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# No Campground Near Brukner

By Nancy Bowman

People who live near Horseshoe Bend Road and Brukner Nature Center west of Troy lined up Jan. 21 to tell the Miami County Board of Zoning Appeals why they don't want a campground on property near the Scenic Stillwater River.

Two dozen people expressed several concerns including increased traffic, safety on a narrow and curvy road, noise and interference with the area wildlife and way of life. More than 60 people filled the commissioners hearing room at the county Safety Building.

The five-member appeals board in the end voted unanimously to deny a conditional use permit that would have allowed the 250 space campground, or RV resort, on 17 parcels including 6650 Horseshoe Bend Road, Ludlow Falls.

The property owners David and Josette Allen could appeal the decision to Miami County Common Pleas Court. A similar request was turned down by the BZA a year ago.

Thomas Williamson of State Route 48, Ludlow Falls, said he is in the process of buying land owned

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# Troy Christian Students Celebrate Life

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Troy Christian Elementary School hosted its 16th annual Celebration of Life on Friday, January 22 in honor of Sanctity of Life Week. All grades walked the sidewalks with teachers on Friday morning in front of Troy Christian High School carrying colorful signs made by the children saying things like, "Choose Life," "Help Babies Around the World," or "Life is special." One parent remarked that the students' walk down Dorset Road at 8:40 a.m. coincided with the March for Life happening in Washington D.C. during that same time. Despite the cold, the children were enthusiastic for the walk and cheered when motorists honked as they passed.

Shortly following their 15 minutes on Dorset Road, students, teachers, and parents gathered together for a special chapel in the school's gymnasium. Once there, they collected



items like diapers, bottles, blankets, etc. that had been brought for donation to the downtown Dayton's crisis pregnancy organization, the Elizabeth New Life Center. The morning's festivities included music, pledges,

dedications of the new babies of Troy Christian families, including those unborn, and an appearance by guest speaker Luran Bunting. Bunting and her daughter, Isabella, have been on Right to Life campaign billboards and

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# Neighbors Concerned About Traffic in Hobart Expansion

By Nancy Bowman

Residents of the Westbrook neighborhood told Troy city and Hobart Institute of Welding Technology officials they don't oppose a welding school expansion, but are concerned about existing, and possible growing, issues with traffic in the area.

Around 30 people attended a Jan. 20 meeting at the institute, which is working through obtaining city approvals for a parking lot expansion and later a site plan for an institute expansion project. Area residents who contacted their councilmember, William Twiss, called for the meeting.

Scott Mazzulla, Hobart welding institute president, said the expansion involves a 15,888 square foot freestanding building to house the "professional" students from business/industry attending the institute for shorter programs. The building will house 130 people - 122 students and eight staff.

The new building will be across a driveway from the institute entrance on the east end of the parking lot. The building will mean the parking lot will be pushed to north.

The months-long programs for welding students, usually younger, will remain in the main

institute building.

The residents repeatedly talked about safety concerns caused by speeding, other reckless driving and failing to stop at stop signs in the area that includes Hook Elementary School.

"I understand what you do here. My concern is the traffic," said resident Louise Vore.

Another nearby neighbor, Billie Williams, said she has lived there for decades. She is concerned by speeding and noise from vehicles leaving the institute parking area. The school operates two shifts.

Williams expressed particular concern for children in the area of Hook school.

"We want to keep the neighborhood a neighborhood," she said.

A resident who lives at North Road and Trade Square said she is concerned that a vehicle could come crashing into her home. She has lived in the location 35 years and has seen the problems grow worse in the past five years, she said.

"We will continue working with the residents and city. We don't want anyone hurt," Mazzulla said.

Twiss, whose ward includes the welding institute, urged residents to contact him and institute officials about specific

concerns.

Tim Davis of the city staff said the city project approval process involves multiple steps starting with the pending rezoning and followed by a project site plan. Traffic options can be explored more closely with the site plan, he said.

The rezoning request asks 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 planning commission recommended the rezoning earlier this month to council.

The residents were asked to address other concerns raised such as loud parties by students living in apartments in the neighborhood by calling police when incidents are occurring.

Representatives of the police department and Ferguson Construction, project contractor, also participated in the meeting.

Ptlim. Brandon Fellers said police continue to work with the institute on issues. When officers check traffic near the institute they "often" find the drivers involved in speeding are not institute students but people living in the area, he said.

**Correction**  
Last week's article on the Spelling Bee did not mention Noelle Meiring, a 4th grader at Cookson who placed third. We apologize for the omission.

# Former Educator Gets Two Years in Child Porn Case

*A former Milton Union High School principal was sentenced Monday, Jan. 25, to two years in prison for child pornography related convictions that followed a Troy police investigation last fall.*

Allen Smith, 68, of West Milton, who most recently worked for the Miami County Educational Service Center, was sentenced in county Common Pleas Court.

He pleaded no contest and was found guilty in November to two counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material and five counts of pandering obscenity.

Troy police said the investigation began when the mother of a 14-year-old girl came to them about electronic conversations her daughter had with another person. The girl turned to her mother when she grew concerned about the direction of the conversations. A detective continued the conversations with Smith, who later agreed to meet at a Troy park. When Smith arrived, he was met by the detective, not a young girl.

Searches of Smith's phone and other electronic devices led to the charges.

In court Monday, defense lawyer Jose Lopez said Smith was well known in the West Milton community. "This is an individual with a lifetime of achievement," Lopez said. He

pointed to Smith's accomplishments in teaching, coaching, in community organizations and in his church. The situation, Lopez said, "Has shaken him to the core."

Smith said he took full responsibility for his actions. He said he was wrong for starting the conversation with the girl and apologized for "any and all ill effects."

Smith said he knew he had let many people down and asked for mercy from the court so he could begin "my full recovery as soon as possible."

County Prosecutor Tony Kendall said Smith crossed a line and invaded the lives of the community's most valuable assets, its children. Because of the nature of the offenses, he asked for prison time for Smith.

Gee said the illegal use of a minor charge carried a presumption of prison time unless it could be shown a community control sentence could be given while protecting the public and not demeaning the seriousness of the offenses.

The judge said Smith's case did not meet those requirements. Among

other factors he pointed to Smith's "numerous chats" with girls including instructing them to take inappropriate photos, his possession of videos of young children in sexual acts and his release from treatment for sex addiction in 2014 for failing to follow treatment rules.

The 14-year-old girl's mother said following sentencing that she felt that "justice was done" and that she hoped Smith would get counseling and help he needed.

"Kids need to make sure they know who they are talking to," the mother said. "I would encourage kids to communicate with their parents. If something seems out of place, go to someone ... He preyed on the most innocent in our society."

Lopez said he knew Smith including when Lopez served on the Milton-Union Schools Board of Education. "This is a heartbreaking case for all involved," Lopez said.

Smith was classified as a Tier II sex offender, requiring him, once released from prison, to register his address in the county where he resides every 180 days for 25 years.



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# No Camp-ground Near Brukner

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by his father, who had bought it for the peace and quiet it offered.  
The property lies closest to the proposed campground site, he said. “For someone to tell me that sound isn’t going to reach me is b.s.,” he said.  
“It’s like somebody dumping a small town at my background,” said Scott Deane of State Route 55, Ludlow Falls.  
The board also heard testimony from lawyers for both the landowners David and Josette Allen and neighbors over nearly three hours. The Allens said they planned to contract with nearby West Milton for emergency services.  
The board briefly discussed if the proposal met nine requirements for a conditional use. Most members agreed verbally it did except for one, requiring the proposed use to be harmonious with the area.  
“Is it going to be harmonious with the area? In assessing everything, it is hard for me to see how it is harmonious,” said Mark Williams, BZA chairman.  
Both property owners should be able to use their land in a way desired up to their property lines. The determining factor was when the effects of a use, such as noise, cross those property lines, Williams said.  
Troy lawyer Robert Huffman Jr., representing the Allens said, they were willing to take added measures to be good neighbors. Among proposed steps were adding trees to help buffer noise and a perimeter fence to catch and contain trash. Generators would be prohibited and camp rules would include quiet time from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.  
“Mr. Allen and his wife want to use their property in a way respectful to everyone,” Huffman said. He added that the Allen’s land to the north of the proposed campgrounds would be a wildlife sanctuary.  
Troy lawyer Rob Harrelson, representing some of the neighboring property owners, presented the board with a petition signed by 60 people, including 50 property owners. The petitions opposed the project. He also gave the board a letter of opposition from neighboring Brukner Nature Center’s director.  
William Springer of Greenlee Road said the proposal posed issues including safety and failure to fit in with the area. “This development is really at odds with what Brukner Nature Center does,” he said.  
Ginny Rammel, an area resident and superintendent of Milton Union schools, said she was concerned about the safety of children who live along Horseshoe Bend Road.  
Greg Bridenbaugh of the Ludlow Falls Fire Department said the agency takes care of a church camp along State Route 48 and questioned why the developers were looking to contract with West Milton’s department.  
William Mendenhall said he’s lived along Horseshoe Bend Road more than 50 years. “I don’t think this project fits our area at all. It just doesn’t fit,” he said.

## Miami County Sheriff Reports

**TUESDAY 1/19**  
**5:58 p.m.** To Peters Rd. for a report of a found item. A man reported finding a bicycle in the ditch near his home. The bike had not been reported stolen. It was placed in a barn awaiting pickup.  
**WEDNESDAY 1/20**  
**3:26 a.m.** To Lytle Rd. for a report of a theft. Some jewelry and a laptop computer were reported as being stolen. A suspect was identified and she admitted to taking two of the items reported stolen. She was charged with two misdemeanor thefts and was already incarcerated on charges from Piqua. Investigation is pending into the other missing items.  
**THURSDAY 1/21**  
**9:27 a.m.** Traveling northbound on County Rd. 25A, a deputy saw a Chevy Impala commit two marked lanes violations. He initiated a traffic stop at Harold’s Way. The driver’s license had

been suspended. Since the registered owner was not present, the vehicle was towed. Before the tow, the vehicle was inventoried, and a glass bong containing burnt marijuana was found in the trunk. The driver said it belonged to his girlfriend. He was cited for driving under suspension and the paraphernalia was seized. He was then transported to his home.  
**11:27 p.m.** Traffic stop on 25A at Swailes Rd. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

**FRIDAY 1/22**  
**12:57 p.m.** To Polecat Rd. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A husband and wife had been arguing about divorcing each other. Both agreed that the argument was not physical. The wife agreed to leave the residence until they are both calm enough to speak to each other rationally.  
**SATURDAY 1/23**  
**5:18 p.m.** To Lefevre Rd. for a re-

port of theft. A woman reported that someone charged \$141.81 on her credit card. She said that the company is investigating and requested a police report.  
**8:39 p.m.** Miami County Jail staff reported that a female inmate had a syringe in her possession. She was charged with possessing a drug abuse instrument.  
**SUNDAY 1/24**  
**1:49 a.m.** Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. at Eldean Rd. The driver’s license had been suspended. She was cited for driving under suspension and for an inoperative headlight. The vehicle was parked off the road and she was transported to her residence. She said that she would have the vehicle picked up first thing in the morning.  
**1:33 p.m.** Traffic stop in the 3300 block of Piqua Troy Rd. The driver was found to be under multiple suspensions. He was cited for his offenses and released to a valid

driver. His two passengers were found to have warrants out of Miami County. The warrants were confirmed and they were transported to the Miami County Jail.  
**2:11 p.m.** To Shenandoah Dr. A woman reported finding money in her mailbox. She said it was left there by a co-worker, which she thought was odd. She requested that the incident be documented.  
**5:09 p.m.** Traffic stop in the 1800 block of W. Main St. A grinder with green residue was located in the vehicle. It was confiscated to be destroyed.  
**7:12 p.m.** To Redbud Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that he allowed man to stay at his home last night. He said that when he left he asked the man to lock up when he left. When he returned home, he found his TV and his tablet were missing. He does not know the man’s last name.

## Troy Police Reports

**FRIDAY 1/15**  
**8:20 a.m.** Traffic stop in front of Kyle School. The driver said he had no license and no insurance. He said that he was not a U.S. citizen. He said he had a passport, but it was at home. Another officer was dispatched to the driver’s home, and his wife could not find his passport. He was placed under arrest for no operator’s license and because the officer could not positively identify him. He was taken to Troy PD where he was fingerprinted and photographed. His wife then arrived with his passport. Municipal Court records showed that he was cited for no driver’s license, fictitious plates and an equipment violation in February, 2008. The man said he had been in troy for 11 years, and still has no license or state issued ID. The officer was contacted by immigration and asked for the driver’s fingerprints. Immigration checked and found there were no wants or warrants for him.  
**11:13 a.m.** While on patrol, an officer saw an Oldsmobile that had a flat tire and no plates parked in a driveway on Meadow Lane. He was unable to contact anyone at the residence. The property owner was called and notified of the violation and had until January 23 to have the vehicle licensed and operable or it would be towed. He explained that the vehicle would have to be in a fully enclosed structure if kept in its current state.

**11:55 a.m.** While on patrol, an officer saw a silver Volkswagen with expired tags parked in front of a home on S. Mulberry St. The registered owner is from Trenton, Ohio. A neighbor advised that it belongs to a nearby resident. The officer attempted contact at that address without success. The vehicle was towed and a citation will be filed through municipal court.  
**2:56 p.m.** To Imperial Ct. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that pills were taken from her apartment.  
**4:19 p.m.** A woman reported that she has received numerous unwanted text messages from another woman. She said that the woman thinks she owes her money and keeps bothering her about it. The officer contacted the woman and advised her not to contact the RP. She said that the RP owes her money, and she was

advised that it is a civil issue.  
**11:02 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a public indecency complaint. After speaking with the RP, it was found to be a case of disorderly conduct. One individual was spoken to about the nature of the complaint. No charges were filed.  
**SATURDAY 1/16**  
**12:16 a.m.** To S. Crawford and E. Dakota for a report of an injury accident. A subject on a motorbike was struck by a pickup truck. The motorbike rider was transported to UVMC for treatment. The accident is under investigation.  
**2:18 p.m.** To S. Walnut St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man and a woman were found to be arguing. After investigation, the male subject was arrested for domestic violence.  
**2:33 p.m.** While on patrol in the area of S. Ridge Ave. and W. Market St., an officer saw a Honda Civic with expired plates. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said it was her husband’s mistake for not renewing the registration. She was cited for expired plates.


**5:26 p.m.** While on patrol in the area of E. Main St. and Union St., an officer saw a Buick westbound on Main St. with only one headlight and only one brake light. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver offered an ID card and said his license was suspended. He said that he wanted to go to a friend’s house. The officer found that he had recently been stopped for failure to reinstate. He was cited for that, for only one headlight and for only one tail light.  
**10:43 p.m.** To McKaig Ave. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend keeps texting her and she wants him to stop. She said that he is angry because they broke up and she is living with someone else. The officer called the ex-boyfriend and left a message. The RP gave the officer his address and the officer made contact with the ex and warned him for phone harassment.  
**SUNDAY 1/17**  
**12:07 a.m.** To McKaig Ave. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that another male subject keeps texting and threatening him. He said that the subject texted “come outside,” and threatened him with

bodily harm. The male subject (the same one from 10:43 p.m.) was contacted at his home and was again warned for phone harassment.  
**12:23 a.m.** An officer saw two subjects with open containers of beer walking on S. Market ST. Summons were issued to the subjects.  
**3:33 a.m.** An officer saw a white vehicle speeding eastbound on the W. Main St. overpass. The vehicle was clocked at 72 MPH. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver admitted to driving “well above the speed limit.” He was cited for speed.  
**3:39 a.m.** To N. Mulberry St. for a roommate dispute. One subject was arrested for assault, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. The subject also had an active warrant from Miami County.  
**9:33 a.m.** To S. Walnut St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone took 69 Tramadol pain pills. She was asked how she knew the exact number, and she replied that she counts the pills and hides them so no one can steal them. She said that DP&L had hired contractors to work on the complex and that they had been inside her apartment.  
**6:45 p.m.** To E. Canal St. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone took 60 Xanax pills from his dresser in his bedroom. He said that multiple people were in and out of his residence yesterday and he didn’t want to point fingers.

**MONDAY 1/18**  
**2:29 a.m.** Running a routine registration check, an officer saw that the vehicle’s plates were expired and BMV wanted the plates confiscated. He stopped the vehicle and found that the driver’s license had two open suspensions. She was cited for driving under suspension and expired tags. The plates were confiscated and the vehicle was towed. The driver received a ride from a friend.  
**3:11 a.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. near Troy Town Dr. The driver was found to be under suspension, but he said he was unaware of the suspension. He was cited for driving under suspension and issued a warning for brake lights.  
**5:51 a.m.** An officer saw a gray Honda Civic traveling west on W. Main St. at a high rate of

speed. He clocked the Civic at 52 MPH. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said he was aware that he was speeding and said he was running late for work. He was cited for speed.  
**6:00 a.m.** To Troy Towne Dr. for a report of a disturbance. One subject was arrested for assault, menacing, possession of drug paraphernalia and drug abuse.  
**7:22 a.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of breaking and entering. Employees arrived to find the business had been broken into over the weekend. The office was ransacked and money was taken. The scene was processed for evidence. The perpetrator was identified and arrested.  
**8:02 a.m.** An officer saw a Chevy Suburban parked on E. Canal St. just east of S. Market St. with expired plates. The plates were registered to a Pontiac. The Suburban still had a ticket on it from January 15 for parking more than 12” from the curb. Attempts to reach the registered owner of the vehicle and the owner of the plates were unsuccessful. The vehicle was towed and citations are pending. The case is suspended until someone comes in to claim the vehicle.  
**10:48 a.m.** To Rutherford Dr. at the Miami Shores Golf Course front gate for a report of a found item. A man reported finding a bicycle leaning against the gate. The bike was checked to see if it was stolen, and there was no report. It’s a Next Lajolla purple 26” girls bike, hand painted with red paint all over, even on the tires. It was tagged for pickup.

**3:18 p.m.** To S. Cherry St. for a report of vandalism. A woman reported that her vehicle had a dent in a rear fender. She did not know how the dent got there or who put it there. She asked that the incident be documented.  
**3:23 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. A female employee reported that a female subject came into the store and shoplifted a bottle of Mountain Dew. Video surveillance showed the woman concealing the bottle in her jacket pocket. The video was very pixelated and the officer could not make out her face. The employee provided the license number of her vehicle, but the plate was unregistered.

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# Bowen Found Guilty Of Murder

By Nancy Bowman

Former Tipp City area resident Frank Bowen faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison in the October 2014 murder of friend Joseph Graley III, 31, of Bethel Township, Miami County.

A Common Pleas Court jury deliberated 4 ½ hours Jan. 19 before finding Bowen guilty of felony murder, gross abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence. He will be sentenced Feb. 29 and remains in the county jail pending the sentencing hearing.

Bowen, 26, gave no outward reaction when Judge Christopher Gee read each of the three verdicts late in the afternoon.

Defense lawyers Steve Layman and Steve King of the county public defender’s office did not ask the judge to individually poll jurors regarding their verdicts.

Another jury last August was unable to agree after 14 hours of deliberations on the three charges but did find Bowen guilty of a fourth of safecracking. He

will be sentenced on all four charges next month.

King said he thought the case was well tried.

“It was a clean case and we are certainly hoping for a just sentence, which I am sure Judge Gee will do,” he said.

King said he would discuss with Layman any issues for appeal.

Prosecutor Tony Kendell agreed the case was tried well.

“I am pleased with the verdict. The jurors came to just conclusion and I am real happy for the family,” he said.

Kendell said the foreman of the first jury told him one juror “required a videotape of the actual murder” before finding anyone guilty. That position would be inconsistent with the required burden of proof discussed with potential jurors during the jury selection process.

“When I heard that, I was confident in the evidence and the way it was put together by law enforcement. I decided we

weren’t going to stop there,” Kendell said of retrying the case.

Graley’s body was found Oct. 23, 2014, under brush in the backyard of his home. He had been reported missing to the sheriff’s office the previous day.

During the trial, investigators said Graley died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck. Prosecutors said a sledgehammer found in a wooded area behind the house with the DNA of both Graley and Bowen was believed to be the murder weapon.

Bowen returned to the county in late September 2014 from South Carolina. Prosecutors said he moved in with friend Graley because he had no place to stay four days before Graley disappeared.

In closing arguments Jan. 19 Janna Parker, an assistant prosecutor, pointed to testimony of sheriff’s Major Steve Lord. Lord interviewed Bowen, for three hours the morning before Graley’s remains were found.

“In my heart of hearts I think Joe is dead,” Parker said repeating what Lord testified Bowen said.

“Finally, for the first time, the defendant told the truth, almost. He doesn’t think he is dead, he knows he is dead,” Parker said.

Layman called on jurors to use their common sense in reviewing what they heard in testimony Jan. 13-15.

He said Bowen denied any involvement in Graley’s disappearance, and didn’t run or hide when he learned police had been notified Graley was missing. He asked jurors to look closely at how the investigation was handled and the statements of Graley family and friends about the time he was missing.

“It is not your job to solve a murder mystery. It is your job to determine if the state proved each and every element of the case,” Layman said.

# Edison State holds open house

**Edison State Community College invites community members, area high school students and their parents to Explore Edison on Thursday, February 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Robinson Theater on the Piqua campus. The open house event will showcase over thirty of the College’s academic programs.**

In addition to exploring Edison State’s academic programs, attendees are invited to meet professors, tour state-of-the-art facilities, and attend breakout sessions to learn more about internship, scholarship, and financial aid opportunities. Guests can also speak with university partners about transferring credits earned at Edison State to a four-year college.

While here, attendees are also encouraged to learn more about College Credit Plus, the new state-supported post-secondary option program, which offers higher learning opportunities to high school students at little to no cost.

“This event is a great opportunity for folks to explore all Edison State has to offer,” said Stacey Bean, Edison State Enrollment Manager. “Those who attend will have the opportunity to connect one-on-one with faculty in all of our academic areas, which is such a huge benefit for those interested in learning more about the programs we have to offer.”

A comprehensive list of programs will be highlighted including career programs within such areas as Business, Computer Information Technology, Engineering Technology, Health Science, Industrial Management and Technology, and Social and Legal Services.

Participants can also learn more about Edison State’s 2+2 University Transfer Degrees, which allows students to complete the first two years of a bachelor’s degree at Edison State before transferring to their university of choice.

Industry leaders will also be in attendance to speak one-on-one with students and parents about the need for skilled workers in the Miami Valley.

“We are looking forward to the opportunity to connect with families and showcasing our wonderful college,” added Bean.

The evening includes free pizza and refreshments and attendees will also be entered to win a three-credit hour tuition waiver. The first fifty people who register to attend online will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$25 Amazon gift cards. Register to attend online by visiting [www.edisonohio.edu/ExploreEdison](http://www.edisonohio.edu/ExploreEdison). For more information, call 937-778-8600.

# Concord Township Trustees Approve Additional \$30,000 for Road Fund

By Bonnie L. McHenry

The Concord Township Trustees approved the transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund for 2016 to cover the additional cost of the proposed road construction projects. According to Trustee Don Pence, “The Road and Bridge Fund won’t have enough funds to cover all the road repairs we want to address in 2016.” The trustees was unanimously approved the transfer.

In other roadwork discussion, Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades requested that the trustees approve a request from the Westlake Village Residents to use the Township Building on January 29, 2016. Rhoades said, “The residents have used the facility in the past and you can’t

tell they have been here.” The trustees unanimously approved the request.

In addition, Fiscal Officer Pat Quillen and Rhoades drafted and sent a letter to Paul Huelskamp regarding the flooding at 1490 South Forest Hill for the homeowners to County Engineer Paul Huelskamp. The residents complained that the five-acre lot has been under water several times. Water has invaded the crawl space under the residence. The home, which is over 100 years old, has been surrounded by water when the area experiences heavy rains. Runoff from the 60 surrounding acres flows onto the property. Upon investigation, Rhoades determined that the culverts in the area are un-

dersized and are insufficient to handle the runoff. In addition, the topology in the area does not allow for natural runoff.

In old business, Pence reported that the new website is ready for implementation. However, the changes that the trustees requested have not been made. Pence said that he has still not received a quote from eLIANT Technology Services for the cost of new software to make the site more user-friendly. Pence will follow up with eLIANT on both the quote and the requested changes.

In new business, the trustees approved the renewal of a one-year lease at the same rate for the township building at 2678 SR 718 to Wasotay.

When the floor was opened to guests, Steve Cooper of Tipp City, who is running for Miami County Sherriiff, introduced himself to the Concord Township Trustees. Cooper, who spent 40 years in law enforcement, told the trustees, “I’ve always wanted to be sheriff. However, didn’t think I had a change against Sheriff Cox. People have called and asked me to run. I want to bring stability, honesty and integrity to the department.”

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Concord Township Building.

# Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

**Council OKs Hobart spending**

Troy City Council agreed Jan. 19 to approve the request for \$2.3 million in extra funding for the Hobart Arena expansion/renovations.

The approval increases the amount authorized for the project to \$9,650,000. City administrators said the project cost exceeded estimates when bids were opened Nov. 11 for several reasons including an improved economy with more projects being bid and completing for limit-

ed skilled workers.

**Commissioners OK wage increase**

The Miami County commissioners approved a 2 percent increase in county wage accounts except for those covered by collective bargaining agreements Jan. 19.

The additional dollars will be allocated by department heads with increases effective no soon-er than Dec. 19, 2015. The commission said the increase would cost \$157,820 for general fund accounts.

**County OKs new summer credit policy**

The Miami County commissioners Jan. 19 approved a new summer sewer credit policy, as proposed by the county sanitary engineering department.

The policy affects residential water and sewer customers of the county Sanitary Engineering Department. The credit will be in effect during the billing months of June through October.

The credit begins once a customer’s monthly water use

reaches 5,000 gallons during the credit months. Those whose use in a month exceeds the 5,000 gallons will not be billed for any amount over the 5,000 gallons.

The credit is automatic for all residential customers residing in their home. It excludes multi-family housing, commercial and industrial customers.

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Area Bowling Results

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy defeated Piqua in a boys' bowling match last week 2475-2111. Aaron Stone rolled a 245-224 for the Trojans, followed by Hayden Jackson 246-172, Jason Shiltz 233-166, AJ Kendall 203-183, Logan Jones 218 and Landon Flory 151.

Troy also defeated Greenville 2223-1892, as Jackson led with a 232-202, Stone had 182-238, Kendall rolled a 172-192, Flory 178-172, Shiltz 166 and Jones 148.

Finally last week, Troy had no trouble with Trotwood Madison 2230-1317. Jones led Troy with a 170-204, Flory 166-194, Stone 245, Kendall 211, Shiltz 193, Jackson 186, Jones 184 and Preston Jackson 151.

On the girls' side, Troy was stunned by Piqua in a GWOC contest 2198-2167. The Trojans suffered their first loss of the season.

Troy was led by Rachel Darrow with 160-228, Kirsten McMullen 211-174, A'leigha Smith 191-170, Jenna Stone 163-175, Cassidy McMullen 191 and Alyssa Shilt 156. The Trojans recovered with a 2245-1711 win over Greenville, as Darrow led with 199-243, Kirsten McMullen 216-173, Smith 191-176, Stone 288, Shilt 137-143 and Jennica Funderburg 143.

To close out the week, the Trojans dominated Trotwood Madison 2219-1088. Stone led Troy with a 205-269, Darrow 214-210, Smith 211, Kirsten McMullen 175, Casside McMullen 159, Shilt 147, Sierra Brown 146 and Funderburg 126.

Tecumseh Bowling- The Tecumseh boys' bowling team defeated Shawnee last week in a league contest 2606-2471. Zach Helm led the way for the Arrows with a 197-247, Dylan Terrell had 202-203, Matt Brown 197-203, Claeb Collins 154-198 and Jay Woosley 164-115. Baker games include 182, 158, 183, 203.

Also knocking off Shawnee was the Arrows girls' team 2027-1840. Adreinne Lutz led with a 171-152, while Alyson Frost rolled a 145-131, Katie Stamper 148-172, Jennifer Dillel 180-134 and Kaley Thompson 115-157. Tecumseh baker games included 124, 127, 156, 115.

Greenon Bowling- Northwestern knocked off Greenon in boys' bowling action last week 2700-2387. For the Knights, Frankie Gmuca led with 223-214, followed by Sean Freeze 162-174, Kennie Vincent 141-190, Nick Haulman 142-156, Colton Smith 139 and Jacob Stoner 134.

The Knights also finished second in a tri-meet, bowling a total of 2343. Ben Logan was victorious with 2591 and Riverside had 1972.

Vincent led Greenon with 175-181, Freeze 152-196, Gmuca 153-165, Haulman 157-155 and Stoner 166-144.

For the Greenon girls, they lost to Northwestern 2308-1934 as Victoria Critchley led with 170-197, Sierra Davis 185-140, Ella Sermershiem 118-144, Cheyanne Cook 126-116, Abbey Herzog 104, Mallory Mundy 93. Greenon also bowled a 1744 placing them second in a tri-meet. Critchley led with 152-138, Sermershiem 145-129, Cook 151-117, Kendra Gochernour 116, Davis 104, Emily Kahler 104 and Katie Adams 95.

Northwestern Bowling- The Northwestern bowling squad defeated Greenon 2700-2387 last week, as Austin Sweet led the way with a 225-199 (424), along with JT Campbell also with a 424 series (211-213). Also for Northwestern Cody North rolled a 191-168, Matt Parrett 166-179, Austin Banks 161 and Ethan Kaffenbarger 159.

The Warriors then defeated Graham 2954-2442, as North opened the day with a perfect 300 game for the Warriors. He also added a 208 for a 508 series. Sweet was the series leader with a 228-289 (517), while also for Northwestern, Parrett had 257-233, Campbell 211-206 and Kevin Whitt 119.

The Warriors remain in second overall in the Mad River Division, trailing only Urbana.

The girls squad maintains their lead in the Mad River Division, as they are 12-1 overall and 10-1 in the league. They defeated Greenon last week 2308-1934, led by Ashlyn Stollings with a 187-215, Elizabeth Sakaitis 207-187, Kristen Williams 154-175, Danielle Berthold 141, Hannah Holt-Grimm 136, Dana Coyle 128 and Madison Current 124.

Northwestern then defeated Graham 2572-2262, as Stollings led with 189-247, Current 225-192, Berthold 185-179, Sakaitis 172-182 and Williams 179-169.

Troy Suffers Fourth Straight Loss

By Jim Dabbelt

After battling close for the first half, the Troy Trojans boys' basketball team was out-scored by eight points in the third quarter, and could never recover in a 65-51 loss at Piqua on Friday night.

With the loss, the Trojans drop to 4-10 overall losing their fourth straight game. They are also 1-4 in the GWOC North Division.

It was an evenly played first quarter, as Troy led 13-11 after eight minutes. Piqua stand-out Colton Bachman scored all eight of Piqua's points early, as they built an 8-4 lead, but the Trojans fought back behind a layup from Mechia Linton, and five points from Keenan Kin-nel, to give the Trojans an 11-10 lead. Romello Yaqub hit a 10-footer at the buzzer to send Troy into the lead after the opening quarter.

Troy took their largest lead of the game early in the second when Austin Funderburg hit a short jumper, but the Indians

then took over.

Piqua went on a 13-0 run over the next four minutes to turn a three point deficit into a 24-15 lead with 4:08 left in the half. Back to back three's from Bradley Hohlbein and Ben Schmiesing led the charge, before Funderburg broke the Troy drought with an offensive rebound.

The Trojans then used a three from Kinnel and 15-foot-er from Yaqub with 12 seconds left to close the Troy deficit to one, but Bachman buried a three in the closing seconds to give Piqua a 27-23 halftime lead.

The threes' were raining in the third quarter, as five of them were hit in the first five minutes of the second half. Derick Gullett and Bachman hit consecutive trey's to push the Piqua lead out to ten, but Kinnel answered for the Tro-jans.

Piqua maintained their dou-ble figure lead through the



Estevan Stafford looks to make a play for the Trojans.

third period, before Ryan Mc-Clurg hit a three to open the fourth to cut the Piqua lead to nine. But from there, Piqua outscored Troy 15-10 to get the victory.

Bachman led Piqua with 22, while for Troy, they were led in scoring by Yaqub and Kinnel each with 13.

\*Also earlier in the week, the Trojans fell short to Beaver-creek 65-61.

Yaqub put on an offensive show for the Trojans, as he scored a game high 29 points, followed by Funderburg with nine, Estevan Stafford added seven, Trey Bucio and McClurg each added five.

Troy hosted Springboro last night, and will host Greenville on Friday night before Miami East comes to town Saturday night. All games will begin at 7:30.

Troy Girls Cruise Past Piqua

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a balanced scoring at-tack for the Troy girls' bas-ketball team, as the Trojans cruised past Piqua last week 48-21 in a GWOC North show-down. With the win, the Tro-jans inched closer to the .500 mark, improving on the season to 7-9.

"We jumped out early and the game was pretty even in the second quarter," Troy coach Nathan Kopp said. "We had a 12-2 run later in the game to push a seven point lead out to 17."

Piqua took their only lead of the game on the opening bas-ket of the game, but for the rest of the first period, it was

all Trojans.

Alaura Holycross began the scoring with a three, and af-ter Sierra Besecker scored five points, Troy took a 10-2 lead. The Trojans were taking ad-vantage of several Indians turnovers, as they turned the ball over eight times in their first 12 trips down the floor.

The second period belonged to Troy sophomore Jordan Short, who buried a trio of three's in the period, push-ing the Troy lead to 24-13 with 1:56 left in the half.

Bailey Dornbusch added an-other three for the Trojans to make it 27-12 and Troy ended the half with an 8-0 run.

"It was a good team effort, we had 16 steals as a team," Kopp said, as freshman Kya At-kins led with five. "It was real-ly balanced scoring for us. We also played good team defense limiting them to six field goals for the game."

Troy continued add to their lead in the second half, as they outscored the Indians 8-5 in the third period, including a big buzzer-beating three from Jenna Kaup, sending the Tro-jans out to a 20-point lead heading to the fourth.

Short led the way for the Tro-jans with a team high nine points, followed by eight each from Besecker and Holycross,

while scoring seven points was Bailey Hess.

"It was great for the seniors to get the sweep of Piqua."

\*The Trojans used a big third quarter to help propel them to a hard fought 38-34 victory at Greenville on Saturday, as they won their eighth game of the season.

Leading the way for Troy was Besecker who scored 11, the only double figure scorer for the Trojans. Short added seven.

Trotwood comes to town to-night for a GWOC North con-test, then Butler visits on Sat-urday,

Troy Gymnastics With A Strong Week

The Trojan Gymnastics Team made it two wins in a row after coming out on top at the Troy Invitational and again at the Centerville Elks Invitational.

For their first home meet of the year, Troy fielded two full teams - Troy Red and Troy Gray. Troy Red came in first place out of 17 teams with a score of 138.95. The Trojans (Red) placed five girls in the top ten all-around competi-tion. Winning the all-around was senior Minori Nakada with 35.3. Minori won vault (8.9) and bars (9.1) and placed third on floor (8.9). Not far behind were Claire Buerger and Liz-zie Deal. Claire came in second all around with a 34.925 and placed second (8.8) on vault, fourth (8.45) on bars, second (8.9) on beam and sixth (8.775) on floor. Lizzie placed third overall with a 34.65 and placed seventh (8.55) on vault, sec-ond (8.65) on bars, fifth (8.6) on beam and fourth (8.85) on floor.

Grace Dwyer and Abby Baker rounded out the top ten spots with a seventh place finish (33.075) for Grace and ninth place for Abby (32.625). For



The Troy Gymnastics team is off to a great start to their season.

Troy Gray, senior Kayla Coate led the way with a 30.575 all around score followed by La-nie Hagen (29.325) and Car-ly Smith (28.075). Troy Gray finished in sixth place with a 120.6.

At last Saturday's Elks Invi-tational, the Trojans beat the Elks, and 19 other teams, with a score of 137.40. Centerville was second with a 136.025. Minori Nakada came out on

top once again with an all around score of 34.95. Mino-ri placed first on bars (9.050) and fourth (8.75) on floor and vault (8.575). Grace Dwyer had a solid meet as well coming in third all around with a 34.325. Grace placed third on vault (8.675), fifth on beam (8.9) and eighth (8.3) on bars.

The third Trojan to place in the all-around was Lizzie Deal with a 34.15 to earn her a

fourth place finish. She placed sixth on vault (8.3) and second (9.00) on beam. Other Tro-jans who medaled in individ-ual events were Claire Buer-ger with a seventh place finish (8.275) on vault and senior Kayla Coate with an eighth place finish on beam (8.85).

The Trojans' next meet will be a quad meet at home on Febru-ary 12th and will also be Senior recognition night.

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# Tipp Hosts Troy, Greenon On Senior Night

By Jim Dabbelt

The Tippecanoe swim team held their Senior Night on Saturday night at the Troy YMCA, as the Red Devils joined Troy and Greenon for a tri-meet.

Tipp’s boys’ squad defeated Troy 201-152, while on the girls’ side, the Red Devils defeated Troy 212-146 and Greenon 224-62, while Troy also defeated Greenon 196-64.

Girls- In the 200 yard Medley Relay, Tippecanoe took the top two spots as the team of Sam Williams, Cameron Cahill, Anna Klepinger and Emily Doll won with a time of 2:07.55, while the Tipp team of Alissa Buynak, Carsyn Woltz, Alexis Cook and Arielle Arnett placed second. Troy finished third as Courtney Carmack, Katie Castaneda, Blake Whitford and Caroline Pratt swam 2:12.18.

In the 200 free, Cook from Tipp swam 2:15.68 to defeat Castaneda and Katie Robinson from Troy was finished second and third. Greenon’s Rachel Ruff placed sixth overall.

Williams and Klepinger took the top two spots in the 200 IM, while Carmack from Troy was third.

In the 50 Free, Troy’s Megan Wheeler was victorious with a 28.58, followed by teammate Melanie Harvey. Woltz finished third for Tipp at 29.31, and Greenon’s highest finisher was Gwen Brittingham who placed tenth.

Arnett had no trouble in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 1:03.40, with Cahill second and Whitford from Troy third. In the 100 Free, Tipp’s freshman Cook has an easy win with a 1:02.55, and teammate Kayla Bruns was second. Whitford placed third overall as the Troy freshman swam 1:06.46. Cheyanne Caswell from Greenon also finished tenth for the Knights.

In the 500 Free, Arnett dominated with a 5:26.96, nearly one minute ahead of Troy’s Castaneda. Doll placed third for Tipp.

In the 200 Free Relay, Tipp’s team of Arnett, Cook, Cahill and Williams finished with 1:50.58, five seconds ahead of second place Troy (Pratt, Whitford, Harvey and Carmack). Tipp’s Williams battled to win the 100 Back with a 1:07.24, with Marissa Garber of Tipp second and Troy’s Carmack third. Rachel Ruff was Greenon’s highest finisher with a seventh place spot.

Cahill was victorious again the 100 Breast, swimming a 1:17.90, as Tipp took home the top four

spots (Klepinger, Bruns and Alannah Gernon). Griffith from Troy was fifth (1:30.49). Finally in the 400 Free Relay, the Tipp team of Buynak, Katie Mullins, Gernon and Bruns was victorious, with Troy placing second (Erin Kirner, Katie Robinson, Maria Poggi and Castaneda).

Boys- With Greenon not having a boys’ squad, it was between Tippecanoe and Troy, and they battled in all of the events. In the 200 Medley Relay, the Tipp team of Jay Bell, Mitchell Poynter, Evan Stapp and Adam Buynak was victorious in 1:49.12. Troy’s team, of Jared Liew, Joe Dutton, Mitch Orozco and Tristan West was second.

In the 200 Free, Troy’s Joe Dutton captured the win (1:58.94), while Tipp freshman Matthew Poynter was second. Liew from Troy won the 200 IM with a 2:14.40, with Buynak from Tipp placing third.

Bell won the 50 Free with a time of 21.58, with West from Troy second 23.34 and Tipp’s Jans third. In the 100 Fly, Stapp took first with a 54.94, Orozco from Troy was third.

West came back and won the 100 Free with a time of 52.53, while Tipp freshman Raymond Burkey was second. In the 500 Free, Bell swam 5:08.81 for the win, with Troy’s Ryan Wall placing second.

The Troy 200 Free Relay team of Liew, Orozco, West and Jackson Armstrong won the 200 Free Relay with a time of 1:36.36. Placing just 0.21 seconds behind was the Tipp team of Bell, Buynak, Poynter and Stapp.

Winning the 100 Back was Stapp with Wall second and Troy’s Joe Dutton third. Matthew and Mitchell Poynter finished 1-2 in the 100 Breast, and Eric Kirner from Troy finished third. In the 400 Free Relay, the Tipp team of Walland, Wall, Mason Doll and Jans was victorious. Troy finished second with Calvin Armstrong, Carter Hench, Jack Gates and Dutton.

SW Ohio Classic- Jay Bell put on a show in the 50 Free as he not only finished first overall, but set a tournament record as he swam a 21.19, along with beating his previous school record. Bell defeated Justin Grender from the host school by .16 seconds in the finals.

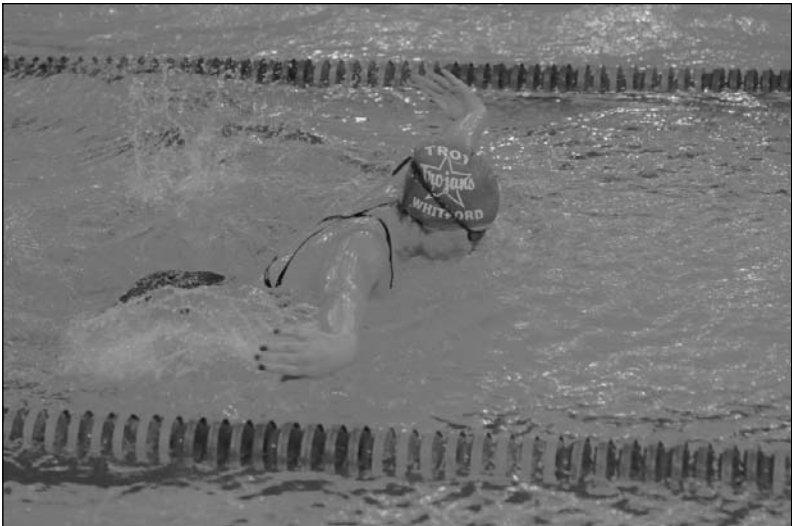
Fellow senior Evan Stapp also set school records in the 200 Back (1:58.22), 100 Fly (52.53) and 200 IM (1:57.96).



The senior girls on the Troy swim team are (l to r) Rachel Culp, Mariana Huerta, Courtney Carmack and Annie Griffith (not pictured: Berea Centliver II).



Only three seniors reside on the Troy boys swim team this year (l to r) Carter Hench, Tristan West and Jared Liew.



Troy freshman Blake Whitford had a solid day at the Tipp swim meet.

The boys 400 free relay team of Stapp, Bell, junior Ben Jans and sophomore Ryan Wall also set a new school record with 3:19.81. “This was one of the best performing weekends for the boys as all four relays made it to the finals meet,” Stanbery said.

For the girls, more school records fell. Senior Sam Williams now sits atop of the record board in the 200 Back, while Arielle Arnett set a record in the 200 IM (2:12.10), as she finished fifth overall.

The girls’ also had two relays reach finals as alternates in the 400 medley and 400 free.

“Other area finishers for the girls included Williams who finished 33rd in the 500 Free, and Bethel’s Eiliana Wright 36th. Troy’s Courtney Carmack was

31st overall in the 400 IM.

Ben Wright from Bethel was 25th overall in the 500 Free for the boys, and in the boys 1650 Free, Troy Christian freshman Grant Doucette placed 23rd and Wright was 28th.

Bell also came back and finished 12th in the 100 Breaststroke for the Red Devils, while he also finished 11th in the 100 Butterfly. Tecumseh’s Owen Measel finished tenth in the 400 IM, Doucette placed 22nd, and fellow Troy Christian freshman Alexander Klint was 29th.

Also in the 400 Free Relay, Tipp was 11th, and in the 200 Medley Relay, the Red Devils placed tenth. Finally in the 400 medley relay, Tipp was tenth.

## St. Patrick Catholic School Announces 2nd

- Quarter Honor Roll
- St. Patrick Catholic School is pleased to announce the following students earned First Honors. These students earned all A's in the 2nd quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:
- Fourth Grade- Clara Bogan, Eva Dexter, Valerie Rindler
  - Fifth Grade- Alicia Cavanaugh, Katie Huelskamp, Connor Moeller, Joseph Pannapara
  - Sixth Grade- Sarah Castaneda, Briana Lavender
  - Seventh Grade- Noelle Dexter, Pyper Sharkins
  - Eighth Grade- Danny Lins
- The following students earned Second Honors. These students earned all A's and B's in the 2nd Quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:
- Fourth Grade-Owen Benner, Cooper Dues, Daniel Fisher
  - Fifth Grade- Josh Fisher, Damian Hanf, Ryan King, Allyson Kyle, Tyler Langenkamp, Sarah Lins, Cameron Lombardo, Amelia Peltier, Caroline Wesner, Thomas White, Lilly Williams
  - Sixth Grade- Brock Bostick, Mary Lins, Andrea Prenger
  - Seventh Grade- Carianne Rindler, Paola Vazquez, John Wesner
  - Eighth Grade- Nathan Rocke, Rebecca Sanogo, Jack White

## Troy Notes: TC Wins Second Straight

Troy Christian’s boys basketball team finished the game on a 10-1 run last week to defeat Dayton Christian 54-45 to take over second place in the Metro Buckeye Conference.

Dayton Christian tied the game with 2:45 left, but James Anderson and Jacob Brown hit big shots down the stretch, and Luke Dillahunt and Sam Kirkpatrick hit key free throws late to secure the win.

“Our kids really fought hard to win tonight,” Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki said. “Our focus was very evident how well we closed the game out. The seniors finished 8-0 in their careers against Dayton Christian which was big for them.”

Brown led with 15, Seth Wynne and Anderson each had eight, and everyone scores for Troy Christian. “We are distributing the ball well and we were 14-22 inside the arc,” Zawadzki said. “We are learning how to run the offense effectively lately.”

In the JV game, Conner Case hit a buzzer beater to give Troy Christian the win also.

The Eagles host Houston on Friday, and Arcanum comes to town on Saturday night.

TC Girls Basketball- The Eagles defeated Northridge 26-21 on Saturday, as Hailey Peters led with eight points and seven rebounds, Kathryn Lee added six points with five rebounds, Kinley Blake added six points and seven steals. Troy Christian had a slim 16-15 lead at the half.

Last last week, the Eagles won a big league contest by defeating Dayton Christian 61-58 in overtime. The Eagles led 28-16 at the half before letting Dayton Christian get back into the game. It was a great turnaround since their last meeting, a 41-29 win for DC back in December.

Lee had 21 points, 10 rebounds and four assists to lead the Eagles, Peters added eight points and ten rebounds, and Meredith Haddad added 11 points and five assists before being lost to injury.

“Some of the young kids are starting to play well for us,” Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman said.

# Troy Christian Students Celebrate Life

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posters all over the country. She has spoken at numerous local churches, has addressed the Ohio State House three times, once before a senate subcommittee on the Heartbeat Bill (issue 69), and even recently shared her story at a Sanctity of Life event for college students at Cedarville University.

Bunting was still in high school when a young man she considered a friend raped her. After discovering that she was pregnant, the option of abortion was presented to her.

“I knew it was wrong,” Bunting said. “But the decision to have a child when you are still a child yourself is so hard.” With the encouragement and support of her mother, Susan, and counselors at Elizabeth New Life Center, Bunting chose, not only to have the baby but to raise the child herself.

“I was given a verse that became my theme,” Bunting said, “It was Jeremiah 29:11 that says ‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.’” Bunting has, since that time, viewed her story as a way to provide hope for other expectant young mothers, taking every opportunity to volunteer at women’s shelters and pregnancy centers. Her daughter, Isabella, is now in Kindergarten at Troy Christian Elementary School.

Principal Amy Long expressed appreciation for Bunting’s courage in light of her own history. Long’s mother was advised at 18 years of age to abort her. After a visit to Miami County’s Right to Life Center, Long’s mother decided to have her baby. “If she had not made that decision, I



wouldn’t be here,” Long said.

Although Long is continuing a tradition begun by a former teacher, she feels a deep connection to the Celebration of Life at Troy Christian. In closing remarks made to students, Long said, “It’s important for us all to


know that life is precious, even if you can’t fully understand everything today; I hope you can grasp the fact that life is important, that the baby who is developing is important, and that you are important and, like Miss Lauran said, God has a plan for you.”

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As a general rule, Thrivent Financial recommends that you review your financial program at least once each year. Certain life changes – the birth or adoption of a child, a change in marital status (married, divorced, widowed), the death of a family member or changes to your health – should serve as reminders that a financial tune-up is in order.

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If you have a do-it-yourself mentality, a number of print and electronic resources exist to help monitor your finances. However, most can benefit from the knowledge, experience and insight that financial services professionals offer.

Qualified financial professionals can help people evaluate their present financial strategies and keep abreast of new laws, regulations, products and economic developments. Even more important, financial professionals can challenge unrealistic assumptions people may have and help them overcome money management’s greatest threat: procrastination.

To live is to experience change. How and where change will appear is impossible to predict, but a financial checkup is one sure way to help your financial objectives – and your sense of financial confidence – keep pace with all that occurs.

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## At Home

by Connie Moore

### Latest Gardening Trend

If you’re the happy recipient of seed catalogs, you may have noticed the latest trend in planting. Our stack of catalogs includes Burpee, Jung, Shumway’s and a new company to us, Territorial Seed Company out of Oregon. In all of them, grafted plants are highlighted. The proposal is that the best of root systems is coupled with the best of tops (stems, leaves and fruitage) to make for a “super” plant. It’s not a new idea, just –pardon the pun– a growing trend.

Territorial Seed Company even has a “Ketchup ‘n’ Fries” plant. Red Cherry tomatoes are grafted onto rootstock of white potatoes. The oddity began in the United Kingdom and has now spread to the United States where everyone knows the popularity of French fries and ketchup is second only to bacon.

The advertisement for this plant declares that since tomatoes are of the potato family, it is a natural process with no genetically modified anything. Still, it would



seem a fragile proposition to ship a hand-grafted plant ready for the garden. An even more improbable notion is that paying \$19.95 (plus \$11.85 shipping) for one plant will produce anything but the novelty of the idea.

Other vegetables available in the grafted category from all the catalogs are cucumbers, eggplants, melons, tomatoes, double tomatoes (meaning two varieties are on one root stock), peppers and watermelon.

I’ll take my chances with Oreida frozen fries being on sale at the same time Heinz of the 57 varieties ketchup issues a coupon.

While thoughts are on gardening, 2015 was a year of odd weather and odd gardening happenings here at the Moore home, the last and maybe most interesting being planting lettuce seeds in the garden on the 20th of De-

cember.

Having never done this late planting and having no one to turn to for advice because no one that we know of ever planted in the ground in December, we were in an adventure, as my late mother would call it. And frankly, she would have been tickled to help me. She loved to try all things when it came to gardening.

So we dedicated the little patch of seeds to the memory of Mom and all things green and wonderful on this earth.

During the last three months of the year we had cold snaps but no hard freeze so the ground was still soft and wet. We were especially inspired to find that our late summer lettuce crop had left some roots behind. There was already the beginning of a bowl of salad.

Weather forecasts called for mild temperatures and rain. If that pattern held on for two to four weeks, the Simpson’s Curled Green lettuce and the Red Salad Bowl variety would surely sprout and grow.

By the last week of December, there had been plenty of rain and balmy air. But on the day after some of the seeds sprouted, sending up micro-thin shoots, the air turned cold. Another two or three days and snow covered the lettuce bed. The end of the first week of January was balmy again during the days with sunshine on the garden patch. By then though the little sprouts had bit the dust. Hindsight revealed that we should have bedded the whole thing down with leaves and mulch to keep the ground warmer or placed the area under a glass panel such as a cold frame.

We’re now anxiously awaiting garden times in the spring. For now, salads will just have to come via plastic bags with due dates.

Contact Connie at [mooredcr@Juno.com](mailto:mooredcr@Juno.com) or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

## Gardening Commentary

from MVG

### Plants For Heat

Winter Is More Than Half Over.....

While it’s cold outside and you are looking over the gardening catalogs that are coming in the mail and thinking about the selections you can make for the spring planting season, consider the plants that like the heat that will be here this summer. I know that is hard to think about now when we are having temps near zero and the snow is flying, maybe this will help you warm up a bit.

Some of the varieties that you will see in the catalogs not only grow in the ground but in hanging baskets and planters. Believe it or not, some of the best varieties that will bloom all summer in the hot sun are several of the Begonias. If they are planted properly– in good soil with a slow re-

lease fertilizer and watered when it gets dry, they will do a great job and bloom continuously all summer. Begonias are started from seed, very small seed and they are one of the plants that develop slowly and therefore take longer to get started. You may be familiar with the Dragon Wing Begonia and one that is a recent introduction, the Big Begonia which comes in several forms with green and bronze leaves and various flower colors. Their name describes them well....they do get big.

We know that the hot and dry weather is coming.....just think, meteorologically speaking, winter is more than half over. Many of the heat loving plants that we use in our plantings are not grown from seed but from plants produced from rooting cuttings so they will most likely have to be purchased locally. Even if they

could be grown from seed these “heat lovers” are difficult to start from seed early in the season because they need a warm, humid environment to get started when the season is still very cool.

If you want to attract butterflies and other pollinators, Lantana is an excellent variety for full sun, hot and dry. Keep them watered initially after planting but once established they are one tough dude. They bloom all summer and the flower colors are yellow, red, pink, orange and combinations of these colors.

A vine that will flower all summer for a full sun hot spot is Mandevilla. Mandevilla is available with pink, red and white flowers and grows rapidly. They can be grown on a trellis or up a pole or if you have a rural mailbox, they will grow there very well. Be sure to give them good soil and water them when it gets

dry and you will fall in love with this tropical plant.

That covers a number of intermediate height flowering plants and a good vine and now for a low groundcover type plant that will provide you with months of good color from sunup to sundown is Periwinkle Vinca. These plants are started from seed and have many varieties and colors of flowers– white, red, pink, purple and one they refer to as polka dot...red with a white dot center. This is truly a care free plant as long as you don’t plant this one too early, it doesn’t like cold soil temperatures, you must wait until the end of May to plant for best results.

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## Pet of the Week

### MARLEY

- Beagle mix
- tri
- male
- 1 year old

\*Marley seems to be a friendly and lovable dog. He is always ready to get out of his kennel to go, go, go.

He would benefit from some consistency and some basic obedience training. With just a little work, he has the potential to be a wonderful addition to your household. Stop in and meet this cute boy today.

Miami County Animal Shelter  
We are located at 1110 North County Road 25A in Troy, Ohio.

Hours:  
Mon-Fri 8 to 4  
Wed 8 to 6  
Sat 8 to noon  
Sun closed  
Our Adoption Process...  
DOGS \$84.00 un-neutered; \$54.00 neutered  
All dogs adopted will be given their first distemper and bordetella shot and first dose of worm medicine.  
The \$14.00 license fee is included in the above fees.  
The \$84.00 fee includes a \$30.00 neuter deposit. All pets adopted are required to be neutered by the Vet of your choice within 45 days from the date of adoption or when the puppy/kitten reaches 6-7 months of age.  
NEUTERING IS MANDATORY.

## Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro  
TCPD Ret.

### Sleep Deprivation

Anyone who has worked the night shift cannot honestly say they have never fallen asleep at work. As a police who never wanted to work days, I have always chosen to work evenings or the late shift if I had a choice. Day shift is full of bosses, traffic details and dealing with reports. Night shift officers get to make arrests and do real police work. The main problem with working nights was always sleep deprivation.

When working nights the family life and demands are still there and often a police would forgo sleeping for the kid’s soccer game, open house or birthday party. If you have a normal job with a family, think of how tired you get dealing with family issues. Now add that you may only get two hours of sleep a night and think about how tired you would

feel.

Add to the lack of sleep the police, dispatchers, corrections officers and others on nights are usually the new/younger members of the agency who have yet to build up seniority to get off nights. No college all-nighter can prepare a new officer for working all night, for months on end.

A recent study of police and corrections officers found that those officers who worked nights and tried to stay up for 20 hours would be working and have the same cognitive thinking skills as a person driving under the influence of alcohol who would test a .10% blood alcohol level.

The officer working under sleep deprivation is found to be more irritable, confused, angry and so on. A young officer working nights and trying to fight to stay awake are in a losing battle. The look on their face is that of a

grump, not a person happy to be living the life they thought they would live as a police.

Now I see it in the jails. While all the inmates are in their bunks snoring away, the CO is keeping watch. Think about sitting in a gymnasium size room with 50 or so guys sleeping away and you are the one who has to stay awake and watch them.

I have found many a police officer sitting in a cruiser and nodding. It can’t be avoided. So what can be done about it? Common sense tells you that you have to get the sleep your body needs. For me, at least in this point of my life, it is 8 hours. Any more or less than 8 hours and I venture into the grumpy zone. Not having had two legged children has made it much easier for me to get the sleep I need to stay awake for my 12 hours shift and even be “Peppy.”

So what is my suggestion on how to deal with the lack of sleep? Prepare to be bored, tired and grumpy. Look at your life and think about what can be done to prevent burn out due to being sleepy. Eat little meals through the night to keep the body energy needed to work properly. Have the proper attitude. I tell stupid jokes to the inmates to keep their lives a little less mundane. Inmates have told me that a joke I told them made their child laugh during the last visit. I am also a voracious reader and use the late hours to read.

If you are thinking about a career in law enforcement think about the negative aspects of the job. If you are unable to spend a whole shift with nothing but your own mind to keep you company, then it is not a job for you. You will be bored to sleep, and that can get you killed.

# What to Do in Troy

## 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 [TroyHayner.org](http://TroyHayner.org) for more information.

## Illusionist Leon Etienne

January 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Edison State Community College  
Edison State Community College

brings award-winning “Master of Illusion and Magic” Leon Etienne to the Piqua Campus on Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. This performance is open to the community and is being offered free of charge.

With a show that crosses classic magic illusions updated and redesigned for today’s audiences, Etienne delivers a spectacular theatrical performance that will astound audiences of all ages. To add to the fun, audience participation is encouraged throughout the show.  
Most recently known for his

breath-taking performances on America’s Got Talent, Etienne is an accomplished magician with more than a decade of professional performing experience. His love and passion for the art of magic have taken him all over the globe, performing in front of thousands of audience members in hundreds of venues and entertainment hotspots across the U.S. and internationally including the world-famous magic circle in London, England.

The event will be held in the Robinson Theater. Those interested in attending are encouraged to arrive early to reserve a seat. For more information, contact Nate Cole at [ncole@edisonohio.edu](mailto:ncole@edisonohio.edu) or call 937-381-1555.

## Adult Exploration Hike

February 2, 9:00 a.m.  
Hobart Urban Nature Preserve  
The Miami County Park District will hold an Adult Exploration Hike on February 2 at 9 a.m. at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 1400 Tyrone in Troy. Join park district naturalist Sassafra Susan to discover the birds, plants and trees across the county, one park at a time. These hikes are a great opportunity to get out in nature and

learn together. Walks last about two hours and are not strenuous or fast-paced. Stay warm - remember to layer up before you head out. Due to weather, trails may be wet. Wear appropriate shoes. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at [MiamiCountyParks.com](http://MiamiCountyParks.com), e-mailing [register@miami-countyparks.com](mailto:register@miami-countyparks.com) or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

## Troy Night Market

February 2, 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
11 N. Market St. (Troy Rec)  
The market is a collaboration of local farmers market vendors who grow and produce ‘Local Foods’ and food related items. The market is being presented with the support of producers who are volunteer committee members of The Miami County Food Council under the guidance of The OSU Miami County Extension Office.

The Troy Night Market vendors embrace the slogan “In Support of Local Food” and will be offering a variety of locally based food products for sale. Products include homemade jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasoning, mixes, tea blends, candy, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, popping corn, and many

other items.

Seasonal fresh produce, herbs, flowers and garden plants will also be offered in season.

The market will also offer a limited number of handmade kitchen/household related items such as soaps, cutting boards, wooden turquoise ware, ceramic ware, rolling pins and other hand-crafted items.

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

## Friday Night Movies

February 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Troy-Hayner Cultural Center  
Friday Night Movies at the Hayner Center feature classic movies with an introduction to the film, café style seating, and popcorn and soft drinks. All films begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

This week’s movie is Morocco, with Gary Cooper and Marlene Deitrich

To promote your club or nonprofit organization’s events, email the information at least two weeks in advance to [editor@troytrib.com](mailto:editor@troytrib.com), or mail it to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

## Edison Stagelight Players Hold Open Auditions for Spring Production

The Edison State Community College Stagelight Players are holding open auditions for William Shakespeare’s As You Like It, on Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robinson Theater on the Piqua campus.

One of William Shakespeare’s pastoral comedies, As You Like It chronicles the story of heroine Rosalind as she escapes persecution in her uncle’s court. Accompanied by her cousin Celia, Rosalind flees to find safety

and, eventually, love, in the Forest of Arden. While travelling through the forest, they encounter a variety of characters, including the despondent traveller Jaques, who recites one of Shakespeare’s most famous speeches.

Auditions will last approximately two hours and consist of cold readings from the script. Production dates will run from early to mid-April 2016. Jayson Grigsby is directing the play. For more information, contact Karen Baker at [kbaker@edisonohio.edu](mailto:kbaker@edisonohio.edu).

## Rotary Clubs Help With Another Safe Holiday Season

Local Rotary clubs have collaborated for years to help keep residents safe during the holiday season through the Designated Driver button campaign. The recent holidays marked the 15th straight year that the Miami County area did not have an alcohol-related death, thanks, in part, to the program.

Dr. Michael Pope is the chairman of the Designated Driver program that is led by Troy Rotary. He works with the Miami County Sheriff, Ohio Highway Patrol and other local Rotary clubs to distribute thousands of gold and blue Designated Driver buttons through local banks, bars and state liquor stores. “The goal of our program is to help people stay safe as they celebrate during the holidays, not to stop them from having fun,” said Pope. The buttons are a visual reminder to make plans

to have a designated driver before leaving home. Pope’s mantra each year is “Be safe, safe, safe when you celebrate.”

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 the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org).

## Rotarians Host the Voice of the Dayton Dragons

Some said it wouldn’t last. That was 17 years ago, long before the first pitch was thrown by the nascent Class A affiliate Dayton Dragons baseball team. In 2000, Fifth Third Field was built, christened and the first team rocked America’s favorite pastime. On Tuesday, January 19, Troy Rotarians listened as Tom Nichols, the voice of the Dayton Dragons, shared this and other information on the team that is number one in attendance for ballfields under AAA category.

Win or lose, the Dragons have sold out the 7,500 seat field for 1,121 consecutive games, smashing the previous record of 814 held by the Portland Trailblazers, and the 2016 season is on track to be a sellout. This is thanks, in part, to the team’s focus of making a trip to Fifth Third Field a family experience rather than just about baseball. Heeter, the mascot, helps entertain the crowds. Contests, such as the Toddler Run, keep attend-

ees engaged throughout the nine innings. In 1999, writer Hal McCoy predicted that minor league baseball would not make it in Dayton because he felt the Miami Valley lacked the necessary passion to support a team. Needless to say, he has since recanted that prediction.

The players, trainers and coaches are provided by the Cincinnati Reds while the Dragons take care of the travel and the facility. Seventy-five Dragons players have gone on to the majors, working their way through the Reds’ rookie ball try-out process. Single A ball is played in Dayton. Daytona is the AA club. Louisville is AAA and the last gateway into the major leagues. Only ten percent of all players who begin in rookie ball make it to the big leagues where the average player earns over \$4 million a year. To learn more about the club and upcoming season, visit their Web site at [www.daytondragons.com](http://www.daytondragons.com)

## Troy Rotary and Brukner Center Featured in International Magazine

The Troy Rotary Club and Brukner Nature Center were part of an article featured in the February 2016 issue of the international magazine, “The Rotarian.” Both Rotary and Brukner have been important supporters of the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center in Kangundo, Kenya. Led by Preston Mutinda, the wildlife center offers programs to promote the appreciation and understanding of Kenya’s diverse wildlife. He began the center after serving a three-month internship at Brukner Nature Center in 1998. Troy Rotary has provided over \$40,000 to help build the center, assist the community and develop programs.

Distributed globally, The Rotarian features many stories each month that cover programs and projects Rotary clubs support. The article on the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center will help bring more awareness of the program to the area

communities in Kenya. For more information on the wildlife center, visit their Web site at [www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter](http://www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter) or their Facebook page at Mutinda Wildlife Education Center.

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## 2016 Scholarships are Now Available

The Troy Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2016 scholarship season. More than \$300,000 is available for high school seniors in Miami County and surrounding counties.

The scholarships are made possible by the generosity of individuals, families, organizations and businesses that believe in the power of continued education.

Each scholarship is unique and has specific criteria set up by each of the donors when the fund was established. While most of the scholarships are available to high school seniors, there are a few for post high school graduates majoring in a specific area of study.

For available scholarship information, seniors may contact their high school guidance department, visit the Foundation’s website at [www.thetroyfoundation.org](http://www.thetroyfoundation.org) look under scholarships and the high school you attend or call the Troy Foundation office at 937-339-8935 with questions. The deadline for most scholarships is March 18th, 2016

## Application Deadline Nears

Not-for-profit organizations in Miami County are reminded that grant applications to the Miami County Foundation must be submitted by February 28. Applicants must provide services directly to the citizens of Miami County. All must be certified federally tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service and preferably be a 501(c)(3) organization. Historically, grants have been awarded to social service organizations, schools, healthcare providers, libraries, youth and senior groups as well as the arts. Guidelines restrict organizations to one grant annually. An application form and other pertinent information is available online at [www.miamicountyfoundation.org](http://www.miamicountyfoundation.org) or by contacting the office at 773-9012. Successful applicants will receive notification of the spring distribution date. The Foundation was established in 1985 by Richard E. Hunt, founder of WPTW-AM/WCLR radio.

## New Classes Are Forming Now at the Hayner Center

Winter/Spring classes for children and adults are forming now at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. Opportunities abound to have fun, learn a new skill, or to give the gift of an experience to a child or loved one. Class openings and fees vary according to the class. Classes are held at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 West Main Street.

Hayner is currently offering a variety of classes including painting, drawing, pottery, fine crafts, and dance. Learn to make old-fashioned Valentine cards, all occasion cards, or gorgeous Ukrainian style decorated eggs just in time for Easter. Find opportunities to learn calligraphy, paper filigree, polymer clay and sand painting in addition to painting in watercolor and oils at various levels of experience.

Dawn Flory is offering two new classes, Kids Create Laurel Burch Inspired Art and Kids Create Wassily Kandinsky Inspired Art classes as well as her Friday Home School Art.

Adults can stay active during the long winter months learning ballroom and round dance. There are also classes in time management, getting organized, digital photography and eBay basics.

Stop by the Hayner or check out their website at [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org) for complete class details, including information about the instructors and photos of some of the class projects.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, located in the historic home of Mary Jane Hayner, 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 or to receive a complete listing of classes, concerts and all the special events taking place at the Hayner Center call us at 937-339-0457 or visit us at the Hayner Center or at our website at [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org).

## Hayner Holds NYC Trip Info Meeting

“Hayner Hits The Road” on September 28 through October 2 for a five-day-four-night trip to New York City. Participants will be staying in the heart of Times Square, within walking distance of many of Manhattan’s historic landmarks. The trip will include motor coach travel, 2 Broadway shows, 2 dinners at Times Square Restaurants, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Ferry Tour, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, Radio City Music Hall Tour, NBC Studios-Top of the Rock, Motor coach and walking tours of Central Park, Little Italy, Chinatown, Greenwich Village, SOHO and 5th Ave. The trip is limited to 50 guests and the registration deadline is May 9, 2016. The Hayner will host 2 informational meetings to share more details about the trip. The meetings will be held at the Hayner on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 3:00 pm. For additional information, call David at 339.0457 or visit our website at: [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org).

## Armed Forces and Civil Servants Appreciation Night at Edison State

Edison State Community College is honoring all members of the armed forces and civil servants at the home basketball game against Clark State Community College. Past and present servicemen and women are invited to attend the men and women’s games free of charge. The games will be played on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Piqua Campus gymnasium, with the national anthem preceding.

Edison State recognizes all members of the armed forces and civil servants as citizens and students, and is honored by of the level of diversity, experience, and academic excellence they bring to campus.

Edison State’s Office of Veterans Services affords veterans and their families with a single point of contact. Providing academic, refer-

ral, and personal support services, the Office of Veterans Services aims to help ease access to higher education, foster success and build community. Additionally, the College offers a Veterans Lounge complete with a TV, refrigerator, microwave, books, and area for student veterans to congregate. For more information regarding veteran services, visit [www.edisonohio.edu/Veterans](http://www.edisonohio.edu/Veterans).

Tables will also be available for organizations interested in displaying items, passing out literature, or providing giveaways during the game. For more information or to arrange for the use of a table, contact Nate Cole, Director of Athletics and Student Life at 937-381-1555 or [ncole@edisonohio.edu](mailto:ncole@edisonohio.edu).

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By Larry Warren



Crossword Puzzle

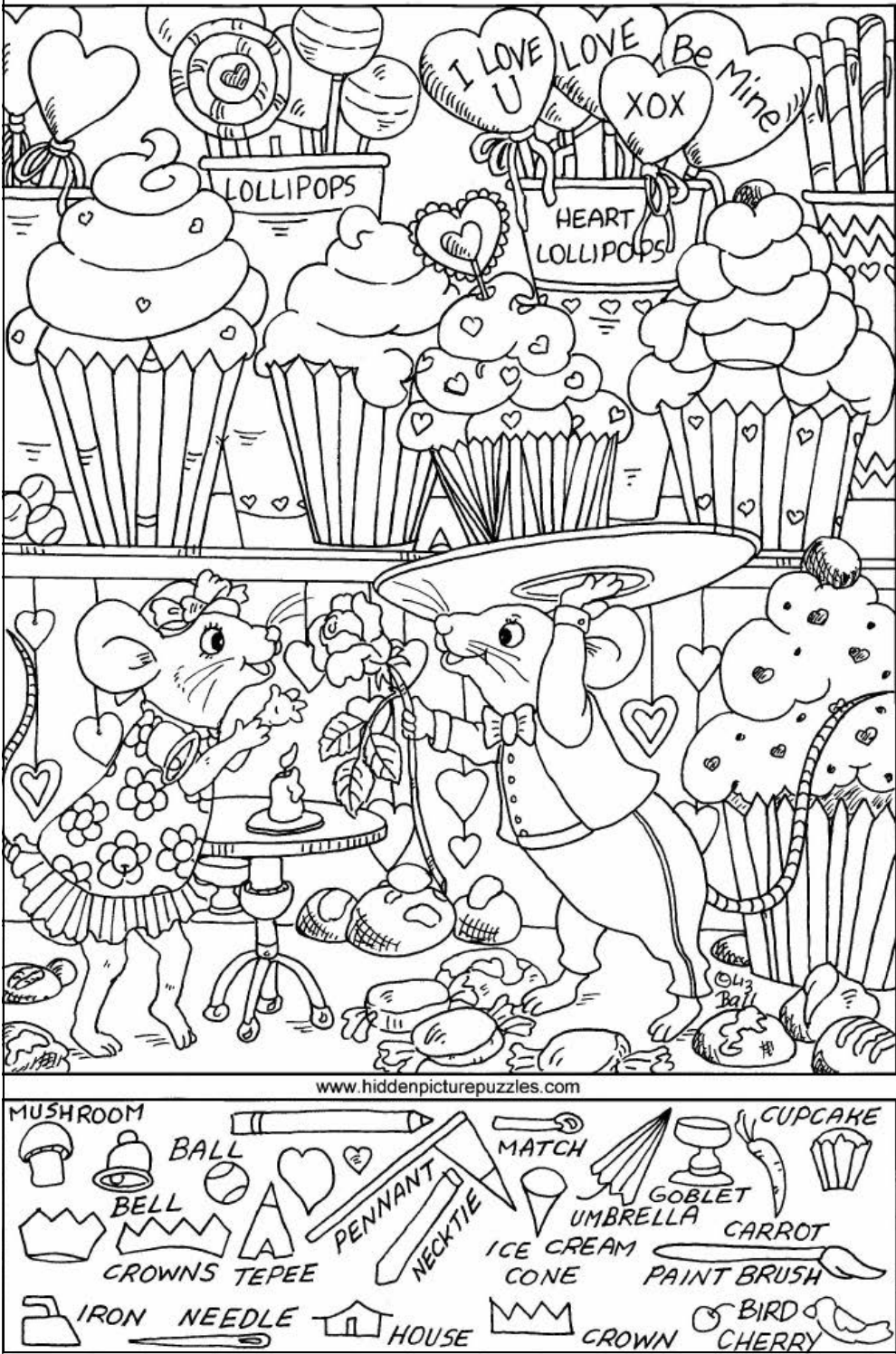
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Hidden Treasures

By Liz Ball



Trivia Challenge

Star Wars Trivia Quiz #4

- 1.) The gangly smelter droid “8D8” works for whom?  
a. Han Solo  
b. Jabba the Hutt  
c. Darth Maul  
d. Darth Vader

2.) AT-AT (All Terrain Armored Transport) Walkers make their first appearance in which Star Wars film?  
a. The Return of the Jedi  
b. A New Hope  
c. The Empire Strikes Back  
d. The Attack of the Clones

3.) The English actress Daisy Ridley plays which character in “The Force Awakens”?  
a. Kylo  
b. Rey  
c. Snoke  
d. Poe

4.) Emperor Palpatine appears in how many Star Wars films?  
a. 4  
b. 3  
c. 5  
d. 6

5.) How is the shape shifting Clawdite “Zam Wesell” killed?  
a. Stabbed  
b. Gun  
c. Toxic Dart  
d. Bow and Arrow

6.) During which two film episodes is “The Clone Wars” TV show set?  
a. 3 and 4  
b. 5 and 6  
c. 1 and 2  
d. 5 and 6

7.) The clumsy “Jar Jar Binks” hails from where?  
a. Gungan  
b. Mungan  
c. Lungan  
d. Sungan

8.) The Jedi Knight “Lowbacca” is a son of whom?  
a. Jar Jar Binks  
b. Mace Windu  
c. Yoda  
d. Chewbacca

9.) Mark Hamill first appeared in which Star Wars movie?  
a. A New Day  
b. A New Hope  
c. A New Dream  
d. A New Force

10.) The Force Awakens is set how many years after Return of the Jedi?  
a. 50  
b. 30  
c. 20  
d. 40

11.) What color is the lightsaber used by Yoda?  
a. Red  
b. Green  
c. Blue  
d. Yellow

12.) What is the name of the icy planet on which the rebels have made their base in “The Empire Strikes Back”?  
a. Toth  
b. Loth  
c. Hoth  
d. Goth

13.) Where does Han put Luke to keep him warm at the start of “The Empire Strikes Back”?  
a. Launlaun  
b. Tauntaun  
c. Waunwaun  
d. Faunfaun

14.) The planet Kamino first appears in which Star Wars movie?  
a. Empire Strikes Back  
b. A New Hope  
c. Attack of the Clones  
d. Revenge of the Sith

15.) Temuera Morrison played which character in the Star Wars series?  
a. Jabba the Hutt  
b. Darth Maul  
c. Jango Fett  
d. Jar Jar Binks

16.) How many Star Wars movies were released in the 1990s?  
a. 3  
b. 2  
c. 4  
d. 1

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

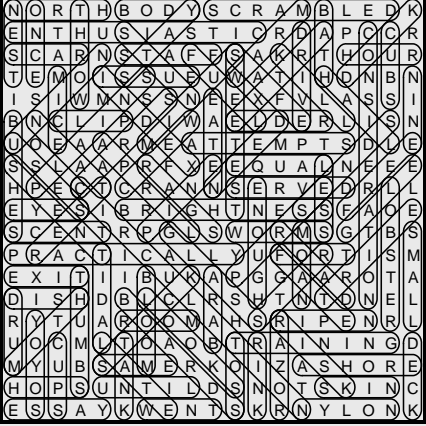
- 1.) Vineyard - The complete title of the painting is 'The Red Vineyards near Arles'. 2.) Black - Black Cat was released on Janet's 4th studio album titled, 'Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation 1814'. 3.) Coffee - Manufactured by Pernod Ricard, Kahlua was first introduced in 1936. 4.) Shanghai - Shanghai is located in the Yangtze River Delta in East China. 5.) Potato - The dish consists mainly of mashed potatoes mixed with kale or cabbage. 6.) Qatar - Qatar's sole land border is with Saudi Arabia to the south, with the rest of its territory surrounded by the Persian Gulf. 7.) Nearly Headless Nick - Nearly Headless Nick is the Gryffindor House ghost who in life was sentenced to death by beheading. 8.) Nebraska - Located on the Missouri River, Nebraska's largest city is Omaha.

9.) American Football - Making its debut in 1986, the Jim Thorpe Award is bestowed to the top defensive back in college football. 10.) Low Blood Pressure - Hypotension is the opposite of hypertension, which is high blood pressure. 11.) The Great Gatsby - Leonardo played the role of Jay Gatsby. 12.) 6 - The noble gases are helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon and radon. 13.) 16 - The song 'Tim McGraw' was released as the lead single. 14.) 1932 - The 32nd President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt served from March 4, 1933 until his death on April 12, 1945. 15.) Goat - Capricorn is the tenth astrological sign in the zodiac.

Sudoku

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Word Search



Crossword

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### Maribelle Brown

Maribelle Brown, age 94 of Hilton Head, SC, passed away Sunday January 24, 2016 at Bloom at Hilton Head Memory Care. She was born July 10, 1921 in Troy, OH to the late Ford and Mae (Young) Morrin. She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Sandra and Kenneth Schaefer of Hilton Head Island, SC, and Barbara and Kent Knife of The Villages, FL, as well as son and daughter-in-law Don and Cathy Brown of Birmingham, MI. Maribelle is also survived by ten grandchildren: K.C. Schaefer of Lexington, VA, Heath Schaefer of Springfield, OH, Dane Schaefer of Tampa, FL, Erin Brown of Birmingham, MI, Keith Brown of Birmingham, MI, Kyle Brown of Denver, CO, Blaire Brown of Ann Arbor, MI, Jana Scarbrough of Newburgh, IN, JoAnna Timura of North Ridgeville, OH, and Jennifer Scarbrough of Rockport, IN. Nine greatgrandchildren also survive: Shelby, Mary Alice, Ashlynn and Trey Scarbrough (Jennifer and Chuck), Louis and Gracie Timura (JoAnna and Steve), Caleb and Josie Scarbrough (Jana and Curtis), and Brock Schaefer (Heath and Jami). She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Charles D. Brown, who passed away July 15, 1980. Also preceding her in death is her daughter Lora Mae Brown. A 1938 graduate of Troy High School, she worked as a secretary at Hobart Manufacturing in Troy before becoming a full-time homemaker to raise her family. Maribelle was also a former member of First Lutheran Church of Troy. A funeral service will be held 1PM Friday January 29, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Friends may call from 11:30AM-1PM at the funeral home. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Troy

### Marjorie Helen Coffey

Marjorie Helen Coffey, age 86 of Troy, passed away Sunday January 24, 2016 at the home of her daughter, Karen. She was born November 14, 1929 in Winchester, Indiana to the late Glen and Minnie (Stanton) Stump. She is survived by her daughter Karen Francis of Troy, daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Ralph Clifton of Troy, daughter Cynthia Kuhn of Troy, daughter Bonnie Coffey, as well as five grandchildren: Bryan (Tarah) Francis, Nichole (Patrick) James, Jennifer (Matt) Lubbers, Eric (Lyndsey) Coffey, and Matthew Clifton (Megan Whisman). Seven greatgrandchildren also survive: Connor Francis, Lillyan Helen James, Camryn Francis, Dawson Lowell James, Dylan Lubbers, Kellen Kihm, and Amelia Coffey. Also surviving is sister Betty Melle of Richmond, Indiana, and nephew Ronald Baker. Marjorie is preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert Lowell Coffey, who passed away in 1998. Also preceding her in death is son Bruce Coffey, granddaughter Cassandra Clifton, and sister Mildred Baker. She was an expert seamstress, pianist, and gardener. She loved to cook, read, and travel. Her most favorite past time was spending time with her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Private services at the request of the family. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. "The song has ended, but the melody lingers on". Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fishercheneyfuneralhome.com.

### Patsy Diane Staley

Patsy Diane Staley, age 65 of Troy, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She was born September 22, 1950 in Dayton to the late Bill and Florence (Tankersley) Parker. Survivors include her beloved husband Paul Staley of Troy, three daughters, Tiffany Staley of Piqua, Stephanie Staley of Piqua, Tammy Moeller of Dayton, and son Scot Chambers of Dayton. She is also survived by granddaughter Ashley Farmer and great-granddaughter Lana Gail. Other survivors include three sisters, Christine Milby of Middletown, Wanda Partlow of Middletown, and Gail McKnight of London, Kentucky. Two brothers also survive, Bill Parker of Middletown and Danny Parker of LaFollette, Tennessee. Private services at request of the family. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fishercheneyfuneralhome.com.

### Charles Ameal Cole

Charles A. Cole, age 73 of Piqua, passed away Saturday January 23, 2016 in the Hospice Unit of Upper Valley Medical Center. He was born August 18, 1942 in Harlan, Kentucky to the late Ameal and Prncella(Peak)Cole. He is survived by his special companion Angela Jolliff of Piqua, as well as stepdaughters Selina Jones of Troy and Marie Cole of Texarkana, Arkansas. Two step grandchildren also survive: Fedoshia Cole and Taylor Hines. Four brothers and three sisters also survive. Charles is preceded in death by sister Virginia Lynn Fabrow. Charles was a retired dietician at the former Villa Convalescent Center in Troy. He enjoyed racing harness horses at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Troy. Charles was a member of the Piqua American Legion Post 184, and former member of the PTS Club in Troy. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

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## Troy Police Reports

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She was advised to call back if the woman returns.

**11:56 p.m.** An officer saw a Volkswagen Jetta north-bound on Stanfield Rd. near W. Stanfield at a high rate of speed. He clocked the vehicle at 50 MPH, and it accelerated to 54 MPH. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said that he was late for work. He was cited for speed.

### TUESDAY 1/19

**2:11 p.m.** To S. Plum St. for a report of a found item. A bicycle was found on the property inside a brick wall. The officer checked and no bicycle matching the one found was reported missing. It was secured and tagged to be picked up. The bicycle is a silver and black BMX style.

**2:14 p.m.** To Sherman Ave. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone used his bank card number to withdraw money from his account.

**2:15 p.m.** To S. Mulberry St. for a menacing complaint. Involved parties were warned not to trespass at the RP’s residence or to call the RP.

**2:16 p.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. at the southbound I-75 ramp. The driver was cited for expired tags and released.

**7:47 p.m.** To Greenfield Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A male and a female were arrested and charged with domestic violence.

**8:41 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle southbound on Adams St. that appeared to be exceeding the 25 MPH speed limit. After the vehicle passed him, it was picking up speed. He clocked it at 41 MPH and initiated a traffic stop at W. Main and Elm St. The driver was charged with speed.

### WEDNESDAY 1/20

**12:21 a.m.** To E. Franklin St. to assist a squad. Dispatch advised that a 70-year-old male possibly had a heart attack. The officer arrived to find a man doing CPR on the victim in his bed. He had the man assist him in moving the victim to the floor for stability and chest compressions were continued. The victim’s eyes had rolled back into his head, and he was unresponsive and not breathing. The officer could not locate a pulse. About a minute later, the victim began to gasp. Troy Medics soon arrived and continued chest compressions, administered oxygen and transported the victim to UVMC.

**5:08 a.m.** While traveling westbound on Staunton Rd., an officer saw a Honda Accord traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed. It was clocked at 50 MPH. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver had neither a license nor insurance. He was cited for speed.

**8:05 a.m.** To Comfort Inn for a report of an unwanted guest. The manager reported that a man who appeared to be intoxicated was not leaving the hotel when asked to do so. The deputy asked the man where he was supposed to be and he said that he was waiting for friends to finish eating, and that they would then leave. He was advised that he had already been told to leave, and that if he didn’t, he would be leaving with the officer. The man then walked past the officer and was asked for his ID. He continued out the door. He was again told to stop but did not comply. The officer physically restrained him and cuffed him. The man began yelling that the officer had to let him go. He was advised that he was under arrest for criminal trespassing, and the man replied that he was not under arrest. He was checked for weapons and placed in the patrol car. He continued to yell and make comments that he was arrested for being black. Other units arrived and interviewed the hotel staff and collected

statements. The man continued to yell and argue. He emitted a faint odor of an alcoholic beverage. While enroute to the Miami County Jail, the man continued yelling that he didn’t have to leave because the hotel was public property. He was advised that it is private property. He also continued to argue that this was all because he was black and that his people had been oppressed for 300 years by racists like the officer. He was also argumentative and uncooperative with the jail staff. A jail Sergeant advised the officer that the man had intentionally smashed food on the floor of the elevator and that he should also be charged with criminal mischief. He was charged with that and with criminal trespass.

**4:26 p.m.** A woman came to the Police Station to report that she had lost a ring in the city parking lot next to the station. She said she lost it while unloading boxes on January 13, but did not notice it missing until today. She described the ring as having a yellow gold band, 13 white diamonds and a turquoise diamond in the middle. She showed an appraisal with a value of \$3500. She was advised that the detective section would check with local pawn shops to see if anyone brings it in.

### THURSDAY 1/21

**1:43 a.m.** To Westhaven Dr. for a report of a disturbance. An 11-year-old boy reported that his step-mother was assaulting her father by slapping him and slamming his head into the wall. Upon arrival, the officer could hear shouting coming from the residence. He knocked on the door but got no response. A short time later, a man opened the door and the officer saw several small children and a white female. The officer tried to talk to the man, but the woman kept interrupting. He then took the man into a separate part of the residence and another officer asked the woman to put the children back to bed and she complied. The man reported that he was involved in a verbal argument with the woman which escalated when she wanted to drive while intoxicated. He said that she cornered him in the laundry room and struck him in the back of the head with an unknown object. He had blood on the back of his head extending to his neck, but refused medical attention. The woman stated that the man’s 11-year-old child started the incident. She blamed the man’s head injury on his ex-wife. The officer verified that the ex-wife had not been at the residence, and she then said she didn’t know how he was injured. Based on his injury and his statement, the woman was placed under arrest. She would not comply with the officer’s requests and argued that she could not be arrested for something that she didn’t do. She was again ordered to face away and place her hands behind her head. She was then forcibly cuffed but kept trying to pull away. She was finally cuffed and announced that she had defecated in her pants. She asked if the officer was proud of himself. She was transported to the Miami County Jail where she was charged with domestic violence.

**1:47 p.m.** To S. Walnut St. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that she has received multiple texts from the father of one of her children. She said that they are no longer together, and that he is upset that she is seeing someone else. She asked that he be warned not to contact her again. The officer called the man and asked him about the calls. He said that the woman is trying to keep his child away from him and taunting him about finding a new father for the child. The officer advised that he had read the texts and

that the man was not being honest with him. The texts from him said that he was no longer needed and that he was moving to Florida. He was advised that if he continued to contact her, he could be charged. The man then said that he had to get back to work and quickly hung up.

**6:19 p.m.** To UDF for a report of a theft. Employees had identified a male suspect who took items from the store and fled the scene. Charges were filed.

**7:31 p.m.** To Maplecrest Dr. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that her daughter’s boyfriend has been calling her all day, screaming and cursing at her. She played some of the messages and the officer could hear the boyfriend screaming profanities. She said she wanted him warned for phone harassment. Greenville PD was contacted, and they responded to the boyfriend’s home and warned him not to have any more communications with the girl.

### FRIDAY 1/22

**6:13 a.m.** While stopped at a red light on W. Main St. at I-75, the officer saw a vehicle exiting from the interstate and ran the red light at Main St. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver said he ran the red light because he was already committed. He was cited for the violation and given a court date.

**9:16 a.m.** To the 2800 block of Piqua Troy Rd. A woman reported that a vehicle had passed a school bus while the red lights were flashing. Officers were attempting to locate the vehicle.

**11:22 a.m.** To Clopay for a report of an accident. A truck driver was turning in the parking lot, turned too sharp and ran over a large boulder. The trailer sustained damage to the first set of rear tires. The driver advised that the trailer did not appear to be safe to travel in its condition.

**2:18 p.m.** To the Shell station for a report of theft. An employee was arrested for the theft of a wallet.

**3:25 p.m.** An officer was following a gray Chevy pickup that showed a 9/15 validation sticker. He ran the plate and it was expired. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said that his wife takes care of getting the stickers and that she must have forgotten. He was cited and released.

**5:57 p.m.** To Short St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the incident was found to be a criminal damaging complaint. The incident is still under investigation.

### SATURDAY 1/23

**12:06 a.m.** An officer saw a silver Pontiac Bonneville with no headlights northbound on Experiment Farm Rd. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver had a temporary license, and the passenger was a 19-year-old female with a valid license. The driver was given a warning for the headlights and cited for a license violation. He was advised that he could only drive with a valid driver over 21 years of age.

**12:53 a.m.** To S. Clay St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. There was a physical altercation between a man and a woman. The man was arrested and charged with domestic violence and possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

**2:28 a.m.** To the Brewery. A highly intoxicated man reported that he was kicked out of the Brewery by security. He was provided a statement form and told to return it when he was sober if he still wanted to file a report. He never returned the statement or had any further contact with the officer.

**4:06 a.m.** While patrolling on W. Main St., an officer witnessed a theft in progress. The driver of a Chevy Malibu fled

the scene and a chase ensued. Four black males fled from the vehicle in the Towne Park Apartments. The Chevy was found to be stolen in Moraine the previous evening. The stolen property was still in the vehicle. With efforts from multiple agencies in Miami and Montgomery counties, two juvenile suspects from Dayton have been arrested. Charges are still being determined.

**6:14 a.m.** To McKaig Ave. for a report of a stolen vehicle. A woman reported that she left her vehicle running, and when she came back to it, the vehicle was gone. It was located on I-75 by Tipp City officers. The vehicle fled and was later crashed in Dayton and two suspects were arrested.

**1:26 p.m.** To E. West ST. for a report of damage to a vehicle. A man reported that he was northbound on S. Market St. approaching the railroad crossing. He said that the crossing gates were going up and down and that cars were going around the gates. He said that when the gate was up, he began to cross, but the gate came down on his vehicle cracking the windshield. He said he called CSX and they requested a police report. The officer returned to the crossing gate to look for damage to the gate and found that CSX crews were on scene checking the gates.

**4:16 p.m.** Traffic stop on N. Market St. at US Bank. The driver was arrested for OVI.

**4:39 p.m.** To W. Market St. for a report of a theft. An employee had stolen over \$2000 in lottery tickets. The suspect was arrested and charged with theft.

**4:40 p.m.** To W. Main St. at the BP station for a report of a crash. Two vehicles were involved.

**6:33 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. Store employees had detained a juvenile female for stealing pants. The juvenile was informed that she would receive a court summons and was released to her father.

**8:17 p.m.** To Brookfield Ln. for a report of a burglary. A man reported that someone broke into his home and stole 10 handguns and 5 long guns. A list of the stolen guns and their serial numbers was provided.

**8:58 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of phone harassment. Store employees reported that a man identifying himself as “Greg” has been calling in regards to doing interviews for promotions. The phone number on caller ID had too many digits, leading the officer to believe that he had a fake caller ID app on his phone. Employees reported that the man commented on how the employees looked and that they were cute. The employees were advised to get as much info on the caller as possible if he called back, and that extra patrols would be requested.

**10:13 p.m.** To McKaig Ave. a male juvenile was reported missing from his home. He was entered into the system as missing and a county-wide BOLO was issued.

### SUNDAY 1/24

**5:13 a.m.** To Hawk Circle for a report of an assault. Investigation showed that a burglary and an assault had occurred. Two subjects were arrested.

**9:43 a.m.** While on patrol on Floral Ave. an officer saw a blue Oldsmobile with expired plates parked in the driveway. On November 5, the officer had that vehicle towed for being parked on the street with expired plates. Apparently the owner picked it up at the tow lot and brought it back and parked it in the driveway. There was also a Dodge truck parked next to the Oldsmobile with only a front license. The plate

came back to that truck and was registered to a resident of that address. The officer also saw a blue GMC Sierra parked on the street with the Dodge’s rear plate on it. The officer ran the VIN of the Sierra, and it came back to a Centerville resident. The officer knocked on the door several times, but no one answered. He called for the next available tow, and the tow truck soon arrived. The owner then came out of the house and stated that the Sierra was his. He was advised that it was being towed for fictitious plates. The owner said that the plates were not fictitious because he had just bought it and he had 30 days to use the plates on the Sierra because he had sold the Dodge. He was advised that the ram was still in his driveway and in his name and still had the front plate on it. The owner said he couldn’t help it if the buyer had not transferred the title yet. He was asked for paperwork showing that he had sold the Dodge, but he had none. He was asked for paperwork on the Sierra and produced a title that was not signed over to him. The owner sat on the bumper and said that the officer was not towing the Sierra because he did not agree with the city ordinance. He was advised not to interfere with the tow driver or he would be arrested. He got off of the Sierra and was able to retrieve some personal items from it. The Sierra was towed and the owner was advised that he could retrieve it when he showed proper ownership papers. The owner said that he was calling his attorney and suing the city. The officer also placed a green tag on the Oldmobile. When asked why he did not renew the plates after having it towed last November, he said that he did not agree with the city’s ordinances. He was given until January 31 to have it in compliance or it would be towed. The owner also had another vehicle on jacks and partially under an awning at the end of his driveway. He advised that it is a race car. He was advised that the vehicle would have to be licensed or in an enclosed structure.

**10:55 a.m.** While on patrol, an officer saw a blue Jeep Cherokee with expired plates parked in the 700 block of E. Canal St. The front driver’s side tire was flat. The vehicle was towed. The Cherokee was registered to a S. Mulberry St. resident. The officer filled out a citation for expired plates and asked the court to summons by mail.

**4:21 p.m.** While running speed enforcement on I-75 near the 75 mile marker, an officer observed a grey Mazda traveling at 84 MPH. He initiated a traffic stop, and the driver said that she was just cruising along not paying attention on her way back to college. She said she had the cruise control set. She was cited for speed.

**8:23 p.m.** Traffic stop on Archer Dr. at Brukner Dr. The vehicle’s registration had expired on 12-9-15. The driver said he was stopped in December for the same violation and thought that his mother had taken care of the registration since it was her vehicle. He was cited for expired registration.

**8:36 p.m.** To Red Cedar Dr. for a report of a found item. A woman reported finding a wallet near her home. The owner was located and the wallet returned.

**9:20 p.m.** To E. Main St. for a report of an overdose. The female subject was resuscitated with Naloxone and transported to UVMC. She said she only took three Xanax pills. Other pills were found in the residence and were taken into evidence.



# Beagle to Speak at Vets Museum

State Senator Bill Beagle will be the guest speaker at the Miami Valley Veterans Museum’s Coffee and Donuts Breakfast on Saturday, February 3 from 9-11 a.m.

An Ohio resident for over 40 years, small business owner and father, Bill Beagle has dedicated himself to public service because he wants to do his part to help create a better future for our families and our country.

Bill Beagle was first elected to the Ohio Senate in 2010. At the time, Ohio was broken – just like Washington is today. Our economy was in a tailspin, 350,000 private sector jobs were lost, and Ohio’s budget deficit had grown to an historic \$8 billion. While other states were experiencing similar problems during the recession, Columbus politicians were actually making things worse for our state by raising taxes on hard-working Ohioans when they could least afford it. A strong fiscal conservative and someone with a keen understanding of economic and workforce development issues, Bill Beagle knew that if Ohio was ever going to successfully emerge from the recession and grow again these dangerous policies had to be stopped.

In 2010, Bill Beagle challenged an incumbent Democratic legislator to represent the citizens of the 5th Ohio Senate District, a seat that had been held by Democrats for more than 20 years. It was a race that no one thought he could win. But Bill prevailed, beating the odds and the nay-

sayers, and he was successfully reelected in 2014 in this Democratic-leaning district by a significant margin.

Since then, Bill Beagle has played a leading role in Ohio’s turnaround story, especially in the area of workforce development. Bill helped author numerous common sense policies that have strengthened our economy, fostered an environment where job-creators can thrive again, and enabled hard working individuals to support themselves and their families. Under Senator Beagle’s watch, Ohio turned an \$8 billion shortfall into a \$2 billion surplus without raising taxes, over 300,000 private sector jobs have been created, the unemployment rate has reached its lowest level in over a decade, and the state has set records each year for new business creation as entrepreneurs have regained their confidence. Bill Beagle also kept his promise to reduce the tax burden on Ohioans by helping to cut taxes by over \$5 billion, eliminate the death tax, cut the state income tax 16 percent, eliminate the income tax for many small businesses and provide targeted tax relief to low-and middle-income workers.

Today, Bill Beagle is widely recognized as a problem-solving conservative Republican leader who has the fortitude to get things done – and he believes Washington needs that type of leadership now more than ever. That is why he is running for Congress. Bill is on a mission and that mission is to

make the tough decisions that need to be made to fix Washington and put America back on the path to prosperity. No other candidate in the race for the 8th Congressional District possesses Bill Beagle’s depth and breadth of experience, proven track record, and leadership abilities.

Prior to his service in the Ohio Senate, Bill Beagle worked for over 20 years in the private sector as a senior financial analyst, an operations manager, and in customer service. An entrepreneur, Bill started his own real-estate business in 2002 – a business he continues to successfully grow today – so he is very familiar with the many current challenges that face small business owners in Ohio. A resident of Miami County since 1991 and living in Tipp City with his wife and three children, Bill Beagle has consistently given back to his community through his public service. He has held numerous leadership positions in his community, including Tipp City Council President, and serving on the Tipp City Library Board, Tipp-Monroe Community Services Board, and Tipp City Power Plant Re-use Committee. Bill earned a bachelor’s degree in Finance at Miami University and an MBA at Cleveland State University.

Bill Beagle is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations for his public service, including the Watchdog of the Treasury Award from the United Conservatives of Ohio, the Defender of Liber-



ty from the American Conservative Union, Friend of Agriculture Award from the Ohio Farm Bureau, Small Business Advocate Award from the Council of Smaller Enterprises and BioOhio Legislator of the Year. Bill has been previously endorsed by the Ohio Manufacturing Association, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Society of CPA’s, the National Federation of Independent Business Ohio, Ohio Right to Life, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Nurses Association, and the Ohio Restaurant Association. He has also earned an “A” rating from both the NRA and the Buckeye Firearms Association for his staunch defense of our Second Amendment rights.

This event is for all veterans and is held at the Miami Valley Veterans Museum , 107 W. Main St., Troy, on the second floor dining facilities of the Masonic Lodge building , has Elevator.

## Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group to Meet

The Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy.

The Ostomy Support Group’s meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month except January and July. The meeting will be in the hospital lower level conference rooms.

Programs provide information and support to ostomates and their families, and are beneficial to health care professionals as well. For more information, contact Robin Medrano at 937-440-4706.

## UVMC to Host Heart Month Health Fair

Upper Valley Medical Center will host its annual Heart Month Health Fair for the community Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UVMC Lower Level Conference Rooms.

Free cholesterol / blood sugar / blood pressure screenings will be offered. UVMC clinicians and cardiology professionals will be on hand to provide additional health testing and helpful information.

Appointments are required to help reduce wait times at this event. To register for a time, please call CareFinders at 1-866-608-3463.

This health fair is one of Premier Health’s free heart month screening events being hosted throughout the region in February. For other dates and locations, or to find a Premier Health cardiac specialist near you, visit [premier-health.com/heart](http://premier-health.com/heart).

# Governor Kasich Proclaims Jan. 24-30 “School Choice Week” in Ohio Joining Leaders Nationwide in Celebrating Opportunity in Education

Ohio students, communities to hold over 700 events as part of nation’s largest-ever celebration of school choice

Ohio Governor John Kasich has officially proclaimed January 24-30, 2016 as “School Choice Week” in Ohio. Governor Kasich joins more than two dozen other governors and 210 mayors and county leaders nationwide in issuing proclamations.

With more than 700 events be-

ing held to celebrate the Week in Ohio alone – and with more than 16,000 independently organized events across all 50 states – National School Choice Week will be America’s largest-ever celebration of opportunity in education. Events will include rallies, round-table discussions, coffee-house meet-ups, festivals, school fairs, and more.

As a nonpartisan, nonpolitical public awareness effort, National

School Choice Week seeks to raise public awareness about school choice to start tens of thousands of individual conversations across our country about the need for, and benefits of, educational opportunity.

“We are grateful for Governor Kasich’s support for Ohio School Choice Week,” said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. “Millions of people across the coun-

try, regardless of which type of schooling they choose, are united in their view that greater choice means greater opportunities for our children to thrive.”

Held every January, National School Choice Week is an independent public awareness effort designed to shine a positive spotlight on effective education options for every child. Through thousands of independent-

ly planned events across the country, National School Choice Week raises public awareness of all types of educational choices available to children. These options include traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and homeschooling.

# In Ohio 79% of Marketplace customers qualify for a tax credit with an average value of \$244 per month

People who reenrolled saved \$54 per month on average by shopping and switching plans

According to a new report released today, in Ohio 79% of people who selected or were automatically enrolled in a 2016 plan through the Marketplace qualify for a tax credit with an average value of \$244 per month, or about 59% of the pre-tax credit premium.

Moreover, HealthCare.gov users in Ohio are ac-

tively shopping and saving money on their 2016 Health Insurance Marketplace plans. In Ohio 54% of people who actively reenrolled in a Marketplace plan for 2016 switched to a different plan, saving an average of \$54 per month (\$648 per year) after tax credits.

“There are just 10 days left until the end of Open Enrollment for 2016 cover-

age and Ohio consumers should know that prices are affordable and it’s not too late to shop for the best plan,” said HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. “People coming to the Marketplace for coverage are active, engaged and shopping to save money.”

Today’s report looks at the individuals in Ohio who selected or were au-

tomatically enrolled in a plan through December 26, 2015. The vast majority of reenrollments were completed by December 18, 2015.

In Ohio 51% of people who signed up as of December 26 had the option of selecting a health insurance plan with a premium of \$75 per month or less after tax credits. And

41% had the option of selecting a health insurance plan with a premium of \$50 per month or less after tax credits. On average, people who are signed up for Marketplace coverage in Ohio as of December 26, 2015 are paying \$173 per month on their premiums after tax credits.

To read today’s report, visit: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-document/health-insurance-marketplaces-2016-average-premiums-after-advance-premium-tax-credits-38-states-using-healthcaregov-eligibility-and-enrollment-platform>

# Emergency Meeting Held to Fight Ohio’s Drug Epidemic

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today led a statewide emergency meeting – “Ideas that Work – Fighting the Drug Epidemic in Ohio” – to help leaders in Ohio’s counties combat the drug epidemic in our state.

“Ohio is facing the worst drug epidemic in my lifetime,” said Attorney General DeWine. “The human toll, the increased crime, and the overall community impact of this epidemic are devastating. We must work together to find – and share – effective solutions.”

Nearly 800 attendees who represent sheriff’s offices, police departments, state and federal investigative agencies, emergency medical services groups, pub-

lic safety directors, county coroners, treatment providers, probation and parole leaders, addiction and mental health experts, prosecutors and judges attended the conference to hear about innovating programs and ideas that are working and resources that are available.

Topics covered at the emergency meeting included:

- Naloxone: Why emergency medical personnel carry

- naloxone, the immediate effect it has, and the long-term effect is has on people in recovery when they’re given a second chance.
- Addiction in Jail: New ways some law enforcement agencies are handling the issue of detoxing addicts in jail.
- New Partnerships: How law enforcement is doing business differently, partnering with others, and helping those in addiction get out.

- Drug Task Forces: How Ohio’s drug task forces are dealing with drug investigations and going after dealers.
- Investigative Tools: How using OARRS, the State Board of Pharmacy online prescription drug database, can prove invaluable in drug investigations.
- Crime Scene Training: How some law enforcement agencies are now treating drug overdose scenes as crime scenes and

- the training that’s needed.
- Resources: How the Ohio Attorney General’s Hero-in Unit Outreach Team and other state resources can help communities with solutions.
- Since 2013, the Ohio Attorney General’s Heroin Unit has worked to confront the drug problem across the state. The Heroin Unit includes the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC), the Ohio Bureau of Crim-

- inal Investigation (BCI), the Special Prosecutions Section, and the Outreach Team.
- “In 2014, we lost three to four Ohioans every day to unintentional drug overdoses from heroin,” said Attorney General DeWine. “Today we took a huge step forward in the fight against drugs in our communities. I am hopeful that together, we can continue to make a difference. It’s a daily fight.”





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# K’s Rocks to 50’s Sockhop Theme

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

K’s Hamburgers opened their doors on Sunday, January 17, for the second time in its 80-year history for a 50’s Revival and Sockhop. Although the restaurant does not usually serve on Sundays, a young adult group called Advance from First Grace church in Dayton requested K’s permission to host a 50’s themed event. The only other time the Hamburger restaurant has welcomed guests on a Sunday was during Mitt Romney’s visit in 2012. Restaurant manager Michael Scheib saw the mission and theme of the event as one that aligned with that of K’s. “Not only was this great exposure for us with a young crowd who had never heard of us but the morals and values of the Advance group fits with the vision the Kleins had when they began K’s,” Scheib said. Advance is a group of unmarried young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 who gather on Sunday nights to enjoy time with friends, fun activities, and teaching on Biblical values. Thirty of them converged on K’s for the event, where they enjoyed Scheib’s old

record collection which played over loud speakers and fries provided by K’s. Vintage-style clothing was worn by all and a best-dressed competition and games were played surrounding the theme of the evening. The restaurant was alive with sights and sounds reminiscent of a time warp, even as a couple of the young adults started to swing dance in the entryway to Frank Sinatra’s “Fly Me to the Moon.” Although much of the evening was centered on the style of an era, the 50’s Revival focused on the necessity to renew an understanding of the need for God in this generation. In a day when many young adults are stepping away from faith in God, Advance is resurrecting old-fashioned values. Looking back on revivals of the past, they reflected on how God used young adults to inspire positive change in America during critical times in our history as a nation. One of the leaders of Advance, Chris Placke, felt like this event put the group in a mindset to think selflessly about their role in society,



“A lot of young adults are really focused on getting what they want, making money, and having a good time,” Placke said. “The thing that’s awesome about this group and what this group encourages is that they have fun while they’re living selflessly, serving Jesus Christ, one another,

and their communities.” At the end of their evening at K’s, the young adults prayed together for “revival to start with us.” They honored Michael Scheib for his commitment to maintaining the mission set forth by Mr. and Mrs. Klein and his mentor, Marcia Bodmer. Scheib

talked about the history of K’s and the faith of its owners. “They would have loved this,” Scheib told the group. Advance Young Adults is currently comprised of individuals from Troy, Dayton, Tipp City, Pleasant Hill, Huber Heights, Vandalia, Centerville, Ketter-

ing, etc. They often host events here and enjoy the atmosphere of downtown Troy. For more photos of the event, see facebook.com/FirstGrace. For more information on this group and upcoming events in the area, please contact Chris Placke at cjplacke@gmail.com.





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