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Vinyl Fever Hits Troy



By Maggie Yowler

Whether motivated by purer sound or looking cool, buying vinyl records has become a growing trend nationwide. Closer to home, Troy’s sole vinyl seller reported a sharp increase in vinyl sales over the holidays, and said that folks of all ages continue to come in search of new records for their growing collections.

Mike Wilkinson, co-owner of Troy’s Around About Books, said he has been selling vinyl records in his store for just over a year now, and marveled at the amount he sold during the Christmas season. Wilkinson said for all the books sold at Christmastime, they sold twice the number of records, marveling at some of the requests he’s had for certain bands and albums.

“You can’t keep a Dokken record in here,” said Wilkinson, adding that hair bands from the 80s have been in especially high demand.

Wilkinson himself is an avid vinyl enthusiast, with a collection of well over 2,000 records. He said he has accumulated quite the eclectic mix of genres over the years, building upon his parents’ collection to include everything from country and western to Led Zeppelin, Frank Sinatra, and The Beatles.

Although the debate over vinyl sound quality is quite divided, Wilkinson is one who insists that music just sounds better on vinyl records than compact discs or internet downloads. Having worked at a radio station before opening the store, Wilkinson said he tested vinyl’s sound quality against other recordings at the radio station, and found that vinyl records produce a “lower and warmer” sound that cannot be duplicated by compact discs. He said that the bass notes on vinyl are much more pure than other recordings, saying that CDs only emulate that sound through reverb, while vinyl supports the true sound.

Aside from books, comics, and posters, Around About Books offers a variety of vinyl records, though Wilkinson said he strives to keep albums from the 1950s through the 1990s in stock, as they sell the most—especially classic rock.

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Troy Out of ABC Still Continuing Initiatives

By Nancy Bowman

While Troy was not among 15 communities selected to continue in the America’s Best Communities (ABC) competition, it will pursue independently the four revitalization initiatives identified in the ABC process.

“It may not have turned out exactly as we had hoped for but I believe strongly that we always need to look at the sunny side and we will make our optimism come true in this community,” Mayor Mike Beamish told those gathered Jan. 14 at the Community Connection Center. The center on the northeast corner of the Public Square was opened last year as part of the ABC project.

Troy was one of 50 communities selected last year to advance to the ABC quarterfinals.

With the selection, Troy was awarded \$50,000 to construct a Community Revitalization Plan. Frontier Communications, DISH Network, CoBank and The Weather Channel — the sponsors of the competition — provided \$35,000 of the award, with the remaining \$15,000 in funding coming from Troy’s Adopt-a-Community mentor JPMorgan Chase in Troy.

The ABC semi-finalists were announced Jan. 13.

Beamish, who served as the Troy Revitalization Committee co-chair, said he continues to believe Troy is the best community. “I really believe it is because we have people like you who do things to make it great,” he said.

Ed Westmeyer, who served as the committee co-chairman, thanked those who worked on identifying and developing the four ABC initiatives.

Also offering thanks was J.C. Wallace of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce and the Troy Development Council. “We have a great program. We will keep moving forward,” he said of the revitalization plan.

The four initiatives in the revitalization plan are:

- Provide the community with a process to develop sustainable leadership
- Provide a platform through which information on what is happening across the community is available quickly and efficiently
- Offer a comprehensive riverfront redevelopment plan
- Offer a well-connected community through improved technology and infrastructure.

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Planning Commission Rejects Development off 55

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy Planning Commission voted unanimously Jan. 13 to recommend the city council reject a request to rezone light industrial land off State Route 55 for a development of ranch-style apartment homes.

With the negative recommendation, the council would only consider the rezoning request if the applicants ask the council to vote on the proposal within 20 days of the commission’s recommendation.

A three quarters vote of city council would be needed to overrule the commission’s negative recommendation.

Mid-Ohio Development Corp. filed the request to rezone the 15.4 acres located north of State Route 55, south of Fenner Road and west of Barnhart Road from M-2 light industrial to R-7 multiple-family residential. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati owns the land.

The city staff recommended the commission deny the request, noting the proposed zoning was in conflict with the city comprehensive plan. It also said the housing would not achieve the full economic potential of the property that lies near Interstate 75 and on a major street.

Concerns about increased traffic on Barnhart and nearby Fenner Road also were listed as a negative to be considered.

Roney Murphy, president of Mid-Ohio Development Corp., told the commission the company looked at potential sites in the city for 18 months and had been told “no” behind the scenes. The project moved to the official proposal stage once the Archdiocese agreed to consider selling the land to them, Murphy said.

The company has built the market rate rentals homes in other areas including off State Route 202 near the Carriage Trails area of Huber Heights. A marketing consultant working with Mid-Ohio said the company needed to come to Troy to offer the housing that has attracted young professionals and senior citizens in other areas, Murphy said.

“I don’t see this benefiting the community,” Commission member Larry Wolke said.

Mayor Mike Beamish said the city recently approved plans for a seniors development north of Wal-Mart and the city is hoping to attract millennials to the east side of town as part of the riverfront development.

“We don’t have that much land set aside for business or in-

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Brubaker Named Top Speller

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

This year’s Troy District Spelling Bee was won by Josh Brubaker of Hook Elementary School following an intense final round with runner up, Marco Zhang of Van Cleve.

After an opening welcome by Mayor Beamish and the introduction of the participants, the event was an exciting hour of concentration and competition as children from all over the city tried to spell their way to a trophy and championship. Families, teachers, and school administrators gathered at the Troy high school auditorium for the event and were left breathless as they waited to cheer until the end of each round. Twelve students represented their schools in the challenge and ranged in year from 5th to 8th grade.

The words were given by Leanne Fish and judged by Nancy Johnson, retired from Cookson Elementary, Beth Landfair of Troy Christian, Jay Cullis of Miami Montessori School, and John Gibbons, retired from Troy City



Josh Brubaker

Schools.

A practice round began the competition and nerves were heightened as each child stepped up to the microphone. With every round that progressed, the words increased in difficulty until Marco Zhang and Josh Brubaker were the only two spellers still vying for the title. The final word for Marco Zhang was Celsius. Josh Brubaker took the title for this year’s District Spelling Bee with the word organelle and won the Championship Round with the word cartouches. Both Brubaker and Zhang received trophies and each of the students who participated in the spelling bee received a certificate recognizing their achievement.

The student contestants included Ian Carroll from Troy Junior High, Cameron DeBerry from Troy Christian Elementary, Hannah Duff of Kyle Elementary, Halle Frigge of Concord Elementary, Katie Huelskamp of St. Patrick Elementary, Heidi Keiser of Troy Christian Junior High, Bryce



Marco Zhang

Massingill of Heywood Elementary, Kara Steinke of Forest Elementary, and Ethan Spencer of Miami Montessori School.

According to Brubaker, although he was nervous at the beginning of the competition, his confidence grew. “By the end, I just knew I was going to win, actually,” Brubaker said. “It’s a really good feeling.” Families and friends surrounded the children following the conclusion of the Spelling Bee. Administrators and teachers expressed their joy at the success of the event and the skill represented by students of their district and schools. Upcoming regional and national spelling competitions are potentially in Josh Brubaker’s future in 2016.

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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman
Board OKs lease



Treasurer Jeff Price swears in board members Doug Trostle, Michael Ham and Tom Kleptz

The Troy schools board of education voted Jan. 11 to approve a three-year lease with the Future Begins Today program to use the building west of the Board of Education offices. The building previously was used by the local public access organization, which is no longer in operation. In other business, the board elected Doug Trostle as president for the year and Joyce Reives as vice president. Sworn in to new terms were Trostle, Tom Kleptz and the newest member, Michael Ham.

Woman back in court

A Piqua woman sentenced to a year in prison for threatening witnesses in a rape case involving a Tipp City woman was sentenced Jan. 11 on new charges of illegal use of food stamps. Trishica Leighly, 37, was accused of making threats over the summer against two people who were witnesses in a pending rape case. She pleaded guilty in October in Miami County Common Pleas Court and was sentenced in November to one year in prison. The rape case allegedly occurred in summer 2014 when special needs adult from Tipp City was held against her will and raped in Troy. Leighly subsequently was charged and pleaded to illegal use of food stamps. She was sentenced to 10 months in prison, to be served concurrent to the intimidation charge and ordered to pay \$122 restitution.

Man challenges statements

A Troy man being held on three felony rape charges wants a Miami County judge to throw out statements he allegedly made to investigators. A motion to suppress statements by Michael Slagle, 35, was filed Jan. 15 in county Common Pleas Court. Slagle 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 the motion, Slagle's attorney claims police had no probable cause to arrest him. As a result, Kevin Lennen of Dayton wrote in the motion, Slagle may have made incriminating statements that should be thrown out of evidence. The motion also claims Slagle was not given Miranda warnings before being detained and questioned.

Contract approved

The Miami County Sheriff's Department will continue to provide police protection in Bethel Township, Miami County, under an agreement approved Jan. 14 by the county commissioners. The township will pay \$99,307 for the protection during calendar year 2016.

Victim's Family And Friends Testify At Trial

By Nancy Bowman

Friends and family of Joseph Graley III of Bethel Township told a Miami County jury about their growing concerns for his safety in October 2014 during the murder trial of Frank Bowen, 26, of rural Tipp City. The jury was scheduled to begin deliberations Tuesday, Jan. 19, in county Common Pleas Court in the retrial of Bowen in the death

of Graley whose remains were found Oct. 23, 2014, under a pile of sticks and debris behind his Scarff Road home. A coroner's investigator said he died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck. A jury last summer was unable to reach verdicts on the charges against Bowen of murder, tampering with evidence and gross

abuse of a corpse. They found Bowen guilty of felony safecracking involving a safe in Graley's home. The second jury was seated Jan. 12 and heard testimony from prosecution witnesses Jan. 12-15 before leaving for the holiday weekend. The defense did not present any witnesses in the trial being held before Judge Chris-

topher Gee. The jury was to hear closing arguments before beginning its deliberations Tuesday. In opening statements, Janna Parker, assistant county prosecutor, said Bowen and Graley were friends when Graley opened his home to him a few days before he disappeared Oct. 8, 2014. Bowen was living with Graley because Bowen was broke,

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Schwytzer Pleaded Not Guilty To Restaurant Robberies

By Nancy Bowman

A Troy man accused of robbing the Tipp O' The Town restaurant in Tipp City and the Pearson House Restaurant in West Milton on consecutive days in November pleaded not guilty to two felony aggravated robbery indictments Jan. 7 in Miami County Common Pleas Court. Walter Schwytzer III, 44, was arrested Nov. 28 outside the Tipp O' The Town on West Main Street at Interstate 75 after he allegedly held up the business but was stopped in the parking lot by an area firearms instructor. He was accused of walking into the restaurant just before noon and handing a waitress a note

saying, "I have a gun. Give me the money fast and quietly." The waitress complied, the man put the money in his pocket and told her to "have a nice day" before running out the door, Tipp City police reported. A restaurant customer who was told what had just happened chased after the robber and stopped him as he started getting into a car. The customer was found by police holding the alleged robber in a headlock behind the business. The customer told police he had a license to carry a concealed weapon and was a weapons course instructor. He had a

weapon with him and drew the gun when he saw the alleged robber getting into the vehicle. He ordered the man out of the vehicle and onto the ground, where he held him until police arrived. Police said \$547.16 stolen from the restaurant was recovered. Schwytzer also was indicted for aggravated robbery in the Nov. 27 hold up of the Pearson House on State Route 48 in downtown West Milton. Police there said a man walked into the business around 9:30 a.m. and handed an employee a note indicating he had a gun and demanding money. The man took the money and left on foot, police said.

The aggravated robbery charges are first-degree felonies carrying possible prison terms of three to 11 years each. At the arraignment, Public defender Steve Layman asked Judge Jeannine Pratt to set a "reasonable" bond for Schwytzer, who was being held on \$250,000 bail set following his arrest. Prosecutors asked for the bond's continuation, noting the nature of the charges. Pratt set the total bond for the charges at \$150,000 cash. A pretrial hearing for Schwytzer was scheduled for Jan. 19 in Pratt's court.

Troy Police Reports

MONDAY 1/11

9:46 a.m. To Wishy Washy Car Wash on Dorset Rd. An employee reported finding a license plate in one of the bays. The plate was turned over to Piqua PD.

10:42 a.m. A motorist called to report that lights along Main St. are snow-covered and hard to see. The Street Dept. was notified.

1:18 p.m. To S. Dorset Rd. for a report of a man lying in the ditch near Boston Stoker. The subject was homeless and possibly intoxicated, but refused any treatment. Another caller advised that the subject was on W. Market near Lincoln Square. The subject was transported to Buckeye House.

TUESDAY 1/12

10:12 a.m. To W. Main St. near King's Chapel involving three vehicles. One driver was bleeding from a cut near his eye. All three vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

11:54 a.m. To Imperial Ct. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that he has been receiving harassing phone calls and threatening text messages from his ex-girlfriend. Officers tried to contact the girlfriend but were unsuccessful.

3:37 p.m. To W. Main St. A woman was in a store and appeared to be on heroin. She left the store headed east on Main St. In the restroom, officers found two empty gel caps in the toilet that contained heroin.

5:14 p.m. To S. Ridge St. A man reported that another driver parked near him opened their car door hitting his vehicle. The subject left a note with contact info, but he requested a report.

6:51 p.m. To Fenner Rd. between

Barnhart Rd. and Wilson Rd. for a report of debris in the roadway. The officer reported it was possibly a couch and that he had pushed most of the debris off of the road. The garage will be contacted to pick up the rest tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY 1/13

7:16 a.m. To S. Mulberry St. for a report of an assault. A woman reported that a male subject assaulted her 18 year-old daughter. Investigation determined that the daughter lied about the assault.

10:10 a.m. To Walker St. A woman reported that her 18-year-old daughter is under house arrest, but she allowed the daughter to spend the night with friends. She went with friends to a drive-thru and bought alcohol. She wants to know why the drive-thru did not card her. She was not given permission to go to the drive-thru.

4:08 p.m. To the Shell station on W. Main St. for a private property crash. One of the vehicles left without acknowledging the crash, and was last seen eastbound on Main St.

4:31 p.m. To Aberdeen Ct. for a report of a found item. A woman reported finding a syringe behind a small building out back.

5:27 p.m. To S. Union St. A woman reported that her medication is missing. There are no suspects.

5:49 p.m. To WalMart for a report of a theft. A store employee reported that a man took a cookware set off of the shelf and tried to return it for cash. He gave his license number for the return, then left. The store provided surveillance video.

8:12 p.m. To Virginia St. at Brown St. A man reported seeing a man standing on the corner with a

backpack. He said he asked the man what he was doing, and he said he was waiting for a ride. He then asked the RP if he wanted to buy a newspaper. He then left on Brown St. walking toward Michigan. The RP followed him to the speedway where he was getting cigarettes. The RP had to leave, and officers were unable to locate the subject.

9:11 p.m. Police received a report of two vehicles trying to run into each other. One, a 4-door white jeep was last seen heading west on Rt. 55 from Stonyridge. The second car was a black 4-door and was being chased by the Jeep. The subjects had exited their vehicles and started yelling at each other, then left the scene. The Jeep was later found in the parking lot of the apartment complex on Imperial Ct. In a possibly related incident, a woman called to report that someone threw a can at her car near a drive-thru. She hung up on dispatch after she saw the officer but did not give her location.

THURSDAY 1/14

9:46 a.m. To Speedway on W. Main St. A Jeep Wrangler backed into a Chevrolet Sonic and left the scene without any attempts of exchanging information. Surveillance footage was obtained and further investigation will follow.

12:09 p.m. To Hauenstein Ct. for a report of an accident. A box truck was trying to drive south on Hauenstein Ct. when the driver's side of the truck struck a front porch causing damage to the gutter and roof of the building. The truck left the scene and did not attempt to contact anyone. Police were looking for the truck.

1:59 p.m. Traffic stop on

Corporate Dr. at W. Main St. The vehicle was clocked at 45 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver admitted to going over the speed limit, and he was so cited.

4:58 p.m. Traffic stop on South Lane near W. Main St. The driver was cited for expired registration.

5:50 p.m. To Michigan Ave. to serve a warrant. Officers were informed that William Farmer had been staying at this residence. His grandmother said he had been staying with her and that she did not want him there. While officers were talking with her, a silver Chevy Equinox pulled up in front of the residence then immediately left. Officers saw Farmer in the passenger seat. They gave chase and caught up with the Equinox on Staunton Rd. at N. Market St. From previous dealings, the officers knew that Farmer was an escape risk, so he was placed in handcuffs and placed in the cruiser. The warrant was confirmed and Farmer was transported to the Incarceration Facility.

9:15 p.m. To W. Main St. for a report of multiple thefts involving two individuals. Video surveillance was obtained from the store, and the investigation is pending.

11:09 p.m. To Hilltop Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that the man she dated her boyfriend for about two months, but would not go into any more details of the incident. The boyfriend is listed as a suspect in an assault, but no charges were filed due to the woman's lack of cooperation.

Miami County Sheriff Reports

MONDAY 1/11

3:48 p.m. To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a disturbance. Deputies arrived to find Security Officers talking with a man in the lobby. The man was upset because he was asked to leave after being treated. He said that he would leave if he had a ride to his home in Piqua. After being patted down for weapons, he was transported to his home.

7:30 p.m. Traffic stop on Casstown-Sidney Rd. at Troy

Urbana Rd. The driver was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and a stop sign violation.

11:10 p.m. Traffic stop on Ridge Ave. at Race St. for having no working tail lights. The driver was cited for failing to signal and no driver's license.

WEDNESDAY 1/13

1:03 p.m. A deputy saw an abandoned vehicle partially on the roadway in front of the Staunton Country Store facing the wrong

way. There was no license plate, but a note said "Broke down, do not tow." The VIN was run and the vehicle had two different plates registered to it, both were expired. Dispatch was unable to contact the owner. The vehicle was towed.

11:13 p.m. To Forest Hill Rd. near Lodge Rd. for an obstruction in the road. The deputy arrived to find a Dodge Caravan unoccupied and partially in the roadway. Attempts to contact the owner

were unsuccessful. The vehicle was towed.

THURSDAY 1/14

8:56 p.m. Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at Piqua Troy Rd. The vehicle had only one operational brake light. The driver was found to be under suspension. He was cited for that and issued a warning for the brake light. The driver and vehicle were left in a gravel lot. The driver called for a ride.

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Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Seller	Buyer
312 S Short St	1/11/16	\$30,000	Pnc Bank	Triple R Enterprises Llc
507 Michigan Ave	1/11/16	\$62,000	Kiser Christopher A & Jenny K	Mann Anthony Q & Carolyn M
538 Maplewood Dr	1/12/16	\$48,000	Kiser Christopher N & Lauren E	Fifth Third Mortgage Company
Edgewood Dr	1/12/16	\$8,000	New Carlisle Federal Savings Bank	Keystone Land Development Inc

Elections Board Reverses on Rejected Petitions

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County Board of Elections last week discussed voter registration system problems and overturned its vote rejecting petitions by Phil Cox of Tipp City to run for Republican Central Committee.

Cox said he didn't think he needed to fill out the section because he was circulating the petitions himself.

The board reviewed the petitions and requirements before deciding the law requires the po-

tential candidate to have "substantial" compliance versus strict compliance when it comes to that section of the candidate petition.

Board member Jose Lopez said Cox had included information requested in the section in question earlier in the petition making him in substantial compliance with regulations.

The board asked elections staff if any other petitions were rejected for the same reason as those filed by Cox. Petitions of one other candidate, Mary Buechter of Piqua also for Republican Central Committee, were reviewed.

The board then voted to accept the petitions of both candidates.

Board member Robert Huff-

man Jr. thanked Cox for bringing his question before the board. "I think we just missed this," Huffman said.

In other business Jan. 13, the board discussed issues with the voter registration system with elections Director Bev Kendall, Deputy Director Eric Morgan and representatives of the county IT department.

Kendall explained that the office began experiencing errors in the voter registration system Dec. 22. Matt Watkins, IT director, said the office is working with software vendor Triad to attempt to identify the problem, but has not yet been successful.

Huffman pointed out the voter

registration system is needed for the office to print poll books and other voter information for the March primary.

Lopez said the office might need to buy another system, which Morgan said would cost around \$21,000.

Lopez asked staff and the IT personnel to contact the other potential vendor to see how soon new software could be installed and how long it would take to transfer voter information to a new system.

"We have to do this thing right by the primary," Lopez said.

Staunton Township Trustees Approve Inventory

By Bonnie L. McHenry

The Staunton Township Trustees approved the submission of the inventory list of township assets to the Miami County Auditor and Engineers Offices. The township owns a tractor, two trucks, a few tools, the township building and office furnishings. According to Trustee Bill Gearhart, "Our inventory is not too powerful."

The trustees agreed to request a meeting with Troy Fire Chief Matt Simons. The township's annual contract was forwarded to the trustees and the trustees would like to discuss the protection provided by the city. The contract according to the agreement increased approximately \$10,000 over last year's contract for a total of \$148,017 for 2016.

In Zoning and Planning, the township received notification that 117.2782 acres of the township will be annexed to Troy. Troy plans to use the property for recreation purposes. However, the property will not be excluded from Staunton Township.

A public hearing will be held by the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals to hear a request to reduce the front yard setback to 35 feet for the property at 390 W. Peterson.

Staunton Township Trustees plan to attend the Township Trustees Winter Conference in Columbus on January 29, 2016. Fiscal Officer Sarah Fine plans to attend January 28, and 29, 2016. She plans to obtain additional information concerning online fiscal records for the township. According to Fine, "If we participate in the online record keeping, our auditing fees will go down." However, Fine will have a better understanding once she obtains additional information at the conference.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.



Concord Township Trustees Approve 2016 Organization

By Bonnie L. McHenry

Concord Township Trustees approved the election and organization assignments for 2016 at their January 5 meeting. Trustee Don Pence was appointed Chairman with Trustee Bill Whidden serving as Vice-Chair for 2016. The trustees also established the 2016 meeting day and time as the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Concord Township Building.

Additional reappointments include Representative to Miami County Council Whidden with Pence serving as the alternate, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Pence, with Whidden serving as the alternate, Debris Management, Trustee Tom Mercer with Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades serving as the alternate, Stormwater II Mercer,

with Rhoades serving as alternate.

The trustees approved the mileage reimbursement rate for township employees at the current IRS approved rate of .54 per mile. They also approved a blanket approval for the township to reimburse seminar and conference expenses for township trustees and authorized personnel.

Also approved was the continuation of Ohio Township Association Group Life, Dental and Vision Insurance for all elected and full-time employees.

Rhoades reported that several township residents reported standing water on Forrest Hill. Brent and Nicole Toney of Forrest Hill asked that the township investigate standing water prob-

lems at their residence on South Forrest Hill. According to Brent Toney, they have a five-acre lot and in the time they have owned the property, the entire five acres has been under water several times.

At one point, water invaded the crawl space under the residence. The home, which is over 100 years old, is surrounded by water when the area experiences heavy rains. Runoff from the 60 surrounding acres flows onto the property. According to Toney, the culverts in the area are undersized and are insufficient to hand the runoff. He also said that the properties surrounding theirs have leveled the ditches and there is no natural runoff. Rhoades, who had looked at the location, will contact the Coun-

ty Engineer's Office to determine what can be done and who is responsible for addressing the water issue.

In old business, the trustees evaluated the reworked township web page and conducted a public evaluation of the design in relation to the redesign request. The trustees hope to launch the new site soon, which will use software that automatically reconfigures the site to each user's monitor so that no cursor adjustments are necessary to view the entire site. One of the goals was to make the most pertinent information readily available to visitors.

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.

Phoneton Residents to be Assessed for Water

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County commissioners agreed last week a Phoneton area water supply project in Bethel Township is necessary and set a projected \$8,000 assessment for each lot to help pay for a portion of the estimated \$2.5 million plan.

The project was one of several addressed last week by the commission.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed water project and the assessments Feb. 4 at 1:45 p.m. at the commission hearing room in the Safety Building in Troy.

Property owners affected by the project will be notified by mail, the commission said.

Paul Huelskamp, county sanitary engineer, said funding from the township as well as grants have offset the project cost to property owners. Without those contributions, the assessments would be "over

double" the amount mentioned at the Jan. 5 meeting, he said.

Property owners also would be required to pay the cost to install the water service line and meter.

Township trustees Jerry Hirt and Beth van Haaren said the township agreed to help pay for a portion of the project but also think it is only fair for property owners to pay a portion through the assessment.

A woman who lives along U.S. 40 told commissioners she and her neighbors have wells tested regularly and don't need the water line. Many are on fixed incomes, don't have \$8,000 for an assessment and likely would attend next month's public hearing, she said.

Hirt said the project in Phoneton, and earlier Brandt, has been on the township agenda for at least the 34 years he has been a trustee. "We had Brandt taken care of several

years ago and this will extend it over to Phoneton," he said.

Van Haaren said the township portion of the project would be paid from the 3.8-mill levy, which all township property owners pay. "However, Phoneton residents will benefit from this water so we felt it was only fair they pay," she said.

The location of the project area is:

- 6163 E. U.S. Route 40 west to 2988 E. U.S. Route 40
- 8745 S. State Route 202 south to 9800 S. State Route 202
- 9275 S. Wildcat Road south to 9605 S. Wildcat Road
- Shroyer Drive and Dinsmore Drive.

In other business last week the commission:

- Approved an agreement with MyTeam1 Corp. dba One Call Now of Vandalia for the county Municipal Court. The agreement calls for the

company to provide telephone message delivery for the court to defendants and court employees regarding dates of appearance and/or closing of the court. The package of 25,000 pre-paid calls will cost up to \$3,060 and cover the period of Jan. 26, 2016-Jan. 25, 2017.

- Authorized a memorandum of understanding with the Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) at the request of the county Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The agreement would allow the EMA, through the commissioners' office, to request support in recovery following a disaster or significant event. The agreement is good until Jan. 4, 2018.
- Approved the hiring of Beth Hull as the administrative assistant for the county Communication Center at pay of \$21.50 per hour.

Victim's Family And Friends Testify At Trial

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unemployed, homeless and had a young child to support, Parker said.

"Joe opened up his home to him. Within a matter of days, he was dead," she said.

Friends and family repeatedly asked Bowen about Graley's whereabouts in the days between Oct. 8 and Oct. 23, 2014, when his remains were found. They gave differing stories, she said.

"In the two weeks Joe was missing ... the only one who didn't seem to show any concern" was Bowen, Parker said. She claimed Bowen stayed in Graley's house, used his car, played his video games and sold Graley's drugs.

Defense lawyer Steve Layman said police procedure in the case would be questioned.

He said prosecutors had evidence potentially linking Bowen to a crime but couldn't make critical connections that would move him from a suspect to a murderer.

Layman asked the jury to look for evidence on when and where

the murder took place and for explanations on how Bowen's DNA got on a sledgehammer.

"You have to allow your common sense to look at the big picture," Layman said. "When you consider the unknowns with the knowns, you will have considerable doubt."

The opening statements are not evidence in the case.

During testimony, sheriff's Deputy Ethan Ennist and others described response to a call to the department Oct. 22, 2014, about Graley being a missing person. While checking the property late that day, deputies found a body pillow and towel, both believed to have blood on them, in an area behind Graley's house.

The same evening Bowen was arrested on a warrant unrelated to the investigation and jailed.

The investigation continued into the next day when a bloodhound helping search the Graley property located his remains near a wellhead and tree line behind his house.

Friends and family told inves-

tigators they grew increasingly concerned when they did not see or hear from Graley for a couple of weeks. Several said they were told by Bowen that the last he saw Graley was when he told him he was accompanying his mother to a funeral of an uncle in Michigan. Others said Bowen said Graley was in drug rehab.

The mother, Terri Coburn of St. Paris, said there was no family funeral in Michigan and she did not place her son in rehab. The last she saw her son was a couple of days before he disappeared when she dropped off clothes for him to wear to a job interview, Coburn said.

Long-time Graley friend Billie Eason of West Milton told the jury she talked with Graley frequently. She visited his house several times inquiring about his whereabouts and was told Graley was with his mother. When she contacted Graley's mother a couple of days before the remains were found, Eason said she knew something was wrong.

Dr. Lee Lehman of the Mont-

gomery County Coroner's Office testified a time of death for Graley could not be determined, but said the remains indicated he had been deceased for an extended time. Lehman said Graley's skull was fractured and almost every bone in his face shattered.

Graley suffered multiple blows to the head, he said.

A sledgehammer with Graley's blood was found by investigators in the wooded area behind the Graley home. Lehman said injuries Graley sustained were consistent to the size of the sledgehammer.

Defense lawyers asked Lehman about toxicology findings. Lehman said Graley had various drugs in his system but none to a level that would contribute to death.

Hallie Garofolo, a forensic scientist in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation DNA unit, testified DNA of both Graley and Bowen was found on the sledgehammer handle.

Defense lawyers questioned her why DNA testing wasn't done on

the twigs and other debris found covering Graley's remains. Garofolo said those items would have been exposed to the elements for possibly a couple of weeks, leaving little chance any touch DNA would be found on them.

Sheriff's Maj. Steve Lord, who was the lead investigator in the case, described the investigation and the handling of the Graley property after he had been reported missing.

Defense lawyers repeatedly questioned Lord about not making the property a crime scene after the body pillow and towel were found behind the house Oct. 22. At that point the case involved a missing person and the property was handled as it would have been in past cases, he said.

Lord also described his interview with Bowen the morning before Graley's remains were found.

Bowen told him that he thought Graley was dead, he said. "He said, 'I think in my heart of hearts something has happened to Joe,'" Lord testified.

Columns & Opinion

PET OF THE WEEK

Bernie

- Lab mix
- blk, wht
- male
- approx. 1 year



Bernie was picked up stray and was never reclaimed by his owner. He was initially shy and overwhelmed in his kennel, but he seems to have settled in with some time. We have found that when we bring him up in the office he has a totally different personality. He is sweet and lovable and eager for all the hugs you are willing to give him! And this boy loves to chase a ball!!!! Bernie is a sweetie and he is sure to make a very nice companion. Although Bernie didn't find a home for Christmas he is still waiting very patiently. If you could be the friend for him, stop in and meet him today!

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Gardening Commentary

from MVG

Seed Catalogs

Now we are indoors for our Ohio winter hiatus and it is time to start to formulate ideas for the coming gardening season that's just around the corner. Garden seed catalogs will be coming in the mail that and will be full of ideas for us to consider. The pictures will be very enticing with the good color and great descriptions of the plants.

Some of the plants are those grown from seed like annuals, perennials and vegetables. Many of the seeds are extremely small and you better not sneeze or they will be gone. Growing some plants from seed is the preferred way to go but others would be better to start from transplants that have been started in a greenhouse because of the time it takes to get plants ready for the garden. Peppers for instance, take longer to get started and will be several weeks before they are big enough to be transplanted outdoors.

When we look at the catalogs we find that there are some shrubs and perennials that are available bare root and can be shipped fairly reasonably through the mail. Deciduous flowering shrubs and trees can be planted this way as long as you are patient and have time for them to grow. Fruiting plants purchased from the mail order houses 'bareroot' will normally give you good results if they are not abused during the many times they are handled before they arrive at your home. The roots cannot ever dry out and should not be exposed to warm temperatures or they will begin to sprout and grow before they are planted and this is not good for the plants.

Most people want sure results and aren't interested in waiting years, if you are in this group of gardeners, you will be better to go to your local garden center or nursery to check out the tree and shrub varieties that are available. In fact, one good idea is to call your nursery and ask them if they will have what you are looking for when it is time to plant. You can actually help your local plant source by asking them about some new varieties you have found. See if they have the seed or if they can start them for you.

Gardening can be rewarding in many ways especially if you are growing your own vegetables. Nothing tastes better than fresh produce. If you only have a few containers on the deck or patio and grow your tomatoes, cukes, beans and some lettuce you will really enjoy the flavor. All you need is full sun, a source of water and some time to get everything planted in one of the professional potting soils.

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At Home

by Connie Moore

Random Knowledge

On any given morning in this household, most thinking processes begin with a cup of coffee. As the mental fog lifted one morning, the question came up as to where or who coined the Maxwell House coffee slogan: Good to the Last Drop?

Later, how we got on to famous people in this newspaper's readership area, I'll never know. But we did and that opened up an entirely new search. Who did we know of that was famous and from here?

Later, after some small disagreement, the accuser issued the proverbial saying: What's good for the goose is good for the gander. Well, where did that originate?

Some days are just filled with this sort of random knowledge that tends to stick in one's mind until an answer is found. Sometimes that would happen in conversations between my mom and me. She would end up saying she was going to wonder about that for the rest of the day. And she would always urge me to find the answer and let her know so she could go to sleep with a clear mind. It was all in fun and we counted ourselves fortunate

to have each other to tease and share such fractious questions.

Back to the coffee conundrum. In 1892, Joel Cheek developed a special blend of coffee after ten years of research into the subject. He talked the proprietor of the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, into serving it to patrons. After the supply was gone, patrons complained about the coffee being served, noting the better quality of the previous. Needless to say, the hotel gave orders for J. Cheek's coffee from then on. That's how the name Maxwell House was attached to the coffee.

Some researchers swear by the story that the first person to utter the phrase, Good to the Last Drop, in conjunction with the coffee was none other than President Teddy Roosevelt. It has never been proven. In 1917, J. Cheek and his partner, John Neal, formed the Cheek-Neal Coffee Company and began using the slogan. By 1932, The Maxwell House Showboat program was being aired on radio with the slogan heard nation wise.

Personally, we don't know any famous people hailing from our area. However, that doesn't mean there hasn't been any. Considering the wide area of readership from Troy to Enon,

north, south, east and west of the central point of New Carlisle, we found many names that some of you readers might be familiar with.

Notable people from Troy, Ohio include the following:

- Cris Carter, National Football League player
- Kris Dielman, American Football guard (San Diego Chargers)
- Tim Vogler, National Football League guard
- Randy Walker, American College Football Coach
- Pat Darcy, Major League Baseball player (Cincinnati Reds)
- Peter Shelton, American Sculptor
- Anne Rudloe, United States Marine Biologist
- Martin K. Gantz, U. S. Congressman

Notable people from Tipp City, Ohio:

- Amber Newman, Actress
- Phillip Wampler, Actor
- Jason Heil, Actor

Notable people from Enon, Ohio:

- Felicia Fox, Actress
- Barbara Schantz, Police Officer
- Adena Native Americans Noted for Pottery, Artistic Works, Held to be builders of the Knob Prairie Mound, Enon, Ohio
- Notable people from Medway, Ohio:
- Harvey Haddix, Major League Baseball Pitcher & Coach

- The Drapier and Ingles Families, Founders of Drapier's Meadow located between Medway and Park Layne, 1748.

Notable people from New Carlisle, Ohio:

- Roy J. Plunkett, Inventor of Teflon
- Tyler Maynard, Broadway Actor
- General Frederick Funston, Recipient of Medal of Honor
- Patricia Barringer, All-American Girls Professional Baseball League ballplayer
- Spanky McFarland, College Baseball Coach
- Babs Knievans, Fictional character of comedy sketch/mock radio ad by John King and Terry Dorsey of radio station WING in 1980s

This is not a comprehensive list by any means. Many more accomplished people have hailed from these hometowns. Take a minute and add some you know of.

As for the goose and gander saying, the earliest reference to this idiom has to do with Ralph Waldo Emerson's Essays of 1841. It refers to the negative practice of holding to a double standard. Now that that's all settled, we're wondering just exactly where was the town of Spunky Puddle and how in the world did it get its name.

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Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro

TCPD Ret.

Clean The Snow Off

We knew the warm winter weather wouldn't last. Now that we have had our first snow let's talk about cleaning the snow off our cars. Everybody knows they are required to clean their windshields before driving. Snow and ice covered windows are as dangerous as driving and sleeping at the same time. If you can't see out, you may as well have your eyes closed.

What else should we clean the snow and ice off of before driving? How about your headlights and tail lights? What about your license plates and back up lights? I know a lot of people don't bother using their turn signals, but it is still required by law to give indication of your intent before making a direction change.

Yes, I included license plates ad needing to be cleaned and free of any obstruction. This is not a safety issue, but is required for identification purposes. When you are scraping the windows, a quick swipe with the scraper

will clean the plate off and may prevent being pulled over for failure to display a valid vehicle registration (license plates).

Yes police do pull vehicles over for failing to clearly display license plates. It is the first indicator that the vehicle may be unregistered, fictitious or even stolen. Since a suspended person cannot renew their license plates, or purchase insurance we often catch people for DUS. These people lost their driving privileges and are a danger to society and cost law abiding citizens lots of money.

So when cleaning the snow off your windows remember the lights and license plates. Following is just one of the sections dealing with clearly displaying license plates.

4503.21 [Effective Until 1/1/2017] Display of license plates and validation stickers or temporary license placard or windshield sticker

(A) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain

view on the front and rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety, except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a motor-cycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, motorized bicycle, manufactured home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display on the rear only. A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall display the validation sticker only on the rear license plate, except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan shall display the validation sticker on the front of the commercial tractor. An apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan shall display the license plate

only on the front of a commercial tractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. All license plates shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs their visibility.

No person to whom a temporary license placard or windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license placard in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle, or fail to display the windshield sticker in plain view on the rear window of the motor vehicle. No temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall be covered by any material that obstructs its visibility.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Amended by 131st General Assembly File eff. 7/1/2015. Effective Date: 01-01-2004

Financial Focus

with Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial releases 2015 Money Mindset Report capturing Americans' views on personal finances and giving back

Study explores Americans' relationship with money

Despite the financial uncertainties faced by many Americans, generosity is surprisingly at the forefront of their minds. According to the 2015 Money Mindset Report by Thrivent Financial, 61 percent of Americans said they would rather be called generous than financially successful. In fact, more than 1 in 3 Americans think the purpose of the money they make is to give back – whether during their lifetime or after. While this is positive, the emerging theme from Thrivent's research report illustrates that although Americans want to be

generous, they aren't preparing financially for the future. They're lacking in long-term financial strategies, advice and tools, and this generally holds true regardless of income level.

The 2015 Money Mindset Report, conducted in partnership with Wakefield Research, surveyed 1,001 U.S. adults ages 18+ to learn more about Americans' relationship with money, including how they make decisions when it comes to their personal finances, giving back to others and the role of faith in their finances.

In addition to highlighting the emphasis Americans place on generosity, the survey showed that many still face difficult challenges and lack confidence when it comes to managing day-to-day

finances and long-term financial goals:

Only 27 percent of Americans are very confident they are making the right decisions with their money.

Many Americans struggle with their finances in the following ways: 32 percent don't have an emergency fund, 25 percent don't have a long-term financial strategy and 21 percent don't have a short-term strategy. In fact, 79 percent don't have a financial advisor.

Most Americans aren't protecting their finances or preparing for the future. More than half of Americans (53 percent) don't have life insurance, 62 percent don't have a retirement fund and 89 percent don't have disability income insurance.

"The results from the survey show that many people want to be generous, but uncertainty about their finances may be keeping them from taking action to give back to others," says Matt Buehrer, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial. "Taking steps to be wise with money, including creating long- and short-term financial strategies, protecting against potential setbacks, and finding small ways to make a difference, can help lead to a life where individuals can be wise with money and live generously."

To view the full report and analysis by Thrivent Financial, please visit Thrivent.com/moneymindset.

About the Study
Wakefield Research, a market research consultancy specializing in strategic and tactical research, conducted the Thrivent Financial survey among 1,001 nationally representative U.S. adults ages 18+ between July 16 and July 27, 2015, using an email invitation and an online survey. Quotas have been set to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the U.S. adult population ages 18+.

Results of any sample are subject to sampling variation. The magnitude of the variation is measurable and is affected by the number of interviews and the level of the percentages expressing the results. For the interviews conducted in this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 3.1 percentage points from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by

the sample.

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Troy Notes:

Troy Girls Now 11-0

The beat rolls on for the Troy girls' bowling team.....literally. The Trojans rolled their way to a pair of victories last week, remaining undefeated on the season with a 2374-1899 victory over Butler, then disposing of Sidney 2298-1861. Troy is now 11-0 on the season.

Jenna Stone led the way with a 225-223, followed by A'leigha Smith 164-258, Rachel Darrow 200-183, Jennica Funderburg 187-199 and Kirsten McMullen 187-146.

In their win against Sidney, Smith led the Trojans with 212-223, Stone rolled a 244-181, McMullen 192-219, Darrow 162-192 and Alyssa Shilt 134-170.

Troy has three more league contests this week.

*As for the Trojans boys team, they lost to Butler 2317-2189, then fell to Sidney 2571-2136.

Against Butler, Aaron Stone led with a 242-210, Landon Flory had 180-198, Hayden Jackson bowled 177-200, Jason Shiltz had a 167-150 and AJ Kendall rolled a 153.

Against Sidney, Shiltz led with 221-179, Jackson 224-165, Flory 160-169, Stone 182, Logan Jones 173, Kendall 165.

Troy Girls Basketball

The Trojans could not dethrone the Sidney Yellow Jackets atop the GWOC North, as they lost a 45-26 decision last week to drop to 5-9 on the season. With the win, Sidney improved to 15-0 overall.

Troy was led by Jordan Short with a team high six points in the loss. Sidney was led by Sylvia Hudson with 20 points and 15 rebounds, while Kaitlyn Davis added eight points and four assists.

Troy Hockey - Troy competed in the MLK/Centerville Showcase last weekend, and came out of the tournament with two wins.

They opened with a 5-4 loss to Northern Kentucky, as they scored midway through the third period to break a tie and held on for the win.

Troy then defeated Toledo Springfield 9-0, led by a hat trick for AJ Noll with two assists. Prestyn Hoeffler added two goals and three assists. Troy also lost Caleb Salazar with an injury in this game.

The Trojans were then knocked off 4-3 by Jackson, as all of the scoring came in the first two periods.

In the consolation round, Troy defeated Centerville 7-5, as Hoeffler scored three goals with two assists, Noll added two goals with three assists, Michael Hess and Nate Uhlenbrock each added one goal. In goal, Cory Neff saw 23 shots on goal.

Troy's record after the tournament was 10-11-2. They hosted LaSalle after deadline, now heads to South Metro in Centerville on Saturday to battle Alter at 3 p.m. They return home on Sunday at 5:45 to host Elder.

*Note the game scheduled for Feb. 7 against Northern Kentucky has been cancelled. The league tournament is set for Feb. 12 and the district tournament begins Feb. 19 and the Trojans will likely play at Nationwide Arena at the auxilliary Ice Haus.

Troy Wrestling

Troy placed fourth overall in the Miamisburg Invitational on Saturday, with several wrestlers who placed.

"It went well for us," said Troy coach Doug Curnes. "We were leading through three rounds, then Pickerington Central and Teays Valley had too much firepower."

"Our guys were positive all day, and we had multiple guys place. Finishing in the top four was our goal."

Christian Nation was the tournament champion at 220, and

Troy Falls To Talented Sidney Squad

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a rough shooting night for the Troy Trojans, as they headed to Sidney to battle the Yellow Jackets in a GWOC North Divisional boys' basketball matchup. The Trojans struggled to shoot 25 percent from the field, including 5-23 from the three, as they fell short of Sidney 56-39.

Sidney was led in scoring by Cameron Gallimore, a senior sharpshooter with 16 points including four three-pointers. Rising freshman Andre Gordon added 13 points, including some eye-opening dunks for the crowd.

Romello Yaqub led the way for the Trojans with 11 points, the only player to reach double figures for Troy. Adding nine points was Mechia Linton while scoring five each was Trey Bucio, Ryan McClurg and Estevan Stafford.

Sidney jumped in front quickly, as they bolted out to a 9-2 lead before Yaqub buried a three to break the drought for the Trojans. Sidney came back and answered with a three from Gallimore and ensuing layup before Yaqub closed out the quarter with a midrange jumper at the buzzer, but Troy trailed 14-7 after the opening eight minutes.

Troy struggled to score in the second period, as Sidney started to take control of the game. McClurg hit a three for the Trojans with 4:10 left in the half to bring the Trojans to within six points at 16-10. It was the only points in the period for Troy, as the Yellow Jackets closed out the final four minutes of the half on a 9-0 run to take a 25-10 lead at the half.

Sidney added to their lead through the third period, as they outscored the Trojans 10-4 and built a 35-14 advantage before Bucio started a 6-0 Troy run with a three, but the Yellow Jackets responded with a big three

from Gallimore followed by a crowd-pleasing dunk from Gordon pushing their lead to 42-20 toward the end of the period.

Another dunk for Sidney kept the pressure on for the Jackets before Linton scored all nine of his points over a span of a few minutes, but the Trojans still trailed 49-29.

With Sidney comfortably leading late in the game, Troy put together a final run led by Stafford and Bucio.

The Trojans will be back in action Friday night at Piqua in a conference game.

Troy Christian Gaining Momentum In Second Half

By Jim Dabbelt

After getting through some early season turmoil, the Troy Christian girls' basketball team is starting to pick up steam as the second half of the season gets underway.

Last week, the Eagles put together a solid week, which included a big conference victory, along with some non-league success.

Troy Christian opened with an impressive 47-25 victory over Middletown Christian, a team that was led by the high scoring Makenzie Tolson who is the leading scorer in the league. That didn't matter to the Eagles defensive leader Meredith Haddad.

"Meredith had another outstanding defensive game," Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman said. "We played a box-and-1 on her and held her to five points."

Meanwhile the Eagles were led in scoring by Hailey Peters with 16 points and five rebonds, while Lauren Lavy added eight points and six rebounds, Haddad scored seven points with seven assists,

and Kathryn Lee scored four points with eight rebounds.

Troy Christian was down 17-14 at the half, and outscored Middletown Christian 33-8 in the second half.

"That was a big win for us, we beat two straight teams with good records," Steineman said. "The kids are getting more confident in our team."

"I'm really proud of the kids, it was a good win on the road."

*Also last week, the Eagles defeated Riverside 48-20, where again they put together a big second half in their victory.

Troy Christian was leading 19-12 at the half, and outscored the Pirates 29-8 in the second half.

"We are like a water faucet, turn it on, turn it off," Steineman said. "We struggled again to start then really played well in the second half. We have to work on playing a complete game, and play up to our potential."

Lee led with 18 points and seven rebounds, Peters led with 11 points and 11 rebounds, Kenley



Hailey Peters scores for Troy Christian

Blake added eight points, while Haddad added five points and six assists.

"The girls are growing and maturing and playing really good basketball right now," Steineman said. "We are starting to round into a good team right now."

Troy Christian also defeated Catholic Central last week 49-16, as Peters scored 16 points with nine rebounds, Lee added eight

points and five rebounds, Haddad 11 points and six steals.

The Eagles led early 15-2 after one period, and enjoyed a 31-7 lead at the half.

"It was nice to play a strong first half tonight, Steineman said. "The kids are getting better."

The Eagles came back to defeat Piqua on Saturday to run their record to 10-3 overall.

Troy Christian Suffers Eighth Straight Loss At FM

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy Christian has enjoyed many good streaks over the years, including a successful one that ended this year in the conference. But after Saturday night, the Eagles are stuck in a slump they badly need to escape from.

The Eagles lost their eighth straight game on Saturday, as they fell to Franklin Monroe 63-47 in Pittsburg, in a game that saw three players do most of the damage for the Jets.

"I felt our kids actually competed better than they have the past couple of games," said Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki. "Also our offense started to find some identity which are two positive things. We still have a lot of work to do on the defensive end by giving up way too many easy baskets."

"They had three very good basketball players on that team, and we let all three of them have a very nice night," he added, as freshman Ethan Conley scored 23, Brady Hesler added 18 and Zach Hyre scored 11 for FM. "We have to learn to pay attention to detail and continue to grow."

The Jets jumped in front early 8-2 behind a pair of three's from Hesler before Chase Hayden and Jacob Brown answered to close the gap, FM added to their lead despite a three-point play from Ian Anderson, and led 16-10 after the opening period of play.

The Eagles fought back early in the second, as Seth Wynne and Colt Tanner brought the Eagles to within two, and that started a battle in the second period that saw the Eagles only trail by one with 2:37 left in the half on a layup from Hayden Hartman. Two free throws in the final two minutes from Wynne kept the Eagles close, but a quick 4-0 run in the final minute of the half by the Jets, took their lead to 30-25 at the break.

A 7-0 run midway through the third period allowed FM to take control of the game at 41-29 but Hayden kept the Eagles close with a pair of last minute shots.

Early in the fourth, Hayden and Luke Dillahunt scored to close the deficit to eight but that is as close as the Eagles would get, as they fell again.



Hayden Hartman looks to make a play for the Eagles.

Brown led the Eagles with nine points, Hayden and Anderson each added eight.

"Our kids started to understand what we are trying to talk to them about and got more side touches," Zawadzki said. "It's the same offense we have been running the last six years so I know it will work. We just have to be able to read and react."

*Also on Friday night, the Eagles lost a fourth quarter lead and fell to Emmanuel Christian 40-

35. Troy Christian led 19-10 at the half and 28-21 headed to the fourth before watching the lead evaporate.

Hayden led with 13 for Troy Christian, the only player in double figures.

The Eagles played Xenia Christian last night and returns to action on Friday night at Dayton Christian.

Curnes (3-0) was impressed with his day.

"He was only champion, and he dominated the field at his weight," Curnes said. "He had a positive and aggressive day, he set the tone early."

Finishing as runner-up were Davin

Snyder at 182, going 3-1 on the day, along with Will Brumfield at 195, who finished 4-1.

Kobe Scott was third for Troy at 132 (4-1), while placing fourth were Brandon Lewis at 106 (3-2), Justin Mittelstadt at 138 (2-2) and Frankie Quintero at 145 (3-2).

Finishing fifth was freshman Shane Shoop at 152 (3-2), and placing seventh were both Shane Love at 126 (2-3) and Brennin Schrepf at 160 (2-3).

"We are getting closer to where we want to be," Curned said. "We took 12 guys and placed 10. A couple of

other guys need to get back to the lineup."

Troy is now off until the state duels on Jan. 27 then heads to Groveport on January 30 for their next meet.

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Vinyl Fever Hits Troy

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Wilkinson said he is amazed by the younger generation that comes into his store in search of classic rock albums that were produced well before their time. To cater to this growing trend among millennials, Wilkinson said that most new artists are releasing their music on vinyl records, while classic albums are being re-released on finer-grain vinyl which produces a higher quality sound. As the trend of buying music on vinyl increases, so do the number of collectors. Their popularity has even led the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center to feature a dedicated record collector during their Antique Series in April.

Tim Kozul will present a seminar on the basics of record collecting on April 21 at 7:30 p.m., providing new collectors with a proper foundation for their growing hobby. Kozul, a Troy resident, said he has been collecting records for 48 years now, and has developed a keen understanding of the science behind the process of recording and listening to music on vinyl. Kozul stressed the importance of quality in both the records themselves and the equipment used to play them on. He said that serious collectors should be willing to spend between \$300 and \$400 on a quality turntable on which to play the records, as cheaper portable players will only grind down the records and cause their sound quality to diminish with each use. Kozul's stance on the vinyl sound quality debate is subject to what album he's listening to, he said, noting that some records were just better-produced than others.

"The worst-sounding records came from the late 60s to the mid-70s," Kozul said, noting that producers at that time were "in competition" with one another to see how many effects and different tracks they could lay down at once. "The records just sounded flat because of their over-engineering," he said. Kozul's hour-long seminar in April will focus on defining record-collecting jargon and terminology so that novice collectors can become acquainted with certain terms. He will also spend time explaining how to properly assess the condition of records so that buyers can be certain they're getting their money's worth. He'll also describe how to maintain records and tell the difference between first-pressings and re-issues. Kozul was adamant that the increase in demand for vinyl records is "not a fad," noting that he believes the trend to be "here to stay," as many pressing plants have sprung up throughout the country. He said while a pressing factory in Salinas, Kansas produces the highest-quality sound in records currently, many others around the nation are working around the clock to meet the growing demand. For more information on Troy-Hayner Cultural Center events, call 339-0457 or visit www.trohayner.org.

What to Do in Troy

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.

Naturalist Adventure Series "Tracks In the Snow"
January 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Naturalist Adventure program is a series of fun, family activities where participants can drop in anytime during the program and learn about nature. This month, learn about how to track animals and what to look for in the snow. The animals and track trail will be in place to help participants practice

tracking. While there, don't forget to visit the storybook trail featuring the book "In the Snow Who's Been There." A roving naturalist will be on-site to answer questions. Stay warm – remember to layer up before you head out. 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.

Drawing Room Chamber Concert
January 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Troy-Hayner Cultural Center
Elegant chamber concert series produced by Randall Paul, WSU Music Chair
Alex Ignatiou on piano with Katherine deGruchy on oboe.
Please call 937-339-0457 or visit www.TroyHayner.org for more information.

Troy Main Street Introduces "Paint the Town Red"

A new event will take place downtown, an open house feel with a twist. Plan to visit downtown Troy on Friday, February 26th. It will be a night to "Paint the Town Red!" Several of our downtown businesses will stay open late the last Friday of the month and offer shoppers wine, cheese, or chocolate when they enter their business in addition to offering shoppers various incentives.
Organizers are excited to showcase each business in an open house fashion. Each store participating will be offering various discounts or promotions, along with providing customers complimentary snacks to include cheese or chocolate, or a complimentary beverage in store while they browse. This event is aimed at bringing shoppers and diners to the heart

of the community to shake off the mid-winter cabin fever for a night of fun and excitement. Guests can expect to see many great deals and discounts all revolving around the color red. Walking maps will be available at each of the participating businesses that will have icons indicating what each business will be providing in the form of refreshments. "Paint the Town Red" is perfect for a date night, girls' night out, or fun family event to beat the winter blues. Come downtown to do some shopping in the plethora of specialty stores and have dinner in one of our amazing restaurants.
A few of the participants include: The Troy History library will be hosting John Fulker for a book signing along with a selection of cheese and chocolate.
Bakehouse Bread and Cookie

Company will be offering cheese, bread, and wine, and will also donate 5% of their sales that evening to the Red Cross. Raise Your Brush will be offering an open house style drop in painting of wine glasses for \$10, along with drink specials that evening. Basil's on Market will offer 10% off those wearing or carrying red that evening and will also be running a red drink special! A full list of participants and their specials will be listed on the Troy Main Street website and featured throughout the month of February on our Facebook page.
Downtown Troy is always a great destination for family fun, shopping, and excellent dining! For additional details and a list of participating businesses, visit www.TroyMainStreet.org or call 937-339-5455.

MCHGS To Meet

You are invited to join the Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society for its February 16, 2016 program featuring renowned Lincoln historian and author Scott Trostel. Mr. Trostel will be presenting, "The Lincoln Inaugural Train", and will be detailing the train route, the events and assassination plots during this epic journey to Washington. The program is free and open to the public and will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Piqua Public Library's Louis Room, 116 W. High St., Piqua, OH. More details are available on the MCHGS's Face Book page or contact Stephanie Winchester at 937-307-7142.

Didn't Win Powerball?

Funds May Still be Available to You

By Bonnie L. McHenry
The State of Ohio has thousands of dollars of unclaimed funds that are due to Miami County residents. Unclaimed funds can come from a variety of sources including estates, lawsuit settlements, dormant accounts, tax reimbursements, payroll, unemployment benefits or a number of other sources. Usually, the original payer does not have a valid address for the payee and af-

ter attempts to notify them of the funds are unsuccessfully, the payer declares the funds unclaimed and they are transferred to the Ohio Treasurer's office.
To check if you have unclaimed funds available, go to <http://www.com.ohio.gov/unfd>. Enter your name or your business name at the bottom right. Happy browsing!

Partners in Hope Traveling Art on display at the Library

Stop in to see the Partners in Hope Traveling Art display at the Troy-Miami County Public Library, shown through the last week of January. The artwork displays how children and adults feel about poverty in three stages: past, present, and future. It shows their feelings as they go through "Getting Ahead" a Partners in Hope education program. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.
For more information, call 937-339-0502, or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org.



Rotarians Tour Reading For Change

Children who learn to read learn to succeed. With that thought in mind, Trojans Ethan and Ali Martin opened the doors to Reading for Change at 123 East Main Street in Troy in May 2015. The organization's mission is to "be a safe and welcoming, yet challenging environment, where students are gifted the opportunity to improve their literacy and life skills." Troy Rotarians toured the facility and learned about the history, mission, objectives, successes and challenges of this seven-month-old labor of love during the club's January 12, 2016 meeting.
Ali, an elementary teacher by training, had a vision of serving children in need through improving their literacy and learning skills. It is essential to instill

the value of reading at an early age. There is a strong correlation between early literacy, learning aptitude and incarceration. Thanks to a generous benefactor who supported the idea of Reading for Change, the Martins were able to set up the East Main Street location. Today, the program is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-6:00 PM. It hosts 14 students in grades 1-3 from several of the local elementary schools and representing all demographics in Troy. Their clientele has grown, thanks to word-of-mouth and teacher referrals. Two retired teachers volunteer as tutors, and two teen leaders coordinate the movement between eight learning stations during each session. The Martins' goal is to add a program on Tuesdays

and Thursdays in a few months. The organization is funded entirely by private business and individual donations as well as in-kind services. Reading for Change has set up an arrangement with the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen on N. Mulberry Street to allow the children, and their families, who need dinner to walk the short distance to the Soup Kitchen after the session has ended. With such dedication and focus, the children enrolled in the program to become readers today will become leaders tomorrow. For more information on Reading for Change, visit their Web site at www.readingforchange.com.
Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000

in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including support for 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.

Ignatiou and deGruchy Perform at Hayner

The Hayner will host a piano and oboe concert on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 pm. as part of the Drawing Room Chamber Series. Alexis Ignatiou is a collaborative pianist for Wright State University. He studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the University of North Carolina. Katherine deGruchy is an adjunct instructor of oboe at Wright State University. She is a native of Dayton and studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She performs with the Middletown Symphony, the Clermont Symphony, the Lebanon Symphony and the Dayton Philharmonic. She is a founding member of Burning River Winds.
The Drawing Room Concert Series is hosted by Dr. Randall Paul, director of the Wright State University School of Music. This series offers a unique opportunity to experience professional chamber music in an intimate listening room. The concerts take place on the last Tuesday of each month in the school year at 7:30 pm and are free and open to the public with a reception afterward. No tickets or reservations are needed.
The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner. For more information regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of Hayner Events, please call 339-0457 or visit our website at www.TroyHayner.org for complete details.

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Letter to the Editor

Ohio as joined 20 other states to have more gun deaths than traffic deaths in 2014 (2015 figures not out yet).The numbers show Ohio had 1,211 gun deaths (10.44 per 100,000) compared to 1,137 motor vehicle deaths (9.81 per 100,000).

While motor vehicles-related deaths are on the decline as the result of a successful decades long public health-based injury preven-

tion strategy, firearm deaths continue unabated--the direct result of the failure of policymakers to acknowledge and act on this existing and too often ignored public health problems. Motor vehicles incorporate new safety features including headrest, seat belts, energy absorb-ing steering wheels, safety glass. In addition , our highways were improved through: breakaway signs

and utility poles, more and stronger guardrails, and improved illumination. Unlike many other states who enacted stricter gun control laws, with positive results, Ohio has done the opposite.

The Ohio House of Representatives just passed HB48 (guns everywhere), which would allow hidden loaded weapons on college campuses, school safety

zones, daycare facilities, public areas of airport terminals, certain government facilities and even police stations. The bill would give public and private universities the choice of allowing loaded concealed weapon on campus. Universities that allow hidden handguns would be granted immunity for any injuries or deaths that occur as a result. Private daycare can have guns ev-

erywhere, guns would be allowed in unattended cars in school safety zones.

Contact your state senators tell them that this bill needs to be trashed. District 5, Bill Beagle,(614-466-6247),e mail beagle@ohio-senate.gov.

George Riegler
Troy

OBITUARIES

Richard Wesley Williams

In loving memory of Richard Wesley Williams (known to many as Dick Williams) formerly of Westridge Drive and recently residing in Kettering, peacefully passed away at the age of 98½ on January 11 at home with his long-time companion, Jean Kras.

He was born April 29, 1917 in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Wallace Johnson Williams and Ada Marie Wolaver.

A longtime resident of Troy, he lived many places during his lifetime: Oklahoma, California, Oregon and Kansas where he graduated from Arkansas City High School. After graduation he moved to Celina and Greenville, Ohio before moving to Troy in 1940. Once he moved to Troy, he said he never wanted to leave.

In 1939 he married Dorothy Louise Estray of Celina, who preceded him in death in 1995.

Growing up during the Great Depression, he developed a strong work ethic. He worked as meat manager for Kroger in Greenville and Troy. In 1944, he established Williams Market “On the Square — in Location and Reputation” and sold the business in December 1962. In January 1963 he joined the engineering staff in product development at Hobart Manufacturing Company, later becoming Supervisor of Food Services. He retired October 1, 1982. He always said that he enjoyed going to work every day and took great pride in serving the Troy community.

He is survived by two children,

Terry Williams Kessler (Bill) of Corning, NY and John Richard Williams (Jay) of NY, NY; two granddaughters, Erica W. Kessler (Michael Mankowski) of Portland, OR and Kerrigan T. Kessler (Jon Jernquist) of Brooklyn, NY; four great grandchildren; one brother, James H. Williams of Medina, OH. Preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia M. Williams and Eleanor G. Williams and one brother, John D. Williams.

Before establishing Williams Market, he was Scoutmaster of Troop 82 at Troy Methodist Church and later became a member of Young Men’s Business Club, Loyal Order of Moose, Jaycees, Elks, The Optimist Club and Troy Methodist Church.

He will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of great motivation, with an optimistic attitude and sunny outlook who enjoyed exercise, gardening and seeing many friends on his daily walks in Troy. He kept his sense of humor and always tried to make those around him feel good.

He will be buried beside his late wife Dorothy at Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Baird Funeral Home at a later date.

The family would appreciate memorial donations be given in his name to Fish, Inc., PO Box 764, Troy, OH 45373 or Heartland Hospice, 580 Lincoln Park Blvd, Suite 320, Kettering, OH 45429.

Jo Ann Cummins

Jo Ann Cummins, age 87 of Troy, passed away Monday January 18, 2016 at Troy Care. She was born March 30, 1928 in Troy to the late Chester and Ethel (McCurdy) Oldham. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Marla and David Fair of Troy, granddaughter Demelza Fair of Troy, and great-granddaughter Leah Frazier of Troy. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Dale Cummins, who passed away December 29, 1992. Also preceding her in death is son Mark Cummins and brother Philip Oldham. Jo Ann was a 1946 graduate of Troy High School and also attended the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She was a piano, organ and voice teacher for over 60 years. She was organist and choir director at the First United Church of Christ in Troy and Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ where she shared her faith in Jesus Christ. A celebration of life will be held at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy 11 a.m. Monday January 25, 2016. Friends may call one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Hospice of Miami County P.O. Box 502 Troy, Ohio 45373.

Mark Allen “Paco” Hieatt

Mark Allen “Paco” Hieatt, age 61, of Springfield, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Villa Springfield. He was born on September 27, 1954 in Springfield to the late Allen J. and Julia E. (Zimmerman) Hieatt.

Paco is survived by three sisters: Sylvia Seitz and Anita Gilliam, both of Springfield, and Randi (Dan) Bailey of Troy; and one brother: Ralph (Leslie) Anderson of Columbus.

Paco was an avid golfer.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneral-home.com.

Robert Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Robert A. Jenkins Jr., age 30 of Troy, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2016. He was born November 27, 1985 in Troy to Robert A. Jenkins Sr. who resides in Tipp City, and Tina (Weaver) Jenkins who resides in Troy. Survivors include wife Tiffanie (Allen) Jenkins of Troy, son Carson Jenkins of Fort Gay, West Virginia, stepson Braden Murry of Louisa, Kentucky, grandfather George Weaver of Troy, sister Rosalynn Jenkins of Fort Gay, West Virginia, brother Dustin Jenkins of Newark, Ohio, and brother Norman Anderson of Huntington, West Virginia. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Helen Lorainne (Stutz) Terry

Helen Lorainne Terry, age 92, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2016 at the Mercy McAuley Center in Urbana, OH. She was born on January 2, 1924 to Herbert William and Martha Leona (Davis) Stutz in Pittsburg, Ohio. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Kern Alvie Terry in 1987; two sisters Evelyn Stutz and Phyllis Bey; two brothers, Herbert Stutz, Jr. and Donald Stutz; one step daughter, Josephine Gibson and two step-grandsons, Max and Eddie Steiner.

Helen is survived by her son: Billy Joe (Debbie) Terry of Troy; daughters: Jo Anne (Bud) Swob of Troy and Leslie (Randy) Plantz of St. Paris, OH; step-daughters Nicole Hall of Troy and Cora Elizabeth Bristol of Studio City, CA; granddaughters, Leanne Nicole and Lauren Marie Plantz; sisters Carolyn Temte of Sequim, WA and Twila Bevins of Greenville; brother-in-law Wilbur Bey; sister-in-law Treva Stutz; special friend and McAuley Center roommate Viola Borst and many nieces and nephews.

Helen worked at Troy Sunshade and graduated from Monroe High School in 1942. She was an avid gardener, loved canning, loved cats and loved to spend time with her granddaughters. She attended the Ginghamburg Church.

Funeral Services were at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy, OH with Pastor Nancy Hardin officiating. Burial followed in Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Vandalia, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Humane Society 1190 N. Co. Rd. 25A Troy Ohio 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Belen Rivera Tompkins

Belen Rivera Tompkins, age 81, of Troy passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016 at the Genesis Healthcare in Troy. She was born on December 22, 1934 in the Philippines to the late Gaspar and Josefa (Yanez) Rivera. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Tompkins Sr. and daughter Marylou Echevarria.

Belen is survived by one daughter: Jane Swope of Troy; one son: William (Leigh) Tompkins Jr. of Vandalia; four sisters; one brother and five grandchildren: Samantha Swope, Mahalia Echevarria, Jordan Tompkins, Alexander Tompkins and Maria Echevarria; son-in-law, Rafael Echevarria; many nieces and nephews.

Belen was a longtime member of St Patrick Catholic Church and enjoyed working at Creative Extruded Products in Tipp City from which she had previously retired.

Funeral services will be at 7:00PM on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy with the Reverend Father James Duell officiating. Friends may call on the family from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or to St Patrick Catholic Church, 409 East Main Street, Troy, OH. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneral-home.com.

Tracie Lynn Bost

Tracie Lynn Bost, age 49, of Troy, Ohio passed away Friday January 15, 2016 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. She was born February 7, 1966 in Bellefontaine to Charles Searles and Gloria Wilson. Tracie is survived by her fiancé Brad Ferguson; step-mother: Vickie Searles of Urbana; sons, Cody McKellop and fiancé Kaylyn Boldman of Troy, Chris Searles and fiancée Aarica Barrett of Urbana, Matthew Ferguson of Marion; daughters Danielle (Brandon) Massie of Sidney, Jessica Ferguson of Troy and Megan Ferguson of Marion; sister, Melissa (Steve) Deuthsch of Akron; brothers, Jimmy Murphy of Akron and Wes (Evelyn) Searles and Terry (Gloria) Malone both of Urbana; grandchildren, Peyton Massie, Cam Massie, Axle Massie, Harlie Massie, Lexus Massie, Connor Fry, Caiden Fry and Wyatt Roberson; Special Uncle Frankie (Margaret) Wilson and additional aunts, uncles nieces and nephews. Tracie loved being a grandma (“Nay-Nay”). A memorial celebration will be scheduled by the family at a later date.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com

James Victor Anderson

James Victor Anderson, age 86, of Troy passed away Saturday January 9, 2016 at the Hospice Inpatient unit in Troy. He was born March 2, 1929 in Tipp City to the late Matthew A. and Mary Lee (Moran) Anderson.

Jim is survived by his wife of 65 years Phyllis V. (Butt) Anderson; three children, Debbie (Steve) Barkett of Troy, Mary Porazzo of Leawood, Kansas, and Jamie (Yuki) Anderson of Rome, N.Y.; five grandchildren: Daniel and Melissa Porazzo and Trey, Nick and Michael Barkett; and a granddog: Zeus.

Jim retired from Hobart Corporation in 1990. He was a member of the Hobart Quarter Century Club, member and past master of Franklin Masonic Lodge #14 and a member of Ancient Valley Scottish Rite. Jim was a 1947 graduate of Tippecanoe High School. He has always enjoyed baseball and golf. Jim was an avid bowler and was especially proud of his 300 Game. He coached several successful Little League teams (DeMolay and High Noon) when Jamie was playing.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial will follow at Miami Memorial Park in Covington. Friends may call on the family from 4-8 PM on Friday at the funeral home with Masonic Services at 7:30 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Edna R. Cramlet

Edna R Cramlet, 88 of North Fort Myers, FL and Columbus, Ohio passed away Monday, December 21, 2015.

She is survived by son, Alan Cramlet (Kum Cha) of Roseville, CA and daughter, Janet L Harnett (Peter, deceased) of Columbus, OH. Grandchildren: Kimberly West (Jason); Kathleen Teal (David); David Matthews; Philip Matthews; Gareth Matthews; Alan Cramlet, Jr; Thomas Matthews; Seth P Harnett (Amy); William Matthews and 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Robert E Cramlet; daughter, Patricia Matthews; and brother Glen England. She was the daughter of Harry B England and Lunda Gainer.


Edna was born in Kasson, WV and moved to Newcomerstown, OH at an early age. She graduated from Newcomerstown High School in 1945 and later attended Bliss College in Columbus, OH.

Mrs. Cramlet retired from the Service Director and Mayor’s office of the City of Troy, Ohio.

She was a member of Eastern Star’s, ABWA and First United Methodist Church, Troy, OH. She loved to travel, play her accordion, golf and spend time with family and friends. She will be missed by all.

Memorial Service will be held, Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home, 555 N Market St., Troy, OH 45373 at 2:00 pm and family will receive guests following ceremony.

Contributions may be made to The Ohio Eastern Star Home, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt Vernon, OH 43050.



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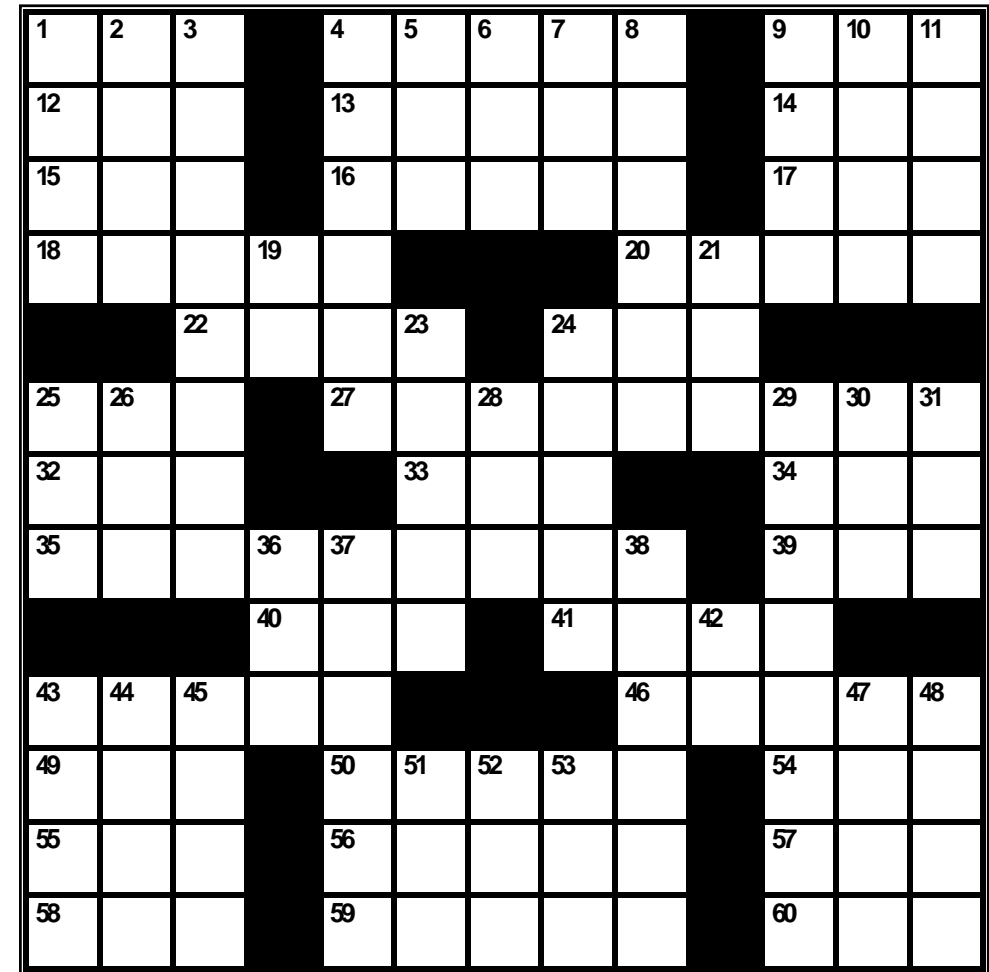


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By Larry Warren



#215



1. Newsman Rather
4. Elegance
9. Flying saucer
12. Idea of self
13. Eagle's nest
14. Region where
"The Bourne
Supremacy" opens
15. Wolf
16. Mother-of-pearl
17. Had a salty wife
18. Serious story
20. Metal worker
22. Hypnotized
24. Sticky juice
25. ____-Wan Kenobi
27. Former
32. To wit
33. Note
34. Not used

course

39. Directly

40. Ate

41. Flightless bird

43. Confuse

46. Unclean

49. Our 50 states

50. Novelist, John
Simmons

54. "Red __ " thriller

55. Tachometer
reading

56. Look for

57. Computer monitor,
for short

58. A whiskey

59. Type of art in-
volving symbolic
figures

60. Pacific ocean fish

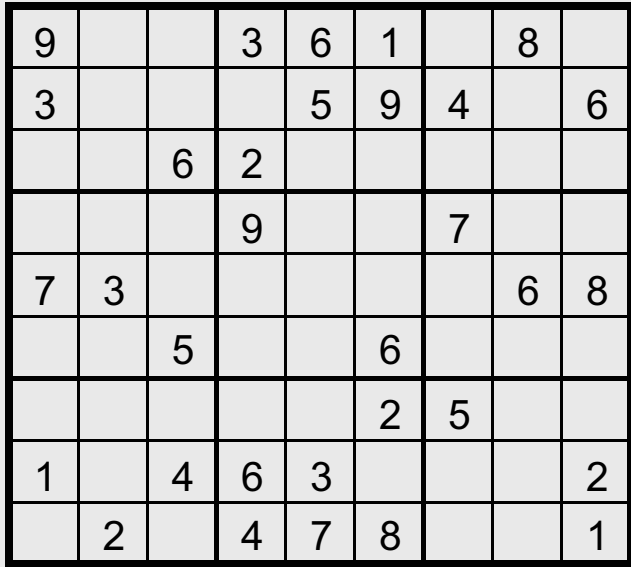
1. Monopoly acquisition
2. Seaweed gelatin substitute
3. Certify a document
4. Little cracker with a topping
5. Poetic meadow
6. Curve type
7. Elton John or Paul McCartney
8. Go up and down
9. Jamacian fruit
10. Contractor's measure
11. Word of honor
19. Female guardian
21. 0-60 perhaps
23. Group of three

25. Super N__
26. Baby food catcher
28. "My boy"
29. Having intervening factors
30. Moldovan money
31. Bleater
36. Greek "P"
37. Hodgepodge
38. A grade
42. __, the people!
43. Raymond ____, actor
44. Spot
45. Notoriety
47. "___ Breckinridge"
48. Elusive creature
51. Tool
52. TV chef, Rachael
53. Tout's offering

By Liz Ball



#211



General Knowledge #101

General

Knowledge #101

- 1.) Complete the title of the only painting supposedly sold by Van Gogh during his lifetime "The Red...."?

 - Vineyard
 - Sea
 - Night Sky
 - Ship

2.) Janet Jackson had a number one hit with what color cat in 1990?

 - Red
 - Orange
 - White
 - Black

3.) Made with rum, the Mexican liqueur Kahlua has what flavor?

 - Chocolate
 - Orange
 - Cherry
 - Coffee

4.) With an estimated 24 million residents, what is the most heavily populated city in the world?

 - Istanbul
 - Shanghai
 - Cairo
 - Lagos

5.) The Irish dish "Colcannon" consists primarily of what foodstuff?

 - Apple
 - Spinach
 - Potato
 - Bread

6.) With a GDP of \$100,889 per capita, which country is ranked as the World's richest?

 - USA
 - Qatar
 - Germany
 - Brazil

7.) John Cleese plays which character in the Harry Potter films?

 - Severus Snape
 - Albus Dumbledore
 - Rolanda Hooch
 - Nearly Headless Nick

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8.) Lincoln is the capital of which US State?

 - South Dakota
 - New York
 - Washington
 - Nebraska

9.) In which sport may you be awarded the "Jim Thorpe Award"?

 - American Football
 - Ice Hockey
 - Baseball
 - Basketball

10.) In medical terms, what is "Hypotension"?

 - Dehydration
 - High Blood Pressure
 - Stress
 - Low Blood Pressure

11.) In 2013, Leonardo DiCaprio played the lead role in which literary adaption?

 - Great Expectations
 - Anna Karenina
 - Julius Caesar
 - The Great Gatsby

12.) How many elements make up the noble gases section of the periodic table?

 - 6
 - 3
 - 15
 - 10

13.) How old was Taylor Swift when she released her debut album "Taylor Swift" in 2006?

 - 16
 - 20
 - 22
 - 18

14.) Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President of the USA in what year?

 - 1952
 - 1932
 - 1942
 - 1922

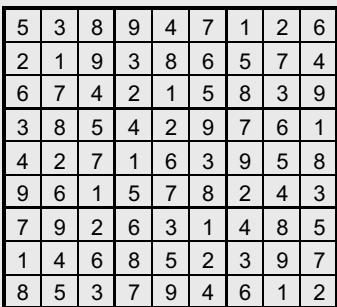
15.) The zodiac sign of Capricorn is represented by which animal?

 - Lion
 - Fish
 - Goat
 - Crab

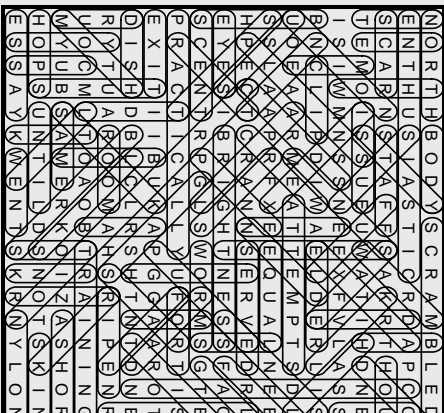
Trivia

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| 01. C. A snow slab | 11. C. Mount Baker |
| 02. B. Fresh snow falling on mountain tops | 12. A. 1920 |
| 03. C. When it is about to melt | 13. B. 122 feet 1 inch |
| 04. B. Venus | 14. A. Mid June |
| 05. A. 38 cm | 15. A. Red |
| 06. B. Hexagons | 16. C. Peter Auty |
| 07. B. 13 inches | 17. B. Buffalo, New York |
| 08. A. A pistol shot | 18. A. Pop Corn |
| 09. C. Manipulates snow for recreational use | 19. B. 1937 |
| 10. B. United States | 20. C. A sloth |

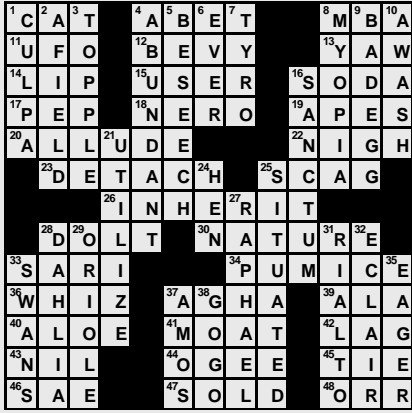
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“We’re always looking for new resources that help us to promote reading, learning and discovery throughout Troy,” said Erin Mattan, Adult Services Manager at Troy-Miami County Public Library. “Our new partnership with hoopla digital helps us to fulfill this mission by offering stimulating and entertaining titles that educate

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Troy-Miami County Public Library is the sixty-eighth library system in the state of Ohio to partner with hoopla digital. Current partners include Westlake Porter Public Library, Geauga County Public Library, Rodman Public Library, Washington County Public Library, Wright Memorial Public Library, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library and many others.

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7:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Basketball at Dayton Christian High School
Friday, January 22
6:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys/Girls Swimming in Quad meet at Trotwood Madison
7:30 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Basketball at Piqua
7:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Basketball at Dayton Christian
Saturday, January 23
12:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Wrestling in Super Tri at Eaton HS
12:30 p.m. Troy HS Boys/Girls Bowling in Jaguar Baker Marathon at Webb's Columbus Bowl
1:00 p.m. – Troy HS Girls Basketball at Greenville
1:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Basketball at Northridge HS
3:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Basketball vs. Alter at South Metro
6:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys/Girls Swimming in Bellbrook Invitational at Beavercreek DRAC
7:30 p.m. – Troy HS Boys/Girls Swimming vs. Tipp at YMCA Robinson Branch
Sunday, January 24
5:45 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Hockey vs. Elder at Hobart Arena
Monday, January 25
5:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Basketball at Miami Valley School
7:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Basketball at Miami Valley School
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New Chiropractic Office Opens

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Following months of renovations at 927 N. Market Street, Jeffrey Studabaker of Greenville is finally set to open his new chiropractic office across from the Marsh grocery store. An undergraduate of Miami University and a 2013 graduate of Logan University of Chiropractic and Health Sciences in Chesterfield, Missouri, Studabaker is excited about launching his first practice in Troy.

There are few young professionals who meet their career goals quickly. Studabaker, however, not only sought a career that involved helping people, he pursued it with efficiency and intention. As a high school student, he had already identified a particular interest in medicine for his future career. In the years that followed, he proactively pursued opportunities to shadow local doctors, veterinarians, and chiropractors. Studabaker’s aim was to find a field where he could serve people and meet their physical needs in straight forward way. This method paid off as he discovered the scope and practical applications of chiropractic medicine.

“Chiropractic is more of a natural approach to body healing,” Studabaker said. “When it comes to a lot of musculoskeletal issues, people will sometimes just take pain meds instead of addressing the root cause.” Chiropractic emphasizes the perspective of treating the problem and not the symptoms, an ideal that ties in with the subheading “Wellness Center” on Studabaker’s sign. He sees chiropractic as a means of removing barriers that prevent the body from healing itself. “Some clients will come in only once or twice a year,” Studabaker said. “It becomes like maintenance care, straightening everything out to help you heal and function at optimal health.”

Although this will be Studabaker’s first practice, he is already connecting with other area chiropractors and developing relationships within the community. He is a member of the Ohio State Chiropractic Association and even confessed to considering membership with the Troy Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. “It’s exciting to build from scratch but I already have a lot of

contacts in the area,” Studabaker said. “I have quite a few friends who work in Miami County.”

According to Studabaker, Troy “just made sense” as the location for his practice. “I’ve always seen Troy as a great community,” Studabaker said. “This was where I knew I needed to be.” He meets regularly with a couple of chiropractors who are already established in the area. He says their field is anything but cut-throat when it comes to finding solutions for a patient. “We’re here to help people,” Studabaker said. “If there’s something another chiropractor specializes in that I can’t fix, I will gladly send my client to that chiropractor.”

Since acquiring the new building at 927 Market Street, Studabaker has been renovating and preparing for the opening of his offices this month. Pending final documentation and permit approval, his practice is set to open any day. For inquiries on appointment availability or further information, Dr. Studabaker can be reached by phone at (937) 335-3055.



Jeffrey Studabaker

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Jolynn Colebaugh

at the January 9 drawing. For a list of participating businesses, visit www.TroyMainStreet.org

Planning Commission Rejects Development off 55

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dustrial,” Beamish said of considering how the land would be used.

The commission voted unanimously to not hold a public hearing on the rezoning request and to recommend council deny the request if asked to consider it.

In other business the commission agreed a public hearing would not be held on a proposed rezoning of land as part of a project at the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology.

After hearing information on the project, the commission agreed to recommend it to the council for a public hearing and decision.

The request is for rezoning one parcel from dual zoning of M-2 light industrial and R-4 single family and a second parcel zoned R-4 single family to M-2 light industrial. The rezoning is needed to accommodate additional parking for the welding institute, said Tim Davis of the city planning and zoning office.

The new parking area would include mounding and trees to help as a buffer, Davis said.

A neighborhood meeting for the Westbrook area of the city has been organized for Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Hobart Institute at 6 p.m.

The commission also recommended city council approves the final plan for section of the Nottingham subdivision on the city’s north side.

The section includes 15.15 acres with 25 buildable lots ranging from 0.274 acre to 0.500 acre. The project will include installing an aggregate base construction/emergency drive to Piqua-Troy Road.

In other business, the commission:

- Elected Alan Kappers as chairman and Tom Force as vice chairman for the year.
- OK’d a wall sign for the front of the building at 116 S. Market St. housing the Pachamama business.

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