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One Dead in I-75 Crash

By Nancy Bowman

One person was killed and more injured in a single-car crash on Interstate 75 south of Troy around 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Two CareFlight helicopters were called to the scene and landed on the interstate. One person was taken by helicopter to Miami Valley Hospital. A Troy Fire Department ambulance took one passenger to Upper Valley Medical Center. The third person died at the scene.

A southbound car went off the right side of the road near the Swailes Road bridge and hit the guardrail and the wall, Lt. Joseph Gebhart of the Piqua post of the Ohio Highway Patrol said.



Investigation into CO Deaths Continues

By Nancy Bowman

Troy police this week continued their investigation into the deaths of three teens from carbon monoxide poisoning as funeral services for sisters Dionanna Alexander-Bishop, 14, and Dejah Alexander-Bishop, 13, and their cousin, Jakia Jones, 13, were held Tuesday, March 10.

Dionanna and Dejah died Feb. 27 from carbon monoxide poisoning at their home at 114 S. Elm St., Troy police and Dr. Bill Ginn, Miami County coroner, said.

Their cousin, Jakia Jones, 13, died March 1 at Dayton Children's Hospital. Jakia's brother Jahari Ward, 8, has been released from Children's Hospital. The children lived with their grandmother, Jean Bishop.

Police expected to wrap up their report on the incident this week and turn the findings over to Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell, police Capt. Chris Anderson said.

An inspection of the house's heating system showed a completely restricted air filter, a flue completely restricted with deteriorating masonry and a restricted air inlet at the burner in the furnace. One or a combination of the three issues could have created the deadly amount of carbon monoxide, Anderson said.

Troy Junior High School, where the girls attended classes, was closed Tuesday to allow students to attend the funeral, if desired. "We felt this was the right thing," Superintendent Eric Herman said of closing the school for students.

"With a very tragic situation, the junior high has done a very nice job," Herman said. During Monday's Board of Education meeting, he said grief counselors at the junior high and Heywood school and staff have handled a "very tough situation" well.

"I think what we have done has been terrific as far as support from the school, from the administration, from the teachers," board member Stephen Lucas said. "It is

really felt out in the community. I want to thank Mr. (Junior High Principal Dave) Dilbone and his staff and Mr. Herman ... I think we handled it very well," Lucas said.

"This is when you are proud of being a part of a community like Troy," Board President Doug Trostle said.

In response to the incident, a Troy Carbon Monoxide Detector Program has been set up through The Troy Foundation for donations to be used to buy carbon monoxide detectors for Troy residents who request one from the city fire department.

When requested, members of the fire department will deliver a detector, install it and provide education on its use and maintenance. Residents requesting a detector should call 339-0495.

Donations to the fund should be made by check to Troy Carbon Monoxide Detector Fund in care of The Troy Foundation, 216 W. Franklin St., Troy, 45373. Donations are tax deductible.

The program was set up by the foundation in conjunction with the city, the Lincoln Community Center and Partners in Hope.

Numerous fundraisers have been held around the community to raise money for the funeral and assist the family.

Troy businesses and nonprofits are being challenged to help raise money for the survivors.

The Troy Miami County Public Library staff March 6 said it was using an idea from the Troy schools in which staff paid for the privilege to wear jeans to school with proceeds going to Jean Bishop and Jahari Ward.

The library staff will pay \$5 per day to wear jeans during the month of March according to an email from Rachelle Miller, library director, outlining the challenge. The challenge asked participants to donate proceeds to the Bishop family fund or the Troy Carbon Monoxide Fund.

"Let's keep the momentum going and make a difference in the lives of this family and others," Miller wrote in the email.

Lodging Tax Set Record in 2014

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County's lodging tax income topped the \$400,000 mark in 2014, a new record.

The 3 percent tax is the main source of revenue for the county Visitors and Convention Bureau, which reported total revenues for last year at \$421,708.

The tax generated \$412,727 for the bureau last year exceeding the \$341,500 estimated lodging tax income, according to a written report on the bureau's 2014 performance.

The 2013 lodging tax collections of \$361,906 also was a record.

An economic impact study done for the bureau showed the hotel business is split about in half between tourism, which could include relatives visiting the area, and corporate use.

Diana Thompson, the bureau's executive director, provided a report on

the 2014 bureau finances to the county commissioners Feb. 26. "We did have a pretty good year in 2014," she said.

The year's financial success meant the bureau had a net profit of \$62,548. The bureau's

The bureau initiated increased use of social media including buying Facebook boosts for county events. The boosts cost \$140 or less each, which Thompson said "was very little money for a very good outcome."

ities of the bureau in the community and, in particular, in the stakeholder, business and government communities.

Market the county as a destination to those markets that have the greatest potential for a positive return on the investment of the bureau resources.

Increase the number of visitors who come to Miami County for amateur sporting events.

Also this year, the bureau plans a number of activities including two social media campaigns aimed at bringing visitors to the area to begin in May during National Tourism Week.

Those campaigns will include a Miami County Summer Photo Challenge and a Lincoln and Me activity to be held in conjunction with the Abraham Lincoln sculpture that will be displayed on the Courthouse grounds beginning in May.



board will be looking at projects and programs to market the community, Thompson said.

In her report on 2014 bureau activities, Thompson noted a new county Visitors Guide was published for 2014-15 and all new marketing materials developed for the bureau using the county's Home Grown Great brand.

The also board held its first strategic planning session in seven years.

From that session nine goals were established with an agreement to focus first on three of those goals.

Those three goals include:

Increase knowledge of and support for the programs and activ-

New Van Cleve Principal Hired

By Nancy Bowman

Matt Siefring was hired Monday by the Troy City Schools Board of Education as the new principal of Van Cleve school for the 2015-16 school year.

The hiring of Siefring, currently assistant junior high principal, is effective Aug. 1. Current Principal Paul Keller will retire at the end of this school year.

Siefring joined the district nine years ago as a social studies teacher at Troy High School. He has been assistant junior high principal since 2013. His salary will be \$93,000 a year.

Van Cleve houses the district's sixth grade students.

Siefring said he thinks the school has a unique setting and a "fantastic" staff. "I am really looking forward to it," he said.

The board also approved a contract to replace two large sections

of the roof at Troy High School. District Treasurer Jeff Price said the sections on the building's west side are around 25 years old.

The project estimate was \$478,000 with the contract awarded to the low bidder, Maxim Roofing, for \$383,000. Eight bids were submitted.

In reports, Michael Moore, district director of curriculum and instruction, said the much anticipated testing got under way Feb. 23. Only the weather was an issue, but adjustments in schedules were made, he said.

"There was a lot of anxiety, fear. Since we got started, I think a lot of that has gone away," Moore said.

In other business Monday:

Herman recognized board members Joyce Reives and Stephen Lucas with state board member anniversary recognition. Lucas was recognized for 15 years

as a board member and Reives for 10 years. "Not a lot of people stay around that long," Herman said, adding board service is "kind of a thankless job."

Herman and district Treasurer Jeff Price commented on the district's clean audit and recognition received from the Ohio State Senate. "We are taking care of people's money. That's a good thing," Herman said.

Price explained that the audit was described as clean because it included no noncompliance citations and no findings for recovery.

The board approved the use of district buses by the Troy Strawberry Festival during the annual festival June 6 and 7. The festival committee pays all costs associated with use of the buses.

Donations of \$5,848 to the district were accepted for the month. Herman noted that most of the donations were re-

Former Troy Resident Charged with Rape

By Nancy Bowman

Troy police have charged a Tipp City man with felony rape, alleging he engaged in sexual conduct with a 15 year old after impairing her judgment through use of a drug or intoxicant.

Bail of \$250,000 was set Friday, March 6, for Mark Donohoo, 50, formerly of Troy, in Miami

County Municipal Court. He remains in the county jail.

An alleged Sept. 14 sexual assault of the girl first was reported to the Tipp City Police Department. The case was turned over to Troy police because the alleged assault occurred in Troy, according to a report filed by Troy Police Detective Chris Tilley.

The report said evidence collected through the rape kit used in investigating complaints of sexual assault showed the girl had alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and benzodiazepine in her system at the time of testing following the complaint.

The charge alleges

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS



BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Behm named campaign treasurer
Troy mayor candidate Patty Rose has appointed Parker Behm as treasurer of her campaign.

Rose, a Republican, is challenging incumbent Mayor Mike Beamish in the May election.

She said Behm was one of the first people she met when she moved to town. Behm, downtown building owner, was Rose's landlord for her business on the Public Square for eight years.

Committees recommend council action

A Troy City Council committee March 5 recommended the full council approving the seeking of bids on this year's paving program. The estimated program cost is \$766,000, the streets and sidewalks committee was told.

The program includes \$600,000 in street paving along with paving of the following city properties: fire station 3, parts of Community Park and bike path, cemetery, city garage and wastewater treatment plant lot.

A second project recommended by the committee is for the advertising for bids on the McKaig Road improvements project, phase two. The \$1.142 million project will be paid in part by a \$450,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission. The project area goes from Monroe Street to the railroad at Madison Street including the crossing. Work will include the street, curb and gutter, sidewalks, utilities and a LED traffic signal.

The committee also recommended the city accepts a highway easement needed for the North Market Street/Piqua-Troy Road/Troy-Urbana Road intersection realignment project. The easement from TTF Brown LLC covers 0.431 acre.

Also meeting March 5 was the law and ordinance committee. Its members recommended continued placement of 25.15 acres on Lytle Road in an agricultural district.

The property has been in an agricultural district since 1995. The late Harold Hines requested the placement every five years in the past. The applicant is Scherre Mumpower, daughter of Hines.

Appointments made to board

The Miami County commissioners have made appointments to the county Board of Building Appeals. Those appointed March 5, effective immediately, were: Fred Millet of Troy, whose term will expire Sept. 1, 2018; David Cook of Tipp City, term to expire Sept. 1, 2019; and Mike Wehrkamp of Troy, term to expire Sept. 1, 2015.

Probation OK'd in marijuana by mail case

A Troy woman who pleaded to a felony charge in a case involving marijuana sent through the mail was sentenced Monday, March 9, to two years of probation.

Natalie Keppel, 23, was sentenced in Miami County Common Pleas Court on one felony count of possessing marijuana. She also had agreed not to challenge forfeiture of a 2007 Ford Escape used in the commission of the crime.

She and Michael Shane Adkins, 29, were arrested Aug. 14 while picking up a package sent through the mail to a South Clay Street residence. The sheriff's department said the package contained 6.08 pounds of marijuana.

More marijuana, hash, drug paraphernalia and other items, including a safe, were taken when a search warrant was executed at their residence on Ohio 41 east of Troy.

Adkins pleaded to one felony count each of possession of marijuana, possession of hashish (solid), possession of hashish (solid) and two felonies of aggravated possession of Schedule 1 drugs MDMA and psilocyn. A felony of manufacturing hashish was dismissed by prosecutors. Adkins agreed not to contest forfeiture of \$46,618 in cash. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

Defense lawyer Jose Lopez told Judge Christopher Gee that Keppel "got mixed up in the wrong crowd." Keppel said she was ready to get the incident behind her.

In addition to the two years of community control (probation), Keppel was ordered to maintain a job, follow a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, pay court costs and undergo a substance abuse assessment and complete any treatment recommended.

Her driver's license was suspended for six months.

Monday, March 2

4:42 p.m. - To Barnhart Rd. for a report of a lost item. A woman reported that she lost her wallet while at Upper Valley Medical Center today. She said she called the hospital to have them be on the lookout for it, but wanted a report in case someone tries to use her credit cards.

Tuesday, March 3

1:08 p.m. - Traffic stop in the Meijer parking lot. The driver was cited for driving under suspension. Since neither he nor the passenger were licensed drivers, they were informed to call for a ride. A valid driver arrived to pick them up, the driver secured the vehicle and both left the scene.

Wednesday, March 4

10:04 a.m. - To the Miami County Incarceration Facility. Two inmates were involved in a physical altercation and one punched the other in the nose. The injured inmate was taken to Upper Valley Medical Center for observation. The Sheriff's office will be seeking restitution for medical bills incurred.

12:11 p.m. - To W. State Rt. 41 for a report of an abandoned vehicle. This was the second complaint on this vehicle. Upon the first complaint, the deputy was unsuccessful in contacting the owner. He tried to contact the owner again and was again unsuccessful. The RP was advised that since it had been abandoned for over 3 weeks, it could be towed. The RP had the vehicle towed.

1:48 p.m. - While monitoring traffic on 25A south of Piqua, he noticed a vehicle headed south. The female driver and male passenger had rigid seating positions and were looking straight ahead. He ran the plate and found that the driver's license had been suspended. He caught up with the vehicle and finally initiated a traffic stop on Water at Jackson Streets. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and both occupants walked from the scene, leaving the vehicle parked on Jackson St.

Thursday, March 5

11:42 p.m. - Traffic stop on S. 25A at Stone Circle Dr. The driver was cited for DUS.

Friday, March 6

5:45 p.m. - To Lefevre Rd. for a report of a custody dispute. A woman reported that her ex-husband was at

her residence to pick up their daughter for visitation. She said she asked when he would be returning the child and he responded that it was none of her business or if he would bring her back. She said the remark made her uncomfortable and she did not release the child to him. The father denied making any such comment. He was advised to call the mother the next day to see if they could reach an agreement. Both parties were advised to contact their attorneys if they could not reach an agreement on their own.

11:26 p.m. - Traffic stop on N. Ridge Ave. at Main St. The K9 unit was summoned to do a free air sniff but he did not alert.

Saturday, March 7

12:35 a.m. - Traffic stop in the 200 block of N. Adams St. The vehicle was stopped for going left of center. The driver was arrested for OVI.

1:05 a.m. - Traffic stop in the 1700 block of N. County Rd. 25A. The vehicle was stopped for a plate light violation. The K9 was called and alerted to the odor of narcotics. A search of the vehicle did not turn up anything more than a little marijuana shake. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana in the car before work that morning. The driver was given a warning for the license plate light.

11:33 p.m. - To Crestwood Dr. for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The caller reported that the vehicle was parked on the wrong side of the street and appeared to be unoccupied. The vehicle was located and was blocking travel in either direction. It was unlocked but no keys were present. The owner was contacted and she said that her brother had been driving it. The brother was contacted and said that it had broken down but was parked on the side of the road. The owner had the truck towed.

Sunday, March 8

3:50 a.m. - To Staunton Rd. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her son has been verbally arguing with her over his having friends over without permission. She said that there is a bottle of champagne missing, but no proof that the boy was drinking. She also found a marijuana cigarette in his backpack. The boy admitted that it was his. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

Troy Area Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Buyer	Seller	Price
530 S WALNUT ST	3/2	MOSIER BENJAMIN D	530 W WALNUT LAND TRUST	\$0.00
317 S WALNUT ST	2/27	ZILLES THOMAS	SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
867 SCOTT ST	2/27	CHRISTIANA TRUST	WITT JENNIFER L	\$50,000.00
609 MICHIGAN AVE	2/27	ANGLE DONALD E & JACQUELINE M	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY	\$40,000.00
738 OHIO AVE	3/3	MILLER KERRI A	FLORA KERRI A	\$0.00
834 BRANFORD RD	3/2	CURTIN ROBERT M	CURTIN ROBERT M & IRENE R	\$0.00
1072 DORCHESTER RD	3/4	STRAYER SCOTT	SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
1310 KENTON WY	3/4	EMERY BROOKE L	OLBERDING BRADLEY J & KATHLEEN A	\$158,900.00
1411 MAPLECREST DR	3/4	CULLIS AMY CLARKE & BARBARA L CLARKE	CLARKE DAVID B @ (3)	\$0.00

Rape

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Donohoo "for the purpose of preventing resistance did substantially impair (the girl's)



judgment or control by administering a drug of abuse, intoxicant or controlled substance" through force or use of threat of force.

Donohoo previously was charged with corrupting another with drugs from the same incident. He had been in jail on \$250,000 bail on that charge since Feb. 24.

Tilley said police are interested in talking with "anyone who has any information that might be helpful on Mark Donohoo." He can be reached at the Troy Police Department at 339-7525 extension 412.

Terrell Files for Appeal in Wintrow Case

By Nancy Bowman

Lawyers for Brendon Terrell contend in the appeal of his 14-year sentence in the 2013 murder of Troy's Nate Wintrow that his role did not justify the maximum sentence ordered in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

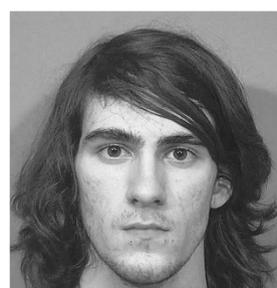
Lawyers Jon Paul Rion and Nicole Rutter-Hirth of Dayton filed claims and arguments in Terrell's appeal March 2 with Ohio's 2nd District Court of Appeals.

Terrell of Troy served as the lookout for two codefendants in a plan to steal money and marijuana from Wintrow. He pleaded to complicity to aggravated robbery and complicity to aggravated burglary along with a gun specification in the Oct. 30, 2013, shooting death of Wintrow, 20, at his Canal Street home.

Co-defendant Jason Sowers, the admitted gunman, pleaded in the murder and was sentenced to 18 years to life. The second codefendant, Patrick McGail, who police said planned the robbery, was convicted by a jury in the murder and sentenced to 24 years to life.

Both also have appealed.

Terrell's lawyers state in the appeal arguments that Terrell cooperated with prosecutors and was not charged with murder. Terrell, they argue, walked away from the crime before Sowers and McGail went into the house, gave a heart-felt apology, did not have a felony record and played a minimal role in the offenses.



Terrell was sentenced to concurrent 11-year terms on the robbery and burglary convictions and a mandatory consecutive three-year term for the gun specification, the maximum.

The lawyers claim that the burglary and robbery charges should have been merged before sentencing, the sentence should have been reduced due to mitigating factors and

that the judge erred when ordering restitution but not setting an amount.

"The facts presented to the court did not support a maximum sentence," the lawyers argue. "Terrell never conspired in any plan to commit harm to anyone and he renounced his participation in the conspiracy before any offense was committed." The lawyers further argue that Terrell's sentence was disproportionate to Sowers' sentence on charges that included the murder and to offenses "for more severe conduct" in the appeals court's district.

As an example, they point to a 2009 Miami

County case in which three co-defendants received sentences of eight and four years for causing the death of Johnny "Spiderman" Sowers during a 2008 robbery.

"The sentence imposed here was shocking and

disproportionately harsh for the conduct at issue, when compared to the co-defendants and other similarly situated offenders," the lawyers wrote.

The court is asked to throw out the sentence and order resentencing.

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RT Industries Hosts Miami Valley Mfg. Council

The Miami Valley Manufacturing Council held its February meeting at RT Industries, located at 110 Fossway in Troy, Ohio. Forty-five members of Commerce Chamber from Covington, Piqua, Sidney-Shelby County, Tipp City and Troy gathered in the RT Industries conference room to receive an introduction and brief history of the company. The presentation was followed by a guided tour of the production facility led by Chief Executive Officer, Blair Brubaker. The tour provided a unique opportunity for members to get an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at the various services offered by RT Industries. RT Industries is a non-profit corporation component for the Miami County Board of Developmentally Disabled. RT provides real, paid work experiences for adults in Miami County with developmental disabilities. The work experiences can be training in nature or can lead to full time, productive employments. RT Industries has been in business since 1973 and has partnered with many companies throughout Miami County. RT offers flexible outsourcing, contract, and temporary and long-term workforce services to meet the needs of the company. RT provides services in a variety of areas includ-

ing industrial, office, janitorial and manufacturing. RT workers are supervised by trained staff and provide excellent quality output with approximately 125 employees working each day. Information about RT Industries programs can be obtained by calling 937-335-5784. The Miami Valley Manufacturing Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The council's purpose is to support, educate and assist manufacturing and industrial companies in promoting and enhancing a positive business climate in the region. The next Miami Valley Manufacturing Council meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 at Repacorp located at 31 Tipp Industry Park Court in Tipp City. Repacorp manufactures stock, custom, RFID, label products utilizing screen, digital and flexo technology. The meeting will include a tour of their production facility, highlighting the printing process and technology systems utilized. Anyone interested in becoming involved and learning more about the program or other Chamber of Commerce opportunities is encouraged to contact their local Chamber of Commerce office.

Visitors Bureau to Award Grants for Tourism Promotion

The Miami County Visitors Bureau Board has unanimously voted to begin awarding tourism promotional grants. This grant program is to assist tourism "partner" organizations in Miami County with new projects by providing funding for start-up costs, promotional materials, social media, advertising and other marketing initiatives in order to increase visitation, expenditures and overnight stays in Miami County. Project guidelines include utilizing the Miami County Brand Standards, the project should be designed to increase visitation, it must enhance Miami County's image,

and priority to be given to first time projects which promote to out-of-county visitors. After establishing the criteria and standards of qualifications for funding, the Bureau is now ready to accept tourism grant applications for 2015. Any non-profit or not-for-profit organization involved in a tourism related activity may apply. Total request per submission is \$3,000. To receive the grants program guidelines and the application, call the Bureau office at 339-1044 or email Executive Director, Diana Thompson at dthompson@HomeGrownGreat.com.

Community News

Family Fun Night at Troy-Miami County Public Library

Join the Troy library for the program "Backyard Birds" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015. You'll hear stories, participate in an indoor scavenger hunt and bird activities; for students in grades K-5 and their families. Registration is required. Registration opens March 9, 2015; call 937-339-0502 ext. 133 to register.

Historical Society to Meet

The Troy Historical Society will meet on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main St., Troy. Genealogy will be the topic of the meeting. Genealogist Amie Tennant will present a program titled "Genealogy 101: Learn it Right the First Time." Tennant is the former Assistant Director of the Family History Center in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Locally, she has served as the Vice President of the A.B. Graham Center and Museum in Conover, Ohio and been the Recording Secretary and newsletter editor for the Miami County Historical and Genealogical Society. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, call (937) 339-5900 or email tths@frontier.com.

"Cardio" Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

Join Katie Nardechia for a new 5 week session of "Cardio" Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning March 16. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. "Cardio Yoga is vigorous exercise with cardio, strength building, core work, "Asanas" and meditation all wrapped into one. "It's a great mental workout with more calories burnt," said Nardechia. "Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout," she added. "Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice," added Nardechia. Throughout the class a variety of "asanas," (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechia, "The standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older." Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment. Students should bring a bath towel, sash and mat to class. For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 937-773-6626.

Hayner Presents Sunset Boulevard

Need something to do Friday Night? Why not go to the movies? On Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will present the 1950 American film noir classic, *Sunset Boulevard*. This free

and open to the public showing includes an introduction to the film, café style seating, popcorn and soft drinks. *Sunset Boulevard* stars Gloria Swanson, William Holden, and Erich von Stroheim. Directed and co-written



by Billy Wilder, and produced and co-written by Charles Brackett, the film was nominated for eleven Academy Awards. It won three Oscars. This classic film focuses on the devastating effect of sound on Hollywood's silent film legends. Silent film greats, Buster Keaton, H. B. Warner and Anna Q. Nilsson make cameo appearances in the film. Director Cecil B. DeMille and gossip columnist Hedda Hopper also play themselves in this important film that was included in the first group of films selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. This film is intended for mature viewers and may not be appropriate for children under 13.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays. For more information, please visit our website at www.troyhayner.org or call (937) 339-0457.

Chunky Jewelry Class Set at YWCA Piqua

Join Lori Zeller Young on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30-8 p.m. to create your own set of "Chunky Jewelry". Class members will use multi-colored beads to create a chunky necklace and bracelet set. All supplies are included in the class fee. "Chunky jewelry is a very trendy and versatile accessory with your wardrobes," said Zeller. "What a fun way to create your own jewelry set using your favorite colors! Bring your friends and have even more fun," she added. For more information on class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street, call 773-6626 or e-mail info@ywcapiqua.com. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

ONU Gospel Choir to Perform

The Ohio Northern University Gospel Ensemble will be leading regular Worship Services on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Their motto is "Winning souls to Christ with a melody!" You may hear them at Bethel United Methodist Church, 2505 East Loy Road, Piqua, Ohio at 9:00 a.m. or at Casstown United Methodist Church, 102 Center Street, Casstown, Ohio at 10:45 a.m. Both churches are handicapped accessible. For more information contact Pastor Maggie Sykes at 937-339-4828 or www.bethelcasstown-church@gmail.com.

YWCA Offers Tablet 101 Class

Brad Reed will offer a Tablet 101 class on Thursday, March 19, from 6-8 p.m. for those interested in learning more about tablets and iPads. "Many people who have these electronic devices or got them as gifts are confused and unsure about what it does and how to use it," said Reed. "I hope to lessen that stress and help everyone maximize their use of this wonderful tool," he added. Class participants are encouraged to bring their own tablet or iPad to class and spend time learning how to use it and actually practice with their own device. Membership is not required for this hands-on class. For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

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Local A Cappella Stars Eleventh Hour Open at Sing-Off Live

The Sing-Off Live Tour has announced the addition of regionally renowned a cappella talent to join the tour as it makes its way to 56 cities across the U.S. The newly announced openers, Eleventh Hour, will perform as special guests on March 21st at Troy's Hobart Arena.

"The real-life GLEE," "A once-in-a-decade vocal ensemble," and "...the best contemporary a cappella high school group in the nation."

Eleventh Hour has presented clinics and performances on several educational conferences, including the Ohio Music Education Association

Eleventh Hour back on national television, this time as carolers in the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Christmas Special.

Eleventh Hour has recently released its eighth studio CD, Tightrope. Previous recordings have earned numerous awards including CARAs for Best High School Album and Best High School song, along with nominations for Best Scholastic Original Song and Best Soloist. Eleventh Hour's music has appeared on several editions of Best of High School A cappella and the prestigious SING compilation. Eleventh Hour can also be heard on promotional recordings for a cappella arrangements of Alfred Publishing.

Eleventh Hour performed at the 2012 World Choir Games, which is the largest vocal competition in the world. In total, 362 choirs from 64 countries and 15,000 participants took part in the event. Eleventh Hour



Eleventh Hour

"Our guest groups are a combination of the best groups from past seasons of The Sing-Off combined with some of America's greatest professional groups," says Deke Sharon. "Indeed, fans of the television competition will recognize several of the newly announced guest performers from past performances on the show."

The Sing-Off Live Tour features Season 5 finalists The Exchange, Season 2 winners Street Corner Symphony, and Season 4 winners VoicePlay on all dates which began on February 17th in Verona, NY. Offering concertgoers the ultimate a cappella experience, fans of the hit NBC television show will have a rare opportunity to see their favorite groups perform live. A cappella fans will enjoy an evening

state conference (2007, '08, '10, '11, '13, '15), the American Choral Directors Association Central Division conference (2010) and ACDA National conference (2011, 2015). They have sung backup vocals for Kenny Loggins and opened for LeAnn



Street Corner Symphony

Rimes, The Beach Boys, Rockapella, Street Corner Symphony, Home Free, and Pentatonix.

In 2010, Eleventh Hour became the first ever high school group selected to

competed in the Champions division of Pop Choral music and earned a Gold Medal for their performance.

Tickets are on sale now for the March 21st tour stop at Troy's Hobart Arena. Visit www.hobartarena.com or purchase tickets by phone at (937) 339-2911. You can also visit www.singofftour.com for complete ticketing information and tour updates.

VIP Nation is proud to provide exclusive access to incredible VIP ticket package experiences for the tour. Fans may also visit www.singofftour.com for more information and to purchase tickets and VIP packages.



Voice Play

of the country's top talent, as well as having the opportunity to discover new talent in their own backyard.

Eleventh Hour is a select group of 8 vocalists from the music department at Kettering Fairmont High School. Under the direction of Brody McDonald, they have spent the last decade sharing the gift of a cappella with others. They have been called

compete on the hit NBC a cappella reality series The Sing-Off. 2011 found



The Exchange

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Commissioners Approve Pay Increases

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County commissioners approved pay increases for employees and heard about future maintenance needs at the historic Courthouse last week.

At its March 5 meeting, the commission approved a 2 percent increase in department wage accounts for pay hikes for nonunion employees. Pay increases for union employees are set through collective bargaining agreements.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said the raises followed a \$650,000 surplus in the general fund last year. The increases will cost the county around \$152,000 this year.

O'Brien said commissioners were "happy" with the surplus and credit the county's success in part to employees' hard work and dedication. The increase "is a small way to reward" employees, he said.

Elected officials and department heads determine how the increases will be allocated.

Safety Building along with other Courthouse needs on the horizon.

The contract for the HVAC and renovation work totals \$4.977 million and will continue through the year.

Johnson also reported he is developing a scope of work in preparation for requesting quotes on the next phase of the Courthouse main dome painting project.

The top portion of the dome was painted last year. The next phase includes painting the area between dome railings, which had a preliminary cost estimate of around \$45,000.

Quotes also will be sought on repairing a roof area leak that is allowing water penetration on the north wall of the large courtroom on the Courthouse's third floor.

And, Johnson said, he will be proposing an evaluation of the 1880s structure to determine other needs. "The Courthouse being the structure that it is, a facility everybody loves dearly, is going to need some (work) coming up in the next couple of years," he



The commissioners also authorized a 2 percent increase in the minimum and maximum rates in the 2015 wage scale for those paid under the commission compensation plan. Among employees in that group would be those working at Job and Family Services and non-union Communication Center employees.

The increase is retroactive to Dec. 20.

In other business, the commissioners heard from Chris Johnson, director of operations and facilities. He discussed the ongoing HVAC system and renovation of the Courthouse and

said.

In other business last week, the commissioners met with Troy Strawberry Festival representatives to discuss their request to use county parking lots during festival weekend in June.

Among changes proposed for this year festival is a relocation of the shuttle buses drop off from Franklin Street by First Place to Main Street in front of the Courthouse, Doug Wenning, festival facilities manager said. The Main Street location would allow for better pedestrian access to the festival site, he said.

Spring Story Times at Library

"Soar to New Heights...READ!" and other fun things will be presented at the Troy-Miami County Public Library. To register, you can drop in at the Troy library, or call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 to register.

Laptimes offer stories, songs, and fingerplays to children from birth age to two years old. You can choose 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Wednesdays; this program runs for thirty minutes.

Toddler storytime for children, age 2-3 years old, offers stories, songs, and an activity. For the toddler storytimes, you can choose Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; this program runs for thirty minutes.

Preschool age children, age 4-5 years old, will enjoy stories, songs, and an activity. The preschool storytimes are offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.; this program runs for 45

minutes. "Family Fun Nights," "Family Movie Nights" and "Saturday Library Adventures" will also be offered during the winter session; the winter session will begin the week of March 18, 2015.

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

Jakia S. Jones

Jakia S. Jones, 12, of Troy, passed away 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Dayton Children's Hospital, Dayton. She was born in Buffalo, NY on July 22, 2002 to Carl Jones, Jr. of Buffalo, NY and Rebecca Ward of Thomasville, NC, and they both survive.



Jakia is also survived by her grandmother, Jean Bishop "Mom" of Troy who was raising her; brothers, Carl E. Jones, III of Buffalo, NY, Jahari Ward of Troy; grandmother, Patricia Jones of Buffalo, NY; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather,

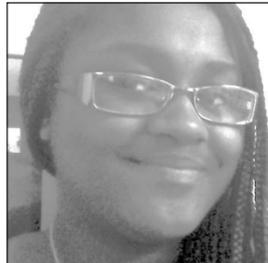
Carl E. Jones, Sr., and her two cousins, Dionanna J. and Dejah J. Alexander-Bishop who were her "sisters for life".

Jakia was a 7th grade student at Troy Junior High School in Troy. For her hobbies, she enjoyed fundraising, joking and playing, dancing, french fries, socializing, and participating in activities at the Lincoln Community Center, Troy.

Funeral services were held at 12 Noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Transformed Life Church, 421 Wood St., Piqua, Ohio with Pastor Brian Hamilton officiating. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the church on Tuesday prior to the service. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Troy following the service. Arrangements are entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, 1124 W. Main St., Troy 45373. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Dejah J. Alexander-Bishop

Dejah J. Alexander-Bishop, 14, of Troy, passed away 2:55 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. She was born in Buffalo,



NY on August, 29, 2000 to DeMario J. Bishop and Sheila Toombs both of Buffalo, NY, and they both survive.

Dejah is also survived by her grandmother, Jean Bishop "Mom" of Troy who was raising her; brothers, DeMario James Bishop, Jr. and Damien Bishop both of Buffalo, NY; sisters, Cierra Bishop, Diamond Bishop both of Buffalo, NY; uncle, Leon Bishop, Sr. of Troy; cousins, Leon Bishop, Jr., DesRon Bishop, Dimitri Bishop all of Troy; and a host of aunts,

uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dionanna J. Alexander-Bishop and her cousin, Jakia S. Jones "sisters for life".

Dejah was an 8th grade student at Troy Junior High School in Troy. For her hobbies, she enjoyed art, cooking, hairstyling, babysitting, socializing, and participating in activities at the Lincoln Community Center, Troy.

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Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

Ever thought about taking Yoga classes? Join Katie Nardechia for the new 5 week session of Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning March 18. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Monday nights.

"Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual discipline originating in ancient India. The goal of Yoga is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility and the ultimate improvement of one's health," said Nardechia

"Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded

for the practice," added Nardechia.

Throughout the class a variety of "asanas," (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechia, "The standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older." Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 937-773-6626.

Obituaries

Dionanna J. Alexander-Bishop

Dionanna J. Alexander-Bishop, 13, of Troy, passed away 3:04 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. She was born in Buffalo, NY on August 22, 2001 to DeMario J. Bishop and Sheila Toombs both of Buffalo, NY, and they both survive.



Dionanna is also survived by her grandmother, Jean Bishop "Mom" of Troy who was raising her; brothers, DeMario James Bishop, Jr. and Damien Bishop both of Buffalo, NY; sisters, Cierra Bishop, Diamond Bishop both of Buffalo, NY; uncle, Leon Bishop, Sr. of Troy; cousins, Leon Bishop, Jr., DesRon Bishop, Dimitri Bishop all of Troy; and a host of aunts,

uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dejah J. Alexander-Bishop and her cousin, Jakia S. Jones "sisters for life".

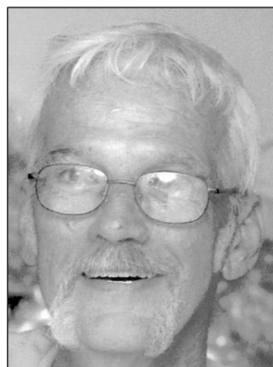
Dionanna was a 7th grade student at Troy Junior High School in Troy. For her hobbies, she enjoyed culinary arts, cosmetology, socializing, watching movies, and participating in activities at the Lincoln Community Center, Troy.

Funeral services were held at 12 Noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Transformed Life Church, 421 Wood St., Piqua, Ohio with Pastor Brian Hamilton officiating. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the church on Tuesday prior to the service. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Troy following the service.

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Robert G. Sampson

Robert G. Sampson, age 71 of Troy passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. He was born on April 4, 1943 in Bradford to the late Carl and Doris (Schaeffer) Sampson.



He is survived by beloved companion Vickie Davis of Troy, son Brian A. Sampson of Russia, daughter and son-in-law Julie and James D. Noxon of Columbus, OH., grandchildren Andrew, Benjamin and Samuel Noxon, and his extended family Jeffrey A. and Terri Davis of Atlanta, GA., Tracy and Barry Roberts of Springboro, OH., extended grandchildren Ashlin Stoltz, Cooper and Skyler Davis, Kara and Karma Roberts. In addition to his parents, he was also

preceded in death by brothers Edward "Bud" Sampson, Bruce Sampson, Carl Sampson and sisters Rebecca Kay Upton and Ethel Maxwell.

He was a 1961 graduate of Bradford High School, was retired from Hobart Brothers, Troy after several years of service and previously was with Dinner Bell, Troy. He was a member of Miami County Moose #2695 of Troy and a Navy Veteran of Vietnam. He enjoyed playing cards, watching sports and spending time with family.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Lauren Allen officiating. Interment to follow at Miami Memorial Park, Covington with Military service at graveside by Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy. Friends may call on Friday from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the funeral home with Moose Lodge Service at 6:45 P.M. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Contributions in lieu of flowers to: American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.



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Trojan Bowlers Headed To State

Troy's girls' bowling squad has advanced to the state championships as a team, as the Trojans qualified through the district tournament last week.

The Trojans were led by freshman Jenna Stone with a 203-204-178 (585), and was followed closely

by junior Rachel Darrow 203-216-163 (582).

Also for the Trojans, senior Allie Isner rolled a 193-175-149 (517), along with sophomore Kirsten McMullen 151-198-143 (492) and freshman A'leigha Smith 157-159-168 (484).

Troy Christian Sending Wrestlers To State

By Jim Dabbelt

Several area wrestlers have advanced to the state championships this weekend, after surviving their respective regional tournaments.

Troy Christian will be sending four wrestlers to state, while Tippecanoe is sending two and Northwestern with one.

*Tippecanoe is sending two wrestlers to Columbus in the Division Two Districts at Mansfield, as Austin Robbins and Jack Peura both qualified with top four finishes. Peura placed second overall in the 145 pound weight class, falling in the finals to Wade Hodges of Wauseon in 30 seconds, but with his second place finish, Peura will wrestle in Columbus this weekend.

Northwestern will also be represented at the state meet in Division Two, as 126-pounder Devin Rogers lost in the championship match 5-1 in overtime to Sandro Ramirez of Wauseon, sending both to state.

Andrew Franzen finished sixth at 138, while Rogers qualified with his loss to Robbins.

*In the Division Three, Troy Christian finished third overall at the Troy Districts at Hobart Arena, as four Eagle wrestlers will advance onto the state meet.

At 106 pounds, Jacob Edwards finished fourth overall, falling in the third-place match to Graham Shore of Miami East 3-1. Also for Troy Christian, 126-pounder Garrett Hancock had a 5-3 win against Hunter Bray of Dayton Christian in the championship round.

Finishing third was Cody Ohmeiss at 138, as the Eagle won the third-place match over Corey Bogan of Mechanicsburg in 1:54, while 285-pounder Seth Douglas lost in the third place match against Blake Sampson in 2:16.

Troy Christian also has one state alternate, as finishing fifth at 120 was Michael Sergent with a 17-0 win over Alexander Rodriguez of Lincolnview.

*In the Division One District meet at Farimont High School, neither Tecumseh nor Troy could advance anyone to the state meet.

Tecumseh 285-pounder Tristan Taylor is a state alternate after finishing fifth with a 6-4 win over Seth Crissman of Glen Este. Also for Troy, Joe Pascale finished sixth at 106, the highest placer for the Trojans.

Troy Christian Rolls Through Sectionals

By Jim Dabbelt

The first eight minutes of their sectional basketball tournament game, the Troy Christian Eagles struggled in all aspects of their game against Xenia Christian last week. The highly-favored Eagles only led by two after eight minutes.

For the remaining 24 minutes, Troy Christian looked more like the team everyone was used to seeing, as they put the Ambassadors away 74-52 to advance to the sectional championship game against Franklin-Monroe.

The Eagles did look solid in the opening minutes, following a game opening three from Grant Zawadzki, and a following layup, the Eagles capitalized on some early Xenia Christian turnovers and took their lead to 7-0.

For the rest of the quarter, Xenia Christian battled back to 9-6 with 1:25 left in the quarter before Zawadzki connected on a pair of free throws to push their lead back out to 11-6.

Xenia Christian ended the quarter on a 5-0 run, including a huge three pointer at the buzzer to make it a 13-11 game.

From there, it was all Eagles as they went on a 11-0 run to start the second period, including four points from Isiah Fairley to give Troy Christian a 24-11 lead. Xenia Christian fought back before the Eagles closed out the first half on a 8-2 run,

walking into the locker room with a 36-19 lead at the half.

One last Xenia Christian run made it 42-23 before the Eagles put the game out of reach. They reeled off 13 consecutive points and when the dust settled, they led the Ambassadors 55-23.

The lead grew to 39 points at the 5:35 mark of the fourth when Chris Landrum scored, but the Ambassadors ran off nine straight, but it was out of reach. Troy Christian finished off their sectional game against Franklin Monroe.

Zawadzki led with 21 points, while Fairley added 12, Donald 10.

*In the sectional finals on Saturday night, the Eagles went on a big second quarter run, and put away the Franklin Monroe Jets 95-42, and will advance to the district finals.

Troy Christian was clinging onto a 16-12 lead after the opening period of play, before putting together a big run in the second quarter, and increased their lead out to 43-15 at the half.

Another big quarter gave the Eagles a 71-28 lead heading into the fourth, and Troy Christian advances to the district finals.

The Eagles now play Thursday night in the District Finals against Jackson Center, with the game being held at UD Arena. Gametime was not determined as of presstime.

Riverside DD Board Meeting Summary

Board members for Riverside Developmental Disabilities, Miami County's local board of developmental disabilities, met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside.

Superintendent Brian Green presented the following information to the Board: Updates on Board Member In-Service Training requirements coming from the Department of Developmental Disabilities, and progress made this month on the 2015 Strategic Plan.

Part of Riverside's 2015 Strategic Plan is to involve persons served in various activities. Three members of the People First self-advocacy group attended the Board Meeting as guests to learn more about the decision-making process for the agency.

The Board approved the following resolutions:

- Approved the Superintendent and Personnel & Finance Committee's recommendation to fund the RT Industries Summer Youth Services program at an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and provide transportation for students in the program. This program has been offered for several years with funding through the state to students with developmental disabilities; however, state funding was recently cut for this program.

The Board's approval will allow RT Industries to continue offering work experience and career exploration to these students for summer 2015.

• Approved the Superintendent and Personnel & Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the resolution to continue participation with the EPC for purchase of natural gas in a two-year program with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC. This fixed rate for natural gas to keep facility heating costs as low as possible through 2016.

Riverside Developmental Disabilities is Miami County's local board of developmental disabilities. The agency's mission is to empower people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play as full members of our community. Its vision is to build a community that supports and values people of all abilities. The organization offers services such as an adult day program, early intervention services, physical and occupational therapies, recreational activities, Special Olympics programs, community housing, community employment, job training, transportation and other valuable services to people of all ages who have developmental disabilities. For more information about Riverside, visit riversidedd.org.

Riverside DD Receives 5-Year Accreditation

On February 23, Riverside Developmental Disabilities received notification that it has been awarded a Five-Year Accreditation by the Office of Provider Standards and Review within the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), which is responsible for monitoring and oversight of all 88 of Ohio's County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. Riverside had received a Four-Year Accreditation Award in November, with the option to apply for a bonus fifth year.

"After receiving the four-year award, we spent a significant amount of time gathering documentation and writing reports to demonstrate how we proactively strive to provide the highest level of service to the people we serve, their families, and our community," said Brian Green, Riverside's superintendent. "Achieving this additional year is an affirmation to our staff for their commitment to quality in all that they do to support our mission."

According to the DODD website, sur-

vey scores are directly associated with the accreditation terms. Higher scores earn longer accreditation award terms. A five-year award is the longest term a county board of DD can achieve.

Riverside Developmental Disabilities is Miami County's local board of developmental disabilities. Riverside's mission is to empower people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play as full members of our community. Riverside's vision is to build a community that supports and values people of all abilities. The organization provides services such as an adult day program, early intervention services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, recreational activities, Special Olympics programs, community housing, community employment, job training, transportation and other valuable services to people of all ages who have developmental disabilities. For more information about Riverside Developmental Disabilities, visit riversidedd.org.

Troy Rotary Club Welcomes New Member

Troy Rotary Club is pleased to welcome J. Andrew Wannemacher to its membership. He currently serves as the Court Administrator for the Miami County Juvenile/Probate Court in Troy. Wannemacher has practiced law locally since 1999 and is past president of the Miami County Bar Association. Prior to pursuing a full-time legal career, he worked in the trust department of a Dayton-area bank and as a construction project manager for

Wannemacher & Company in Troy.

A true civic leader, he serves as president of the Troy Rec board of directors, is vice president of the Troy Pop Rocks Parents Boosters and an active member of the board of direc-



tors of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce. Wannemacher holds an undergraduate degree from Miami University and a Juris Doctorate from The University of Toledo, College of Law. Troy Rotary welcomes new members throughout the year. To learn more about Rotary programs and membership, visit their Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org. You can also follow the Club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

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At one point in my career I assisted the Miami County Coroner as a Coroner's Investigator. During a police officer's career they are often tasked with investigating the cause of death of citizens within their jurisdiction. Along with the experience many non-deadly investigations are conducted as well.

Larger cities with Homicide Investigation Squads will investigate all homicides, suicides, natural deaths and felonious assault situations where the victim does not or has not died yet. The police do a full investigation separate from the investigation done by the County Coroner.

In the larger jurisdictions the Coroner hires full time investigators, often off duty or retired police officers. At the scene of the death it is the job of the Coroner to take possession of all personal property on the deceased. It is the job of the police to collect evidence. With this job often being hard to determine just who is going to take what, the Ohio Revised Code addresses the proper order of things.

ORC Section 313.11 is titled *Removal or disturbing of body or effects prohibited.*

(A) No person, with-

out an order from the coroner, deputy coroner or an investigator...shall purposely remove or disturb the body of any person who has died in the manner described in section 313.12, or purposely and without such an order disturb the clothing or any article upon or near such a body or any of the possessions that the coroner has a duty to store.

(B) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the offender attempted in good faith to rescue or administer life-preserving assistance...

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of unlawfully disturbing a body, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

A Fourth Degree Misdemeanor is 30 days in the County Jail plus a fine. Of course you are wondering what section 313.12 says constituting what situation protects the body. That section states "Notice to coroner of violent, suspicious, unusual or sudden death or any death of a mentally retarded or developmentally disabled person.

Before my good friends at Riverside School for the developmentally disabled persons get all upset with me. I know the term mentally retarded is no longer appropriate, but that is how it is worded in this particular section of the Ohio Revised Code.

So there you have it, as you were already informed by all the movies and books, nobody can touch the body until the coroner approves it.

At Home



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Spring Blues

Thursday, February 19-As below-zero air swirls around the house and white snow is frosted with yellow sunshine, clear blue sky reminds us of eight days ago.

As we sat in a warm truck in the sunshine Tuesday, the 11th, we watched three Eastern bluebirds forage along the wood's edge at George Roger Clark Park. Awestruck is the only word that now comes to mind. Not believing what our eyes saw, we came home to assure ourselves with a look-up in identification books.

Henry Thoreau once said the bird "carries the sky on its back". Plymouth Colony settlers called it the blue robin.

Only having seen the 'blue robin' in the summer, we felt sure these three were lost or confused or crazy for spring. However, the winter/summer range line for bluebirds draws across Ohio just about the same as Lower Valley Pike runs across Clark County.

Bluebirds are found abundant in cultural myths, literature and music. Everybody can hum the lyrics-Mr. Bluebird on My Shoulder from

the 1946 academy winning song, "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah". In 1934, the song Bluebird of Happiness by Harmati & Heyman became a best seller.

Remember the song The White Cliffs of Dover? The title actually begins with There'll Be Bluebirds Over. Irvin Berlin's song, Blue Sky, refers to the bird. Even the Beatles refer to the bluebird in the 1968 movie, Yellow Submarine.

From an 1886 story found in Hillsboro, Ohio, bluebirds came home to find a pair of wrens had cleaned house, pitching the bluebird's furniture out the front door. For over two weeks the male bluebird cleared away any sign of wren housing in the box.

Another Hillsboro story of 1887 found a three-story martin house occupied by not only martins but also bluebirds and sparrows.

All living amiably until one day the martins and bluebirds decided to evict the sparrows. Driving them into a neighbor's stand of oak trees seemed to solve the martin/bluebird takeover. However, a colony of blue jays lived in the oaks and were not about to accept renters. They drove the sparrows back across the fence and just to make sure they stayed put, the blue jays had it out with the martins and bluebirds.

Needless to say, the jays had their way and the sparrows were accepted begrudgingly back to the three-story condo.

Perrysburg, Ohio, had its own bluebird story in 1897. Again the birds built in a box they frequented each

year. Along came a pair of great crested flycatchers, promptly tearing out everything the bluebirds owned and installing flycatcher furniture. The bluebirds made a comeback and built again. A few days later, a pair of wrens threw out the blues and built. They stayed the course, the blues moving on.

Greenville, Ohio reported of a survey in 1915 taken by the Department of Agriculture with the department sending out instructions and work blanks to report with. How many birds were on a typical farm in these parts? Results showed that for each 100 robins there were about 90 English sparrows, 49 catbirds, 28 wrens, 37 brown thrashers, 27 kingbirds and 26 bluebirds.

Bulletin # 187 of the Department of Agriculture told about the bird census.

March, 1922 found this note in the Mt. Vernon, Ohio newspaper. "Sugar making is still with us. A number have made several gallons of molasses. This fact and the presence of robins and bluebirds tells us that spring is here."

More recently, Julie Zickefoose is author of The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds. The 2012 book includes 355 pages of anecdotes from bird behavior to bird watching and human/animal relationships.

Remember Blue Bird pies? The bakery was founded in Dayton, Ohio, in 1923. They were famous for their 4-inch pies sold in the baking tin. (In the early 1950s those little pies sold for a mere ten cents.) Tins

had a bluebird and bakery name embossed in them which later was changed to the capital double B. The letters were surrounded by five air holes to ensure the middle was baked.

Celebrate the return of bluebirds and spring. Bake a blueberry pie. Look forward to warmer days with sunshine on your shoulders and hum a little Zip-a-dee-doo-dah during March.

BLUEBERRY PIE

- 3 cups frozen blueberries,
- no sugar added
- Pastry for 2-crust pie
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1 ½ tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Thaw berries, pour juice into cup. Measure in enough water to make ½ cup liquid.

Place liquid with sugar, tapioca and cornstarch in small saucepan. Stir to dissolve. Heat over low heat until mixture is thick. Set aside to cool.

Add cooled thickened juice to berries and lemon juice. Mix well. Pour into pastry-lined 9-inch pie pan. If you have one with air holes all the better for thorough baking. Adjust top crust, seal and flute edges. Cut steam vents in top crust. Bake in 400 degree oven for about 30-45 minutes or until browned. Farm Journal pie hint: "For a brown undercrust, bake on lowest oven shelf." If browning too fast, lay piece of foil over top of pie.

Recipe source: Farm Journal's Complete Pie Cookbook, 1965.

Connie's pie hint: We have an old, very dark rimmed pizza pan which we bake pies on. The dark color helps with browning the bottom crust and the rim helps catch juice drips.

Rescue Me



Born on October 31 2014, Rocky is a gray, spayed female, domestic medium-haired cat.

Not a great deal is known about Rocky, as she is one of our "foundlings." But her foster reports she is a sweet kitty who loves to be petted and loved on.

Rocky gets along well with other cats, and doesn't seem to mind being around dogs - as long as they leave her

alone. Her favorite food is "Kibbles & Bits."

Rocky says she is sorry about the photo. It was her first day in for adoption, and she was having a bad day.

For more information on Rocky, or any of our other cats, kittens, dogs, or puppies: Please contact us at 937-450-1227 or via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.

Gardening Commentary from



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Lawn Care

It's the time of year when many of us are, or will be, receiving calls from lawn service companies who are soliciting for some of your hard earned dollars to provide several applications to your yard so you can have a picture perfect lawn. Some of these companies are using GPS technology to "look" at your property to calculate square footage for chemical application purposes. Sometimes they will razzle dazzle you with comments about pH, iron and other technical jargon. If and when a lawn service company suggests it is necessary to apply an application of lime to your

lawn this should be a clue that they may not know too much about how to care for lawns in this area. Most of our soils in the Miami Valley are alkaline, with a pH of near 7.0, due to the bedrock of limestone that underlies this entire area. Turf grass grows very well at this pH and below, we certainly do not want to make our soils any more alkaline by liming.

Many of our lawns do not need all the treatments that may be suggested. If you have a reasonably good lawn that only has a few weeds, there is no need to treat the entire yard with weed killers. One of the best ways to have a good lawn is to start with either bluegrass or tall fescue grasses and provide adequate fertilizer. When reasonably good lawns are fertilized adequately it is not necessary to use a lot of additional weed killers or crabgrass

control because the good grasses will crowd out the weeds. Many times it is only a few dandelions and other broadleaved weeds that could be taken care of with spot treatments. Crabgrass is a bigger problem if the turf is not thick enough to crowd it out. So the biggest objective is to thicken up your grass with a good fertilizer program. If you like to save money you can do that by taking charge of your lawn maintenance including applications of fertilizer. We are coming up on one of the most important fertilizations of the year. If you didn't fertilize your lawn last fall then it is very important that you make a fertilizer application before the end of this month. The turf food formula that you should consider is one that has a high first number like 20-5-10 or similar formula. It is best to use one that has a slow release nitrogen

(first number) to prevent loss due to leaching and also so it delivers the fertilizer over a longer period of time.

If you don't have the time or would rather be working on the rest of your landscape and you engage a lawn service company it is important that you to work with a reputable company and have them explain what they are going to do. Make sure it makes sense to you and avoid applying chemicals that are not needed. We all want to protect our environment and use the tools that are available wisely.

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Spring Cleaning In Your Financial Closet

Bring retirement assets under control by rolling over into an IRA

Spring cleaning season is upon us. Garage? Check. Basement? Check. Finances?

Do you have multiple retirement accounts? Often times when people switch jobs, open separate accounts or have accounts left to them, they stay separate and dispersed among companies, institutions or owners. You can clean up these disparate accounts by rolling over your older multiple retirement accounts into a single Individual Retirement Account (IRA) saving you time and possibly expense.

Current rules permit nearly every qualified retirement plan to be either transferred, or rolled over, to another qualified retirement plan. Note that there are exceptions and

rules when combining these various plans so make sure you involve a financial professional in your decision making. Common qualified retirement accounts that might be eligible for a roll-over include: 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plans. Should you meet a distribution event under these retirement plans, such as either leaving that employer to take another job or retiring, you can transfer or rollover your balance under that plan to either another employer sponsored qualified plan or an IRA on an income tax advantaged basis. Thrivent Financial offers the following basics for what you need to know about rolling over into an IRA.

An IRA is an individual account that provides you with income tax deferral

to help you save for retirement. There is what is referred to as a traditional IRA which accepts before tax contributions and grows income tax deferred until distributions are taken and then taxed. There is also a Roth IRA which accepts after income tax contributions which can grow income tax free if certain requirements are met. The growth of these two types of accounts isn't guaranteed and there are inherent risks with any investment.

An IRA rollover is the act of funding an IRA account with all assets being rolled over or transferred directly from an existing tax-qualified retirement account, a pension plan, a profit sharing plan, 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan or another IRA, typically,

without either tax penalty or income tax withholding, for continued tax-deferred growth. Special rules apply to distributions to and from designated Roth 401(k), Roth 403(b), Roth 457(b) and Roth IRA accounts, as Roth accounts can only be rolled into a Roth IRA.

An additional advantage of consolidating your retirement accounts into one IRA is that when it comes time for you to take a mandatory distribution from your IRA (which typically happens at age 70 ½ for most taxpayers) you need only make one annual calculation and one annual distribution. Multiple retirement plan accounts would necessitate multiple annual calculations and multiple annual distributions.

Yet, another consid-

eration to getting your retirement plans consolidated into one account is that it will make it easier for your loved ones to locate and handle your retirement account upon death. In taking this step you can help relieve some of the burden from them at a very difficult time.

You can find more information at www.thrivent.com/ira. Talk to your financial representative about specific questions and concerns.

While cleaning out the back corners of your basement, you should consider cleaning out your financial back corners too.

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE:

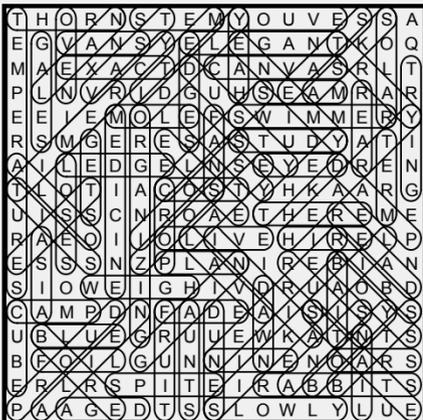
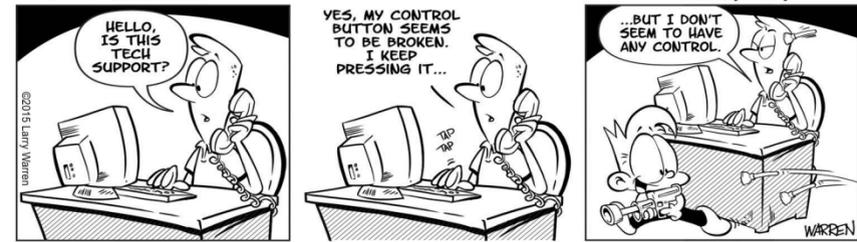
Famous Movie Quotes

- 9.) "I am completely operational, and all my circuits are functioning perfectly." Name the Sci-Fi Film.
 a. Starship Troopers
 b. Star Wars
 c. Forbidden Planet
 d. 2001-A Space Odyssey
- 10.) "I never really thought of myself as a freak, ya know...but I Love to Freak!" comes from which classic movie?
 a. Five Easy Pieces
 b. Easy Rider
 c. Bonnie and Clyde
 d. Chinatown
- 11.) "I'm single! I love being single! I haven't had this much sex since I was a Boy Scout leader!" is a quote from which famous comedy?
 a. Scary Movie
 b. Airplane
 c. Hot Shots
 d. Naked Gun
- 12.) "I'll have what she's having" is a famous line from which movie?
 a. When Harry Met Sally
 b. Moulin Rouge
 c. Taxi Driver
 d. All About Schmidt
- 13.) "I'm the King of the World" is a famous line from which blockbuster movie?
 a. Shawshank Redemption
 b. The Green Mile
 c. Shakespeare in Love
 d. Titanic
- 14.) "I've done some things in my life I'm not proud of, but this is the first time I've ever felt in real danger of hell". Name the movie.
 a. The Shawshank Redemption
 b. Road to Perdition
 c. Stand By Me
 d. The Green Mile
- 15.) "Let's all just put our guns down and settle this with a conversation" is a quote from the final scene of which movie?
 a. Reservoir Dogs
 b. The Godfather
 c. Pulp Fiction
 d. Taxi Drive

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA SOLUTIONS

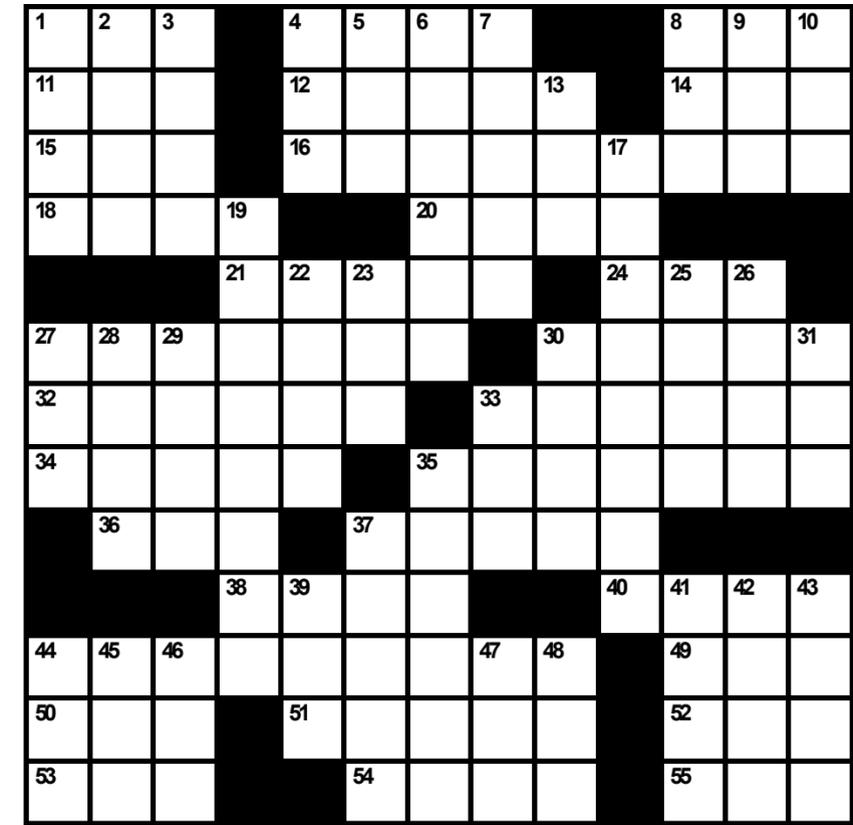
- 1.) Napoleon Dynamite -Napoleon Dynamite was released in 2004.
- 2.) 40 Year Old Virgin -40 Year Old Virgin was released in 2005.
- 3.) Steel Magnolias -Steel Magnolias was released in 1989.
- 4.) Gone With the Wind -Gone With the Wind was released in 1939.
- 5.) Rocky -Rocky was released in 1976.
- 6.) Caddyshack -Caddyshack was released in 1980.
- 7.) The Lord of the Rings -The first movie in the series was released in 2001.
- 8.) The Princess Bride -The Princess Bride was released in 1987.

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| 4. Painting style | 35. Mask slit | 3. Skirt style | 29. Colorless liqueur |
| 8. Ozone depleter, abbr. | 36. Undergo decay | 4. Amusing Aussie | 30. In ____ of (replacing) |
| 11. Composer Gershwin | 37. Small intestine section | 5. Kiwi walk-alike | 31. Not WSW |
| 12. Honor ____ thieves | 38. Shipshape | 6. Cocktails | 33. Letter |
| 14. U.N. arm | 40. Egg middle | 7. Commencement | 35. Wing covers |
| 15. Census datum | 44. It records walking steps | 8. 1991 alliance, abbr. | 37. Utopian |
| 16. Decks out | 49. Diminutive | 9. Winter bug | 39. Puck |
| 18. Heating device | 50. Grass part | 10. Rent-a-____ | 41. Has chits out |
| 20. Remote control button | 51. Analyze | 13. Martini ingredient | 42. To the left, prefix |
| 21. Bullion unit | 52. Adam's madam | 17. Motions to show musical beat | 43. Fall (over) |
| 24. Juice up the motor | 53. Pastoral place | 19. The words of an opera or musical play | 44. Sidekick |
| 27. Fears | 54. Race circuits | 22. Sweet nothings | 45. Member of the flock |
| 30. French school | 55. Costa del ____ | 23. In high spirits | 46. Law and Order investigation subject |
| 32. Most employee's pay basis | | 25. Canyon sound | 47. Heightened awareness |
| 33. Between | | 26. Hide | 48. An object, in law |

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1. Type of CPU (abbr.)

Last Week's Solutions

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Time In A Bottle - Raiders Last Call

By Jim Copes

Courage comes in many forms. Courage can be facing a bad diagnosis from the doctor. It can be facing the future alone. For some, the mere act of getting out of bed can be an act of courage.



David Thatcher

Courage was on display Saturday at the National Museum Of The United States Air Force in Dayton. In this case, courage came in the form of three frail old men who long ago faced their worst nightmare. They, along with a fourth who was too frail to travel, make up the survivors of an eighty-man crew of amazing men who volunteered to go on what was, in essence, a suicide mission.



Richard Cole

These eighty men became known as the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. They were named after their leader, Jimmy Doolittle. On Saturday there were only four men left out of eighty, who on April 18, 1942, flew off of the deck of the USS Hornet in sixteen B-25

bombers.

There were five men aboard each of these bombers. These bombers were new and untested, and they were most certainly not intended to be launched from an aircraft carrier, but launch them they did. Courage.



Edward Saylor

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, America was in a vulnerable position. With most of the Pacific fleet destroyed or badly damaged, America did not have the equipment to successfully attack Japan and then return to base. The mission of these 16 planes and their eighty crew members was to attack Tokyo and show the Japanese people that they were not out of reach from American retaliation.

Launching each airplane with only one-third the length of runway necessary for a normal take off required the planes be as light as possible. There was not enough fuel to come back to the ship, and even if there were enough fuel, the planes were not designed to land on a carrier. They were all on a one-way mission.

Bad weather and navigational errors caused great concern to the crews of the planes, but it actually helped the attack, as they Raiders came from different directions and totally confused the Japanese.

All of the planes successfully flew away under their own power after the raid, but eventually ran out of fuel. Bailing out at

night in total darkness, the crews did what they had to do to survive.

Two Raiders lost their lives when their airplane ditched off the coast of China. Eight Raiders were captured by the Japanese, and after a mock trial three of them were executed. Another died in prison. The other four Raiders spent forty months as prisoners of war. Following the Tokyo raid, the surviving Raiders found their way back into the war. Twelve more Raiders would be dead before the war ended.

In December 1946, General Doolittle and the surviving Raiders got together to celebrate General Doolittle's birthday. This became an annual gathering. In



The three attending Raiders drink the Cognac

1959, the city of Tucson, Arizona presented the Raiders with a set of silver goblets. There were eighty goblets. On each goblet was the name of a Raider. On one side, the name was printed upside down and on the



Five B-25's fly the Missing Man Formation in a flyover at the conclusion of the ceremony

other side it was printed normally. From that time on, whenever the Raiders got together to celebrate Jimmy Doolittle's birthday, they would drink from the goblets, and at the end of the event, they had a ritual where they would drink to any of the Raiders who had died

Jimmy Doolittle's birth year and it honored Doolittle's 60th birthday. The real bottle of cognac was kept by different Raiders over the years, while a dummy bottle of cognac was kept on display with the silver goblets. It was Jimmy Doolittle's request that the real bottle of cognac be preserved until there were only two remaining Raiders. At that time, he wanted the two to open the bottle and drink a toast to all of the men who had gone before them.

All of this brings the story to Saturday. In October 2012, it was decided by the four remaining Raiders that rather than gambling on waiting for the last two, they would set a date for the final toast. That date was November 9, 2013. The four surviving Raiders were Lt. Col. Richard Cole, 98; Lt. Col. Edward Saylor, 93; and Staff Sgt. David Thatcher, 92. A fourth survivor, Lt. Col. Robert Hite, 93, could not attend

because of health problems.

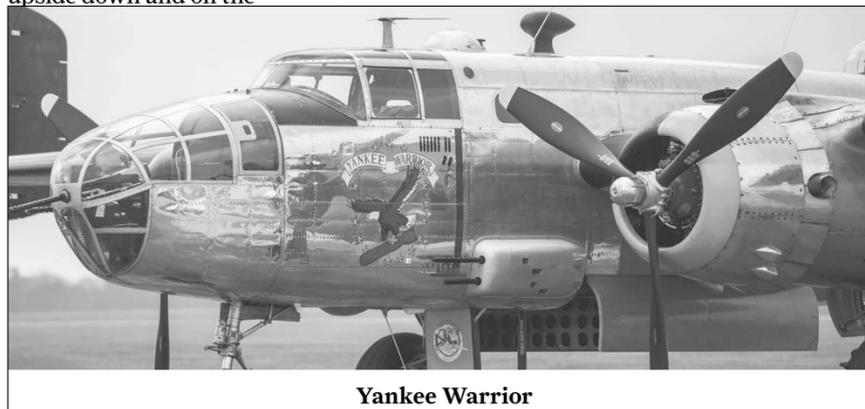
When the names of all of the Raiders were called out, each man present called out, "Here!" After that came the opening of the very old bottle of cognac. With a little difficulty, Richard Cole opened the bottle. The cognac was poured into the silver cups of the three men, and they toasted their fallen comrades, as they had done for so many years. "May they rest in peace," Cole said.

The audience was visibly moved, as they knew that this would be the last gathering of the Doolittle Raiders, and that they had just witnessed history, the end of an era.

The Doolittle Raiders took the entire ceremony in stride. Typical of World War II veterans, they chose not to think or talk about themselves. Instead, they thanked the people who had come for honoring them.

So despite the wishes of the last four Raiders, a grateful nation raises a glass to you, Doolittle Raiders. To your unselfish love of country. To the sacrifices that you made. We raise our glass to you in appreciation for all you have done and for what you have shown us. Courage.

At the end of the ceremony, Taps was played. There was hardly a dry eye in the place. That is as it should be. After all, this was the last call.



Yankee Warrior

Fish & Wildlife Focus of Rotary Meeting

The phrase "Gone fishing" has a special meaning to Donnie Knight (pictured) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Newark Office of Private Lands Division. He shared information on the programs and projects that private landowners across Ohio can use to improve wildlife and fish on their properties during Troy Rotary's weekly meeting on March 3, 2015.



Knight's duties are to help administer the Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program, which includes a focus on restoring or building wetlands and other ecosystems. Doing so promotes the return of many endangered or threatened species of fish, birds and animals, such as the Indiana and Long-Eared Bats, Kirtland's Warbler (bird), Eastern Massasauga (small rattlesnake), and the Snuffbox Mussel (indigenous to Miami County). Wholly voluntary, the Partners Program projects can take months, or years, to complete. Knight advises, designs, constructs and monitors projects on behalf of the landowners.

Another project that he is very involved with is the Monarch Joint Venture. This creates habitats to promote the pollination of the Mon-

arch butterfly. Once one of the most prolific butterfly in North America, the Monarch has seen 90 percent of its population destroyed, eaten or killed off by climate change, urban sprawl, deforestation, migration predation and pesticides. Restoring the Monarch population is key to restoring wildflower and plant populations to regain a natural balance in the environment.

Outdoor appreciation is a hobby for some and big business for others in the United States. In 2011, more than 33 million people spend nearly \$42 billion on fishing-related expenditures. During that same year, almost 47 million people were bird watchers and nearly 72 million people reported that they actively watched some form of wildlife.

For more information on the programs supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visit www.fws.gov.

Troy Rotarians are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio-economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

Ohio Sues BP for \$33 Million

Alleges BP "Double Dipped" from State Fund and Insurers

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and the Ohio Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board announced a lawsuit against BP Inc. for wrongfully obtaining more than \$33.3 million in reimbursement to clean up leaks from BP-owned underground storage tanks in Ohio.

The state alleges that BP knowingly "double dipped" — taking money both from the Petroleum Board and from insurers — to cover the cost of correcting accidental leaks from underground storage tanks at hundreds of BP gas stations throughout Ohio.

In Ohio, the Petroleum Board administers a fund called the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund to ensure that accidental leaks from underground storage tanks can be cleaned up. Money for the fund comes from fees paid by the owners of underground storage tanks, such as gas station owners.

The fund is considered a financial resource of last resort, and underground storage tank owners can only accept money from the fund if they do not have coverage or accept money from any other sources, such as their insurance companies.

According to the state's lawsuit, BP wrongfully obtained \$33.3 million in reimbursements from the fund after submitting its applications to the Petro-

leum Board, claiming it had no insurance for the leaks when it actually had layers of insurance and often accepted insurance money for the same releases.

"Our lawsuit alleges that BP knowingly and intentionally took more than \$33 million that it was not eligible to accept," Attorney General DeWine said. "BP has to follow the same rules as other businesses, and can't engage in misconduct without consequence."

According to the state's complaint, filed in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, BP has submitted 2,651 claim applications to the Petroleum Board for reimbursement from the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund for specific releases at Ohio sites. The Petroleum Board has reimbursed BP \$33,360,455.61 for corrective action costs submitted in these claim applications.

An additional 905 claim applications with a value of approximately \$22,281,926.28 are pending review and settlement.

The state accuses BP of numerous violations of Ohio law. Specific counts include subrogation, indemnification, breach of contract, unjust enrichment, negligent misrepresentation, and conversion.

In the lawsuit, the state seeks a judgment against BP, restitution and disgorgement of money disbursed to BP from the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund, and damages.

The Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund was established in 1989 to address the environmental implications associated with releases from underground storage tanks.

A copy of the lawsuit is available on the Ohio Attorney General's website.

Carly's Dying Wish Granted

By Sarah Anne Carter

A local girl who lost her battle with cancer in May has had her dying wish fulfilled.

Carly Tomlinson, who went to Northwestern, wanted to raise money to buy a blanket warmer for Dayton. She made her wish known to her parents a few days before her death.

"She would get very cold and her teeth would chatter no matter how many blankets we put on her," said Jeannie Tomlinson, Carly's mother. "She told Dr. Dole that when she came back, she would raise money for a blanket warmer. She never came back — she passed away."

Dr. Mukund Dole was one of Carly's doctors at Dayton Children's Hospital.

"Thank you," Dr. Dole said to Jeannie, who presented the hospital with a check for \$5,000. "You are very considerate and caring. You've done a lot more than you needed to do."

Jeannie and her husband, Mark, raised \$2,500 through donations and fundraisers through what they called Carly's Gift of Love and then contributed \$2,500 themselves.



"She wanted to do this for other kids," Jeannie said of her daughter. "She knew what they were going through. She always wanted to do things for someone else."

Carly was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 11 and the chemotherapy treatment was

hard on her body. She had seizure and hip and spine necrosis, which resulted in her spending several years in a wheelchair. She eventually went into remission and could walk on her own, but was diagnosed in November 2013 with a secondary form of leukemia that was a result of the first round of chemotherapy.

Dayton Children's only had one blanket warmer and it, and the blankets that go in it, stay at the NICU to avoid cross-contamination.

The warmer will have a memorial plaque on it to remember Carly.

"Each year Dayton Children's has more than 60 children who are diagnosed with cancer," a letter from the hospital said to approve the fundraiser for the blanket warmer. "Hundreds more are in active treatment and must endure chemotherapy treatments, lumbar punctures, blood transfusions, surgeries and other tests and procedures. Keeping them comfortable is a high priority."

Several staff members and family friends came with the Tomlinsons to present the check, including Robyn Fell and Suzanne Shelpman. "This is something so

small, but necessary," Fell said about the blanket warmer. "It's definitely a need."

Shelpman works as an advocate in the childhood cancer network in Kettering. According to her, a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes and out of those children, one out of every five die within the first five years after being diagnosed.

Jeannie hopes to turn Carly's Gift of Love into a non-profit group that can match children undergoing cancer treatment with pets that need to be adopted.

"Carly's cats and dogs helped her when she couldn't get out of bed," Jeannie said.

Some people and organizations that helped make Carly's wish come true were Rob Derash, Angel Phillips Faulk, Janette Dolan, Vicki Dersk, Cynthia Schofield, Caryn Greenburg, Kayle Massy, Deb Korab, O'Connors Irish Pub, Reed family, Northwestern Local School District, Sweet Eats Bake Shop and McRay's Printing.

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