said.

He said transparency to the community, security of the Safety Building and Courthouse and dealing with the heroin epidemic are among top issues facing the commission.

Simmons said he isn't claiming anyone is doing anything illegal with tax dollars but would like to see more information available on county finances.

"One of the things about transparency is to have a meeting at night. Their meeting are when people are at work," he said.

Simmons said he questioned the commission spending around \$6 million on upgrades to HVAC system, plumbing and security in the courthouse with cameras and access control.

"We have cameras. We need someone manning the cameras, watching. We need medal detectors and human beings, security people at the doors," Simmons said of security at the Safety Building and Courthouse.

He questioned the plumbing project that included replacing



Greg Simmons

Age: 66
Occupation: Retired from West Central Juvenile center, retired pastor
Previous political experience: Previously ran for commission
Education: associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in education
Family: Wife, Patty; four children; two stepsons; eight grandchildren.

fixtures but not the pipes, saying a Band-Aid approach was taken. "I would have replaced the cast iron pipes as this will be a recurring and costly problem in jail as well as safety building," Simmons said.

He said the long-term fate of the downtown jail space needs to be looked and decisions made on the future location of jail space and future use of that area of the Safety Building. "I can see the old jail becoming somewhat a money pit," he said.

Simmons said initial steps have been taken to address the local heroin problem including a coalition/task force, and more needs to be done.

"It is an epidemic hurting the citizens of Miami County with the thefts ... I feel like as a commissioner I want to know what can I do, maybe not cost taxpayer money. We have a lot of people who work for county who could help, could be assets," he said.

Richard Cultice said his background in both the private and public sectors make him a logical candidate for county commissioner.

The Troy resident has spent 35 years at Hobart Brothers Co. in various financial positions including treasurer before moving to the city of Troy, where he was on city council before becoming city auditor.

"It gives you a little better perspective on how things work, the decision process ... The decisions have to be based on the information in front of you. You have to weigh all the facts," he said.

He said he has enjoyed serving as a commissioner. "I believe I am a positive influence," he said. "I believe I have the trust of every elected official. I have not heard or been confronted by any of them that we don't have a good working relationship."



Richard Cultice

Age: 73
Occupation: County commissioner
Previous political experience: Elected to Troy City Council and as Troy City Auditor
Education: Miami East High School, attended Sinclair Community College
Family: Wife, Jane; two daughters; five granddaughters.

Cultice has served as the commission liaison with the sheriff's office. "I think I have a very good relationship with the sheriff," he said.

As the county moves forward, Cultice said it needs to continue to implement the new computer software system across the county offices and work with the sheriff's office and courts on beneficial and effective facilities and programs. A major step forward has been starting a county IT Department, which continues to update systems and add services where needed.

Cultice said it's no secret heroin is a major concern facing the county, and beyond. A start up local ask force has started exploring options, but has not yet brought the commission into the fold. "If somebody has a plan or program that we can do or assist in some fashion, we are open," he said.

He said the recent \$6 million project for HVAC, security and plumbing improvements was not intended to replace every pipe in the buildings. He said a water line break that followed was an isolated case, adding, "Anything can break, even a new one."

A rumor he was not planning to complete a four-year term if re-elected are baseless, Cultice said. "That has never been discussed, that has never been the plan. When I run for something, I plan to be there for the term," he said.

Cultice said claims of the need to return to the county government accountability, integrity and honesty are baseless. No one, he said, has approached him about such concerns.

"I would suggest if they have any issue that they think has gone on, what is it? If you think that integrity is gone, if you think that I have done something, you



Cindy Hershberger Lillicrap

Age: 52
Occupation: Retired
Previous political experience: None
Education: Graduate, Miami East High School
Family: Husband Tom; two adult children; four grandchildren.

come and tell me," Cultice said. "I don't expect them to because it is flat out wrong."

He said the commission is transparent in its workings. "I am in the office almost every day. We have public meetings three times a week. We are available," he said.

Jack Evans of Tipp City faces a challenge in his bid for re-election as Miami County commissioner in the Republican primary from Cindy Hershberger Lillicrap of Piqua.

Evans is in his 12th year on the commission while Lillicrap, a retired Piqua city employee, is making her first bid for an elected office.

Lillicrap said she would bring a blue-collar perspective to the commission while Evans said he offers experience in managing the county's finances.

Cindy Lillicrap

Conversations with friends last summer sparked Cindy Hershberger Lillicrap's interest in seeking a county commission seat.

"They were talking about the shape of the county. The more they talked and I listened I thought, 'I know a little something about government, not much but at a lower level in a city,'" Lillicrap said.

"I worked with city people and outsiders and seemed to get along with everybody. I enjoy working with people. The more I listened, the more I thought, 'Well, why not?'" she said.

Lillicrap, who lives near Piqua, said she's not afraid to ask questions and sees herself as a problem solver. "I am not saying I can fix everything, but I try and am not afraid to try," she said.

Hershberger worked 16 years with the city of Piqua, starting as a meter reader, then to electric



Jack Evans

Age: 66
Occupation: Retired insurance agency owner, county commissioner
Previous political experience: 19 years Monroe Township trustee, 12 years as commissioner
Education: The Ohio State University, BSBA
Family: Married with four children, three grandchildren.

service work and the water department, where she helped repair water lines for one winter. She also worked in the street department, the electric distribution department and ran the city sign shop making and installing street signs.

"It was all blue collar work," she said. "And then, something magical happened in 2008" when she and fellow city employees won the lottery. That led to her retirement.

Among major issues facing the county are the jail, the awarding of county contracts and personal agendas, Lillicrap said.

"I would like to look into the financial side of the jail. If at all possible, I feel it would benefit Miami County to open the third pod of the jail (Incarceration Facility)," she said. "Keep the prisoners here, and have jobs for more Miami County people."

She also likes the idea of renting extra jail bed at the Incarceration Facility to other agencies. "Be the landlord, not the renter," she said.

The county the past couple of years has contracted with Shelby County to house up to 15 female prisoners a day because of local space concerns.

Lillicrap said she thinks fiscal transparency is important and she would "do my best to make sure that the bidding process is being followed for everything in the county."

She said she also wants to ensure that the commission is open in conducting its business, that the county offers employees the best health insurance possible and that all employees are treated with respect.

"The healthcare that they have kind of baffles me. I know that high deductibles are the way ev-

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Troy Girls Advance To State Bowling Tournament

The Troy girls' bowling team has advanced to the state bowling tournament after finishing second last week at the Division One District Tournament held at Beaver-Vu Lanes in Beavercreek. The Trojans rolled a 4150 total score, including a 2986 after the three games, plus 1164 baker game results.

Troy joins Centerville, Beavercreek, Wayne, McAuley and Glen Este as the top six finishers which all advance to the state tournament.

Jenna Stone won the individual district title with a 729 series, rolling a 232-256-241. Kirsten McMullen was next with a 171-201-201, Rachel Darrow 214-165-191, A'leigha Smith 157-153-204, while Alyssa Shilt bowled a 243-208.

"Jenna was locked in and as the lanes broke down, she made the adjustments," said Troy coach Rob Dever. "She made it happen all day long. Nothing phases her, we put her in the anchor position and when it comes time for a clutch shot, she doesn't get nervous. She goes out and throws the ball."

"The team has matured very well on the off the lanes," he added. "We have good structure with solid team leaders."

"One of the keys to success for us is that the girls genuinely get along and enjoys being around each other."

While Troy was in contention for the district team title, Dever added that a freshman was the unsung hero of the districts for the Trojans.

"Alyssa Shilt came in during games two and three and threw a 243-208 and was a huge boost for the team," Dever said. "A'leigha was struggling a bit after carrying us through sectionals, and Alyssa stepped up. We really have four different girls on any different days that can lead this team."

Troy now will participate in the state championships, this Saturday at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl. Bowling starts at 10:30.

Four Area Wrestlers Heading To State

By Jim Dabbelt

When the best of the best meet this weekend in Columbus for the OHSAA state wrestling tournament, four area grapplers will be competing to bring the gold home back to the area.

Logan Ferrell, the 285-pound senior at Tippecanoe was the lone wrestler to capture the district championship last weekend, as he won the Division Two title at Wilmington High School.

Three other area wrestlers finished second at districts, qualifying them for state. Jack Perua was second for Tippecanoe at 152, while Troy Christian's Jacob Edwards (106) and Michael Sergeant (120) both finished second in Division Three at Hobart Arena. The top four in each weight class qualify for Columbus.

Finishing as state alternates were Drew Whaley at 113 and Levi Sims at 195, as the pair of Troy Christian wrestlers just missed out on a trip to Columbus.

In all, five wrestlers from Troy Christian, four from Tippecanoe, three from Troy, and two each from Tecumseh and Northwesters battled last weekend in the districts.

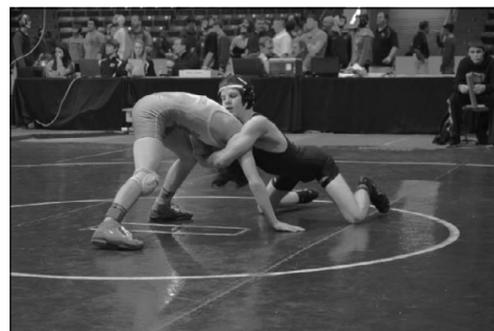
Troy Christian - In the Division Three event, Edwards lost a close match in the finals to Ronnie Pietro of Dayton Christian 4-2 to earn silver at the districts. He pinned Jordan Crist of Amanda Clearcreek in the semis to reach the finals.

Sergeant also rolled into the finals with a pin against Kalib Patterson of Ridgedale in 1:36, setting up a championship match against Hunter Lucas of Lima Central Catholic, and Sergeant lost a heartbreaking 6-5 decision to Lucas, placing him second overall.

Whaley advanced to the fifth-place match against Justin Sigler of Coldwater, and the Eagle wrestler battled to a tough 3-2 victory allowing him to be an alternate for the state tournament. Whaley lost in the consolation semis to Kobe Cunningham in 2:35 in the match that would have put him position to get to



Troy Christian's Levi Sims looks to take down Mitch Clune of Coldwater.



Drew Whaley of Troy Christian battles Kobe Cunningham of Lima Central Catholic in the districts

state.

Sims also fell one match short, falling in the consolation semis to Kyle Gigandet of Versailles 4-2. The winner of the consolation semis goes into the top four, which automatically qualifies them for state. Sims then wrestled for fifth and defeated Jeremy Heglin of Deer Park in 2:11.

Also at districts, Seth Douglas was beaten in the third consolation, falling on 2:04 to Cameron Coffman of Dixie.

Northwestern - Also in the Division Three event, the Warriors had two wrestlers attempt to qualify for state. At 132, Ben Boggs lost his opening match to Justin Hixson of Bethel-Tate 5-1, forcing him to battle back through the consolation round to qualify. Boggs then defeated Brandon Hopkins of North Union 5-3 and Sam Muhlenkamp of Coldwater 4-1 before being eliminated by Chase Summer of Ada 7-3.

Nathan Bills at 182 also had to take the long road, losing his opening match to Wyatt O'Neil of Bethel Tate in 3:13, but Bills fought back. He defeated Austin Weekley of Heath in 45 seconds, then beat Kolton Dillon of Preble Shawnee 6-2 before falling 13-6 to Brandon Magee of Covington.

Tippecanoe - Ferrell recorded four pins on his way to the district title, as he defeated Colvin Turner of Franklin in 1:33 in the finals. Along the way, he also pinned Cory Higginbotham of New Richmond in 53 seconds, Benito Guerrero of Circlev-

ille in the second round in 1:27, then advanced to the semi-finals, where he pinned Jeremy Rosenblum of Ross in one minute.

He is joined at the state meet by Peura, who had three solid matches before falling in the finals to Davey Tunon of Clinton Massie 5-3.

Peura opened the districts with a 15-0 win over Riley Gullino of Mariemont, before recording a 13-6 win over Austin Lovett of Miami Trace.

The Tipp senior advanced to the semi's, where he earned a hard fought 6-3 win over Malichi Marlow of Western Brown which set up his match with Tunon, who came in 37-1 in the season. Peura fought him tough but fell short.

Also for Tipp, Caleb Blake went 2-2 on the day at 145 pounds, and Russell Ramsey at 113 finished 1-2 for the weekend.

Tecumseh - In the Division One district meet at Fairmont, the Arrows saw both of their district qualifiers fall short of advancing to the state meet.

Gage Whitt opened up his day at 138 with a pin of Abdoulaye Guisse of Princeton in 4:37 before he dropped into the consolation bracket with a 7-1 loss to Jake Meridieth in the second round. Whitt earned another win in the consos with a 5-2 win over DJ Whiles of Edgewood, but was eliminated from district play with a 12-1 major decision loss to Sam Meddings from Fairfield.

Also missing out on a trip to state was Blake Biteman at 132, as the Tecumseh senior was a

top seed going into the districts, and he won his opening round match via a 17-3 major decision against Jimmy Murphy from Milford. Biteman then suffered a second-round loss to Zach Do-nathan of Mason 16-3, dropping him into the consolation round.

Biteman fought back and won his next match against Noah Gast of Sycamore 11-6 before seeing his season come to an end with a loss to Dylan Buis of Oak Hills in a pin of 2:08.

Troy - Finally in Division One, three wrestlers from Troy attempted to qualify for state, with each of them falling short of their goal.

At 132, Kobe Scott lost his opening round match to Edward Collins of Hamilton in a hard-fought battle 17-13, sending Scott to the consolations, where he picked up a win against Kody Konicki of Beavercreek 18-1 but then lost and was eliminated by Nino Salamone of Elder 5-2.

Frankie Quintero at 145 earned a pin in the first round of districts, pinning Alex Curry of Fairfield in 4:19, but Quintero then suffered a rough 19-3 loss to Cornell Beachem of Winton Woods sending Quintero to the consolation round. There, he lost 6-0 against Alex Burger and was eliminated.

Finally at 220, Christian Nation won his first round match via pin, but lost his next two matches to be eliminated in the consolation round.

The state tournament will start tomorrow in Columbus.

Troy Gymnasts Win Districts, Headed To State

The Troy Gymnastics team accomplished the biggest goal of the season on Saturday. They captured the Southwest Ohio District championship title and earned the long awaited trip to state. Troy competed in the morning session and knew they did well, but also were aware anything could happen at districts. The Trojans had to wait until the second session was over before they knew for certain they qualified. After scores were tallied, they earned a 139.15 which was more than enough to beat their closest competitor, Centerville, who came in 2nd with a 135.9. Both teams will compete at the state meet on Friday at Hilliard Bradley High School.

Not only did Troy qualify as a team, they are also sending four individuals as well. Out of approximately 100 girls competing, only the top 6 in each event move on to state competition. Troy will be sending Claire Buerger and Grace Dwyer to compete on vault, Minori Nakada on bars, Troy Christian freshman Abby Baker on beam and Nakada and Buerger on floor. Additionally, Nakada and Buerger will compete in the all-around competition

due to their 2nd and 4th place finishes. Nakada, Buerger, Baker and Dwyer will compete again on Saturday in Hilliard for the individual portion of the state meet.

Troy started the competition on bars with Nakada, Dwyer, Buerger, Baker, Lizzie Deal and Miranda Silcott competing. Competition day jitters appeared to be at work as several girls posted scores lower than normal. Nakada had a very solid routine and scored an 8.825 which earned her second place in the district and a spot at state. Scores for Baker (7.625), Buerger (8.175) and Dwyer (8.3) counted towards the team score in this event as well.

By the time the Trojans started beam, they seemed to relax and get their rhythm back, despite having to adjust who competed. Kayla Coate normally competes beam, but an injury during practice last week sidelined her for the district meet. The coaches decided to have Lanie Hagen compete and she came through for the Trojans with an amazingly solid routine that earned an 8.650 and a district award for finishing an event in the top ten. Buerger also got an 8.650, Nakada an 8.675 and Dwyer an 8.250.



Troy's Gymnastics team is headed to state

Deal's 8.70 earned her a spot on the All District team with an 8th place finish. Freshman Abby Baker seemed completely unfazed by the pressure of the meet and performed a nearly flawless routine earning her a season high 8.75. Little did she know at the time, her score would earn her a 5th place finish and a trip to the state meet to compete beam.

Troy dominated everyone with their spot on floor routines. Baker, Dwyer, Deal, Nakada and Buerger competed. Dwyer and Deal scored high marks with their routines (8.825 and 8.850

respectively) which earned them 16th and 15th place finishes. Two Trojans hit the elusive 9.0+ mark which is always highly celebrated. Nakada got a 9.075 and a third place finish which earned her another state spot. In a career best routine, judges awarded Buerger a 9.250. This finish earned her a district champ title and a trip to state to compete floor.

Vault was the last event for the Trojans and they went into it with a lot of confidence after their strong showing on floor. Silcott and Baker both scored 8.0 with their very solid handspring

vaults. Deal contributed an 8.7 with a beautiful handspring 1 1/2 which earned her a 12th place finish. Nakada, Buerger and Dwyer competed a difficult tsukahara vault. Nakada got an 8.775 and an 8th place finish. Buerger got an 8.975 and a 4th place finish for another state spot. Dwyer's vault (9.0) earned her a 3rd place finish and a state spot as well. As her teammates surrounded her in a giant hug, which brought tears to the eyes of many, it was a great end to a memorable day.

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Area Equestrians to Compete in Arnold Classic

By Maggie Yowler

Young riders representing the Puthoff Equestrian Team will demonstrate their skills this weekend at the Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus--a sports and fitness exposition hosted by the famed actor, body-builder, and politician Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Lynne Puthoff, head coach and proprietor of Puthoff Performance Horses, said her young equestrians have proved their abilities to be superior countless times in her nearly 20 years of coaching--some earning national titles and merits because of Puthoff's thorough teachings.

This weekend, 15 of Puthoff's riders will perform in regional competitions at the Arnold Classic, and she hopes that many of them will advance to the next round in Jackson, Ohio and then ultimately to the nationals held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Located in West Milton, Puthoff Performance Horses draws riders from across the area, teaching students from New Carlisle, Tipp City, and Troy, as well as Greenville, Arcanum, and one from as far away as Indiana. Puthoff said she strives to teach her students to have fun and enjoy their time in learning new skills, and the technique has obviously been successful, as some of her riders have ranked within the top ten in the national standings in different shows.

She said the competitions in Ohio are some of the fiercest in the nation, as the state is known for its large shows, talented competitors, and superb coaches, making her team's

accomplishments that much more remarkable.

Horses are a family affair for the Puthoffs, as Lynne and her husband Tim are quite accomplished in the field, even passing along the tradition to their daughter Pasley, who now acts as a professional equestrian and assistant. Puthoff said she has been told by many established horsemen that her daughter's work ethic and commitment to her craft is evident, which made her mother exceptionally proud.

"It's from doing it all her life--she's been riding since she was in my belly," Puthoff said. "I just wish my son would have gotten more into it," she added of her son Parker, who she explained is a very talented golfer.

Puthoff said the life lessons learned from riding at a young age often become applicable practices in adulthood, instilling a bond between man and beast as well as the ability to become a productive member of a team.

"We try to make it fun for the kids and their families," she said. "We go as a team...and the parents' support is always there--they make sure we're stocked up on food," she added.

Puthoff Performance Horses instructs riders ages six through 19, and Puthoff said some of her riders' parents participate in shows as well. The business also includes several amateur adult riders who perform in shows as a hobby.

Puthoff herself has been immersed in equestrian culture since she was just a young girl, first taking the reins when she was "five or six years-old."



Back Row: Lynne Puthoff, Katya Suerdick, Taryn Dohme, Sierra Keller, Alexis Cook, Taylor Dohme
Second row: Anna Bolser, Annelese Rizzi, Kelsey Young, Olivia Keith, Delaney Martin, Natalie Hilly, Lucy Eier
Front Row: Darby Welbaum, Beita O'Daniel, Courtney Hilly, Rylee Gimbal

She said that as the youngest of her parents' five children, she joined 4-H when she was nine, and has lived life in the saddle ever since. She opened Puthoff Performance Horses in 1989 and now has 30 head of horses, including 18 training horses. She noted that some of her "kids" have won the American Quarter Horse Congress, which is the largest single-breed horse show in the world.

At the Arnold Classic this weekend, the Puthoff riders will compete in youth Western competitions against 20 other teams from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. Puthoff said the Interscholastic Equestrian Association will host the equestrian portion of the Arnold Classic, which includes demonstrations of overall Western horsemanship--meaning competitors will be judged on how well they sit on the horse and perform basic maneuvers while maintaining a smooth and steady demeanor. She said that during

the upper-level competitions, the rider will be judged individually on "reining" techniques that require slow and fast circles, sliding stops, and spins.

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association was founded in 2002, and allows riders from the ages of 11 to 19 to compete in shows even if they do not own a horse. Mount and tack are provided to riders at each IEA competition--they just have to provide other materials such as riding clothes. Founded upon promoting and improving the quality of equestrian competition and instruction among middle and secondary school students, Puthoff said the IEA isn't affiliated with any local school systems. The IEA currently includes more than 11,000 students nationwide.

Local riders' standings from the Arnold Classic next week as they become available.

Troy Christian Schools holds Open House event March 6

Troy Christian Schools will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, March 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at both school locations. The Early Childhood Education Center, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and K-6 school building is located at 1586 McKaig Ave., Troy. The Jr. High and High School is located next door at 700 S. Dorset Rd., Troy.

Teachers and staff members will be on-hand to greet parents and students, answer questions and give a tour of the facility. Enrollment for new students be-

gan Feb. 15; enrollment forms and information will be available. The new STEAM wing, recently added to the north end of the high school, will be open for everyone to see.

Troy Christian is a non-denominational, faith-based school that focuses on academic excellence, spiritual formation and leadership development. The school offers a safe and secure, large modern facility with state-of-the-art technology and STEAM courses. There are many opportunities for solid programs in athletics, arts, missions and

clubs. The school offers a history of high academic achievement, small class sizes, caring teachers, college credits on campus (College Credit Plus) and character development at all grade levels.

Troy Christian is in the middle of a \$5.2 million plus development project that will add classrooms and programs to the infant-12th grade school. Information about future plans for the school will be available at the open house event.

Buses are available from

Northmont, Northridge, Vandalia, Huber Heights, Brookville, Trotwood, Piqua, West Milton, Miami East, Troy, Tipp City, Bethel, Tecumseh, Newton, Covington, Englewood, and surrounding regions. Financial aid up to 75 percent is available. The community is invited to this event and light refreshments will be served. Contact the school office at 937-339-5692 or check out the website at www.troychristianschools.org.

Centerpoint Church

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Shelly also grew up in the community and currently works in communication and public relations for Troy Christian Schools. Paul and Shelly see Centerpoint as an exciting opportunity for their family to serve the community together.

The atmosphere of their Sunday morning gatherings are casual and "come just as you are" stylistically but the message is straightforward and comes from years of extensive study and experience on the part of the pastor. Calvert received his undergraduate degree from Word of Life Bible Institute and Cedarville University. He graduated with Masters of Divinity from the University of Cincinnati and pastored several churches locally before being ordained in the Presbyterian Church of America.

Prior to embarking on his journey with Centerpoint, Calvert pastored in St. Paris at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for 3 years, Cove Spring Church in Elizabeth Township for 8 years, and The Meadows Community Church in Kettering for 4 years. He is multi-gifted and bi-vocational. During the week, Calvert works for Apple.

While there are plenty of churches in the area, Calvert said that he wanted to start a church in Troy because there is not a church with the style, delivery and message he brings. Since its first gathering in 2011 in the gymnasium at Troy Christian, Centerpoint claims the distinction of being the only PCA plant in north Dayton; the only other fellowship like it in the area is

South Dayton Presbyterian Church of Centerville. Those familiar with the television ministry of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, started by the late PCA pastor D. James Kennedy will recognize similarities with Centerpoint. Other more current voices in the PCA include Timothy Keller, a popular author and pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City and Dr. Ligon Duncan III, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi. According to Calvert, these associations are an encouragement to him in ministry and he hopes to see the vision of the PCA church realized in his hometown.

For more information about Centerpoint, their website is found at centerpointccc.com.



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Eagles Struggle To Score In Tourney Loss

By Jim Dabbelt

Early in the game, the Troy Christian strategy appeared to be to keep the game low in scoring and their chances of upsetting the second-seeded Southeastern Trojans would vastly increase.

The plan was working in the first four minutes, but the Trojans would start to put points on the board, while the Eagles struggled to match them. Troy Christian would see their season come to an end in their first tournament game as they lost to Southeastern 48-24.

"The season may not have gone the way we wanted it to as far as wins and losses, but I would be a pretty shallow person if that was the only reason that I'm coaching," said Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki following the game. "These kids really did work hard and they did get better from day one to today, and we will be better tomorrow because of it."

The Eagles methodically moved the ball around in the opening minutes looking for a good shot, and actually had their only lead of the game at the 4:42 mark of the first quarter when Chase Hayden scored in the paint, but 30 seconds later, the Trojans would start to slowly take control of the game.

James Anderson cut the Trojans deficit to one in the opening period, but Southeastern went on a 9-0 run over the final 3:18 of the quarter, and a big three from Jordan Greene in the closing second put the Trojans up 14-4 after the first period.

Troy Christian used a stretch in the opening two minutes of the second period to close the deficit to 14-0 when Anderson scored twice at the rim, and Luke Dillahunt added a free throw to cap a 5-0 run for the Eagles.

The rest of the half belonged to Southeastern, as they outscored the Eagles 11-3 over 6:25, and went into the half leading 25-12.

For Troy Christian, their hopes of any kind of comeback were diminished in the first five minutes of the second half. A 13-0 run put the game out of reach for Troy Christian, as they trailed 38-12 midway through the third period.

Anderson led the Eagles in scoring with eight points, while Peyton Spurlock added seven in the loss. Eight different players scored for Troy Christian. The Eagles end the season 9-14.

"James will be pushed in the off-season to get to the next level," Zawadzki said. "God has blessed him with size and athletic ability and now he has to apply what God has given him and he can be a dominant force. The sky is the limit for him, I expect him to be a bigtime player at the Division Four level."

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Edison To Host Career Expo

Edison State Community College will host its annual Career Expo on Tuesday, March 15, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. in the North Hall of the Piqua campus.

More than 50 organizations ranging from business, construction, financial services, health care, manufacturing, retail, social services, and the armed forces are expected to be in attendance, representing a wide range of job opportunities for west central Ohio area residents. The Career Expo is sponsored by Edison State Community College, the Upper Valley Career Center, area job center networks, and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Miami and Shelby County representatives will also be present to provide resume help and job search assistance.

“The Career Expo at Edison State is a great resource for those interested in finding out which employers are hiring and the skillsets they are seeking,” said Morgan Abney, Coordinator of Career Services. “By speaking one-on-one with employers, job seekers have an excellent opportunity to quickly build relationships and leave lasting impressions.”

More than 300 job seekers are expected to attend the free event. Representatives from organizations including Crown Equipment Corporation, The Dannon Company, Emerson Climate Technologies, Inc., Ferguson Construction Company, Hartzell Industries, Hospice of Miami County, Premier Health, Raymath Company, and many others will be present. There will also be staffing services present, representing some of the major employers in the area.

“Participating in a collective gathering with other job seekers and multiple employers in the same area will allow attendees to discover several things that they can use to increase their chances of landing their dream job,” added Abney.

Edison State’s Career Services department provides resources to students, alumni, and the community in the areas of career searching and advising. Individuals are invited to the department for guidance as they consider a career change or experience a job loss. Skilled career advisors are available to guide them through a career assessment process and introduce them to resources with significant data on career fields and the job market.

For a complete list of organizations attending the 2016 Career Expo, visit www.edisonohio.edu/jobfair. For questions regarding the event, contact Morgan Abney by calling 937-381-1537 or emailing mabney3254@edisonohio.edu.

Stand-Up Returns to the Mayflower Arts Center, with Headliner Saleem Muhammad

The Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy, Ohio is pleased to host another night of stand-up comedy on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 8PM. Headlining the evening is nationally-recognized stand-up comic Saleem Muhammad with special guests, Luke Capasso, and Joe Young. The event will be hosted by Dayton’s own Jon Morris, and is rated PG-14 for moderate language.

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Mirage – Visions of Fleetwood Mac celebrates the classic lineup of the legendary superstar band. Based in Los Angeles, the members of “Mirage” capture the look and sound of Fleetwood Mac live in concert. The band is a spinoff of the highly successful band, “Bella Donna – A Tribute to Stevie Nicks”, which was awarded the highest honor of being praised by the real Ms. Nicks after she heard a live performance by singer Michelle Tyler and the band. “Mirage” focuses squarely on Fleetwood Mac and their Greatest Hits in the five-piece authentic concert recreation. Tickets \$39, \$35, \$30 & \$19

Spring Storytime at the Troy-Miami County Public Library

Join us for “The Library is the place to Bee!” spring session at the library. Registration has begun; you can drop in at the Troy-Miami County Public Library, or call 937-339-0502 to register.

During this 7 week session, “Baby & Me Laptime” offers stories, songs, and playtime to children from birth to two years old and their caregiver. You can choose 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Wednesdays; this program runs for thirty minutes.

“Toddler & Me Storytime” is for children ages 2-3 years old. Enjoy One-on-one time in a 30 minute weekly music and movement based storytime. Participants will enjoy various activities which may

include stories, songs, and a craft. For the toddler storytimes, you can choose Mondays at 6:30 p.m., or Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Preschool children, ages 4-5 years old, will enjoy stories, fingerplays or puppets, and a craft. The “Preschool Storytime” is offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.; this program runs for 45 minutes.

“Family Fun Night,” “Family Movie Night,” and more will be offered during the spring session; the seven week session will begin the week of March 14, 2016.

For more information, call the Troy Library at 937-339-0502 ext. 121, or visit our website, www.tmcpl.org.

The Big Read at the Troy-Miami County Public Library

The Big Read is an annual celebration of reading and conversation in the Miami Valley. Participants are invited to read “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline then join in discussions taking place March 6-April 16. You can check out the book at the library.

Join us for “Searching for Birth Relatives” at the Local History Library. This free program is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29; learn how to search for birth parents, relatives, and children who have been adopted using the tools and da-

tabases available at the Local History Library. The Local History Library is located at 100 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio.

The “Orphan Train” book discussion, at the Troy-Miami County Public Library, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5; join us for a lively discussion! The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio.

Please visit bigread.org for more information or call 937-339-0502 ext. 117.

Library To Hold Imagination Library Fundraiser

There are a limited number tickets available for the Character Breakfast benefiting Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program in Miami County. The buffet breakfast will be held from 9-11 a.m. March 12 at the Fort Piqua Plaza Ballroom and is being catered by Mrs. B’s. Children will be able to interact with the story book characters and will also be able to visit with the Piqua, Tipp City, West Milton, and Bradford mayors who will read stories to them. This story book character breakfast will delight children of all ages and will benefit all Miami

County children enrolled in the program.

If you are in interested in purchasing tickets please call 339-0502. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available for presale purchase only. Tickets will not be sold at the event. The purchase of the ticket will provide books for one child in the Imagination Library program for one year—a total of 12 books.

This fundraiser is made possible by our Literacy Champion sponsor Unity National Bank. Other sponsors include “Book Lovers” Baird Funeral Home and

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Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library provides books for children from birth to age 5 by mail each month. Thanks to our generous community sponsors, all children in Miami County are eligible, and more than 3,000 Miami County children are currently enrolled. Please visit www.imaginationlibrary.com for more information.

Open Enrollment Available Soon

residence.

Requesting open enrollment does not ensure approval, since class size is considered.

Parents may obtain an application for open enrollment from the Troy Board of Education at 500 N. Market Street in Troy, or from your child’s school building.

NOTE: Kindergarten students are to register at the building where they would attend as determined by the Troy City Schools district map.

Open enrollment is a statewide program that allows students to request a transfer to a school or district other than the one in which they are assigned.

Troy City Schools offer two types of open enrollment to parents.

INTER district Open Enrollment allows students from adjacent districts only to attend Troy City Schools without tuition cost.

INTRA district, Open Enrollment allows parents of Troy students to choose an elementary school in the district that is outside the student’s area of

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gram. Call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 to register. Support for this free program is provided by The Troy Foundation.

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David Scott Gym

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Hybrid Strength and Fitness is a gym you may have heard about on Troy Community Radio but have not had a chance to see. It's tucked away at 623 South Clay Street among old manufacturing buildings and warehouses; as a matter of fact, it's housed in one. 7,000 square feet of whitewashed wood beams and 150-year-old weathered factory floors are the setting of Hybrid members' rugged workout experience.

It was the dream of '96 Troy high school graduate David Scott, a Parrillo Performance certified personal trainer and RN at Kettering Hospital who specializes in critical care and trauma. He opened Hybrid on November 1, 2014 and has seen a steady increase in memberships every month. The gym currently has 200 registered members. According to Scott, this is not the average, commercialized fitness outfit. "As the name implies, it's a body-building, strength-training type of gym," Scott said. "The reason it's 'hybrid' is because we have a lot of variety and functional fitness." When a visitor walks in and looks over the landscape of pro-

grade and Crossfit equipment, jerk boxes, and even an atlas stone, it is clear that Hybrid is an old-school, no frills gym with a lot of options.

62-year-old trainer, Bob Skinner, works for Scott and described the gym as "Rocky Balboa style." According to Skinner, "You come in here and feel like it's time to get to work." The gym attracts clientele from several surrounding cities and, last year at this time, was even the set of a photo shoot for body-builder Evan Centopani prior to his appearance in Columbus for the Arnold Sports Festival. "His rep said they were looking for a gym that was clean but rugged," Scott said. The pictures on Hybrid's website show the variety of equipment and the character of the building. One does not have to look far to find Centopani's pictures among them.

Scott says that commercial gyms draw members with the promise of ease and uncomplicated weight selection equipment. "Members here have to literally pick up and put the weights on," Scott said. It may not be as easy to use but the



trainers are driven to see their members experience results. Being an RN, Scott's background gives him an added dimension and interest preventative health. In addition, his continued work at Kettering Hospital enables him to reinvest the revenue from Hybrid back into the business. "I don't have to really live off the gym income," Scott said. "I get to make this place what I've always thought a perfect gym would be."

With the support of his wife and two children, Scott con-

tinues to build on a multi-disciplinary approach to training. Although he does not have intentions of adding or moving Hybrid any time soon, his ultimate dream gym would require 12,000 feet. According to Scott, "If there is one thing I've learned in fitness and strength training it's that anything is possible."

For more information on Hybrid Strength and Fitness membership prices, hours, and amenities, their website is www.hybridstrength.com.

Montessori Students Raise \$1000 for Make A Wish

By Nancy Bowman

Ethan Spencer took one look at the oversized check used for presentations by the Make A Wish Foundation and called it "ginormous."

Rebecca Dykstra of the Make A Wish Foundation said that word also reflected the efforts of Spencer and classmates at Troy's Miami Montessori School in raising more than \$1,000. The money will help the foundation make wishes by children with life threatening medical conditions a reality.

The more than one dozen students raised the money through various pieces of artwork made in support of Spencer and his ongoing efforts for the Make a Wish Foundation.

The project was born as part of Spencer's own 12th birthday celebration, said his mother Lori Spencer of Tipp City.

When asked what he wanted to accomplish in his 12th year, Ethan said it was to make a difference for Make a Wish. Ethan was familiar with the organization thanks to participation with his mother in the annual Walk for Wishes three-mile walk for the foundation.

They brainstormed ideas be-

fore Ethan suggested an art show.

They then approached the Tipp City Area Arts Council about possible participation in its annual February art show. The council liked the idea, setting aside a table for the fund raising activity.

"After that, Ethan made a presentation to his school about the foundation and why he is so passionate about this cause. He asked his classmates to help him by making artwork that they would donate to the show," Lori Spencer said. "In all, over a two-month period, he received approximately 50 pieces of artwork from his classmates."

The work ranged from clay pottery to sketches on paper. Tipp City artist Sally Watson helped with a class project in which two batiks were created to put in the show.

The day of the show, Ethan and classmates staffed the booth, hoping to reach Ethan's \$150 goal.

By day's end, they had raised \$1,010.75.

Fast forward to Feb. 24, when Dykstra arrived at the Mon-

tessori School armed with the ginormous check. Ethan was called aside and given the honor of filling in the check amount, and signing his name.

"This is so cool," said Kristy Rucker, a family friend and co-captain with Ethan of a 2016 Walk for Wishes team, as Ethan filled in the check.

When it was time for the class presentation, Ethan, his mother, Dykstra and Rucker made their way into Ethan's upper elementary (grades 4-6) class at Miami Montessori School.

"You raised that much?" another student asked, eyes growing wide, as he looked at the check.

Ethan introduced Dykstra to his classmates.

"Thank you guys for your support," Dykstra said. She explained the area Make A Wish chapter serves Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Last year 916 wishes were granted for children, she said. The average wish costs \$8,000 to grant. "What is exciting is what the wishes actually are," she said, adding the program is for children ages 2 1/2 to 18.

"We are just excited to make



Ethan signing the ginormous check that was presented to the Make A Wish Foundation

more wishes come true," Dykstra said.

She posed with the check with Ethan before inviting all the classmates who participated in the artwork project to join for more pictures.

"I just loved how Ethan rallied his classmates to think about others ... to do something kind to help a child in need," said Sharon Prais, head of school for Miami Montessori.

For more information on the Make A Wish Foundation, visit oki.wish.org.

Library Director Speaks to Optimists

Rachelle Miller, director of Troy-Miami County Public Library, spoke to the Troy Noon Optimist Club about the Story Book Walk scheduled to be installed at the McKaig/Race Park. The Story Book Walk will include 20 permanent signs—or stations—that follow the walking trail that loops around the park. Each station will include two pages of a picture book. There will also be stations for the cover and for suggested activities and literacy information.

The stories will change periodically so families can return and take a new walk. This will also allow children to get physical activity while reading a book—a great concept for children who love to learn but have trouble sitting still. Through its other programs, the

library has learned that stories delivered in an unusual way can sometimes be the catalyst for making reluctant readers more interested in reading and library staff hope the Story Book Walk will inspire Troy's youth to love reading.

The library has done previous temporary story book walks at Brukner Park, behind the library. These were well-received, so library staff approached city staff about making the Story Book Walk permanent. Installation of the Story Book Walk is scheduled for May. The McKaig/Race park was considered an ideal location because of its proximity to area schools and neighborhoods.

The first book chosen for the Story Book Walk is Take Me Out

to the Yakyu by Aaron Meshon. The story follows a little boy and his grandfathers as they take in baseball games in America and Japan—a sport beloved in both countries—and learn about the rich, varying cultural traditions. The story was chosen because of the park's international connection with Troy's sister city Takahashi, Japan.

The Troy Noon Optimist Club has been supporting the youth of Troy for 60 years. The club motto is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." A few of the service projects that the Club is involved in include sponsoring the Hometown Halloween Parade and Costume Contest, the Hometown Holiday Celebration, our own "Avenue of Flags" and the Troy Noon

Optimists Strawberry Festival Booth. Our "Avenue of Flags" program provides the majority of our funds to support our five scholarships awarded yearly to Troy graduates and allows us to continue our Troy Noon Optimists Oratorical Contest for Jr. and Sr. High students. It also gives us the ability to provide support for kids programs like The Lincoln Center, Girl Scouts, Destination Imagination, Sheriff's Summer Youth Camp, Brukner Nature Center, Kids Read Now, and many others. I am honored to be a part of this enthusiastic group that is contributing to all the great things that make Troy one of America's Best Communities!"

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Dye Mill Road Facility Opens March 14

The Dye Mill Road Facility will open early for the 2016 season - starting on March 14, 2016. The facility will then remain open through December 3, 2016 with the following schedule:

Monday and Friday 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday and Sunday CLOSED

For the convenience of Troy residents, the facility will not close for holidays during the open season. Proof of Troy residency must be provided by those wishing to place items in the Dye Mill Road Facility. Please check the City's website (www.troyohio.gov) for a listing of acceptable and prohibited items for this facility.

With warmer weather and citizens cleaning up their yards, the following is a reminder regarding the City's brush and yard waste collection services:

* Brush must be cut into 4' lengths, bundled and tied, and then placed at the front of the residence for collection by the City.

* The City will not collect any brush that includes the root system, any top outs, or totally removed bushes or brush.

* Items such as weeds, leaves, grass, twigs and sticks can only be picked up by the City if they are placed in T-Bags. These T-Bags can be purchased from the Billing & Collection Office at City Hall or the True Value Hardware Store on S. Market Street at a cost of \$1.25 per bag.

* Any of these items can also be taken to the Dye Mill Road Facility starting March 14.

If there are questions, please call the City of Troy Central Maintenance & Service Facility, at 335-1914, M-F, 7 AM - 3:30 PM.

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Columns & Opinion

Pet of the Week



By the Humane Society Serving Clark County

Girly is a senior dog estimated to be between 8 and 9 years old. We suspect that she is wire hair terrier or maybe some shih tzu is mixed in.

This sweet girl is spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, heartworm negative and microchipped. Our vet removed a mammary mass for her so that she could find a new home to relax in retirement. She weighs just 19 pounds so she is what we like to call an easy one to pick-up and hug.

Our senior adoption fee is just \$70 which includes her 2016 dog license. You can visit her and consider making her part of your family by visiting The Humane Society Serving Clark County shelter at 5201 Urbana Road. Open Monday - Saturday 12 - 5.

Mark your calendar for our Tail-a-Bration on May 21 from 11 - 3 at the Snyder Park Clubhouse. A fundraiser for our Spay and Neuter Program. Interested in being a vendor? Call Krissi at 399-2917 ext 14.

At Home

by Connie Moore

Bags of Treasure

When Marty Grewell Stover found herself cleaning out the house she grew up in, a monumental job was at hand. That would be true any time of the year. Much worse in the dead of winter on the coldest days of February.

Not one to throw out what she and her mother considered family recipe files, she bestowed the wonderful gift on me. And I was truly grateful, as I am always looking for local family kitchen heritage.

Her home had been in the family for going on 64 years. Six decades to collect memories, milestones and yes, a lot of recipes. Handing over bags of files, loose cut papers, books, magazines and a treasure trove of old newspaper cookbooks, we exchanged phone numbers and good-byes.

Many of the oldest papers and cutouts came from her mother, Ila Fair Grewell. Ila was born in Dundee, Ohio in 1915 and married Glenwood Grewell in 1949. They moved to Enon, Ohio, and raised a family.

Sixty-four years is a lot of cooking. While each week no doubt held regular favorites, Mrs. Grewell enjoyed trying new dishes, and baking up treats for family and friends. From all the local product and dealer pamphlets, mailings and calendars, she relied on the integrity of shopping and

Grandma Grewell's White Cookies

- 2 sticks oleo, creamed
- 1 ½ cups powdered sugar, add slowly
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Cream oleo, add sugar slowly; add vanilla and eggs. Blend well. Sift together rest of ingredients and blend into creamed mixture. Divide and make 2 rolls and chill. Slice off 1/8 inch thick.

Bake at 400 degrees for 8 minutes. This is a light cookie.

cooking with local products.

A good example is the Hopewell-Miami County Dairy Calendar from 1966. The dairy had stores/offices in Bellefontaine and Covington, Ohio. Old-time calendars often printed beautiful photos in the top half of a page, bottom half held the month and on the back of the page were recipes. January, 1966, recipe was an explanation of how to make Bread Boxes or croustades. They held all sorts of creamed meats, creamed vegetables or anything that could be made better in a cream or soup based sauce.

Something that brought back fond memories for me were all the flour sack recipe inserts. Gold Medal, Pillsbury and Robin Hood flours all printed long strips of recipes folded into a small package and placed them in the top of flour sacks. Growing up, it was like finding a treasure and my

YELLOWED NEWSPAPER BREAKFAST RECIPES

Brown Sugar Toast

Cream together a cup of brown sugar and a half cup of butter or margarine until light and fluffy. Add two tablespoons coffee cream and a little grated lemon rind. Mix well. Spread the mixture on one side of toast slices. Place toast, spread side up on ungreased cookie sheets. Toast a few minutes under low broiler heat until mixture bubbles. Serve piping hot.

mother was sure to try at least one of the recipes before the sack was empty.

Those recipe strips also included specials such as the Robin Hood Homemaker's Club value stamps, redeemable for items in the Homemaker's Club catalog; items such as an electric popcorn popper for \$2.65 with 6 stamps. Each sack held at least four stamps, so it wouldn't take long to accumulate enough for more than one item.

A small booklet from the American Dairy Association printed in 1962 held this bit of info: "According to the U.S. Government figures, a "market basket" of food actually costs less than 10 years ago. The basket included most meats, butter, eggs, staples, bread and canned foods. In 1962 the baskets cost \$9.80 whereas in 1952 the same products cost \$10.16."

Oh how things have changed! A blue folded flyer caught my eye. Remember Ruth Lyons? She and Willie Thall used to send out recipe pamphlets that featured a

Robin Hood's Banana Date Cake

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup mashed banana (about 3)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups Robin Hood all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup buttermilk or sour milk
- ½ cup finely cut-up dates
- ½ cup chopped nuts

Cream shortening, sugar and eggs.

Add mashed banana and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Blend well. Stir in dates and nuts. Pour into greased/floured 9-inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until tested done with toothpick. Cool. Frost with buttercream frosting. Nine servings.

local product such as the Miami Margarine Company's Nu-Maid Oleomargarine.

In amongst all the printed recipes were some index cards written in a clear, spidery, handwriting. One such card reads "White Cookies-Grandma Grewell-this is a light cookie".

There are still bags to sift through. And just like those little folded recipe papers in the top of flour sacks, treasures will be found. For now though, it's time to choose a couple of recipes to share.

Contact Connie at mooredcr@Juno.com or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

Gardening Commentary

from MVG

Checking for Problems in the Landscape

This is the time to be looking for any winter damage that may occurred or may be occurring in the landscape. Pick a nice sunny day and take a stroll around the yard to see if rodents or rabbits may be nibbling on any of your garden treasurers. After we have a snow storm is a good time to check around the base of your shrubs especially Burning Bush for any gnawing that may have occurred. Shrews, mice and rabbits can cause problems when they are looking for a food source. If you notice damage near ground level it would be a good idea to pull any grass, vegetation or mulch at least 6" away from the base of your plants so that any protection

for the vermin is removed. When severe damage is noticed, or you have plants that are vulnerable from foraging critters in the winter it would be a good idea to wrap the stems of these plants with chicken wire or hardware cloth.

Another situation that occurs during the winter months is sunscald on young trees, especially on some of the maples with thin bark. Varieties like the red or swamp maples (Acer rubrum varieties) and sugar maple (Acer saccharum selections) are some of most vulnerable varieties affected by this phenomenon. The damage is caused by sudden changes in bark/trunk temperature when a cloud covers the sun for a few minutes on a very cold sunny day. This drastic change in temperature ruptures cells causing them to die resulting in a

crack in the bark that can be from a few inches up to 2 or 3 feet in length. Unfortunately this damage may not be visible until the end of the summer after growth makes this damage apparent. This crack develops on the southwest side of the tree. Fortunately this winter has been rather mild and we may not have a severe problem this year. A simple solution to this problem is to place a protective cover around the trunks of young trees about Thanksgiving time. These "tree guards" can be removed at Easter for the growing season. (See photo) The guards are inexpensive and easy to install /remove /store. They should be light in color to avoid heat build-up near the trunk of the tree.

The month of March can be one of the most damaging periods in the winter due to heavy,

wet snow storms. Most of the time it is best to avoid removing snow from plants as this may cause more damage. However, if large evergreens like arborvitae, hemlocks or pine trees are laden down with heavy, wet snow serious breakage can occur to branches. When a situation of heavy snow is likely, it is a good idea to gently brush off this heavy snow as it accumulates before there is a large amount on the plants that causes damage. Alternatively, you can tie up the foliage with some old stockings or pantyhose, this can be removed at the end of March after the danger of a heavy snow is past.

Let us know if we can answer any questions for you at info@meadowview.com.

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Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro
TCPD Ret.

Proof Of Insurance

On television police shows the patrol officer pulls a violator over and exclaims, "License, registration and insurance please." Not in Ohio, that has never been the line. A driver of a motor vehicle in Ohio is required to provide a valid Operator's license only. That's it, no ticket for failing to provide a registration or proof of insurance. To provide these two items however can prevent a lot of hassle, so if you have them, produce them. Driving in Ohio is a privilege granted by the state, not a right.

So before you start arguing with the old sergeant, let me explain. Ohio does require a valid operator's license be produced by a law enforcement officer when demanded. Failure to produce the license can result

in a ticket. So let's move on.

A registration is technically the license plates on your vehicle. The State of Ohio provides a paper certificate giving the registered owner's name, address, type of vehicle, VIN and valid dates. Other information is on the registration which a LEO can use to identify that the vehicle is indeed the one that is legitimate. Once again there is no law requiring a driver produce the registration but if produced, the LEO will be able to identify the vehicle much quicker and get the violator on their way.

Let's now discuss proof of insurance. Ohio only requires the owner of a motor vehicle to carry the minimum liability insurance or proof of financial responsibility. Liability insurance covers the costs of damage to other vehicles/property by your vehicle. It does not cover any

damage done to your vehicle. If you want your vehicle covered as well then you need to purchase comprehensive insurance. In Ohio only liability insurance is required.

Should a citation be issued for a violation, the officer will check a little box telling the Court that financial responsibility was not shown. The Court will then demand proof of insurance was IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

Should the violator not prove FR to the court, then a document is sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles who will then demand POI. Should valid insurance still not be proven, the BMV will suspend the vehicle's owners driving privileges. Then the owner is subject to jail time, large fines, attorney fees, court fees, BMV fees and so on.

So what great system has Ohio

instituted? Ohio sends out a letter. At random, Ohio sends a letter requiring the vehicle's owner to prove insurance was in effect for a certain period of time. Where does this letter go? To the registered owner's home address as it is shown on the registration form. If you have moved and don't get the letter, your driving privileges will be suspended. Often the first time drivers learned they were under suspension was when stopped by a LEO and told of the suspension. Along with that information a DUS ticket is provided inviting you to a meeting with the judge. Then all the fun begins with jail time, large fines, attorney fees, court fees, BMV fees and so on. See last paragraph.

This week I got a random letter from my friends at the BMV. According to Ohio Revised Code Section Number 4509.101 I have

21 days to prove to them that I had valid insurance during a certain period. How do I do this? One of the following is required:

- 1) By sending a copy of my insurance card
- 2) By sending a copy of my insurance policy
- 3) Having my insurance agent send all the information

If this is not done within the time period allotted, they will then suspend my driving privileges. So after copying my Insurance ID Card, putting it in the envelope, providing a stamp I sent it along hoping the BMV has not changed their address or the letter is lost in the mail. It seems like a lot of trouble for a privilege. Yet we have a lot of people being arrested for DUS anymore. When it comes to purchasing insurance or heroin, you don't need me to tell you their obvious choice.

Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Tips for teaching your teen about money management

As a parent, you want to encourage your child to make good choices—and learning how to manage money is part of that process. While the early years might be spent teaching the basics of money and how it is used, the teen years bring an additional set of challenges. Allowances, money from jobs, the constant bombardment from advertisers, and peer pressure to buy the latest and greatest, add a whole new dimension to learning the ropes of managing money.

However, these challenges open up the door to a whole new set of teaching opportunities. The following tips can help you and your teen get on the right track towards establishing a financial foundation that could last a lifetime.

1.) Create spending and savings patterns

Start by instilling the values of spend, save, and share in your teen. First, discuss using 10 percent of each child's earnings for charitable contributions so that

they can learn the value of giving back. Next, take an additional 40 percent and put it into a savings account. The remaining 50 percent can be used at the child's discretion. By setting some easy to understand patterns while they are under your roof, kids can develop good budgeting habits.

2.) Get started on a path to build credit

Set up a checking or savings account, make regular deposits, and keep the account in good standing. Get your son or daughter started on the right financial foot today and it may be easier for them to someday buy a new car, mortgage a home or secure other types of loans. As an added bonus, having a checking or savings account allows your teen to learn about online banking and using ATMs.

3.) Set goals

Have your teen write down a list of certain items or special gifts that they would like to buy with their money and set a reasonable date for the goal to be accomplished. Having an end goal in mind can help teens put away the money needed for that special something and can also serve

as a great lesson on how to meet those goals through proper money management.

4.) Begin saving for retirement.

Yes, it is never too early to think about retirement. Once your teenager turns 18, he or she should consider opening an IRA. A 40-year old investing \$20,000 a year for retirement will end up with only half of the assets as a 21-year old who invests \$5,000 a year. Even the smallest savings can turn into a respectable fortune if given enough time.

5.) Don't bail them out

This is one of the most difficult, yet important lessons to teach. If, despite all your best efforts, your teen gets overextended on credit, take a firm hand. Let them experience the consequences of bad financial decisions. It's better to help them take responsibility for a \$2,500 debt than a \$25,000 debt later on!

Other ideas to consider:

Work with your teen to develop a realistic budget, set long and short-term financial goals and plans for achieving them.

Discuss the difference between "must-have" purchases today, such as school supplies, and "would like to have" purchases,

such as the addition of the latest fashion to an already adequate wardrobe.

Promote shopping around before making purchases. Generally, it assures a better deal and discourages impulse buying. Also, take the opportunity to teach the importance of making a list before shopping (and how to stick to it).

Encourage the use of a personal financial management tool to track income, savings, expenses and debt. It is good to get in the habit of tracking monthly spending as small purchases such as magazines or sodas begin to add up after time.

Use financial (checking account, credit card, etc.) statement reviews as an aid to evaluate spending habits, promote sound financial practices and to teach how to watch for irregularities that could signal fraud.

The teen years can challenge even the most patient parent.

However, by teaching important lessons about money management early on, you might be giving your son or daughter the gift of a lifetime of good financial habits.

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Mrs. Greengate's Almanac

March, 2016

Modern Moons

March is about sunlight and movement. This month will have at least eleven days of sunlight and perhaps sunshine to spur on the movement of plants, animals and humans. By the first week of the month sunlight will be accompanied by the still-cold airs of February, but by the end of the month not only the sunlight but the sunshine will be warmed up to mid-50s.

There is a difference between sunlight and sunshine. A scientific word, sunlight is just that—the light that reaches the earth from the sun. It can be little or great, depending on amount of clouds. Sunshine is a poetic type word. Sunshine includes the light but also the warmth from the sun.

Spring moves northward over the land at the rate of about 16 miles a day. As it spreads its cape over hills and valleys, it awakens birds to fly north with it; it stirs insects and earthworms to creep upward from their under-

ground winter homes. It beckons humans from their winter rooms out into the air and sunlight. And by the end of the month, there will be spots of sunshine to sit in and contemplate activities that can only be accomplished in the coming months.

Traditionally March is the windy month but the Native Americans never named the full moon with wind. It was the Green Moon or for the Chipewa it was the Moon of Making Sugar. Today we might call it the Early Planting Moon, as many a gardener will fill cold frames with seeds and onion sets, hoping not only for sunlight but also life-giving warm sunshine.

Fishing/Gardening

Plans are being made here in the Greengate household. A fishing outing during the mornings of March 15-17 (said to be the best fishing days of the month) have Mr. Greengate working hard to accumulate the needed paraphernalia to begin fishing in the cold air of early morning and end in the warm, balmy airs of mi-

dafternoon. All the while, his favorite catch-crappies—are on his mind. As much as the new iridescent colors of jigs and crank-baits are eye-catching, he knows success at his favorite local lake is dependent on waxworms. Sunlight bounces off their white skin, sunshine warms the waters around them. Crappies find them irresistible.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Greengate is planning and plotting the new garden space. Expanded from last year's, the plot will hold at least another two rows of beans and Swiss chard. A new, sturdier fence will be installed, high enough to keep the rabbits out and with a small gate so no humans will have to hop the thing to get into the garden. Arthritis tolerates no hopping.

Outside the Yard

On the northern border of Ohio, in Lucas County, Sylvania will host the Olander Park Maple Sugaring Festival on March 19, 2016. Admission is free, hours are 1-4 p.m. Maple syrup on pancakes, in candy and as fudge are

just a few of the treats that await visitors. Sap will be boiling, trees will be tapped, and wagon rides to Maple Market are all a part of this festival.

Further to the east in Medina County, at Hinckley, one will be able to watch the effects of spring on the move as buzzards return to their roosting sites. Observed this year on March 20, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, and free, all sorts of activities explore and celebrate the return of these large birds to Ohio. This annual celebration began back in 1957 and today draws thousands to the area.

Word of the Month

Albedo: The amount of the sun's energy reflected back into space from the earth's surface. About 33% of the sun's energy bounces off the earth. Otherwise, our warm, inviting sunshine would scorch us.

Quote of the Month

"One key to contentment is to appreciate when you have plenty and understand why when you don't." American Proverb

Meet the County Commission Candidates

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everyone is going but I don't understand why such a high deductible and out of pocket expenses," Lillcrap said.

She said she tries to be an honest, upstanding person. "It has gotten me to where I am. I want to be transparent and I don't think it's that way right now," Lillcrap said of the commission. "I think there is a lot of behind the scenes."

Jack Evans

Jack Evans of Monroe Township said he is seeking another term on the commission to continue to use his experience and because he likes the job.

"Frankly, I feel good running on my record. I bring my knowledge after being a township trustee and a commissioner. I know the vocabulary, I understand the financing, I understand what we can and cannot do, which is not always easy for people to understand if they've not been in government. You have to know your limitations," he said.

Budgetary issues are always the number one challenge facing the county, Evans said.

"One of the most important jobs a county commissioner has is to manage the budget and properly manage the taxpayers' money in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner. It is important that whoever is commissioner they have the experience to manage the county's nearly \$30 million general fund and \$95 million all funds budget," he said.

Another key issue is maintaining and managing the county's assets.

"Working with the county's aging 14 buildings and their contents requires knowledge of how government works in order to get the best services and equipment at the best price while continuing to maintain and upgrade the county facilities," he said.

The county has made a number of advances in the past few years, Evans said.

"We have replaced the HVAC, elevators, roofs, and restrooms in our three downtown buildings and replaced most of the other roofs throughout the county (buildings). With the assistance of the auditor, we have replaced much of the county's IT software and upgraded much of the hardware that serves the entire county's system," he said.

The commissioners also have addressed safety including reopening two pods at the Incarceration Facility after they were closed a couple of years due to tight

finances and are getting ready to open a third pod that will house women.

The county has four different programs for employee health insurance ranging from a relatively low deductible to a high one, Evans said. The county spends \$5 million a year on health insurance with employees paying about \$700,000 and the balance coming from the general fund, he said.

"Our program I will put up against anybody else's. I don't feel comfortable asking the taxpayers who don't have as good a sys-

tem as we do to pay more money for our employees to have better health insurance," Evans said. "That goes back to being fiscally responsible."

Evans said he also has been transparent and honest. "We are open. We are here," he said. "I believe we are honest people who do what is best for the people of Miami County. I had a business in Tipp City for 40 years where I handled people's finances and don't think anyone ever accused me of being dishonest. I will run on my track record."

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Here's What You Need to Do with Your Form 1095-A

This year, you may receive one or more forms that provide information about your 2015 health coverage. These forms are 1095-A, 1095-B and 1095-C. This tip is part of a series that answers your questions about these forms.

Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, provides you with information about your health care coverage if you or someone in your family enrolled in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Here are the answers to questions you're asking about Form 1095-A:

Will I get a Form 1095-A?

- The Marketplace will send you a Form 1095-A if you, your spouse or a dependent enrolled in coverage for 2015. Most individuals did not enroll in Marketplace coverage and will not receive this form.

- The Marketplace may send you more than one Form 1095-A if any of these apply:

- Members of your household were not all enrolled in the same health plan
- You updated your family information during the year
- You switched plans during the year
- You had family members enrolled in different states

- The Form 1095-A is not new, but some people may receive it for the first time this year.

How do I use the information on my Form 1095-A?

- This form provides information about your Marketplace coverage, including the names of covered individuals and which months they were covered last year.

- Use the information from Form 1095-A to complete Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit, and reconcile advance payments of the premium tax credit or – if you are eligible – to claim the premium tax credit or your tax return.

- If you received advance payments which are shown on lines 21-33 of Form 1095-A, you must file a tax return, and include Form 8962, even if you are not otherwise required to file a return. Filing your return without reconciling your advance payments will delay your refund and may affect future advance credit payments.

- If Form 1095-A, Part II shows coverage for you and everyone in your family for the entire year, you can simply check the full-year coverage box on your tax return to satisfy the individual shared responsibility provision.

- If there were months that you did not have coverage, you should determine if you qualify for an exemption from the requirement to have coverage. If not, you must make an individual shared responsibility payment.

- Do not attach Form 1095-A to your tax return - keep it with your tax records.

What if I don't get my Form 1095-A?

- If you are expecting to receive a Form 1095-A, you should wait to file your 2015 income tax return until you receive this form. Filing before you receive this form may delay your refund.

- The IRS does not issue and cannot provide you with your Form 1095-A. If you are expecting a form and do not get one, you should contact your Marketplace. Visit your Marketplace's website to find out the steps you need to follow to get a copy of your Form 1095-A online.

- You can find more information about your Form 1095-A from the Health Insurance Marketplace. Depending upon your circumstances, you might also receive Forms 1095-B and 1095-C. For information on these forms, see our Questions and Answers about Health Care Information Forms for Individuals.

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Hidden Treasures

By Liz Ball



Sudoku

#217

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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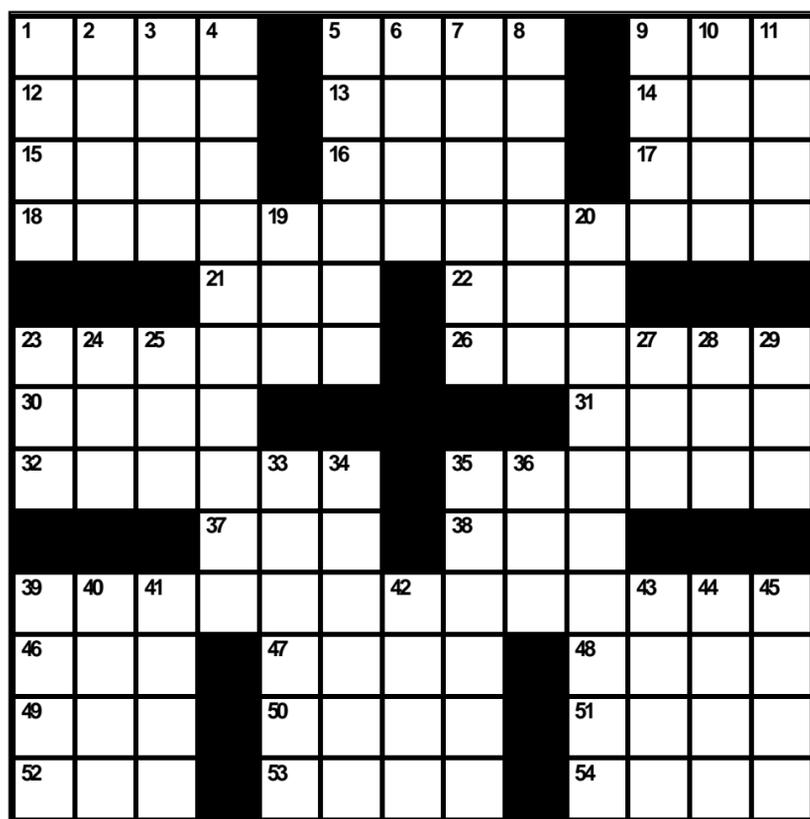
Cooper

By Larry Warren



Crossword Puzzle

#223



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| ACROSS | 30. Indian nursemaid | DOWN | 24. Needle hole |
| 1. Recedes | 31. Case for sewing gear | 1. Quashes | 25. Cleaning need |
| 5. Manitoba native | 32. Time in power | 2. Alerting message | 27. Would contraction |
| 9. "Doctor ____" (BBC series) | 35. Storage spot | 3. Bundle | 28. Actor's come-on |
| 12. "Groovy!" | 37. Kind of paper | 4. Gear change feature | 29. Male aristocrat |
| 13. Camera part | 38. Spleen | 5. Men of the cloth | 33. Relatives of Tahitians |
| 14. "Say what?" | 39. Get to the point | 6. Paint the walls, again | 34. Not destroyed |
| 15. Sandwich bar | 46. Middle East title | 7. "Sadness" singers | 35. Bid one's time |
| 16. Computer menu option | 47. Train track | 8. Mating time | 36. Math term |
| 17. Distinctive doctrine | 48. Pass away notice (abbr.) | 9. Jockey tool | 39. Biblical son |
| 18. Photos of color waves for example | 49. ____ start with your performance..... | 10. Silence | 40. "Coyote ____" movie |
| 21. Beer dispenser | 50. ____nesia | 11. Current measures | 41. Perfumed powder |
| 22. Colorful flower, for short | 51. Long bone | 19. Golf driving area | 42. Take cover |
| 23. Football shirt | 52. "Occupy" location for a while | 20. Unit of charge equal to 3600 coulombs | 43. With competence |
| 26. Jellies | 53. Simmer | 23. Pickle container | 44. Trig figure |
| | 54. Some whiskeys | | 45. Sorority letters |

Trivia Challenge

Science Trivia Questions

- Which of the following elements is not a noble gas?
A. Boron
B. Neon
C. Radon
D. Helium
- Where is the thickest skin found on the human body?
A. The bum
B. The palm
C. The back
D. The head
- What did Canadian inventor Joseph Armand Bombardier invent in 1936?
A. Electric car
B. Solar battery
C. Motorcycle
D. Snowmobile
- Which of these men is associated with the creation of penicillin?
A. Alexander Fleming
B. Emile Roux
C. James Salk
D. Norman Crick
- Who won a Noble Prize for his work in quantum theory and atomic structure?
A. Niels Bohr
B. Lucien Olivier
C. Larry Page
D. Carl Roman Abt
- Who developed the Google search engine with Larry Page?
A. Leland Clark
B. Scott Jones
C. Ali Javan
D. Sergey Brin
- Cytology is the study of which of the following?
A. Cells
B. Magnets
C. Large cats
D. Maps
- Bamboo is known for being?
A. The fastest growing plant in the world
B. Having two colors of flowers
C. Having above ground roots
D. Growing only at night
- Which culture is credited with inventing the abacus?
A. Chinese
B. Russian
C. Egyptian
D. Mayan
- What is another name for Vitamin A?
A. Riboflavin
B. Thiamin
C. Retinol
D. Niacin
- When was the electric battery invented?
A. 1876
B. 1967
C. 1800
D. 1903
- Venus and which other planet are sometimes called the "Blue Planet"?
A. Neptune
B. Mars
C. Mercury
D. Earth
- The hypodermic syringe was invented during which of these wars?
A. World War I
B. The Hundred-Year War
C. World War II
D. American Civil War
- Which of these inventions dates back to about 1500 BC?
A. Paintbrush
B. Comb
C. Glass
D. Paper
- Which planet did Mariner 9 orbit in 1971?
A. Mercury
B. Mars
C. Jupiter
D. Saturn
- About the size of a fist, which organ in the human body helps it to fight infections and filter foreign objects?
A. Pancreas
B. Kidney
C. Spleen
D. Liver

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Candidates Speak Out

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Kendell: "I would continue to address the heroin problem. That is the number one problem we have at this time. Conservatively, 80 percent of cases have heroin involved ... It is nationwide," he said. Work on a local strategy already has started by coalition in-

volving law enforcement, mental health and other professionals from across the community, he said. Kemmer: "I would need to evaluate the staff in the prosecutor's office... This is a very complex office and you need very good people to make it function suc-

cessfully ... I would retain the ones that are doing a good job and replace the ones that aren't," he said. Commission candidates (One race features Simmons/Cultice; the other, Lillicrap/Evans) Question: "What would set you apart?"

Lillicrap: "I have talked to an awful lot of people. I think what sets me apart is a lot of people in Miami County have lost confidence in their commissioners. They are not approachable, are not as honest as they want them to be and they are not transparent."

Cultice: "I think my financial background is much broader than my opponent's. I have dealt with much bigger budgets. He talks about one department. I have managed hundreds of millions dollars in budgets ..."

Simmons: "One thing he does not have is the experience in working during my tenure with county in probation, children's services, human services department and I ran a correctional facility. I am a

strong individual, am not a yes man."

Evans: "What sets me apart is my experience both in the private sector and the public. The other thing that sets me apart is their lack of understanding of what the county commission does. The county commission is not a legislative board, it is an ad-

ministrative board." Troy City Schools: 5.8 mill, five-year renewal levy Schools Superintendent Eric Herman said the renewal levy would not increase taxes. The levy represents 7.8 percent of the district's operating budget and generates \$3.45 million a year.



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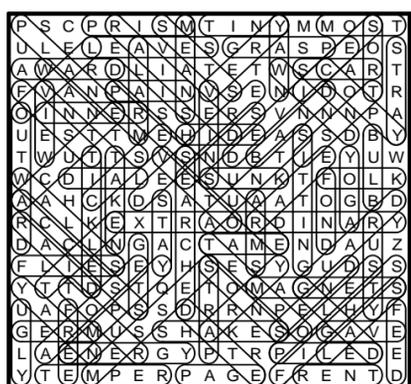
- Boron - Boron is a chemical element with the symbol B and atomic number 5.
- The palm - The sole of the foot also has extremely thick skin.
- Snowmobile - The first Bombardier snowmobile carried seven passengers.
- Alexander Fleming - Roux was associated with the rabies vaccine.
- Niels Bohr - Bohr was a Danish physicist.
- Sergey Brin - Google made its debut in 1998.
- Cells - Robert Hooke is often referred to as the Father of Cytology.
- The fastest growing plant in the world - Bamboo is part of

- the grass family.
- Chinese - They are also credited with inventing paper and the magnetic compass.
- Retinol - Thiamin is known as vitamin B1.
- 1800 - The invention is credited to Alessandro Volta.
- Earth - Mars is often called the Red Planet.
- American Civil War - The word syringe is derived from the Greek word syrinx, meaning 'tube'.
- Glass - The oldest kinds of glass are based on the chemical compound silica.
- Mars - Mariner 9 was launched on the 30th of May, 1971.
- Spleen - The largest organ in the human body is the skin.

Sudoku

6	5	9	3	1	4	7	2	8
3	1	4	8	2	7	6	5	9
2	7	8	5	6	9	1	3	4
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Bowen Sentenced in Graley Murder

By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County judge sentenced Frank Bowen to 18 years to life in prison Monday saying his actions in the murder of Joseph Graley III showed "callousness and depravity" that made him a threat to the public.

The remains of Graley, 31, were found Oct. 23, 2014, under a pile of sticks and debris behind his Scarff Road, Bethel Township, home.

A coroner testified at Bowen's trial in January that Graley died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

The jury found Bowen guilty of murder, gross abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence following the trial before Judge Christopher Gee in county Common Pleas Court.

Another jury in August found Bowen guilty of safecracking but was unable to reach verdicts on the other charges.

Graley had been reported missing by family and friends the day before the remains were found.

Bowen, 26, a former Tipp City area resident, had been living with him for just a few days after returning to the area from South Carolina and having no place to stay.

Prosecutor Tony Kendall described Graley's death as "the most alarming and most egregious case" involving blunt force trauma in his more than 20 years as a prosecutor.

"This is just a despicable set of facts by a despicable human being," Kendall said. "This defendant should never have the luxury of walking among us again."

Graley's mother, Terri Coburn, and a close friend, Billie Eason, both mentioned Graley's kind nature in comments during sentencing.

Coburn said her son "was always there for this friends when they needed somebody to talk to or a place to stay ... He didn't deserve to be blindsided" by a friend, she said.

Eason said Graley was like a brother to her and was like an uncle to her sons. "He was like a taxi or motel when someone needed a place to stay or a ride," she said.

Eason called for the maximum sentence (20 1/2 years to life) for Bowen. "He should never get to enjoy any life outside of a prison cell," she said.

Judge Gee also mentioned



Frank Bowen Graley's kindness. "Joe Graley was the type of person who would help anyone ...you murdered a man who extended his home to you," he said.

The judge said Bowen callously dumped Graley's body in the backyard, covering him with leaves, sticks and debris and leaving him to the elements. While others asked about Graley's whereabouts, Bowen stayed in his home, ate his food, watched his TV and played his videogames, Gee said.

Bowen, who made no comment during sentencing, showed no emotion as others spoke and the judge imposed the sentence.

Defense lawyer Steve Layman said Bowen did not have an extensive criminal

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7:31 p.m. To Penn St. for a report of a theft. A male subject stated that he went to a friend's home and parked his bike outside. HE said that about 30 minutes later and the bike was gone. The bike is a BMX mountain DK with a light blue frame and a black seat. There are no suspects.

8:32 p.m. To Crescent Dr. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported receiving harassing phone calls from his ex-girlfriend. She was warned for phone harassment.

10:10 p.m. An officer was following a red truck into the square. As the truck entered the square, it suddenly changed from the turn lane to the thru lane. The officer initiated a traffic stop and the driver said that he had made a mistake. The plates on his vehicle were expired. He was cited for expired plates and warned for the lane change.

11:36 p.m. Traffic stop on W. Market St. at Barnhart Rd. The driver had received a warning for expired plates on January 1, 2016. He was cited for expired plates and warned for having only one working headlight.

5:17 a.m. To Williams St. for a report of an unattended bonfire. The officer arrived to find two males standing by the fire. One of the males was found to have an outstanding warrant. He was arrested on the warrant and taken to the Miami County Jail.

5:18 a.m. To S. Walnut St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her debit card was stolen. She named a possible suspect. The case is under investigation.

9:05 a.m. Traffic stop on N. Market St. The driver said that he was late for church. He was cited for speed (50/35).

12:08 p.m. To Lake St. for a report of dogs running loose. A woman reported that her grandson accidentally let her dogs out of the back door. One was still loose, but the second had been caught. She was warned for the dogs running loose and warned for not having current dog tags.

1:08 p.m. To Duke Park for a report of a dog running loose. The officer arrived to find that the RP had the dog on a leash. The dog had no collar and no license. It was a neutered male pit bull and was friendly and well-man-

nered. The dog was taken to the Miami County Animal Shelter.

1:13 p.m. To Archer Park for a report of a vehicle squealing and peeling tires in a private property parking lot. The vehicle was located and the driver was cited.

4:34 p.m. Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he did not see the speed limit sign. He was cited for speed.

6:15 p.m. Traffic stop on Dorset Rd. at W. Main St. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he was on his way home from work and did not know he was speeding. He was cited for speed.

6:36 p.m. To S. Clay St. for a report of child abuse. An investigation showed that a man had accidentally pushed a 5-year-old child. There was not enough evidence to support charges.

MONDAY 2/29

3:17 a.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. at Stanfield Rd. The driver was cited for a seat belt violation and given a warning for going left of center.

SUNDAY 2/28

record.

Gee ordered a sentence of 15 years to life for murder, one year for each gross abuse of a corpse and safecracking and three years for tampering with evidence. The murder and tampering sentences will run consecutively and the gross abuse of

a corpse and safecracking sentences concurrently.

He will receive credit for 410 days served in the county jail.

During the trial prosecutors said a sledgehammer found in a wooded area behind the house with the DNA of both Graley and Bowen was

believed to be the murder weapon.

Defense lawyers asked jurors to look closely at how the investigation was handled.

Kendell said after Monday's verdict that "law enforcement did an excellent job in this case."

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