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Three Arraigned for Robberies



Danny Pearson



Jeremy Miller



Justin Higbee

By Nancy Bowman

Three men indicted on robbery charges in a credit union hold up and theft from a pizza delivery-man pleaded not guilty during arraignments Dec. 30 in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Half brothers Justin Higbee, 34, of Troy and Jeremy Miller, 32, of Huber Heights are charged in the Dec. 4 robbery of the Abbey Credit Union on Wayne Street.

Danny Pearson, 47, of Troy was indicted in the Oct. 21 robbery of a Dominos Pizza driver.

Higbee is charged with aggravated robbery and Miller with complicity to aggravated robbery in the credit union robbery.

Business employees told police a man in a black hooded sweatshirt and hat came in with a white paper bag and a note saying he had a gun and wanted money. A gun was not shown.

After leaving the bank, the man headed on foot toward Crescent Drive. A witness said he was seen getting into a brown Honda Civic, driven by a second man.

Police said people who saw the photo from a bank camera on social media identified Higbee.

Both men were apprehended later the same day, Higbee in Butler Twp. and Miller in Huber Heights.

Judge Jeannine Pratt continued bail of \$500,000 each for the men at the arraignments. Pretrial hearings are scheduled Monday, Jan. 11.

Pearson’s bail was set at \$25,000.

He is accused of robbing a pizza deliveryman of \$20 and a pizza when the delivery driver went to a West Franklin Street house. The driver told police he saw a man

come around the house as he approached. The man showed him what the driver believed to be a gun and asked for all of his money.

The driver said he complied and started to back away when the robber asked for one of the pizzas, too.

Police reported the call for the pizza was made on Pearson’s phone. When they went to the house where they were told Pearson was staying, police said they found pizza in the refrigerator and the empty box in the trash. Pearson told investigators he did not have a gun, but instead placed a stick in the waistband of his pants to make it appear there was a gun, according to reports.

Pearson’s pretrial hearing also is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 11.

Troy Chamber Connection Center

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Since last summer, the Troy Chamber of Commerce and the City of Troy have undertaken an exciting new endeavor as they participate in Frontier Communications’ America’s Best Community Contest. The contest is open to cities around the United States and takes into account the unique variety of resources, people, and businesses available in each community. In an effort to highlight this and make more information available to members of the community as Troy pursues greater goals in 2016, a Connection Center on the city square is open three days a week as the headquarters and information hub for the competition campaign.

According to JC Wallace from the Troy Development Council, the theme that has surfaced as a result of Troy’s participation in this competition is Becoming a Connected Community. “The Connection Center has become more than a campaign headquarters,” Wallace said. “People have a place to come and be a part of the bigger picture. This has really been a great



(L to R) J. C. Wallace, Mayor Michael Beamish and Ed Westmeyer

project for us.”

In the first year, the city has been selected as a quarter finalist, one of Frontier’s 50 best communities in America. This has included a \$50,000 stipend for community development in Troy. On January 14, the city will have an open house at the connection center even as they find out if Troy has achieved the next level as a semi-finalist. This level will include an additional \$100,000 in funds.

The Troy Foundation, Troy City Schools, Troy Main Street, and the Troy Development Council have been actively working together with the Troy Chamber and the City of Troy to promote the projects

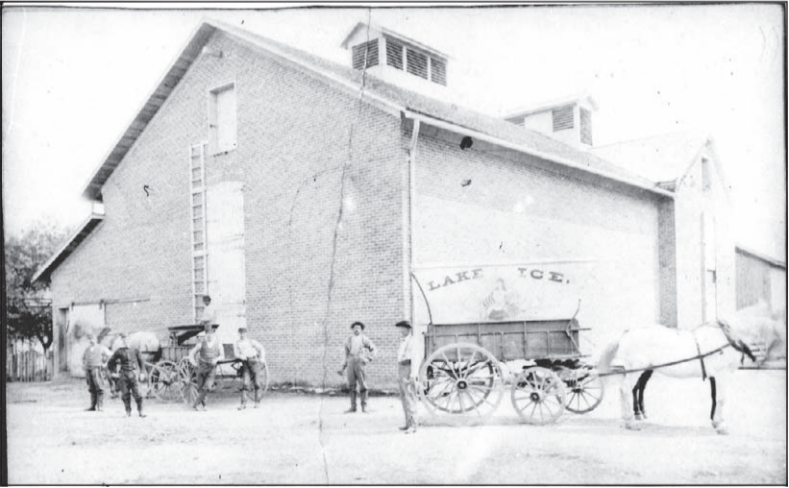
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Remembering the Icemen: A Winter Story

By Judy Deeter, Troy Historical Society

Down through Troy’s 200-year history, many businesses have come and gone. One of the most interesting of the long-gone businesses is the wintertime cutting and selling of ice from local waterways. For decades, ice “harvested” in Troy was sold and used in towns both near and far away. This was an important business in the days before the invention of the modern refrigerator and freezer for the cold storage of food.

The business of cutting and selling ice to distant markets is believed to have started in the late 1830s or early 1840s, after the opening of the Miami and Erie Canal in Troy in 1837. Prior to that time, there was not a good way to get the ice to markets in other states. (Ice was probably cut for local use prior to that time.) In his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY Troy historian Thomas Bemis Wheeler wrote, “With the coming of the Canal Troy became a center for the cutting, storing and shipping of ice. E.B. Scott of Cincinnati built two ice storage houses on the Culbertson and Dye millpond



(near today’s Dye Mill Road) and another one on the canal where the two bodies of water come close together.” Over time, other businessmen used a variety of buildings/warehouses in Troy to store ice before shipping it to other places.

Descriptions about how the Troy ice warehouses were built have not been located. Stories of ice warehouses in other parts of the United States indicate that during winter, ice and snow were put into buildings with sawdust or straw used to insulate the ice. Ice packed with such in-

sulation material could keep ice from melting even into the summer months. Some warehouses may have been built with part of the building underground, which also helped keep ice frozen.

The year 1847 is remembered as being a very good year for the harvesting of Troy ice. Wheeler says in his book that E.B. Scott from Cincinnati had 25 men harvesting ice with “labor-saving machinery.” Local ice was 18 inches thick that year. By the end of February 1847, “Scott had 70 canal boat loads of ice await-

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County Introduces Maintenance Manager

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County’s commissioners last week welcomed Jim Wilson, the county’s new maintenance manager who’ll oversee the daily work of the maintenance staff.

Wilson comes to the county with experience in areas such as project management, maintenance supervision and customer service.

He will work under Chris Johnson, county director of operations and facilities. The commissioners OK’d Wilson’s hiring earlier in December and talked with him briefly during Johnson’s Dec. 30 work session with them.

Wilson said he was experiencing his sixth day on the job.

“I keep telling him it’s a large system. It is a full year learning curve, if not more,” Johnson said. “I keep telling him to take it all in, keep evaluating and looking and we’ll talk in a few weeks about efficiencies he may be able to add.”

Wilson said the operation is “huge” with a lot of people. Johnson has been a great mentor, he said, adding he looked forward to serving the people of the county.

“The 800 employees are my 800 customers,” he said.

Commissioner John “Bud” O’Brien cautioned Wilson that once he thinks he knows what all is going on, something new will come up.

The commissioners said the hir-

ing of Wilson did not involve adding a position in the department. A shift of personnel and an employee’s departure allowed for the maintenance manager position to be created.

“As you heard him say, he will be doing the managing, working with customers,” Commissioner President Jack Evans said.

Wilson will take over some responsibilities to allow Johnson to spend more time on detailed asset management, planning, preventive maintenance and procurement, said Leigh Williams, the commission’s clerk/administrator.

Johnson also gave commissioners a brief wrap up of county projects at year’s end, including completing painting and carpet installation in areas of the Safety Building.

Among projects in the final stages is the west side work on the Hobart Center for County Government following removal of the pedestrian bridge that linked the building to the now razed Hobart Brothers Manufacturing Plant. The plant was demolished last year.

The final piece of the project will be a sign identifying the building. The commissioners will review possible sign designs. O’Brien said he would prefer the sign reflect the building’s art deco design.

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Rape Suspect’s Bail Set at \$1.5 Million

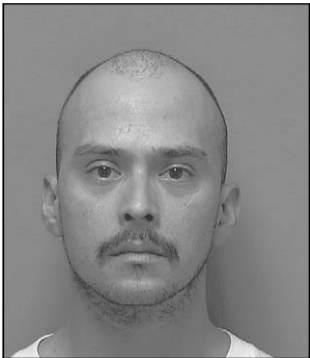
By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County judge denied a request for lower bail made by a Troy man facing three felony counts of rape involving a person under age 13. Michael Slagle, 35, is accused of engaging in sexual conduct with a minor between June 1 and Aug. 21. He is being held in lieu of \$1.5 million bail. He pleaded not guilty during arraignment Dec. 30 in Common Pleas Court.

Judge Jeannine Pratt was asked by Slagle’s lawyer, Nicole Rutter of Dayton, to set a “reasonable” bond for Slagle.

Rutter said his family members and an employer were in court to support him and that the employer had a job waiting for Slagle, an ironworker, if he were released.

Paul Watkins, assistant county prosecutor, argued bonds of \$500,000 on each count should be continued because of the rape charges. Pratt continued the bail, totaling \$1.5 million. She pointed to the nature of the charges against Slagle and added she lacked information on any circumstances that would factor into lowering bail.



Michael Slagle

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Officials sworn in

Troy officials elected in 2015 were officially sworn in during a ceremony Dec. 30 at City Hall. Mayor Mike Beamish received the oath of office for his fourth term as mayor. He won the Republican primary with Patty Rose in May. Also sworn in were members of city council. Only one – Doug Tremblay in the 2nd Ward – faced opposition in 2015. There is one new council member, John Terwilliger, who ran unopposed for the at large council seat created with Alan Clark’s retirement from council. The city also welcomed Grant Ker-

ber back as city law director and swore in new auditor John Frigge. They also ran unopposed. Council’s first meeting of 2016 was held Monday.

County OKs annexations

The Miami County commissioners approved two annexation requests filed by the city of Troy including the 117.27-acre Huelskamp Farm adjacent to Paul G. Duke Park Dec. 29. The city purchased the farm property in Staunton Twp. earlier this year for park expansion. The commissioner also approved the annexation of 4.867 acres from Con-

cord Twp. to the city. The property is located north of city’s Treasure Island along the Great Miami River.

Man faces sex allegations

A Troy man is jailed on \$100,000 bail on 10 felony charges of gross sexual imposition. Brian Clem, 56, was arraigned last week in Miami County Municipal Court. He is accused of engaging in illegal sexual contact between January and March in Troy. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 5 in municipal court.

Staunton Township Trustees Appoint Cron to Open Seat

By Bonnie L. McHenry

Staunton Township Trustees Bill Gearhart and Levi Long nominated and approved the appointment of Jeff Cron to the open seat on the Board of Trustees at their January 4 meeting. Cron lost the seat that he has held for the last 30 years at the end of 2015 because the Miami County Board of Elections rejected his application to run for re-election in November when his form was missing a date. No one completed the necessary paperwork to run as a write-in candidate, which left the position vacant as of the end of the year. According to Gearhart, “Cron has

served the community faithfully for the last 30 years, providing snow removal, salt distribution, and mowing services to the township. In addition, he has used his own farm equipment at no cost to the community to provide whatever services the township needed to provide services to residents.” Cron will complete a two-year term for the township at which time he will be eligible for re-election. In other business, Deputy Ethan Ennis provided the trustees with an update for their area. According to Ennis, the Sheriff’s Department has responded to 70 calls

from the township in the past 30 days. The calls include 25 traffic stops and five arrests. Over a third of the calls were for traffic related incidents, followed by calls for emergency medical services. None of the calls was for burglaries or thefts in the township. In other business, the trustees nominated officers for 2016. Gearhart will serve the township as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Cron will serve as Vice-Chairperson. The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for January 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

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By Nancy Bowman

The completion of the first e-Recording of a deed transfer/conveyance through the Miami County Recorder’s Office in late 2015 wasn’t a flashy event, but a key advancement in the e-Recording process.

The recorder’s office worked with Evans Tile Agency in Tipp City to carry out the transfer.

“We are the first county in this area that is doing the full service electronic recording,” said Tim Evans, president and CEO of Evans Tile. He said the electronic deed transfer and recording could be done using a scanner, Internet connection and an e-Recording vendor.

Jessica Lopez, county recorder, said the e-Recording process was initiated following visits to other counties that had initiated e-Recording.

The use of the process has made a difference not only in office workflow but also for those submitting documents for recording and those using the office in search of information, she said.

The purchase of land records software allows the office to digitize and archive each document submitted either in paper form or electronically. The system first was used for about a year for documents before the next step involving the deed/transfer, which requires involvement by other county offices.

Lopez said the office deals with several e-Recording vendors who pro-

vide a portal so companies can submit documents electronically that previously were hand delivered or sent by certified mail or courier service.

“We take each document (as it arrives) and treat it the same as a paper document walked in,” Lopez said. That would include opening the document to make sure it meets standards for recording and other requirements. The e-vendor receives a message back with the fee amount along with the recording date/time and a unique document number.

“It saved the submitter the worry of, ‘Did it get lost in the mail?’ and the cost associated with certified mail or courier system. On the county side, we have the benefit of not having to open the envelope, take it out, scan the document, a lot of physical handling,” Lopez said.

The office handles up to 30,000 documents a year, she said adding paper also is saved and everyone who needs a copy has one.

“My intention with the process was to make things more efficient, more economical and more streamlined,” she said. The walk in of document also continues.

The next step in the e-Recording was finalized in the fall with addition of more county offices to the recorder’s electronic process. The addition of the county engineer (map department) and auditor’s offices provided

the ties needed to add e-Recording to complete the process of transferring ownership and recording of a deed and mortgage.

Some documents including the deeds need to have legal descriptions checked by the map department and go through a transfer at the auditor’s office before the final recording. Software to accommodate the conveyance was added for around \$3,500.

“The engineer and auditor jumped on board and have become a part of the process,” Lopez said.

That process was added around the time new regulations involving the property closing process went into effect through the federal Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. The regulations designed to protect consumers from bad lending include requirements for document submission for recording within three days of a closing.

“A lot of local title companies and banks have a personal representative. They have that value added service, but for those who don’t, we don’t want to put people put in the position of being fined or penalized,” Lopez said.

Evans said the e-Recording also leaves a good electronic trail of documents that are easier to store. His company does business primarily in a 15-county area from Allen to Butler. “We are excited about it. It is a big step forward,” Evans said.

Recorder’s Office Goes Electronic

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	Lytle Rd	12/29/15		\$0	Earhart Leasing Co	Earhart Brothers Leasing
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Eagles Fall Twice In Holiday Tourney

By Jim Dabbelt

After an even third quarter, the Troy Christian boys’ basketball team watched Lehman outscore them 11–4 over the final three minutes of the game, as the Eagles lost in the opening game of the Buckeye Insurance Holiday Tournament held last week at Piqua High School 58–49.

The Eagles came back on the second night and was defeated 48–41 by the Covington Buccs.

Against Lehman, the Eagles fell behind quickly as they struggled with turnovers early in the game, forcing coach Ray Zawadzki to use an early timeout trailing 5–0. Luke Dillahunt finally ended the drought, and when Ian Anderson connected on a pair of free throws with 4:11 left in the opening period, the Eagles only trailed 7–4.

Lehman continued to pressure the Eagles and led 11–7 when Troy Christian warmed

up from the perimeter. Chase Hayden connected on a three with two minutes left in the period, then 30 seconds later, Hayden Hartman did the same, giving the Eagles the 13–11 lead.

Troy Christian used the first four minutes to establish a lead, as Hayden and Dillahunt pushed the lead to 20–12 just two minutes into the second period, and when Hartman connected on a three with just over five minutes left in the half, the Eagles were leading 25–14.

A 5–0 run by Lehman closed the gap to six before Jacob Brown stopped the bleeding with two free throws with 1:42 left in the half. A layup from Hayden in the closing seconds sent Troy Christian into the locker room with a 29–20 advantage at the half.

Lehman took over in the third period, and before the Eagles knew what hit them,

the game was tied at 32.

Lehman then took a lead before Brown scored on a three–point play to give the Eagles a 35–34 lead with 25 seconds left in the third. Hayden closed the scoring for Troy Christian in the last second when a driving layup, and the game went to the fourth tied at 37.

Lehman took the lead right away in the fourth, and never lost it. The closest the Eagles could get was 42–41 with 4:10 left in the game on a score from Anderson, but the Cavs controlled the rest of the way.

James Anderson led the Eagles in scoring with 15 points, while Hayden added ten.

*Against Covington, the Eagles tried to charge back and get this win, but fell short 48–41 to the Buccs. Anderson again led Troy Christian with 14 points.

Troy Finishes Fifth At Invitational

By Jim Dabbelt

Several Troy wrestlers competed well at their host Troy Invitational last weekend, as the Trojans scored a team total of 160 points, placing them fifth overall at the event. They finished 10 points ahead of county foe Miami East.

At 106, Brandon Lewis opened with a pin over Miami East’s Cole Taylor in 2:39, and cruised past Newark’s Albert Ross in round two, with a pin in 47 seconds. Lewis came back in the third round and had a 12–4 major decision over Maxwell Perrino (St. Xavier). Lewis then fell 18–1 to Tyler Bauer of Wayne Trace before advancing to the third–place match, where he defeated Brian Chmielewski of Coldwater in 1:59.

Ben Andrews lost his first match at 113, as the Troy grappler fell to Ethin Hoffman of Arcanum in 5:35. Andrews then fell short in his second match, losing to Graham Shore of Miami East in 1:17. In the third round, Andrews had an 11–2 decision over James Krusinski of St. Xavier, before being defeated by Simon Kaiser of Covington in 1:30. Andrews placed seventh overall with a pin over Austin Smith of Wayne Trace in 2:03.

Shane Love at 126 finished fifth overall with a 2–1 decision over Kyle Sigler of Coldwater in the placer round. To get there, Love lost his opening match, but

came back to pin Cole Clyne of Wayne, and fought through a tough 3–2 overtime win over Riley Richards of Covington. Love then fell 24–3 to Ruger Goeltzenleuchter of Wayne Trace.

At 132, Kobe Scott pinned his opening two opponents, and recorded a 19–4 technical fall against Parker Dysinger of Covington to head into the fifth round unbeaten. He had a 2–1 win against Jay Uhlenhake of Coldwater to advance to the championship round, where he fell short in 49 seconds to George Clemens of Wayne Trace. His second place finish was the highest place for the Trojans on the day.

At 138, Frankie Hoening lost his opener before coming back with a 14–7 win against Dylan Burns of Arcanum, but lost in round three to Wyatt Stabler of Wayne Trace 11–6. Hoening recovered to pin Brayden Price of Greenville in 2:32, and fought for seventh, falling to Andrew Harmon of Miami East in 1:32 to finish eighth.

Michael McBride lost his first two matches at 145 for Troy, before gaining a forfeit win in round three. At 152, Shane Shoop finished third overall with a tough 6–5 victory in the final round against Gage DeHart of Covington. Shoop was 3–1 on the day heading into the final round.

Weighing in at 160 for Troy was Dako-

ta Hamman, who lost his opener in 2:59 to Soloman Miller of Northmont, but bounced back to knock off Alex Seery of Wayne in 43 seconds. Grant Kaiser of Coldwater then knocked off Hamman via a second round pin.

At 170, Blake Burton lost his opener to Matthew Welker of Miami East in 2:16, then lost in round two in 1:04 to Andrew Meyer of Coldwater. He suffered his third loss to Bryan Heyward of Northmont in 2:21.

Davin Snyder of Troy won his opening match at 182, defeating Brandon Laney of Wayne Trace 12–9, then battled another close match, defeating Levi McKee of Newark 11–9. Snyder suffered an 8–4 defeat in his third match of the day, and headed into the placer round where he finished fifth overall with a 12–7 win against Laney.

At 195, Will Brumfield lost his opening three matches, and wrestled for seventh place, falling short in 2:37 to Savonne Cvetnic. Christian Nation lost his opening two matches at 220 for Troy, but earned a pin in 2:47 in the third round against Tyler Courtright of Milton Union.

At 285, it was a sixth place finish for Kameron Block, falling to Carl Lankford of Covington in the final match. Block was 1–3 headed into the final match.

Big Third Period Helps Troy Earn Victory

By Jim Dabbelt

After both Troy and Beavercreek battled through the first two periods, the Trojans made a statement in the final period, scoring four goals en route to an 8–3 victory over the Beavers in the opening round of the Miami Valley Freeze hockey tournament held at Hobart Arena last weekend.

In the win, Troy Moore completed the hat trick with a pair of goals in the opening period, as the Trojans earned four and a half points in the opening game of their host event.

In this event, teams earn a point for each period won, a half for each period tied, and two points for each game won. Troy won the first and third periods, and tied the second.

“We knew we had to win the third period and win it outright,” said Troy coach Phill Noll. “It was a good win, we tied Beavercreek 3–3 last week, so for us to turn around and win today was something we were looking forward to.”

Troy scored to open the game when Moore found the net from the right side with 12:36 left in the opening period, with assists coming from Caleb Salazar and John Wehrkamp to give the Trojans a quick 1–0

lead.

The Trojans maintained their lead through the period until the three minute mark, when Nick Martin scored off the assists from Ethan Green and PJ Kosirm tying the game at one.

As the final seconds ticked down in the period, the Trojans went to work. Moore took a pass from AJ Noll who tapped it past the Beavercreek goalie. The other assist on the play went to Prestyn Hoefler, and the Trojans earned the point for the first period taking a 2–1 lead.

Only 29 seconds into the second, Beavercreek tied the game at two when Jonnie Ives shot past Caleb Mangas to even the game. Midway through the period, Troy capitalized on a power play goal as Noll scored with the assist going to Nate Uhlenbrock, and with 8:56 left in the second period, Troy led 3–2.

After the Beavers tied the game again four minutes later, Troy took the lead heading to the third when Uhlenbrock scored on a 5–on–3 power play goal, with assists going to Hoefler and Moore, as Troy took a 4–3 lead into the intermission.

Then came the fateful third period for

Beavercreek.

Troy scored all four of their goals in the final 4:38. Noll scored at that point with assists from Hoefler and Wehrkamp, and just over a minute later, Moore completed his hat trick with his third goal on assists from Tyler Hess and Michael Hess.

Hoefler made it 7–3 at the 1:58 mark when he scored off a pass from Uhlenbrock, and the Trojans capped their scoring with 1:13 left when Salazar scored on a wrister from 30 feet out, giving the Trojans the needed win.

“We had to move some people around today, such as Moore who has been a defender,” Noll said. “We had to move him up to the offense and he scored three goals today, and three in our last game.”

“We did a nice job moving the puck, and the guys were where they need to be.”

“Troy also defeated Northern Kentucky 6–4 in their first meeting of the tournament, then the two teams came back and played again, with the NK team defeating Troy 5–3.

In that game, Noll became the all–time points leader at Troy with 179 for his career.

Sports Notes:

Eagles Place Seventh At GMWVA

The Troy Christian wrestling team finished seventh overall in Division 2–3 at the GMVVA invitational last week at the Nutter Center.

Jacob Edwards finished fourth overall at 106 pounds, falling in the third–place match to Christian Wayt of West Branch.

Also placing third was Michael Sergeant at 120, as he also lost in the third–place match to Ryan Moore of Walton–Verona 5–1.

Placing eighth was Drew Whaley, as he lost at 113 in the seventh–place match 11–4 to Dillon Cook of Swanton.

Troy Christian is back in action at Carroll tomorrow night.

Troy Girls Basketball– A fast start for the Troy girls’ basketball team sent them onto an easy 51–15 rout of Piqua last week, in the Trojans’ only game of the week.

Troy led 16–2 after the opening period, and increased it to 26–8 at the half.

Bailey Hess scored 24 points for the Trojans in the win, as she added five rebounds and three steals.

Kayla Niswonger added nine points off the bench, with six steals.

Troy travels to Trotwood tonight, then heads to Butler on Saturday for a key league showdown.

Troy Girls Varsity Volleyball Team Named Premier Health Team of the Month



The Troy High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Basketball Team has been named the Premier Health/UMVC Sports Medicine Team of the Month.

The team finished the regular season undefeated, with a record 22–0. This was the first time in school history a volleyball team went undefeated. In addition, the team was the GWOC North Division Champion for the 4th consecutive season, also a school record. The girls won the final GWOC tournament by defeating Beavercreek 3–1.

Their regular season success culminated in the team receiving the overall #1 seed in the Dayton OHSAA bracket. They finished their season with a district runner–up trophy, ending the season with a record of 24–1.

All three senior team members were GWOC scholar athletes, and the team GPA was a 3.75, which will allow them to receive both the AVCA and OHSVCA academic team awards later this school year.

The team is comprised of Katie Demeo, Lauren Freed, Victoria Holland, Katie Jackson, Kaylie Marshall, Camryn Moeller, Payton Riley, Miranda Silcott, Drezanee Smith, and Dana Wynkoop. Head coach is Michelle Owen assisted by Jeff Owen, Penny Noble, and Celia Moser.

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Columns & Opinion

Gardening Commentary

from MVG

Winter Chores

Winter is finally here and we have several weeks to get some things completed before we get into the spring season. Dormant seed-ing- There are only two really good times to plant grass seed during the year. The best time is the August / September period. The next best time is right now. If you have thin or bare spots in the yard that you would like to look better you have the next 4 to 6 weeks to take advantage of the freezing and thawing that occurs at this time of the year. This freezing and thawing helps the seed get in good contact with the soil. Seed contact with the soil is essential for germination which will take place as soon as the soil warms later in spring. Crabgrass control will need to be used to prevent this weed from taking over the new grass seedlings in June. The crabgrass preventer MUST be the type that will allow the good grass seed to grow. This “preventer” is the one with the “brain” and will cost more than the regular crab-grass control.

If you haven’t pruned your fruit trees and berries this is a good time to do that. If you need some information Google ‘pruning’, and the name of whatever plant you’re getting ready to work on. What about your lawn mower, have you changed the oil and spark plug, cleaned the air filter and sharpened the blade? If you need to get your mower into the shop it’s a good time to do that before everyone who waits until the last minute. If you wait too long this can cause a delay in getting your mower back and a little late for that first cut when the grass is growing like crazy in early spring.

This time of the year is when we can get more information about some of the basics in gardening or just learn about fun stuff. Keep an eye open for seminars and work-shops offered by local nurser-ies/garden centers or the county extension offices in the area. These sessions are very informa-tive and many times entertain-ing. Subjects that cover some of the new gardening interests like “vertical gardening”, “miniature or fairy gardens” or “gardening with succulents” are some of the pop-ular things that people sign up to do with a friend or family member. Go to websites of these organiza-tions to check out what is being offered in the area and sign up early as space may be limited. Look for sessions on vegetable gardening so you can decide what it is you need to do then have a successful gar-dening season. Seed racks will be ready soon and it would be a good idea to make your selections early so you have all the choices you would like to have.

Send any questions or comments to info@meadowview.com and we'll get back to you with our best advice.

Happy New Year and the best gar-dening year ever,
The team at Meadow View Growers

Mrs. Greengate’s Almanac

January, 2016

Modern Moons

As low pressure moves off the surface of land, high pressure moves in to take its place. The dif-ference in pressure is called the gradient. It allows for faster mo-tion of air for a windy day. As high pressure gets a firmer grip on the land, winds settle down. When snowing, this can mean the difference between driving home in drifting snow or plowing through solid inches of accumu-lation.

A thick blanket of snow is good for the earth. It means moisture and nitrogen from above sink into the ground for next spring’s first dose of water and fertilizer. Be aware though that snow and ice buildup on the north sides of buildings can linger and pres-ent problems in the early thaw months of March and April.

To Native Americans, January full moon was the Cold Moon or Snow Moon. Sometimes called the Moon of Paired Tracks, Janu-ary is the time for foxes and oth-er mammals to mate, find safe

lodging for the coming fam-ily and work together to find enough food to survive. Today’s full moon might be called Hope Moon, for all mankind hopes for a more settled, peaceful year.

Fishing/Gardening

Conversations during Janu-ary tend to go from the serious tax jargon to the inconsequen-tial trivia facts. Between the two adults who are already display-ing signs of cabin fever, a sort of debate/contest is being waged as to State of Ohio facts. So far, we have verified that the state tree is the Buckeye, the state animal is the white-tailed deer and the state bird is the cardinal. Easy enough to guess. But for the mas-ter of all things outdoors, more difficult questions are in order.

Having relied on Google to fuel his knowledge, he plies the wife with questions such as what is the state insect. Ladybug. What is the state fossil? Trilobite. What is the state reptile? He knows his wife is terrified of this category of wildlife but she confidently an-swers-Black Racer Snake. What is the official wild flower? White

Trillium.

The wife counters with a tech-nical play that ends the question of who is teaching whom.

She smugly asks, “What is the official location of Ohio?” Hubby can only answer Midwest. BEEP-Wrong. Officially, Ohio is in the North Central Great Lakes Re-gion.

Outside the Yard

January 9-12 will find many outdoors-men having breakfast at Burr Oak Lodge and Confer-ence Center where a Hunter’s Breakfast Special can be had for \$7.99. Call 740-767-2112 for more details. Burr Oak Park is centered on Burr Oak Lake in Morgan and Athens Counties.

Did you know Ohio has offi-cial Belly Boat Fishing guides for year-round fishing? Belly boats are those inflatable crafts shaped anywhere from donuts to squares to V-shaped. Much like fan-cy inner tubes, they hold a fish-erman’s body above the wa-ter, while his legs are paddling the craft along. Fancy rigs in-clude lights, rod holders and fish finders. Mr. Greengate can only

dream.

Depending on weather condi-tions, check out the Great Sled Dog Race Classic of Northeast Ohio. Running sometime early to mid-January, it is held at the Punderson State Park, Newbury, Ohio. For more info, call the Si-berian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland or go to www.siberi-ancleveland.org.

If you enjoy all things icy and cold, you might think about the Mohican Winter Fest held in Loudonville, Ohio. Held on Janu-ary 8th and 9th, 2016, there is ice sculpture and ice carving com-petitions, speed carving, carriage rides, winter hikes, a train expo and more. Phone 419-994-4789 for more info.

Word of the Month

Floccinaucinihilipilification: The estimation of something as valueless or of little value to ev-eryday life. Such as this word, which is said to one of the longest in the dictionary.

Quote of the Month:

“Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.” Ralph Waldo Emerson.

At Home

by Connie Moore

Toxic Limit Value

Toxic Limit Value is the max-imum amount of exposure one agent has against another before trouble occurs. In humans, that translates to cabin fever during the month of January.

In the work world, the t.l.v. is labeled and sent out as a Materi-al Safety Data Sheet. Attached to any chemical-based product or available from the manufacturer, this sheet applies even to some-thing as simple as dish liquid used in a restaurant.

Too bad that a M.S.D.S. doesn’t come with the marriage license. A lot of grief could be avoided when cabin fever sets in and the two people who otherwise are a happy couple begin to reach their t.l.v. and have no clue how to avoid a meltdown.

My husband and I have learned four tips for avoiding that melt-down and bringing some calm to an otherwise irritable, quirky, grumpified day. (Yes, I made up that last descriptive word. It was all I could think of on a day be-fore we came to terms with the whole t.l.v. thing.)

First, and best by far, is to get out of the house. Be outdoors. Bundle up and step outside. Walk around the yard. Walk to the mailbox and back. Walk around the block. This activity can be done solo or together. Fresh air can revive any sour attitude. It can wash out hurt feelings. It can clear the air of toxic negativ-ity. If both agree, find a park or walking path nearby and stretch forward until muscles and brain cells are filled with oxygen.

Second tip is to take advan-

tage of the sunshine. In winter, it is true that whole days go by without a speck of that warm, bright ball of light. But when it does show up, bask in it. Outside is best but even if you are house-bound for some reason, find those rays coming in through windows and get as close as you can. Move your chair if you have to so that you are totally “in the zone” as they say nowadays. You can simply sit there, feeling the warmth of the sun or you can read or knit or crochet or some other activity that is useful. We do not recommend watching the television. It somehow seems to take away from the moment.

Thirdly, spend time apart each day. One person may have to leave the house to shop, visit the library, walk in the park, work or eat. The other person stays home and cooks, cleans, works on a hobby, uses the home office or garage or work shop to finish a project. If leaving the house is not an option, then find differ-ent rooms and give each other a time out.

Fourth and one of our favorites is planning a meal around a com-fort food. For my husband, vege-table soup is his go-to choice for supper on those days that try to defy all forms of positive think-ing. The act of shopping for all those vegetables has a soothing effect. The aroma of the bubbling pot permeates the entire house. Coming in the house is a truly sa-vory moment, drawing one into the kitchen. Lifting the pot lid is almost automatic.

For our son, the smell of ba-con frying lays to rest most of the nerve-racking turmoil of a t.l.v.

Basic Vegetable Soup
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One pound small cut stew beef• 2 cups low-sodium V-8 juice• 2 cups low-sodium, no fat, beef broth• 1 can diced tomatoes with juice• Assorted canned vegetables such as peas, corn, green beans• 1 cup each of chopped celery, carrots, potato• 1 bag shredded cabbage/carrot coleslaw mix• ½ to ¾ cup barley (quick-cook-ing)
<p>This a very basic recipe-adapt it to your family’s preferences. Everything goes in a Dutch oven or heavy kettle. Add liquid from the canned vegetables. Add more broth, V-8 juice or water to insure enough liquid to cover everything. Simmer for a couple of hours or up to all day. Oth-er additions can include beans such as great Northern or black beans. Rice may be substituted for the barley if so desired. We use the No-Salt-added canned vegetables and season with pepper, garlic powder and a bit of onion powder. For a chicken based soup use chicken broth and a cup or two of shredded cooked chicken. For vegetarian, use vegetable broth, V-8, toma-to juice.</p> <p>(The coleslaw mix is a time and cost saver. Usually a head of cabbage is too much.)</p>

day at work. It doesn’t seem to matter what the bacon is going to be-a sandwich, a side order with French toast, crumbled up on top of a big salad or next to a creamy mound of macaroni and cheese.

For me, a whole roast chicken, with mashed potatoes, country gravy and steamed green beans is comfort food. Seasoned with celery and garlic cloves, topped

Outside the Box Mac & Cheese
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 tablespoon minced onion• 1 tablespoon butter or marga-rine• 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour• 1 ¼ cups milk• 2 cups shredded American cheese• 1 cup elbow macaroni
<p>Cook macaroni according to package directions. While it is cooking, cook onion in butter in saucepan until onion is soft. Add flour and stir well. Add milk and cook over low heat until bub-bly and sauce begins to thicken. Add pepper if desired. Reduce heat to lowest setting/simmer. Stir in cheese and blend until it is melted.</p> <p>Drain cooked macaroni. Re-turn it to its pot. Pour cheese sauce over it and stir well. Cover and let stand over lowest set-ting/simmer for a few minutes. Stir before serving. For baked mac & cheese, pour into a but-tered casserole, bake at 350 for about 25 minutes or until bub-bly. Baked makes for a brown, slightly crispy top. Toppings can also be added such as crushed saltine crackers, crushed pota-to chips, French-fried onions or crumbled bacon.</p>

with pepper and paprika, that roasting chicken reminds me of my childhood, my early days of marriage, what I have to be grateful for now and why there is absolutely no reason for melt-downs or grumpified days during January.

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Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro

TCPD Ret.

The Demise Of Another Shopping Mall

Another shopping mall fell victim to thugs this weekend. This was not in Detroit, California or New Jersey. This was in Ken-tucky, the beautiful Blue Grass State. Sadly this is not an isolated case. I believe the Mall of America fell vic-tim to thugs last year. Re-member the Salem Mall

right here in Dayton?

Growing up in North Day-ton, the Salem Mall was our mall of choice. Then I no-ticed it was falling victim to thugs. One day the half unit and I went shopping and were walking down the main aisle when a group of thugs were walking toward us. The group was in a line which meant I had to move out of their way as they did not intend to give an inch.

Guess what? I didn’t budge either. A thug collid-ed with me and I turned to face him. He looked in my eye and decided to turn and

walk away with his group. He and I both knew when our eyes met that he would back off.

That is when the half unit said, “No more of this, we are leaving.” No amount of assurance what all would be fine convinced my wife to go back to the mall. With thugs taking over, the mall finally closed and was razed.

I hope I am wrong but I see another shopping mall going the way of the Salem Mall. It would be a shame if that happens. It seems the thugs are bound and deter-

mined to make decent cit-izens afraid of them, ruling their own fiefdoms.

In spite of efforts of the local mall owners, thugs have not changed. Before Christmas I wanted to go to a gun shop near a mall. The wife and I met a State Pro-bation Officer friend and his wife and had lunch then went to shop around 1400 hours.

Arriving in the area of the mall, we passed a public bus stop which was crowd-ed with women and chil-dren shoppers and about eight thugs. As I drove by

a car pulled into a drive alongside the bus stop and stopped. One of the thugs walked over to the car and the driver handed money out and the thug delivered a package of drugs. The car pulled away and the thug ambled back over to his spot as if nothing out the ordinary had occurred.

Of course I am one of those evil police, albeit re-tired, who make society such a dangerous place to live. With shootings, rob-beries and drug dealing be-ing a regular occurrence at our malls the fear factor

of law abiding citizens in-creases, and business de-creases in those locations.

Eventually the war be-tween good and evil will come to the streets of America. I don’t know if it will be political, class or race or a combination of all of them that erupts on the streets, but as I have been stressing, the good citi-zens will eventually have to make a stand. That is why I suggest each able bod-ied citizen learn to handle a personal defense weapon and carry concealed.

Pet of the Week

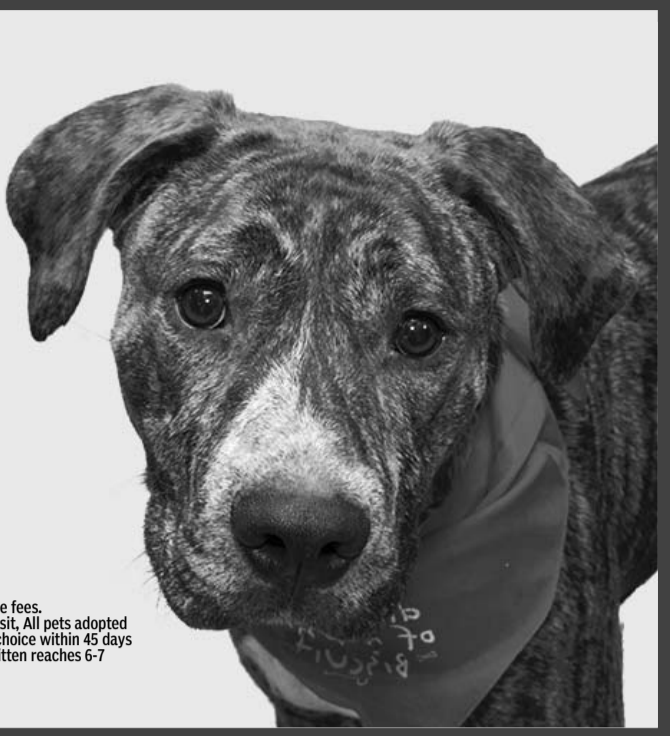
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- Boxer/Pitbull mix
- brindle
- male
- 11 months old

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From the Pulpit

By Pastor Frey

2016 – A Year of Grace

If it were not for God, the new year would not begin. If not for God, you would not be here, living in this particular place at this particular period of his-tory. In fact, you would not be living at all. If it were not for God, there would be no earth, no plants, no sun, no air, and no human beings.

The first words of the Holy Scriptures tell us, “In the be-ginning God created the heav-ens and the earth.” It all started with God. He planned it, and he created it. If not for God, there would be nothing.

When we think about this, it makes us feel pretty small. But most of the time we take every-thing for granted. It is all here, and we start our perception with everything as it is. We sel-dom bother to think about how it all got here and why is it here. If God created all things and if God rules over his creation,

then obviously a new year does not just happen. God caused it to be here and he did it for a purpose. We cannot look into the mind of God. But he re-veals some things to us. One of the things he reveals is that our years on this earth are years of grace. So we can say 2016 is a year of God’s grace.

This year is an extension of time. It didn’t just happen. God extended time. As we begin a new year, we should keep this in mind, that a new year has not come automatically, but that it is an extension of time granted by God’s grace.

An extension of time is grant-ed to the world so that it might bear fruit pleasing to God. What fruit is God looking for? God ex-tends time so that people might repent. As for us who have re-pented – why is our time ex-tended? Our time is extended so that we might participate in the

work of proclaiming repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ.

But people in general use time for their own purposes. They give no thought to God or to the purpose for which God grants them time on the earth. We are not here to see how much we can accumulate, or how much we can enjoy ourselves, or how much of a name we can make for ourselves. We are here so we might repent and serve our Lord who made us and put us here.

God has redeemed us from sin through the suffering and death of his Son. He offers us free sal-vation. He sends his Holy Spirit to make us alive from the death of sin. He has done everything to save us. Think of the oppor-tunities given to you and me. We have been given the Bible. We have everything we need to know if we will only listen to it and believe it.

We have been given more time. But time is limited. Each life is limited to a certain number of years, known only to God, and then it ends. The world itself will stand only until that day appointed by God, and then it will come to an end.

We understand the urgency when we understand that our time is limited. We don’t know how much time we have. We do know that time is limited. 2016 is a time of grace. We don’t know whether another year will come or even if we will see the end of this year.

This is no time for frittering away our time and opportunity. Use this extended period of time for the purpose for which God has granted it to us.

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Financial Focus

By Thrivevnt Financial

Financial products for the ages

Choosing the right product for your life stage

No matter where you are in your life, you have a lot of de-cisions to make. When to buy your first house. What school to attend. Is it the right time for a job change? As things change in life, those changes influence your financial decisions, too.

Thrivent Financial has put to-gether a high level overview of the financial information you should be aware of and consid-er during the various stages in your life. This is intended to be informative only, and every-one’s needs will vary based on their personal situation. You should always seek advice from a licensed professional when considering the purchase of fi-nancial products.

20s

In your 20s, you’re usually just starting off in your first job and struggling to make ends meet; beginning to build a financial portfolio is probably not at the top of your to-do list. Howev-er, this can be a critical time as it can set your financial founda-tion for the rest of your life. A top priority should be building an emergency savings account to help you get through an un-expected loss of a job or a large and unexpected financial ob-ligation. This should be sepa-rate from your normal savings and should only be drawn from under extraordinary circum-stances. Also consider looking into disability income insurance to make sure your income and savings are both protected if you were ever unable to work due to a long-term illness or inju-ry. Disability income insurance will serve you well throughout your career but the sooner you purchase, the better protect-ed you’ll be. Additionally, this can be a time to begin think-ing about starting an investment portfolio, if you have the means, as the longer you’re invested the

greater potential for long-term growth. Work with a financial professional to ensure your in-vestments align with your ap-propriate level of risk for your specific situation.

30s

Your 30s are the prime time to continue building a solid finan-cial future. Hopefully you’re comfortable in your career, per-haps have gotten married and may even have begun building a family. This is when your finan-cial options start to open up and you may want to start think-ing about life insurance to of-fer protection for your family’s future against an unexpected death and loss of income. Term insurance for yourself and cov-erage for your children are usu-ally affordable, easy to procure and can offer additional finan-cial protection for you and your family.

This is also when you should be getting serious about your savings plans. Retirement sav-ings should be at the top of your mind as you’ve started to make more money in your 30s and are becoming more comfort-able navigating your bills and expenses. IRAs, 401(k)s, annu-ities and other retirement sav-ings tools are important for you at this stage since the earlier you start saving, the more you’ll ac-cumulate. And it’s never too early to start thinking about college savings for children.

40s

In your 40s, many people have teenage children, tackle new challenges and opportunities in their professional lives and have established a level of in-come they can rely on comfort-ably. You can start to work with your child to investigate the various options (savings, aid, loans, grants, etc.) to help pay for post-secondary education. This also might be a time to start considering additional life in-surance, as your assets and need for protection have grown as you’ve prospered both person-ally and professionally. Since you’re probably about halfway

through your career, you should also start to keep an eye on the retirement horizon and on your overall retirement strategy. Make sure it aligns with your goals and dreams for after your career ends.

50s

Your 50s are an exciting time in your financial life. Your chil-dren have probably left the nest and retirement is just around the corner. You should think about establishing a floor of guaranteed income, possibly by purchasing an annuity or in-surance product, to meet your essential expenses that will con-tinue into your retirement. This is the time to start considering how you want to live in retire-ment and beyond. What level of income would you like after you retire and how will you main-tain your standard of living? Are you protecting your savings from the high costs of extended care? Whether you’re looking to purchase long-term care insur-ance or not, this is also a time when you should discuss your extended care plans with loved ones, and how that might affect everyone involved.

60s

In your 60s, your retire-ment has probably arrived or is right around the corner. This is where managing assets, invest-ments and financial strategies are critical. Even at this stage of life it is important for you to have some of your financial as-sets in an investment portfolio carefully managed for growth consistent with your risk pro-file. Meeting regularly with your financial representative at this life stage will help you stay on track with your financial goals. This is also a time to consider leaving a legacy through a life insurance policy that designates your children or a favorite char-ity as a beneficiary. The death benefit from life insurance can ensure that your spirit of gener-osity lives on and the causes you care about will be supported in the future. Another option for securing your future is Medicare

supplement insurance, which will help with medical bills not covered by Medicare. This pro-tection can help safeguard your retirement assets from addi-tional costly medical bills.

No financial journey is the same. We all have different needs and goals at different stages of our lives. However, with a solid financial program in place along with the support of a financial professional, you can be prepared to make a lifetime of wise financial choices.

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Tax Tips

by Arrowhead Tax

The Top Reasons to File Your Taxes Early

Many people wait until the last minute to file their income tax returns, whether from taking more time to find and organize their documents or simple pro-crastination. As long as indi-viduals get their taxes in by the April 15 deadline, they will not incur any late filing penalties. However, waiting until this date can still complicate tax matters for individuals, and there are a number of benefits that come with filing sooner rather than later. We can start to eifle re-turns on January 19, 2015, this doesn’t mean you have to wait until then to come in and get things ready. Come in as soon as you have your paper work and we can get your return ready to send on the 19th.

For instance, individuals who anticipate owing a tax liability may not be aware of how high their bill will be. Filing tax re-turns early on will let taxpay-ers know how much they owe in state and federal taxes, giving them more time to save mon-ey or reorganize their finances before their balance is due. For those who will receive refunds, filing early on may allow them to receive their funds sooner, which can be used to bump up savings, plan a vacation or pay down debt. Either way, ear-ly filing will put individuals in a position to better manage their finances and plan ahead.

The earlier you begin, the less stressful filing will be.

Early tax filers may also find that tax season – traditional-ly classified as a stressful time for individuals – is made sim-pler and more efficient the ear-lier they begin. This is the case for a number of reasons. First, early filers will likely already have their documentation in order for claiming credits and deductions, which can great-ly cut down on the time it takes looking for this information. Additionally, those who have already gathered sufficiant doc-umentation may feel more con-fident about claiming benefits that are typically scrutinized by the Internal Revenue Service, such as the home office deduc-tion and charitable contribu-tions.

Additionally, individuals who begin early on may have more time with their tax preparer than those who wait until the last minute. The closer to April 15 we get, the busier tax pre-parers often become. There-fore, individuals who want to have several meetings with a professional or extended ses-sions might benefit from set-ting up an initial meeting early. This will give them a great deal of time to ask questions, get ad-vice on their particular situa-tions and review their returns. Further, this will give taxpayers a grace period in the event that they need to correct an error or make any other alterations to their returns.

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We are again this year giving a \$10 donation to local non-prof-its or charities.

Below is our update list for the 2016 tax season. We are always looking for more to add to the list if you know of any more we can add please feel free to con-tact us.

- * Park Layne Wee Arrows
- * Donnelsville Baseball & Soft-ball Association
- * Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI)
- * Relay for Life Teams(per Team)
- * Olive Branch School Preserva-tion Society
- * Special Wish Foundation
- * Impact Bethel

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Activity	Dies	Hibernated	Pass	Stalk
Adapts	Dogs	Hike	Pegs	Strict
Adjust	Dragon	Hopes	Rags	Sympathy
Advantage	Drank	Ices	Ready	Takes
Aimed	Dread	Juicy	Reed	Tall
Answering	Dust	Leaned	Retire	Tame
Arms	Earn	Leaps	Roam	Tart
Artist	Ears	Male	Roar	Team
Asia	Empire	Mane	Ruler	Test
Caring	Empty	Maybe	Runs	Thin
Characteristics	Encouraging	Murder	Scales	Trip
Charge	Ends	Name	Seem	Twos
Clever	Engage	Navy	Seen	Where
Compete	Entire	Novel	Sees	Widow
Copied	Even	Obey	Sell	Wind
Crew	Fire	Oils	Sense	Wizard
Dash	Forts	Omit	Sets	Workman
Dense	Germ	Onions	Shop	Yard
Depart	Goal	Oval	Single	Yeah

Cooper

By LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

#213

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ACROSS

1. "When Harry met Sally" first name

4. Self concept

7. Ancient, old word

10. Land of opportunity

11. Draped dress

12. Quarry

13. Engine speed, for short

14. Bibliographical abbr.

15. Vatican site

16. Where the Boys ____

17. Pale

18. For your shoes, ____ Eaters

19. Put on fire

20. Flightless bird

21. English marshes

22. Sameness

24. In use

25. Gags
27. Place to hibernate

29. Discourteously

32. Flub

33. Nile reptile

34. Old EU inits.

36. Male deer

37. Soundwave reflection

38. Girls' organization (abbr.)

39. Wager

40. Winter sports gear

41. Roadie's responsibility

42. Warm, so to speak

43. Telegraphed

44. Classic starting location

45. Newspaper inserts

46. Unit of force

47. Termination point
3. Reproductive cell

4. Goes to dinner

5. Semi-sweet and whole wheat item

6. Unctuous

7. Rusts

8. Of a yellow color

9. Colorists

11. Sordid

12. Luxuriant

23. Vagrant

24. Vagrant for a sleeping area

26. Silencing

27. Advanced

28. Main arteries

30. Emissary

31. Toadies

32. African nation

35. Like Zorro

37. Existence for a Roman

DOWN

1. Big picture

2. Verve

Hidden Treasures

By LIZ BALL



Sudoku

#209

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Trivia Challenge

British Cities Trivia

- 1.) Which city is known as "the city of dreaming spires"?
a. Oxford
b. Peterborough
c. Nottingham
d. Plymouth

2.) Which of the following British cities lies on the River Cam?
a. Canterbury
b. Carlisle
c. Cambridge
d. Bristol

3.) Which of the following British cities lies furthest north?
a. Dundee
b. Sunderland
c. Newcastle
d. Glasgow
- 4.) Which of these British cities has a population of approximately 10,000?
a. Wolverhampton
b. Wells
c. Winchester
d. City of Westminster

5.) "Aquae Sulis" is the Latin name for which city?
a. Birmingham
b. Brighton and Hove
c. Bath
d. Bradford

6.) During the 11th Century, which was the second largest English city after London?
a. Norwich
b. Liverpool
c. Newcastle
d. Manchester
- 7.) Geographically, in terms of area, which of these cities is larger?
a. Sheffield
b. Glasgow
c. Leeds
d. Newcastle

8.) Kimmeridge Clay Quarry is located in which British city?
a. Durham
b. Ely
c. Derby
d. Exeter

9.) Of the following British cities, which is the most populated?
a. Coventry
b. Wakefield
c. Bristol
d. Leicester
- 10.) "Preserve and Prosper" appears on the coat of arms of which British city?
a. Stoke
b. Sunderland
c. Wakefield
d. Truro

11.) Roker is a famous seaside resort in which British City?
a. Sunderland
b. Stoke
c. Truro
d. Wakefield

12.) "Warehouse City" is a name often given to which British City?
a. Newcastle
b. Liverpool
c. Norwich
d. Manchester

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

- 1.) Who's That Knocking at My Door - Who's That Knocking at My Door was the winner of the 1968 Chicago Film Festival.

2.) WW1 - Tanks were first seen in combat by the British Army in September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

3.) 22 - There are 10 chains in a furlong.

4.) 1950s - Many swimmers and coaches consider the butterfly stroke the most difficult swimming style.

5.) Fulgencio Batista - Castro ruled over Cuba for nearly five decades, until giving power to his younger brother Raul in 2008.

6.) China - China is the world's most populous country.
- 7.) George Lazenby - George played the role of James Bond in the 1969 film On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

8.) James Buchanan - Buchanan was the 15th President of the United States.

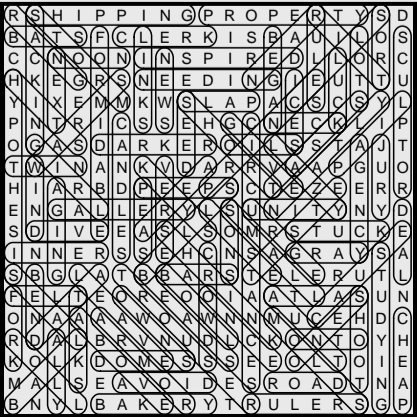
9.) Mercury - Mercury was for-merly named hydrargyrum.

10.) Penguin - Chilly Willy first appeared in 1953.

11.) Sinistral - Ambidextrous people have the ability to use both hands with equal coordination.

12.) The Little Mermaid - Based on a fairy tale of the same name by Hans Christian Andersen, The Little Mer-maid was released in 1989.

Word Search



Crossword

1	B	R	A	D		5	A	T	M		8	S	P	10	E	11	C
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Troy Chamber Connection Center

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put forward since last summer. The competition is an opportunity for the City of Troy to implement initiatives that develop the economy and workforce in the city for the next generation. The Connection Center is about more than the contest, however.

Four initiatives have been researched and established as the next steps in community development for Troy. This encompasses a Communication Platform Initiative, a Sustainable Leadership Initiative, a Technology/Infrastructure Initiative and a Downtown/Riverfront Initiative. Each platform is outlined in more detail at the Connection Center and gives the community a voice as they pursue possible ratifications, ideas, and volunteer help in this lengthy process.

Ed Westmeyer of the Troy Chamber of Commerce is excited about the involvement of area companies and is actively encouraging as many local businesses as possible to find ways to engage in the venture. “We have a ton of wonderful partnerships going on here,” Westmeyer said. “Whatever the outcome of this competition, we’ll still be winners. The initiatives we’ve started will be a draw for potential residents, more visitors, and a better workforce.”


Whether or not the City of Troy achieves one of the 15 semi-fi-

nalist positions or one of the three coveted finalist’s positions accompanied by \$1 million, \$2 million, and \$3 million, Mayor Beamish says the city plans to continue to pursue the initiatives they have set in place. “We’ve all agreed our vision for the future is solid and we’re going to move forward with these initiatives whether we win or not,” Beamish said. “I always talk about the downtown being the living room of our community and the Connection Center will continue to be a perfect venue for the kind of interaction we want to people to experience here.”

Concerning the contest, Beamish sees it as a motivator but not the ultimate goal. “We love the competition aspect of this and the money is great but all of it springs from a desire to develop a strong workforce and a good economic development effort,” Beamish said. “This is a win-win for us. Together, we’re going to accomplish great things for our city.”

The Connection Center on the square in downtown Troy is open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays or can be reached by phone at 937-335-2578. Look for upcoming issues of the Troy Tribune for more information on the individual initiatives and their projected impact on the community.

Remembering the Icemen: A Winter Story

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ing shipment to Cincinnati and down the Mississippi.” Along with Scott, fifty other people are said to have cut ice with axes and saws that winter for other Troy businessmen. The ice was cut into blocks of 9 inches by 11 inches by 18 inches.

Many times in the 1800s, Troy ice warehouses were filled to capacity as the storage owners waited for the canal to thaw so the boats could transport the ice distant markets.

The 1870s brought another change to the ice business. In 1876, a Hydraulic water system came into use in Troy. It was originally installed in Troy to bring pressurized waterpower to businesses, but its biggest use seem to come from a Hydraulic water basin built near the Miami County fairgrounds. The half-mile long basin became a favorite place for fishing and boating. Because the water in the basin had been under pressure, it was clear. Ice from the basin was highly popular because of its clarity. Troy distiller Lewis Hayner bought the Hydraulic land and water rights in 1877. He then built an ice house and rented the rights to cut the ice and store it in his ice house to various parties: a company named the Crystal Ice Company, Troy brewer Joseph Henne, and several unnamed individuals. Historical records indicate that the winter of 1876-1877 was a great year for Troy ice cutting. More than 32,000 tons of ice was harvested

that winter.

Ice continued to be hand-cut in Troy into the 20th century. Troy newspapers refer to men cutting on the local bodies of water through 1908. The practice of cutting ice on the Miami and Erie Canal may have ended sooner than on the Great Miami River or local ponds. In the early 1900s, canal water was said to be “dirty.” The canal in Troy was filled in during the 1920s.

New ways of making ice began in the early 1900s. The Miami Union newspaper of January 16, 1902 ran a story about Troy’s Peckham Coal and Ice Company that mentions a way to make ice rather than cut it from a natural body of water. “Last summer they (the Peckham Company) bought artificial ice from Piqua, shipped it to Troy via the Miami Valley Railway. They are building an ice plant near the (Troy) Buggy Works that will make ten tons a day.”

In the first half of the 20th century, many Troy homes had an ice box. The ice box was the predecessor to the modern refrigerator; older Trojans remember it from their childhood days. It was the kitchen appliance where food was stored and preserved in low temperatures. As the name describes it, it was a metal box kept cold by blocks of ice placed inside it.

The Troy Ice and Coal Company was probably the last company to home deliver ice in Troy. A photo taken in 1946 shows com-

pany drivers standing next to their trucks. The company had routes not only in Troy, but in Christiansburg and Verona.

Local writer David L. Smallenbarger once wrote an essay titled “Troy Icemen.” He said that the icemen were “...familiar and friendly faces in Troy homes and streets.” If a homeowner wanted a delivery of ice, they placed a card in the front window of their home with the number of pounds to be delivered. Ice was delivered in increments of 25 pounds (25 pounds, 50 pounds, 75 pounds, etc.).

Smallenbarger’s essay says that the icemen “...were pivotal players in providing services to Troy homes” back in the days before the modern freezer or refrigerator.

Ice is still part of everyday life Troy. It continues to be made, delivered and sold commercially, mostly with beverages. Home delivery of ice and icemen are now part of history. As time goes by, fewer people remember the iceman and his once familiar call at the front door “ice man!”

For further information about the icemen who served Troy, contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com. Information is also available at the Troy-Miami County Public Library Local History Library, 100 West Main Street in Troy.



Troy Grad Now a Clark County Deputy



By Maggie Yowler

Cassandra Frigge, a graduate of Troy High School, was sworn in on December 30 by Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly. Kelly said that Frigge came to Clark County to be with her boyfriend and worked at the Speedway Corporation for five years. She paid her own way and put herself through the Police Academy. "That's quite a feat," said Kelly of the rigorous physical and mental challenges. Kelly said that Frigge was recommended to him through a friend of a friend who got to

know her through his daily regular visits to Speedway each day. Kelly said the friend told him that she would make a valuable addition to his force because of her personable and professional conduct. Frigge completed the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy at Clark State Community College this summer. "She came to Clark County for love, and ended up at the Sheriff's Office," said Kelly.

Miami County Foundation Awards Scholarships



The Miami County Foundation awarded scholarships during a recent celebration. Twenty-four Miami County residents were awarded a Thelma Ross Dalton Memorial scholarship totaling \$63,000. Bethel Local School District graduate Krista Nicole Casner and Ryan Craft from Covington were selected along with Louis Gaier and Kristin Jones both graduates of Lehman Catholic High School. Kurt Brower, Josh Ewing, Alicia Horton and Erin Redick were recipients from Miami East. Residents of the Milton-Union School District were Meaghan Baker, Jaren Hinten and Trey Overla. Newton School District graduates Tyrel Fisher and Marissa Kleman each received a scholarship while Luke Hanes and Kaele Snapp were selected from Piqua High School. Lauren Brackman, Allison Huffman, Ashley Huffman, Elizabeth Huffman and Nathaniel Schall were recipients who reside in Tipp City. Jacob Scott Henson, Joseph Lee Henson, Luke Oaks and Anya Weaver all graduates from Troy High School completed the list of Dalton Scholarship winners. "There were over 120 applications received from throughout Miami County and judging was once again very difficult. There were many outstanding applicants. Perhaps someday we can award more scholarships on an annual basis than is currently in our budget," explained Cheryl Stiefel-Francis, Miami County Foundation Executive Director. The late Dalton was a resident of Miami County and it was her desire that these funds be available to assist Miami County residents to continue their education in any accredited college, trade/vocational or nursing/health related facility. There is neither an age limit nor a limit to the number of years a person can receive the Dalton scholarship. The Miami County Medical Society Scholarship was awarded to six local students. Pleasant Hill residents Tyrel

Fisher and Anya Weaver were chosen along with Danielle Hery of Piqua. Kaitlyn Francis Steffensmeier and Kara Francis Barfell of Troy and Kristina Thompsen of Tipp City were also recipients. This year the Medical Society's scholarships were given in memory of Dr. John F. Beachler, Jr. of Piqua. To apply for this scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Miami County and been accepted into or currently attending an accredited medical school, college or university pursuing an approved course of study to become a Medical Doctor (M.D.) or a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.). Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and entry level medical students are encouraged to apply.

Nicholas Wheeler was the most recent recipient of the Robert E. Netzley Scholarship. He will graduate in May from Milton-Union High School. Earlier this year scholarships were awarded to Newton graduates. Three scholarships were awarded from the Newton Board of Education/American Legion Scholarship Fund to Laura Burden, Macey Jamison and Trelissa Lavy. The Don Favorite Deeter, M.D. Memorial Scholarship was given to Kaitlyn Bucholtz. St. Patrick School graduates Grace Dexter and Max Hamlin each received scholarship money to attend Lehman Catholic High School from the Dorothy Bleil Richi Scholarship Fund. The Miami County Foundation administers and distributes the scholarships annually. A committee comprised of Miami County community members select recipients each year. Updated scholarship applications can be obtained online or by calling the Foundation office at 773-9012. Those wishing to donate to a scholarship fund may do so by mail P.O. Box 1526, Piqua, OH 45356 or online at www.miamicountyfoundation.org.

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Automotive Paintings on Display at Mayflower Arts Center

The Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy, is pleased to announce the opening of their first exhibit of the 2016 season, featuring local artist Steve Wohler. The exhibit of fine art automotive oil paintings titled, Locally Driven, will be on display January 13 - February 13, 2016 in the Lobby Gallery. Wohler enjoys bringing to canvas the essence of what it means to drive a muscle car, wrench on a roadster or tinker with an old truck, expressing the nostalgia, beauty and adventure of the automotive lifestyle. Being from the Dayton area, which has a long automotive history, Wohler has been fascinated by the area's classic car and hot rod scenery since an early age. At five years old, he knew the make of almost every car on the road. As hot rodding and cruise-ins continue to thrive, it is a privilege to honor this rich tradition with accurate, yet artistic brushwork. Having owned a few classic vehicles himself, Wohler understands the thrill of taking them out on the road, participating in several car events a year.

Steve Wohler's automotive paintings will be on display at the Mayflower Art Center's Lobby Gallery January 13 through February 13, 2016. His original paintings and prints will be available for purchase through the gallery. The public is invited to attend the opening reception and artist talk, Wednesday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. For more information on the Mayflower Arts Center, visit www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com or LIKE "Mayflower Arts Center" on Facebook and @MayflowerArts on Twitter.

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