

Mahan to Run for Sheriff

By Nancy Bowman

Joe Mahan, a former Miami County sheriff’s chief deputy, announced Jan. 5 he’ll seek the sheriff’s job as an independent candidate.

Mahan, a Troy resident, would face the winner of the Republican primary March 15 in the November general election. The deadline for independents to file is March 14.

Four candidates have filed as Republicans and will face off in the primary.

They are: current Chief Deputy Dave Duchak, retired sheriff’s Capt. Steve Cooper, retired Troy police Capt. Chris Anderson and former deputy Paul Reece.

Mahan said he believes the office of sheriff



should be a nonpartisan position.

Sheriff Charles Cox is retiring at year’s end after more than 25 years in the office.

Mahan has spent over 38 years in law enforcement with more than 29 of the years with the sheriff’s office. He retired as chief deputy in 2006 after he first was terminated by Cox, who said he couldn’t have an employee running for his job. Mahan said he had been told by Cox he wasn’t seeking re-election and then apparently changed his mind.

He ran unsuccessfully against Cox in 2008.

“After much personal deliberation and a lot of soul searching, I have decided I can no lon-

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Fire Dept. Promotes Two

Eric Krites was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief and Wade Dexter was promoted to Platoon Commander during a brief ceremony last Wednesday afternoon.

“This is an exciting day,” said Fire Chief Matt Simmons. “This was a competitive process that involved a written exam and an assessment.”

Krites is a graduate of Russia High School. He graduated from the Springfield Fire Academy in 1990 in firefighting, and graduated from Upper Valley EMS education in 1991 with a paramedic certification.

He served as a firefighter with the St. Mary’s Fire Department, then was hired in Troy on February 28, 1993. At age 21, he was the youngest member of the Troy Fire Department. He was promoted to Platoon Commander in 2014.

He and his wife, Jenell, have four children.

Dexter graduated from Tippecanoe High School and spent 7 years in the Ohio Air



(L to R) Assistant Fire Chief Gary Stanley, Platoon Commander Wade Dexter, Fire Chief Matt Simmons and Assistant Fire Chief Eric Krites

National Guard. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Hulman Institute of Technology. He graduated from Englewood Career

Technology Center in 2001 in firefighting and graduated from Upper Valley EMS Education in 2002 with a Paramedic Certification.

Dexter began his career

with the Troy Fire Department in 2003.

He and his wife, Andrea, have six children.

Mayor Reports on 2015

By Nancy Bowman

Troy Mayor Mike Beamish reviewed a busy 2015 including the city’s selection as an America’s Best Communities quarterfinalist and laid the groundwork for the coming year’s continued focus on economic development in his annual report.

An annual report from the mayor is required for mayors of statutory cities such as Troy. Beamish provided his written report to City Council at its first meeting of the year Jan. 4.

The report touches on activities including the number of marriages performed by the mayor (11) along with business ribbon cuttings and an array of meetings.

The report includes a monthly breakdown of various activities participated in by the mayor.

Among them was a May trade mission to Asia and Japan and the city’s America’s Best Communities project.

ABC semi-finalist communities are scheduled to be named this week.

“This is a wonderful program and could prove to be very advantageous to the future of our community,” Beamish said.

Among goals the mayor listed for this year were:

- Keeping economic development the city’s number one priority with emphasis placed on developing a



Mayor Michael Beamish

skilled workforce

- Continuing a partnership with the Troy schools and other educational institutions to keep youth safe and well educated and, again, create a strong future workforce.
- Continuing riverfront development “as it relates to work force and economic development.”
- Continuing to maintain the community’s quality of life.
- Continuing to support the downtown
- Continuing to promote an open door policy at City Hall. The mayor said this includes welcoming citizens to City Hall and encouraging them to address issues with proper department heads.
- Continuing to promote efforts that maintain residents’ health and safety.

“It has been a very busy and hectic but productive year. Troy is a wonderful city, a great place to live, work and raise a family. It takes all of us working together to make Troy a great community,” Beamish wrote.

More Money Sought for Arena Project

By Nancy Bowman

Troy administrators said they needed to approach City Council for another \$2 million-plus for the Hobart Arena project “to ensure a renovated and more modern arena that will serve the community for many years to come.”

Council last week received a memo explaining the project costs and request for more money from Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director; John Frigge, city auditor; and Martin Hobart, Troy Recreation Commission chairman.

It was scheduled to meet Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, to discuss the request to increase authorized spending from \$7,350,000 to \$9,650,000.

The memo outlined several factors that contributed to bids opened Nov. 11 that “significantly exceeded estimates and, by extension, council’s authorization.”

Among factors listed following discussions with consultants, bidders and other contractors and suppliers were:

- Prices that began to escalate for project, something that began around mid-2015 in the Miami Valley with escalation by 30 to 40 percent.
- The project was bid had

an “aggressive” phasing and time requirements to minimize downtime at the arena.

- The bids took into consideration the uncertainty of renovating a 65-year-old building with systems (electrical, mechanical, plumbing) installed before current building codes.
- With an improved economy, more projects means added demand on the skilled trades.

“Staff and MSA (consultants) strongly believe that there is nothing to gain and everything to lose by attempting to rebid the project. 2016 is forecast to be as challenging as late 2015 with more Miami Valley projects being solicited for bids, making the competition for skilled labor even greater and the potential project costs even higher,” the memo said.

Titterington said later in the week that because the project elements had been scaled back before bidding, the items bid were considered “the bare minimum to make it feasible and reasonable to do the project.”

Removing more project elements would make it not worth doing renovations, he said. The overall project includes expanding three sides of

the building to include a multipurpose room, new ticket lobby and more dressing rooms, concession areas and restrooms. A lowest bid for kitchen equipment alone was nearly \$500,000, Titterington said.

The arena has 51,000 square feet of space with 26,000 more proposed.

To cover added costs, council was being asked to consider adding \$1 million to the amount it earlier agreed to borrow and reappropriating \$1.3 million from general fund reserves. Titterington said the \$1.3 million is available thanks to higher than estimated income in 2015.

The proposal does not include any money for a second sheet of ice at Hobart Arena. A study the city had conducted on the feasibility of a second ice was attached to the memo on the arena request. The study bottom line: construction costs would exceed \$7.6 million and a city subsidy for operations of up to \$120,000 likely would be required each year. “The estimated costs make it infeasible and unacceptable to recommend a second sheet of ice,” the memo said.



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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Cultice elected commission president

The Miami County commissioners Monday, Jan. 11, elected Richard Cultice as president for the year and Jack Evans as vice president during the annual re-organization of the board.

The commission will continue to meet in regular sessions on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. with a work session on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

The distribution formula for the 1 cent sales tax was approved as follows: general fund, 73 percent; central communication center, 23 percent; superfund site cleanup, 2 percent; and capital improvements, 2 percent. A one-fourth of one percent additional sales tax renewed last year by the commission is paid into the general fund.

Subdivision changes dropped

Troy City Council voted to indefinitely suspend consideration of the ordinance that would have changed phase four plans for the Stonebridge Meadows subdivision near Concord Elementary School.

Council's action followed a letter received from Judy Tomb, representing the development, asking to rescind the application for changes.

The letter was submitted to the city after a council committee agreed in December to recommend the full council approve requested plan changes with the stipulation that any proposed changes to the remaining subdivision phases receive council approval.

Tomb had asked to amend the development plan to allow for removing a more than 50-year-old house on the property and add four lots. At a December public hearing on the proposal, a few subdivision residents said they feared continued changes could hurt the integrity of the original plans for the development.

Sheriff Reports

Monday, January 4

10:06 p.m. To Woodhaven Ln. for a report of menacing. A woman reported that there were issues with her boyfriend. After investigation, she was informed not to make further contact with her boyfriend and to contact the courts about a protection order.

Wednesday, January 6

7:04 p.m. To Michael Dr. for a report of a fight. No further details were provided.

Thursday, January 7

12:29 a.m. To the Miami County Sheriff's Office. The deputy was informed that a woman had located her son and was coming in to turn him in for his outstanding warrant. While enroute, the deputy was advised that it was becoming physical and the subject was trying to escape. Troy Police arrived to assist and detained the subject until the deputy arrived to take

him into custody. The subject admitted to having three beers and a marijuana pipe in his bag. All items were seized as evidence. He was transported to West Central and incarcerated without incident.

9:23 a.m. To Thornwood Court for a report of possible identity fraud. A man reported receiving letters from several cell phone companies and a jewelry store regarding his interest in their companies. He said he contacted each business and told them that he did not request any information. He said he has contacted the credit bureau and has frozen his bank accounts. At this time no money has been taken or credit cards opened. He requested a report to send to each company.

Friday, January 8

6:39 p.m. Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker for a license plate light violation. The driver

said that he did not have a valid license. He was patted down for weapons and placed in the cruiser. He was cited for driving under suspension and a plate light violation. He called for a ride and left the vehicle on the side of the road.

Saturday, January 9

1:21 p.m. To Nashville Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that overnight the lock on his work van was compromised and several tools were taken. The deputy dusted for prints but none were located. The RP had already been in the vehicle to look around. There are no suspects.

Sunday, January 10


8:21 a.m. To 2nd St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the deputy met with a male subject and two female subjects. The man said that a male suspect threatened him last night and physically

shook him. One of the female subjects said that the suspect was her boyfriend, but that she broke up with him last night. She said the suspect took her vehicle without permission, and that this has been an ongoing issue for a week. She said she did not report it earlier because she did not want to get into trouble with her landlord. After further questioning, she said that she has been with him for 7 years and has allowed him to drive the vehicle before. She said that he has lived at her residence for a year. The male subject said that the suspect threatened him by telling him to watch out. He was advised that that does not qualify as a threat. The suspect soon arrived and denied all of the allegations. He left of his own free will and advised that he would return when things cooled down.

Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
509 E Canal St	01/04/16	\$24,500	Wth Oakmont Mortgage Pool 217 Lp	Bibawy Nabila
304 E Canal St	01/04/16	\$32,500	St Joseph's Catholic Worker House Inc	Mitchell Heath &@(4)
980 Terry Dr	01/04/16	\$0	Sager Thomas H & Pamela S	Sager Anthony T (Tr)
514 Michigan Ave	01/05/16	\$87,000	Cline Angela Y & Joshua R	Smith Leah M
2518 W Foxchase Ct	01/05/16	\$79,000	Stein Richard H (Tod) (Lc) @(4)	Thokey Brock & Jeanette E Asher
1169 Edgewater Dr	01/05/16	\$222,000	Salyer Ronald V (Tod) & @(4)	Monnier Ricky H & Dustina L
11 S Market St	01/06/16	\$108,000	Jsbre Llc	Berner Estates Llc
615 Summit Ave	01/06/16	\$0	Bank Of America Na	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Dev.
615 Michigan Ave	01/06/16	\$0	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Dev.	Conley Debbie S & Gregory L Dehart
1146 Scott St	01/06/16	\$74,000	Horton Tyler A	Monnin Jackie C
1141 Parkview Dr	01/06/16	\$291,300	Harlow Builders Inc	Ring Heather Ann

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ger be silent as I watch what has been going on in this agency, and in this county,” Mahan said in making his announcement. “I cannot just sit back and watch as the agency to which I dedicated almost 30 years of my life struggles because of a lack of leader-

ship.”
Mahan said he would address several areas in his campaign in more detail following the primary election. Among areas he mentioned were: the courts and jail, sheriff's office personnel and the public.

He holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Sinclair Community College, a bachelor's degree from Tiffin University and graduated from the Northwestern Staff and Command School. He is the commander of the Basic Police Officer Academy at Ed-

ison Community College, Piqua, and in a Jackson Center police officer.
For more information, visit his website www.ElectMahanSheriff.com and his Facebook page at Elect Mahan Sheriff.

Jessup Joins Rotary Club

Dr. Jennifer Jessup, owner of Applied Chiropractic of Troy, 223 E. Main Street, has accepted membership in Troy Rotary Club. She has been a practicing chiropractic physician since March 2006 after earning her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Illinois in 2005. She is licensed by the State of Ohio to practice Chiropractic and is a certified Applied Kinesiologist by the International College of Applied Kinesiology. She also has specialization in Craniosacral Therapy and Nutrition Consultation.

After being named co-valedictorian of her 1998 Versailles, Ohio, high school class, Jessup earned her undergraduate degree in 2002 from Miami University before pursuing her doctoral degree. She volunteers each year as a working chiropractic physician in multidisciplinary primary healthcare clinics in St. Mary, Jamaica, through American Caribbean Experience. She also participates on the Design Team at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church supporting their various interior design projects. Troy Rotary is delighted to have Dr. Jessup join the club.

Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support sever-



al community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club 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. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyohiorotary.org.

Rotarians Tour Soup Kitchen

The January 5, 2016 meeting of the Troy Rotary Club was held at the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen, located at 25 N. Mulberry Street inside the Hobart Community Kitchen in Troy. Hosted by owner/operator Dick Steineman, members were invited to tour the second floor and basement to see the multi-purpose rooms and storage areas as they learned more about the facility. Opened in 2014, the building was made possible through the generosity of many businesses and civic leaders. Hobart Corporation donated funds and kitchen equipment, local builder Frank Harlow coordinated the construction while The Troy Foundation, other trusts and generous individuals helped ensure the project was completed.

Its' hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 5-6 PM, and they serve 450-500 meals each week. In addition to the week-

day service, they send out meals to Troy's north side every Saturday evening and offer a special delivery service of over 2100 meals on Christmas Day each year. In all, the Soup Kitchen provides nearly 25,000 meals each year to area residents. The entire operation is supported through charitable donations of food and funds. With more than 150 homeless individuals in Miami County, Steineman works with other agencies to offer assistance to anyone in need. The Soup Kitchen is an important part in Troy's blanket of care, and the Mulberry Street door is always open to anyone or organization who has leftover food to donate to those who are hungry. For more information on the Soup Kitchen, please visit soup-kitchen.org.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually, including provid-

ing volunteers every month to help serve meals at the Soup Kitchen. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. Club members 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. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

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Free Clinic Offers Weight Loss Program

Miami County’s only free medical clinic is joining forces with a Piqua-based walking and running specialty outlet in encouraging local citizens to participate in a weight-loss program that will also benefit their mission.

The leaders of the Health Partners Free Clinic, located in Troy, and the owners of Can’t Stop Running Co., of Piqua, are collaborating in the free Pounds for Partners program, slated for Jan. 16 through Feb. 27, to promote weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.

Ryan and Amanda King, owners of Can’t Stop Running Co. (CSRC), report a daylong kick-off event at the store in Piqua, set for Jan. 16 at 8 a.m., will allow participants to register and weigh-in throughout the day. The store is located at 321 N. Main St.

The program will conclude on Feb. 27 at Health Partners Free Clinic, 1300 N. County Road 25A, with a final weigh-in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Once completed, \$1 per pound lost by participants

will be donated to the Clinic.

Funds raised will go towards offsetting the Clinic’s operating expenses, according to Executive Director Justin Coby.

“This is more than a fund raising activity for the Clinic. Our mission is helping provide information and ideas for our patients to have a healthy lifestyle. We are very appreciative of those who agree the health of those under our care is much more important.”

“We feel strongly that Ryan and Amanda deeply share that notion and partnering with them seems like a win-win to me,” Coby said.

The Kings explained weekly weigh-ins are encouraged, but not required. The weigh-ins will be at CSRC on Saturdays during the program.

Ryan King said, “We will count any pounds lost from the last weigh-in throughout the program. In other words, weight can fluctuate up and down and they’ll receive credit for cumulative amount lost.”



The Kings are encouraging people to participate in group runs at the store to aid with their goals. Participants can join the event anytime during the program.

CSRC will manage the weight loss calculations. As the event continues, participants will receive e-mail notification of nutrition seminars to encourage healthier eating, according to King.

Participants who weigh-in at least twice will receive a \$10 CSRC Gift Card at their second weigh in.

For more information, contact the Can’t Stop Running Co. by calling (937) 778-1515 or by e-mail at cantstoprunningco@gmail.com. Their website is located at www.CantStopRunningCo.com.

What to Do in Troy

Sounds of the Hammered Dulcimer
January 15, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Troy Hayner Cultural Center
The Mountain Dulcimer Society of Dayton Concert featuring Mark Wade
Mark is a multi-instrumentalist that has performed and recorded on Piano, Trumpet, Classical/Acoustic Guitar, Bass Guitar, Pennywhistle, Hammered Dulcimer, and Mountain Dulcimer.
Mark was the first place winner in the 1998 National Hammered Dulcimer Championship in Winfield, Kansas, and is one of America’s premier Hammered Dulcimer Soloists and Clinicians.
Please call 937-339-0457 or visit TroyHayner.org for more information.

Dog Social “Klondike Dog Olympics”
January 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 1400 Tyrone
Join park district naturalist John De Boer at the annual “Klondike Dog Olympics” where dogs and their owners spend a fun-filled day in the snow. Stay warm – remember to layer up before you head out. Owners are responsible for their dogs. Please clean

up after your pet. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Troy Night Market
January 19, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
11 N. Market St.
The market is a collaboration of local farmers market vendors who grow and produce ‘Local Foods’ and food related items. The market is being presented with the support of producers who are volunteer committee members of The Miami County Food Council under the guidance of The OSU Miami County Extension Office.
The Troy Night Market vendors embrace the slogan “In Support of Local Food” and will be offering a variety of locally based food products for sale. Products include homemade jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasoning, mixes, tea blends, candy, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, popping corn, and many other items.
Seasonal fresh produce, herbs, flowers and garden plants will also be offered in season.
The market will also offer a

limited number of handmade kitchen/household related items such as soaps, cutting boards, wooden tureen ware, ceramic ware, rolling pins and other hand-crafted items.

For more information visit them on Facebook at, “Troy Night Market ” or call (937) 216-0949 e-mail TroyNightMarket@gmail.com.

Don’t Stop Believin’ Charity Concert
January 22, 6:30 p.m.
Hobart Arena
Featuring The Menus With Special Guests Seventh St. Presented by What A Girl Wants Events for You
Proceeds Benefitting Pink Ribbon Girls
Sponsored by Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau \$45 VIP*, \$20 Reserved, General Admission Seating – Donations Taken at the Door with all Proceeds to Benefit Pink Ribbon Girls
*VIP Tickets Include Stage Front Seating in Rows 1-5, a Light Appetizer Buffet, a Bottled Water and Event Lanyard. Buffet 7:15pm to 8pm.
Sugar Grove at the Mayflower
January 23, 7:30 p.m.

9 W. Main St.
Since their beginning in 2004, Sugar Grove has been gaining the respect of both audiences and peers with their vocals, instrumentation, & well-chosen mix of material. While this consists mainly of contemporary and traditional bluegrass songs, the group doesn’t feel it necessary to stay within those confines.

The band comprised of Daryl Duncan (vocals & guitar), Craig Shaffer (banjo & vocals), Ethan Smith (mandolin & vocals), and Al Turnbull (upright bass & vocals), performs at many western Ohio venues such as; The Clifton Opera House, Greenville’s Annie Oakley Festival, The Pioneer Village at Caesar’s Creek, and The Tipp City Roller Mill. For more info about Sugar Grove, visit www.gigmasters.com/bluegrassband/sugargrove.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. Box Office opens at 7:00 PM, with the performance starting at 7:30 PM. Come early and meet the members of Sugar Grove!

Performance and venue information is available by calling 937-552-5848.

Passing the Torch

The Miami Valley Veterans Museum wishes to announce that Stephen D. Larck, Jr officially stepped down from his position as President, effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Larck is one of the original founders of the museum, opening its doors to the public in 2009, while first housed in the Stouder building. Mr. Larck was instrumental in expanding the size and content of the museum when he was offered rental space in the Masonic Lodge in downtown Troy, only one year after the museums grand opening.

Since its establishment in 2009, the Miami Valley Veterans Museum has had some small changes to the board, but has been blessed with consistency of its remaining volunteers and the option of expanding from a single room of about 10” x 10” to encompassing the entire 2nd floor of the Masonic Lodge which the exception of its dining facilities.

Without his drive and belief that this “could work”, his commitment to the veterans of the Miami Valley (including many family members who served), and a determined refusal to give into the negative “it will fail” remarks, the museum would not have come to fruition.

Larck will be replaced by Tristan Weis, whom many of you from the local area may already be familiar with. Tristan is a resident of Troy. He served as a combat medic in the United States Army from 2002-2006 and was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003. He left service after obtaining the rank of Specialist.

After leaving service Weis attended Sinclair Community College obtaining his Associate Degree, and continuing at Franklin University where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree. He is currently working towards a Graduate degree at Franklin University.

Weis has most recently worked with former U.S. House of Representatives Speaker John A. Boehner as a field representative and before that, as a House Wounded Warrior Fellow providing constituent services to veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

WACO Presents “Scenes from Seuss” Lego Contest

Have you ever entered a LEGO contest? “If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good”--Dr. Seuss. WACO Historical Society is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Lego Contest. Local LEGO enthusiasts are encouraged to present a scene from their favorite Dr. Seuss book. This LEGO contest, “Scenes from Seuss,” is “nonsense to wake up the brain cells” for “fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living,” according to Dr. Seuss. The winning entries will be decided by judges and on display for public viewing with admission to the WACO Air Museum, February 13th -March 13th, during regular business hours. With each paid admission,

a museum guest will get to cast 5 votes for the People’s Choice Award. Additional votes can be purchased for \$1.00 per vote at the museum gift shop or vote online at www.wacoairmuseum.org.

Find your entry form and Rules & Regulations at: www.wacoairmuseum.org.

All ages are welcome to enter. Remember, Dr. Seuss said that “adults are just outdated children.” So adults may enter, too! However, for prize recognition, contestants will be broken into 2 age groups: Ages 10 and under and ages 11 and older. But, hurry! Submissions must be delivered to WACO between January 29th and February 1st.

YWCA to Hold Martin Luther King Community Celebration

The 8th annual Martin Luther King Community Celebration will be held Monday, January 18, from 1 – 2 p.m. at the YWCA Piqua. This year’s annual event will focus on “Unity Today: Accept the Differences and Move Forward” with Shane Carter, Executive Director of The Lincoln Community Center. Other local students and community leaders will also be part of the program along with Brenda Cobbs-Allen, musician and vocalist.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street, call 937-773-6626 or e-mail info@ywcapiqua.com. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

YW Wild Walking Women

Get motivated to walk and get healthier with the YW Wild Walking Women beginning Tuesday, January 19. The ladies will meet to walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 4 week period from 9-10 a.m. Participants will meet at The Miami Valley Centre Mall and Joan Beck and Nancy Hirby, facilitators, will guide the group each week.

“We promise a fun time, an opportunity to meet new friends and a time to develop your health and well-being,” said Beck and Hirby. “Motivation and laughter will keep you going as you get healthier together,” they added.

For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. Pre-registration is requested. YWCA membership is not required.

NARFE to Meet

Chapter #2238 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees will hold its next meeting Friday, January 15 at 12:00 noon at TJ Chumps, 7050 Executive Blvd., Huber Heights. It is located between the Meijers Store and the Rose Music Center.

Chapter 2238 serves Huber Heights, Englewood, Vandalia, Tipp City, New Carlisle, Riverside, Dayton and Brookville. Our speaker will be Fred Naas and he will talk about his trip to Germany.

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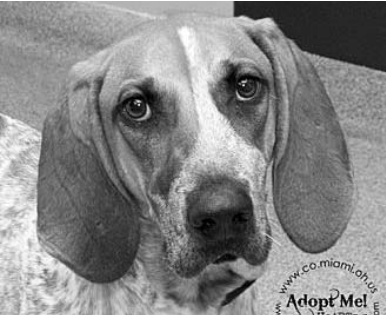
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Pet of the Week



by the Miami County Humane Society

Charlie

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- 1 yr

*Charlie is a happy, energetic, and outgoing big boy in search of a forever home of his own. He has been adopted from us twice and returned, because the adopters just don't seem to be prepared for all that is Charlie. He is a hound breed, so he is a howler and a barker. And he is young at just a year old, so he is still in the training phase. He is still a runner, a jumper, and a chewer. He needs an owner who recognizes the energy level of a coonhound and plans to invest some time with teaching this handsome guy the ropes! Charlie has so much potential, he just needs someone who can see it. If you are interested in Charlie please stop in and meet this guy.

Gardening Commentary

from MVG Gardening resolutions

Since we are in a new gardening year this month here are some resolutions we need to try and keep this year. There are a few critical items, that if done on time in the landscape and garden, can make gardening a whole lot easier. Timing is everything when it comes to enjoying working in your yard.

Take weeds in the garden for starters, they create a lot of work if not kept under controlled and they will take a lot of fun out of gardening. We have more “tools” than ever before to help us make gardening easier. If we can manage some of these key items on time our yards will look great with a lot less time and sweat. We are all up for that.

A few of the elements in gardening that must be done when the timing is right are:

Feeding the lawn

The one thing that “makes” a landscape is a thick, dark green turf of good grass that is mowed regularly. When this is accomplished we save money and time and can avoid applying most weed control products to the lawn. There are 4 feedings to your lawn that will keep it healthy and relatively weed free- St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Controlling weeds in the landscape beds and vegetable garden

today we have some very good preventative weed control products and contact sprays. When these products are applied at the right time along with mulch we can eliminate upwards of 90% of the weed problems in our landscape beds and vegetable garden. Mulching is one of the key factors.

Apply weed preventer to your weed free landscape beds using something like Preen at these times- St. Patrick’s Day, July 4th, October 1. In your vegetable garden you have to wait until any plants starting from seeds are up and growing and then you can apply corn gluten meal, an organic compound. Once grass, vegetable, or flower seedlings are established, it is safe to apply. Corn gluten also provides a low level of slow release fertilizer as a side benefit.

Watering turf and new plantings

Water deeply when you water, applying at least an inch of water a week during the growing season, when we don’t get rains. Use a pie pan to check how much water your sprinkler is putting out. Allow the sprinkler to run



until you have an inch of water in the pan. You only have to time how long the sprinkler runs and measure the water in the pan one time, then you can be confident that you are doing the job correctly each time you water in the future. Proper watering during drought periods will keep your turf looking good and any newly planted trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetable plants growing well. Avoid waiting until severe stress is noticed.

When these 3 items are taken care of **on time** gardening will be more fun and rewarding with beauty and the satisfaction that results. There are a number of

other things that need to be done in the yard like pruning, spot spraying for some harmful insects and diseases, but none that has the critical timing of the 3 items mentioned above.

Let’s resolve together, that we are going to do a better job at timing so we get a bigger bang out of our bucks with less effort. Go ahead, say it, “I _____, resolve to do my critical gardening items On Time in 2016”.

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At Home

by Connie Moore Covered Bridges

A small gasp of awe is heard as one draws up to the newest of covered bridges here in Ohio. Breathtaking in size and design, the Richard Eastman Hyde Road Covered Bridge crosses a piece of the Little Miami Bike Trail. Standing on the trail, looking up, one can see today and yesterday, all in one moment.

From its twelve windows to its cupola and bicycle weather vane, it is a beautiful, nostalgic sight. Some have referred to covered bridges as romantic in nature. Admittedly, this bridge does touch the heart and remind one of the true art of construction when nature is taken into account.

Painted a flat, weathered red with cream trim, the bridge is a Howe through Truss type and is seventy-seven feet long. This type of bridge was one of the first configurations for covered bridges back in the late 1800s.

William Howe of Spencer, Massachusetts, patented the design in 1840. Before that though, around 1820, Ithiel Towne patented a lattice work covered bridge design known as the Towne or lattice

bridge. To protect the trusses, wooden roofs and sides were installed. At that time, bridges were rarely painted to aid in protection against the elements. This led to a short life span and much labor in maintaining the timbers and integrity. (It wasn’t until after 1850 that iron was used in the bridges.)

In old Ohio newspapers, one county stands out for relating covered bridge news. Vinton County recorded ten pages out of the first forty of news related to their bridges. An 1873 example is the following: “Commissioners are building three bridges including a covered bridge with stone abutments across Big Raccoon Creek near Daniel Wortman’s mill, another of the same type over Little Raccoon Creek near Henry Robbin’s residence and a third Open bridge with stone abutments across Big Raccoon Creek near Samuel Beckley’s home.”

An 1896 report from Columbus, Ohio, showed that the State Senate had passed a bill that allowed for county commissioners to light covered bridges. Lighting was granted in many communities as automobiles became the mode

of transportation and nighttime driving was increasing.

Wooden bridges were not made with the strength it took to hold automobiles though. The following piece from 1916 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, shows just what problems could and did arise.

“Our local covered bridge has stood for 49 years. It has been given a vacation for a couple of weeks (while repairs were done). Its floor has been a series of ups and downs, twists and wriggles, windings and warps for a long time. Sunday it was discovered one of the stringers was broken underneath. This while several automobiles crossed it.

A good many years ago the bridge showed weakness, and a series of arches was built inside. The arches then buckled and of late the floor tilted in a twisty way and many persons are scared of crossing with a heavy load. It was never built for traffic as heavy as present day, or vibration such as a heavy automobile sets up. For years the bridge has borne a sign warning of a fine of \$5.00 for crossing it faster than a walk.”

At the peak of their use, there were hundreds of covered bridges



es in Ohio. Today there are a little over 140. Ohio is home to the longest and the shortest of those bridges in the United States. The Smolen-Gulf Bridge located on State Road in Fairfield County is 613 feet long. It is of the Pratt truss design. The West Liberty Covered Bridge is the shortest at 18 feet.

While a list of seventy covered bridges in Ohio can be found on Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, a more complete list can be found on Dale Travis’ website, recently updated. Search, looking for his name and website, under ‘covered bridges in Ohio’.

Manmade structures are all around us. We live in them. We shop in them. We work and learn in them. They are necessary. We take them for granted. While in the past covered bridges were also taken for granted, we can gaze on bridges such as the Hyde Road one and remember that because of the integrity of the components and workmanship, our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the ‘romance’ of a covered bridge in the future.

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Landing for more stories and photos.

Financial Focus

with Thrivent Financial Surviving the economic roller coaster

It twists, it turns, it goes up, it comes down and it even has the uncanny ability to make many of us feel a bit wobbly and nauseous. The economic roller coaster has taken all of us for a wild ride, particularly over the past few years. So what can you do now to help gain back some control over your financial life? Thrivent Financial, offers the following timeless tips to help you survive the ride.

1. Pay down your debt, but don’t forget to pay yourself too.
- Generally speaking, the sooner you pay off your debt – especially consumer debt like that of credit cards – the better off you’ll be. However, also set aside money on a regular basis for an emergency.
2. Track, than manage, your cash flow.
- It’s impossible to manage your money if you don’t have a feel for what you take in and where your money goes.
- A budget can be a real lifesaver in

terms of ensuring that you have a solid financial foundation.

3. Insure the fundamentals (health, property, income and life).
- Everything you own is at risk IF your fundamental needs of your life are not properly insured.
- A financial professional can assist you in determining the appropriate level of insurance for your specific circumstances.
4. Grow your job skills.
- Perhaps one of the most neglected of our assets is our job skills.
- Continually seek to grow and enhance your value to your current employer or potential employers by growing your job skills through continuing education, volunteer experiences, and more.
5. Direct your bonus or raise toward financial priorities.
- If you are lucky enough to have received a bonus or raise, put it towards a financial priority, like paying down your debt, creating an emergency savings, continuing education, or building your retirement

account.

6. Invest for the long-term.
- It may be tempting to discontinue participation in your company’s 401(k) account. Don’t! Letting emotions override sound economic decisions could be a big mistake. It is wise to continue to participate in a 401(k) program, especially if your company is matching your contribution.
- Consider time, not timing. When will you need the money? The strategy of someone 25 years away from retirement versus just one or two is obviously going to be different.
- Make sure your portfolio is rebalanced and is appropriately allocated for your risk tolerance, but also make sure you are ready to take advantage of a market rebound.
7. Build your financial knowledge.
- Read financial publications; listen to financial shows; talk to friends and financial professionals. The more you know, the better decisions you will make concerning the financial choices you have.
8. Talk with loved ones about location of financial documents.
- It is especially important for se-

nior parents and adult children to discuss this matter.

- Every family will differ regarding their comfort level around discussing specifics of end-of-life and healthcare issues, but all families should, at a minimum, inform their loved ones where specific financial documents can be found (e.g., health care directives; long-term care and life insurance policies; pension and retirement account information).
9. Meet with a financial professional and work with a strong company.
- A financial professional can be invaluable in helping you create and track a financial program appropriate to your goals.
- Work with someone you trust; someone who has an excellent reputation and plenty of positive references.
- Ask the right questions to make sure the company or companies you will be working with are strong and stable.
10. Live generously.
- It is easy to get caught up in

everything going on in our world. Don’t forget to give back. Make financial donations when you can and look for opportunities to volunteer and share.

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Bees Clip Eagles 59-30 In Non-League Action

By Jim Dabbelt

Bethel opened up a close game in the first half, and had no trouble defeating Troy Christian 59-30 in a non-conference matchup last week in Tipp City.

The Bees held a slim two point lead after the opening period, only to score 23 points in the second period, opening a 29-15 lead at the break.

The woes continued for Troy Christian in the second half, as they shot a rough 24 percent from the field and watched as the Bees added to their lead, pushing their advantage out to 44-23 heading to the fourth. From there, the Bees just continued to increase on their lead, as they connected on eight three-pointers en route to the win.

Caleb South led the way for the Bees with 16 points, while Ian Anderson added 14. Troy Christian was led in scoring by Seth Wynne with nine points.

“Ray (Zawadzki) is a great coach, and I knew we knew we would be in for a battle,” said Bethel coach Brett Kopp. “Our kids were ready. Once we started playing on the defensive end. It was a great win to start the new year.”

“The loss to Twin Valley South really refocused us, and when we are active, we are a much better team.”

For Zawadzki, it was a rough night from the field for the Eagles.

“Bethel applied a lot of pressure to our shooters and they are very good defensively,” Zawadzki said. “When shots don’t fall, it’s like a disease and it spread among everyone. We were 5-28 in first half.”

On Friday, Troy Christian lost 48-30 to Middletown Christian.

“We had the lead when James was injured and it was a big blow for us emotionally and a he’s such a physical presence,” Zawadzki said. “It’s the second time we’ve lost our leading scorer and rebounder this year. We have dealt with a lot of adversity for this young team, and now we will find out about our character. We will work kids in different roles and find a new offense that will work.”

Brown led with nine points.

Bethel heads to Miami East on Friday. Troy Christian hosts Emmanuel Christian on Friday, then Saturday they are at Franklin

Monroe.

“Both the Troy Christian and Bethel girls’ teams were in action last week also. Bethel traveled to Northeastern and after only scoring two points in the opening period, the Bees dropped a 41-32 decision to the Jets.

Bethel’s defense did a good job early, as they held Northeastern to only four points in the opening period, as the Jets led 4-2 after eight minutes. The host Jets then built an 18-10 lead at the half.

The Bees fought back to close their deficit after the third period, as they only trailed 27-23 heading to the fourth, but the Jets withstood any Bees comeback bid and went on to the non-league victory.

Becky Schweiterman led the Bees with 12 points, while Alaina Hawthorn added 11. Kayla Grable scored five for Bethel.

The Bees also lost to Covington 49-33 last week in league play.

*Troy Christian (6-3) also pulled off a big league victory over Xenia Christian last week, earning a 38-27 victory. A couple of weeks earlier, Xenia Christian defeated Troy Christian 55-37, but the Eagles came out and turned the ta-

bles last week.

The Eagles started the game out strong, leading 9-1 after the first quarter before Xenia Christian cut the lead to 15-14 at the half.

Troy Christian won the second half, as the post players controlled the boards for the Eagles.

Lauren Lavy led Troy Christian with 12 points and five rebounds, while Hailey Peters added nine points and 14 rebounds, Kathryn Lee scored seven points with 12 boards, and Meredith Haddad contributed six points and eight rebounds. The Eagles shot 50 percent from the field, but struggled at 10-31 from the free throw line. Xenia Christian stand-out Katie Riddle came into the game needing 10 points for 1,000 for her career, was held to eight by the Eagles freshman Kinley Blake.

“They had beaten us earlier so our kids were ready to play the second time around,” said Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman. “They are athletic and puts points on the boards. We cut down on their breaks and hit the boards.”

“It was a big win for us and gave us confidence.”

Sports Notes:

Troy Bowlers Win Again

The Troy girls’ bowling squad picked up another victory last week with a big win over Trotwood. Rachel Darrow led the Trojans with 193-205, Casside McMullen 143-122, then individual games for Troy consisting of Jenna Stone 215, Sierra Brown 191, Kirsten McMullen 179, Alyssa Shilt 168, Jennica Funderburg 164 and A’leigha Smith 155.

For the boys’ squad, Troy was led by Aaron Stone with a 235-200, AJ Kendall 255-153, Hayden Jackson 203-150, Logan Jones 235, Landon Flory 161, Jason Shiltz 155 and Preston Jackson 138.

Troy Hockey- The Troy Trojan Hockey team was playing a league game at the Cincinnati Gardens and were taking on the St. X Bombers. The Bombers were a strong well coached team that had only lost to Springboro thus far into the season.

The first period was all Bombers with Troy only getting 2 shots on goal while the bombers had 10 shots and scored on one of those shots to take a first period lead at 1-0.

The second was all St. X again with Troy only mustering 2 shots while the Bombers scored 4 unanswered goals and took a 5-0 lead at the end of the second period.

The third period was much of the same with Troy attempting 2 more shots while the Bombers shot 11 more times and scored 1 more goal. When it was all said and done, Troy could only get 6 shots on goal compared to the Bombers 26 shots and the took the 6-0 loss.

* The Trojan Hockey team was playing at Hobart Arena against a new team that is joining the league in the Mason Comets. The Comets were coming into the game with a 9-11 record. The game was delayed briefly when the referees did not arrive and substitutes had to be found.

The first period started out fast with Troy controlling the play and the puck. Prestyn Hoefler scored at the 7 minute mark with the assist going to AJ Noll. Troy Moore scored a few minutes later with the assist going to Grant Gariety and Noll. Moore scored again just 2 minutes later to give Troy the 3-0 lead. Tyler Hess picked up the assist.

The second period was very slow and both teams had issues keeping control of the puck. Troy scored when Hoefler tapped one in on the back door with Noll picking up the assist.

The third period again was slow until Hess found the back of the net on a nice shot from the slot with John Wehrkamp getting the assist. Hoefler then got his hat trick when he scored from the goalies right side with Noll and Caleb Salazar picking up the helpers. Charlie Ryan scored on an unassisted goal to round out the scoring at 7-0 with Troy on top.

Shaemus Nevin was in the goal and stopped all 18 shots that were sent his way. Troy had 29 shots on goal. Hoefler had 3 goals. Moore had 2 goals. Noll had 4 assists. Ryan and Hess each had one goal. Gariety, Tyler Hess, Wehrkamp, and Salazar each had 1 assist.

Balanced Attack Leads Arrows Over Troy

By Jim Dabbelt

In the first five minutes of the game, the Troy Trojans came out strong, jumping out to a 14-5 lead over the visiting Tecumseh Arrows, as they looked to set the tone early.

The next five minutes, the Arrows took over the game.

Tecumseh went on a 21-2 run deep into the second period, and used a balanced attack to defeat the Trojans on Saturday night 72-62, improving their record on the season to 11-2 overall. Troy fell to 4-7 with the loss.

“The kids did a great job sharing the basketball tonight,” Tecumseh coach Roger Culbertson said. “At times we have to depend on Darius, and he found the open man tonight, and teams are starting to concentrate on him more and more, and he did a good job getting into the paint still and kicking it out to some good shooters who knocked down their shots tonight.”

“It was rough on us when they went on that run, and we failed to finish in there,” Troy coach Paul Bremigan said. “It would have kept us in the game if we could hit layups, and we just

struggled with that.”

The Trojans bolted out to their quick lead, as they used a combination of inside shots and long distance three’s to build their lead. Ryan McClurg was big early, as the Trojan scored five quick points to give Troy a 7-2 lead. Romello Yaqub also contributed to their early success, as the guard hit a midrange jumper and a following three, to give Troy a 14-5 lead.

Then the run began for the Arrows.

Rylan Magsaysay hit consecutive three’s, Ross Warren contributed, and Darius Quisenberry scored on consecutive layups, and with 3:10 left in the first half, the Arrows turned a nine-point deficit into a 27-16 lead.

“Our kids weathered the storm in the first quarter and we wore the big kids down with our pace,” Culbertson said. “I thought we did a good job controlling the pace in the first half.”

Tecumseh took a 31-20 lead into the break, and came out firing to start the second half.

Darius Quisenberry and Magsaysay each hit three’s to open

the third, sending the Tecumseh lead out to 37-20. With Yaqub trying to get the Trojans back into the game with six straight Trojan points, it was the three-ball that kept the foot on the gas for the Arrows. Malik Quisenberry and Magsaysay each hit three’s as Tecumseh saw their lead go to 45-26 midway through the third.

Troy put together a 6-0 run, then another 6-0 run late in the quarter to cut the Tecumseh lead to 11, but Darius Quisenberry buried a three as the third period came to a close, giving the visitors a 52-38 lead heading to the fourth.

Troy cut the lead to eight with 3:25 left when Yaqub scored on a three-point play, but the Arrows answered. The Arrows led by ten with a minute left, and Malik Quisenberry hit three of four free throws to keep the comfortable lead.

“I thought we were a lot more aggressive in the second half and got to the foul line a little bit,” Bremigan said. “They hit some shots, and then the four-point play they had when we cut it to ten. You have to give them cred-

it, they hit shots when they had to, and hit free throws down the stretch.”

Darius Quisenberry led Tecumseh with 16, Magsaysay added 15 Malik Quisenberry had 14 and Clay Mastin scored 12. Troy was led by Yaqub with 23 and McClurg added 14.

*Also this week, Tecumseh defeated Stebbins 76-67 in overtime, as Darius Quisenberry scored 42 points, one shy of the boys’ single game school record, Malik Quisenberry added 15 and Warren eight.

Tecumseh also defeated Bellefontaine 59-56, as Malik Quisenberry scored his 1,000th career point for the Arrows. He led with 19, Darius Quisenberry added 14, Warren 10.

*Troy also had a good week prior, as they defeated West Carrollton 75-53, as Mechia Linton led the way for Troy with 23 points, Yaqub scored 13 and Keenan Kinnel added 11.

The Trojans also defeated Butler 45-42 on Friday night.

Tecumseh travels to Kenton Ridge on Friday night while Troy goes to Sidney.

Despite Fast Start, Trojans Fall At Butler

By Jim Dabbelt

For the first eight minutes, everything was going right for the Troy girls’ basketball team. The Trojans had scored 16 points and had the Butler team on their heels.

Unfortunately for the Trojans, they could only muster 20 total points the rest of the game, as they lost to the Aviators 44-36 on Saturday in a GWOC North Division contest at the Student Activity Center in Vandalia.

Things started fast for Troy, as they used a big three-pointer and free from Bailey Hess to jump in front 6-2 in the opening minute. Sierra Besecker and Hess again added three point plays to take the Trojans out to a 12-4 lead

with 3:10 left in the opening period.

Hess finished the first period with another big three, then added a free throw in the closing second to take a commanding 16-5 lead into the second.

Back came the Aviators, as they started to cut into the Troy lead. Butler post player Abby Grooms, who was uncontested in the paint at times, scored five straight points over two minutes, cutting their deficit to six points.

Jenna Kaup buried a three to end the Butler run, but that shot is all Trojans offense could produce in the second period. With Troy leading 19-10 with 4:20 left in the half, their offense went si-

lent, being outscored 8-0 over the final four minutes, and their lead diminished down to 19-18 at the half.

The drought continues for Troy into the third period, as Butler came out and set the tone in the first couple of minutes. Britney Petrosky and Shelby Moses each scored to give Butler their first lead at 23-19 before Hess answered with a pair of free throws.

Butler took a five point lead when Besecker connected on another three for Troy before the Aviators again pulled away to end the quarter, holding Troy scoreless over the final three minutes of the period, as Butler led 32-25 heading to the fourth.

Troy continued to use the three-pointer to stay in the game, as they would answer a Butler score with a three, as Bailey Dornbusch and Alexis Otstot each scored from beyond the arc, closing the Butler lead to 36-31 with 6:35 left.

Another Besecker three made it a four point lead with 1:32 left, but that would be the closest they would get.

Hess led Troy with 15, Besecker added nine.

Troy also lost to Trotwood 39-28 last week in league play. The Trojans also defeated Greenville 56-28, as Hess scored 16 and Kayla Niswonger added 12.

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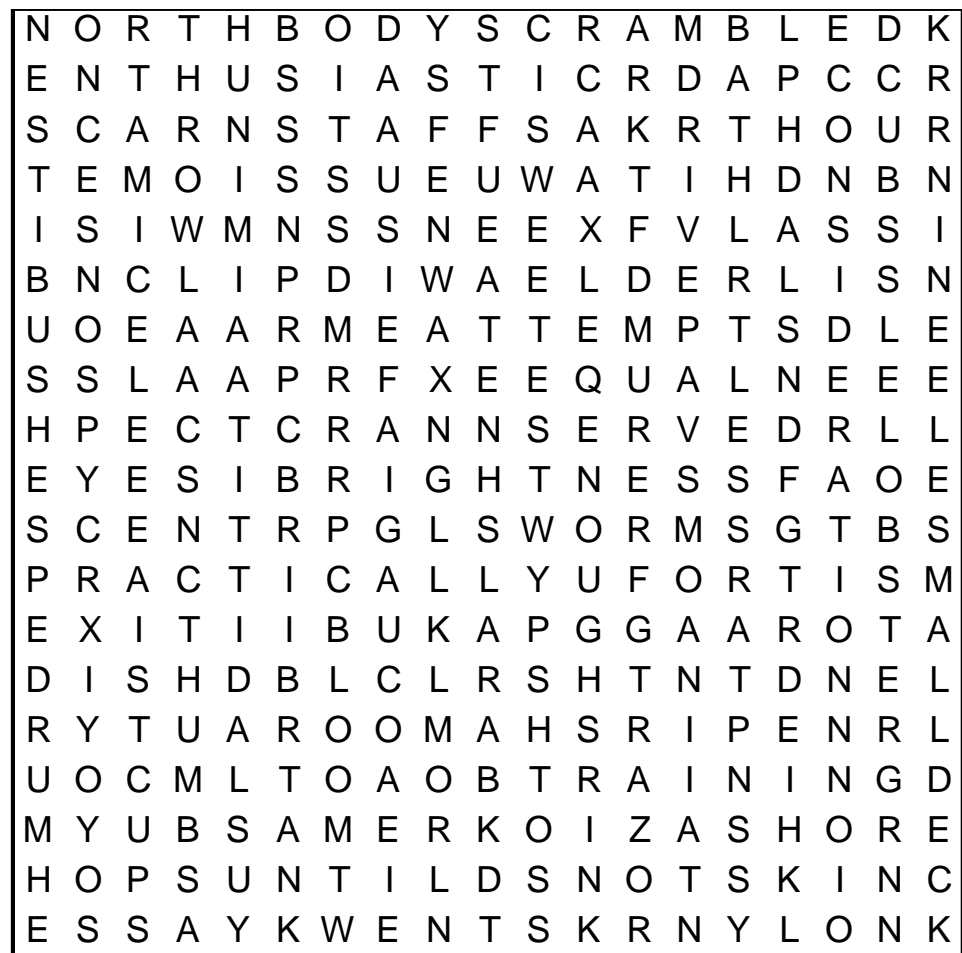
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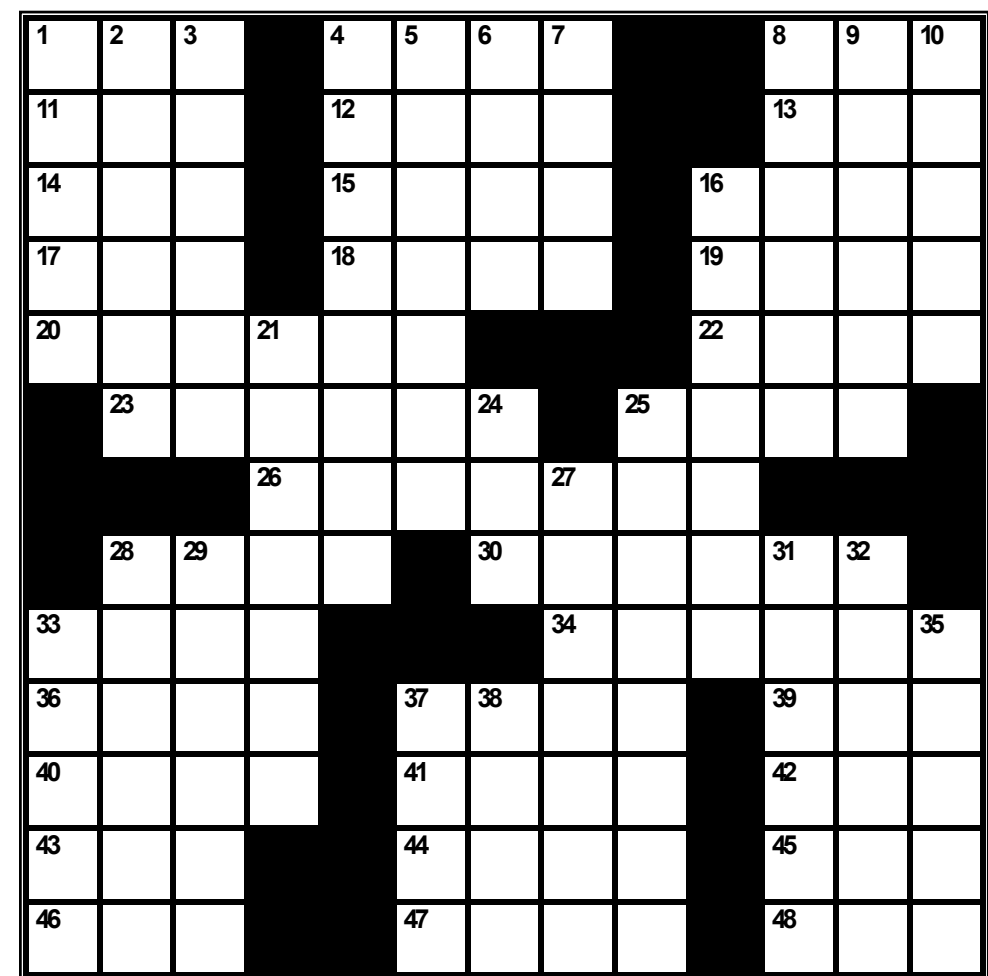


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By Larry Warren

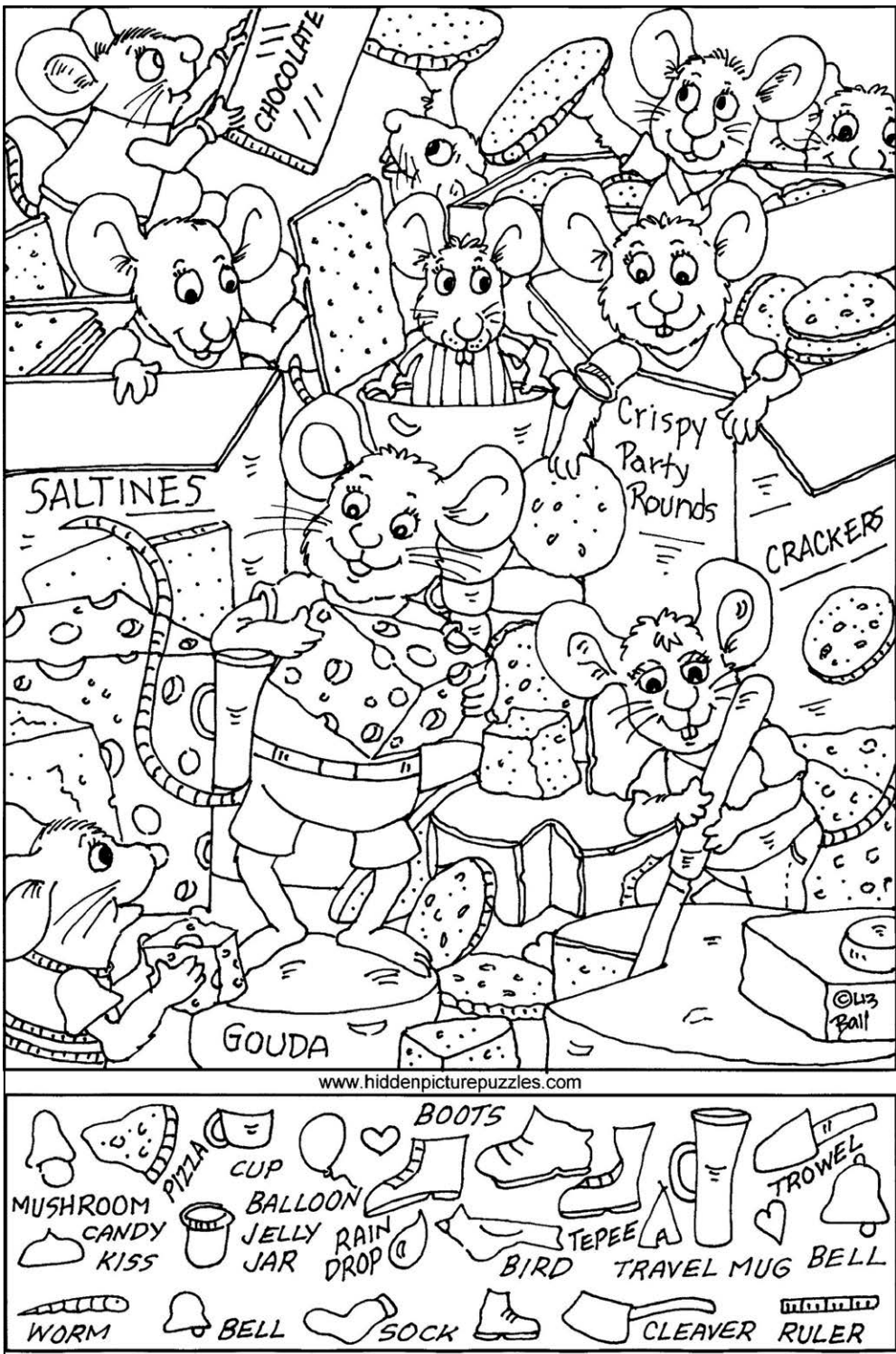


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17. Liveliness	40. Skin cream additive	2. Far ____	92. French pastry
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By Liz Ball



Winter Trivia

1. What sets up the possibility of an avalanche?
 - A. A snow drift
 - B. A snow pack
 - C. A snow slab
2. What sort of snow turns into a glacier?
 - A. Partially melted snow from a snow pack
 - B. Snow that has not melted for a number of years
 - C. Fresh snow falling on mountain tops
3. When does snow make a noise?
 - A. When it is freshly fallen
 - B. When the air temperature is very low
 - C. When it is about to melt
4. On which other planet in the Solar System have scientists observed snow falling?
 - A. Mercury
 - B. Venus
 - C. Jupiter
5. What size was the world's largest recorded snowflake?
 - A. 38 cm
 - B. 38 inches
 - C. 38 mm
6. What shape are snowflakes?
 - A. Pentagons
 - B. Hexagons
 - C. Octagons
7. How much snow is equivalent to an inch of rainfall?
 - A. 6 inches
 - B. 13 inches
 - C. 20 inches
8. Which of the following would help you to determine how deep the snow is?
 - A. A pistol shot
 - B. A rifle shot
 - C. A shotgun shot
9. What does a snow groomer do?
 - A. Uses snow in hair styling
 - B. Moves snow off the roads
 - C. Manipulates snow for recreational use
10. Where would you find the snow belt?
 - A. Canada
 - B. United States
 - C. Scandinavia
11. In 1999, which mountain took the record for the most snowfall ever

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- measured in the United States in a single season?
 - A. Mount St Helens
 - B. Mount McKinley
 - C. Mount Baker
12. In what year were the first patents registered in the US for snow plows?
 - A. 1920
 - B. 1923
 - C. 1926
13. How tall was the world's largest snowman?
 - A. 113 feet 7 inches
 - B. 122 feet 1 inch
 - C. 131 feet 4 inches
14. How long did it take for the second largest snowman in the world, Angus, to melt?
 - A. Mid June
 - B. Mid May
 - C. Mid April
15. What color is a snow flower?
 - A. Red
 - B. White
 - C. Blue
16. In the animated film of Raymond Briggs' book the Snowman, who sang "Walking in the Air"?
 - A. Aled Jones
 - B. Isabel Suckling
 - C. Peter Auty
17. In 1976/77 which American city had the all-time high for snowfall in a single season?
 - A. Portland, Maine
 - B. Buffalo, New York
 - C. Rochester, New York
18. In "Let It Snow" the 1945 song by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne what were the singers eating?
 - A. Pop Corn
 - B. Potato Chips
 - C. Donuts
19. In which year was the Walt Disney film Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs released?
 - A. 1935
 - B. 1937
 - C. 1939
20. In the 2002 movie Ice Age, John Leguizamo was the voice of Sid. What kind of animal is Sid?
 - A. A snake
 - B. A salamander
 - C. A sloth

Trivia

- 1.) Oxford - The term was coined by poet Matthew Arnold.
- 2.) Cambridge - Cambridge is about 50 miles north of London.
- 3.) Dundee - Officially known as the City of Dundee, Dundee is Scotland's fourth largest city.
- 4.) Wells - Often described as England's smallest city, Wells has had city status since medieval times due to the presence of Wells Cathedral.
- 5.) Bath - Located in the valley of the River Avon, Bath became a World Heritage Site in 1987.
- 6.) Norwich - Norwich was named as England's first UNESCO City of third-largest city in the United Kingdom, Leeds is located in West Yorkshire, England.
- 8.) Ely - Ely is built on a 23-square-mile Kimmerlyng Clay island.
- 9.) Bristol - Bristol is England's sixth and the United Kingdom's eighth most populous city.
- 10.) Wakefield - Wakefield was dubbed as the 'Merrie City' in the Middle Ages.
- 11.) Sunderland - Roker is located east of the North Sea.
- 12.) Manchester - Manchester achieved city status in 1853.
- 13.) Preston - Preston was granted city status in 2002.

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Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club Meets at Library

Join a lively discussion at the Troy-Miami County Public Library's adult book club at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016. They will be reading and discussing "The Girls of the Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II" by Denise Kiernan for the month of January. The Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month and they read a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 120, or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org.

Mornings in Motion at the Library

The Troy-Miami County Public Library will offer "Mornings in Motion" on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This interactive 6 week session will begin Thursday, January 21, 2016, with "singing" as the theme. "Mornings in Motion" will combine walking, early literacy, and fun. Bring your children and a stroller, and join us at the library, Hobart Arena, or other venues as available. For more information call 937-339-0502 ext. 123 or visit www.tmcpl.org. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio.

Color and Coffee at the Library

Join the Troy-Miami County Public Library for their weekly coffee and coloring event. Take a stress break and enjoy a cup of coffee while coloring away the day's anxiety at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016; this is the first day of the "Color and Coffee" weekly event. Coloring pages, colored pencils, and coffee will be provided. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 117.

Make Your Mark with the Library

Celebrate our diverse community by adding your "crayon" to the "box" at the Troy or Pleasant Hill libraries, the bookmobile, The Rec, or the Lincoln Center. Drop in anytime during business hours, January 18-25, 2016, to create your "crayon." Stop in at the Troy library and see the finished display through February 2016; this free activity is for all ages. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 121, or visit www.tmcpl.org. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

Tips for Successful Interviewing at the Library

Join the Troy-Miami County Public Library for the "Tips for Successful Interviewing" presentation. Learn how to put your best foot forward during a job interview at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016; presented by the experts at Edison State Community College. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 117.

Secretary Husted Instructs Boards of Elections to Conduct Second Review of Drug Price Relief Act Petitions

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted returned petitions submitted on behalf of the initiated statue known as "The Drug Price Relief Act" to county boards of elections for a second review. A statewide review of the petitions found a majority of petitions included potentially improper redaction of voters' signatures. State law only allows a voters' signature on a petition to be removed only by the voter or

Spelling Bee Coming Tomorrow

A District Spelling Bee will be held Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Troy High School Auditorium. Building winners from Concord, Cookson, Forest, Heywood, Hook, Kyle, Van Cleve, Miami Montessori, St. Patrick's, Troy Christian Elementary and Troy Christian Junior High will compete for the 2016 Championship and Runner-Up. The event is open to the public.

Toastmasters Hold Open House


The newly formed Miami County Toastmasters Club is hosting an Open House on January 25 at the Troy Hayner Center, 301 W Main St, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Gina Martinelli is Area 6 Director, Division A, District 40. There is no cost. Refreshments will be served so come early, speak to experienced Toastmasters and learn what it's all about. Toastmasters learn leadership, listening and organizational skills. Many use Toastmasters as a springboard to promotions, enhanced job opportunities and greater responsibilities at work and in the community.


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The Remarkable Edwards School

By Judy Deeter, Troy Historical Society

Editor’s Note: This story ran in the first Troy Tribune, dated March 5, 2014. We are reprinting it by request.

In the fall of 1973, Edwards School was torn down to make way for the Troy–Miami County Public Library building. The school’s castle-like structure had stood in the 400 block of West Main Street for more than eighty years, serving both as a school-house for Troy children and as a cultural center for the town. Many current Troy residents either attended the school or visited the building as children. They remember being inside it. Their opinions of the building range from “interesting” to “scary”. Architecturally, the school building was remarkable.

In the early 1800s, Troy schools that provided education beyond the elementary level were private schools known as “academies”. They were operated by local churches or by well-educated individuals. Families paid tuition fees to send their children to these schools. Many working class families could not afford to pay the fees so their children’s education often stopped at the eighth grade. In 1839, a publicly funded school named “The Academy” opened at the intersection of West Main and Oxford Streets. Children could attend this school free of charge each year as long as the public funds lasted, which unfortunately was only about two months each year. Once the funding ran out, parents had to pay the tuition fees in order for their children’s education to continue.

Secondary education funded by public tax dollars did not exist until 1849 when a law was passed in the Ohio Legislature that allowed for the funding of public secondary schools. This law, known as the Ohio School Law of 1849, established school districts whose business affairs would be handled by locally elected boards of education.

In Troy, the Rev. Daniel Rice, a minister at the New School Presbyterian Church led the fight for a public school system in

Troy. Rice was well-educated, having graduated from both Amherst College and Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati. Joining him in his effort were George D. Burgess, William B. Johnston, Joseph Pearson, and Benjamin F. Powers. They invited Troy residents to a town meeting to discuss a tax-supported school system. The idea for public funding was met with great opposition. People without children did not want to pay taxes to educate other people’s children. Nevertheless, an election was held and Troy residents approved a public school system.

Following the election, the first Troy Board of Education was established and voters approved \$6,000.00 to build a school and start a high school. It is said that the board was afraid to ask residents for more than \$6,000.00 (probably because so many people opposed paying the school tax). The Academy was torn down and a new school named the Troy Union School was built in its place. Troy Union School opened in 1852. William Norton Edwards, a Massachusetts native living in Dayton, was hired as the school district’s first superintendent for an annual salary of \$800.00.

Edwards was 40 years old when he came to Troy. He had what were called “piercing” eyes and was described as “stern” and a “virtual dictator”. Yet, he was known for being fair and kind. Thomas Bemis Wheeler in his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY says of Edwards: “His appearance was so forbidding that he never had to speak a cross word to keep order in the classroom, and his pupils were united in praising him—even behind his back.”

Edwards died in 1867. Sometime after his death, the Troy Union School was re-named Edwards School in his honor. It should also be noted that Edwards was the second person buried in Riverside Cemetery.

In 1872, the school needed many repairs and was almost replaced. It wasn’t until 1891, however, when an Ohio State building inspector declared it unsafe,



Edwards School, 1852

that the process to replace the structure began. Voters approved a two-mill tax levy to build a new school. Joseph W. Yost of Columbus, the architect for the Miami County Courthouse and Fort Piqua Hotel, was chosen to design the new building.

It isn’t clear when the first Edwards School building was torn down. Though it is generally believed that the building’s demolition began in the summer of 1891, an Ohio State building inspector’s report about the school is dated August 21, 1891, leading some people to believe it may have been torn down sometime later that year. The inspector’s report was published in the Troy newspaper THE BUCKEYE on August 27, 1891. The report by Inspector McDonald says: “The condition of the Edward’s School building is such as to be alarming. I find after careful examination that the trouble emanates entirely from the insecure construction of the roof. To continue use of the building in its present...(newspaper torn; words missing)...dangerous and under no circumstances should

it be used again until made absolutely safe, and a certificate issued from this department.”

Yost, known for using Romanesque architecture in his buildings (influenced by American architect Henry Hobson Richardson), designed a great stone building with wide arches around windows and doorways and a roof with turrets. It is interesting to note that though the new school building was larger than the old building, classroom space remained about the same as in the previous school building. The new Edwards School building was larger because a grand auditorium was added to the center of the building.

The Edwards School auditorium became the center for Troy social life. Historian Thomas Wheeler wrote in his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY: “A remarkable feature of the Edwards Auditorium was its acoustics. They were nearly as perfect as any acoustics could be. All school exhibitions and entertainments were henceforth held there and almost all home talent productions.” Electric lighting

was added in 1894. Some of America’s finest speakers and musicians performed there. In October 1899, former Confederate General John B. Gordon gave a two-hour speech about his Civil War experiences. Several sources indicate that stars of the Metropolitan Opera sang there, but over time the names of most of the performers have been lost. We do know that Eleanor Steber of the Metropolitan Opera sang there in the fall of 1941.

Joseph Hoagland, a graduate of the Troy High School class of 1860, became wealthy as a founder of the Royal Baking Powder Company, along with his brother Cornelius and friend Jacob G. Dettmer (for whom Dettmer Hospital was named). In the late 1890s, he contributed money and the Edwards School Class of 1896 raised funds to place a plaque honoring William Norton Edwards inside the new Edwards School. Today that plaque is near the parking lot entrance to the Troy–Miami County Library at 419 West Main Street. In 1978, the Troy Historical Society provided

a beautiful stone stand for the marker.

Around 1949, photographs of Edwards School buildings, some faculty and students were published in the book TROY YESTERDAY TODAY AND TOMORROW. Union School–Edward School building drawings and photographs also appear in Wheeler’s book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY published in 1970. The Troy–Miami County Public Library Local History Library at 100 West Main Street has photographs and information available for public research in their joint historical collection with The Troy Historical Society. Both books listed here can be viewed at the Local History Library.

As time passes, fewer people in Troy know about the Edwards School and its grand auditorium. For those who were there, it will never be forgotten.

For more information about Mr. Edwards and the Edwards School, visit the Troy–Miami County Public Library or contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com.



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