



Adams and county Prosecutor Tony Kendell will file written legal arguments and responses over the next six weeks before Gee files a written decision.

Both Lord and Graham questioned Terrel following his arrest, along with Hope-Earnshaw-York, in the early hours of June 3 in William York Sr.'s missing truck in Butler Twp., Montgomery County.

Graham was with officers who stopped the pair.

The motion to suppress asks the judge to throw out statements Terrel made to investigators. The lawyers agreed to stipulate to the contents of the recorded interviews conducted at the Tipp City Police Department and the sheriff's office in Troy. The interviews were not played in court.

Terrel claims he was not properly given his Miranda rights

their sides. They were made in the early years of Mullins' career. The statue on the courthouse dome is "Lady Justice" (also known as Justica, the goddess of Justice, and Lady Liberty). She is 11 feet high and weighs about 250 pounds. She was the first statue that was put on the courthouse exterior. She was placed on the dome in June 1887.

She wears a blindfold to represent equal justice for all. She was originally made without the blindfold. The blindfold was added after she arrived in Troy. In fact, the Mullins factory photo shows her without the blindfold. She carries a sword of truth and scales that are balanced. She represents fairness for all under the law.

On March 22, 1918, William Jackson, son of Miami County Commissioner Charles Jackson, scaled to the top of the Miami County Courthouse dome and attached an American flag to Lady

## ***“Have You Been to the New Kroger’s Yet?”***

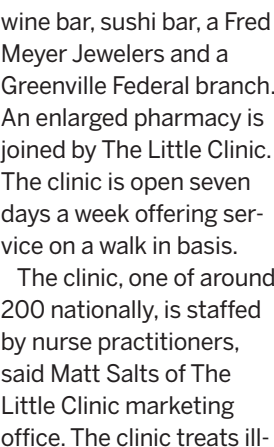
around 400 associates, many part-time.

The employees showed off their new home Jan. 26 with a by invitation VIP event. Guests were greeted by local store leaders including managers, entertained by live music and offered samplings of salads, sandwiches and other items.

A large portion of the store was stocked – including the new apparel and homeware areas – along with produce, cheese shop and other areas.

Areas offering more perishable items were stocked later in preparation for the opening, described by Kroger as a “soft opening.”

The store includes a



nesses such as colds and flu and offers wellness screenings and physicals. More information on the clinic, including hours and wait times, is available at [www.thelittleclinic.com](http://www.thelittleclinic.com).

Liens said an official grand opening celebration is planned for April following demolition of the old store and completion of the parking lot.

This week, the City of Troy begins a new "Get on the Bus" program with its pilot run on Wednesday, February 3. The tour is a part of the city's Leadership Development Initiative that began as a result of Frontier's America's Best Community competition. Having reached the semi-finalist round, the city decided these ideas would progress as planned regardless of their status in subsequent rounds.

"Get on the Bus" is a day-long introduction to the city's culture, services, schools, and organizations. Visiting company executives, tourists, or long-time residents can take advantage of the program and experience the highlights of Troy in a whole new way. Melissa Kleptz of the Troy Foundation has been actively involved in the steering committee for this initiative and is enthusiastic about the view of the city this tour will provide. She described it as a "shortened version" of Leadership Troy which meets once a month for a year and gives a detailed overview of city operations and culture.

"This is designed to catch those new employees or new residents who need or want to be acclimated to the community quickly," Kleptz said. "We're trying to give a broad spectrum overview of organizations in a very relaxed, fun, social kind of way." Each bus holds approximately 25 people and will begin the tour at the Troy Connection Center on the square at 8:00 a.m. The tour will then visit local hotspots like Hobart Arena, the Aquatic Center, Hayner, and other unique Troy landmarks until its conclusion at 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided in the middle of the day and a question and answer session will conclude their time along with refreshments. Leaders of various organizations will give descriptions of the facilities, services, and events in addition to promotional materials tour-goers can review throughout the day and take home later. "They will end up at the conclusion of the day with everything Troy in a bag," Kleptz said.

It is still unclear how often the tour will run or what cost will be involved for participants. According to Kleptz, the steering committee is considering ways to make Get on the Bus available semi-monthly or quarterly. Kleptz said the Chamber of Commerce will be involved in making these decisions. The program will be given to them as a way to assist in leadership development.

The pilot tour this week will be a dress rehearsal for committee members and members

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A promotional banner for El Sombrero restaurant's Valentine's Specials. The banner has a yellow background with red hearts scattered throughout. On the left, the restaurant's logo features a sombrero and the name 'El Sombrero' in a stylized font, with 'A Family Mexican Restaurant' below it. The address '1700 N. County Rd. 25A • Troy' and phone number '339-2100' are listed. The main title 'VALENTINE'S SPECIALS - Feb. 12 - 13 - 14 Only' is in large red letters. Three red hearts contain the special offers: 'Chile Colorado w / rice & beans \$9.50', 'Burrito El Grande \$8.25 A Super 10" Burrito', and '3 Enchiladas w / rice & beans \$8.25'. A disclaimer at the bottom states 'Specials Not Valid With Any Other Offer, Coupon Or Discount.'



## Scammers Working the Area

The Troy Police Department reports receiving complaints from citizens that DP&L called requesting them to pay outstanding power bills and threatening to cut off service.

One business stated that the caller demanded that the purported outstanding balance be paid within the hour or service would be disconnected. The employee told the caller that the owner was out of town and payment could not be made that quickly. She reported that she was given another number to call. She did so and a foreign-sounding male answered. She stated that she had a receipt that showed that the bill had been paid. The man ended the conversation.

DP&L reports that scammers have been active in the area recently. In all cases, the scammers often target the elderly and small businesses that are fearful that their electricity may be turned off if they don't comply immediately.

Often the scammers know a little bit about you and try to get you to provide more information so they can gain access to your bank accounts or use your credit card numbers.

DP&L offers these tips:  
Never give anyone personal information such as your Social Security number (including the numbers on the back of your Social Security card), bank account number or credit card number unless you initiated the conversation and you are confident the transaction is legitimate.

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If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with your utility company asking for payment, hang up and call the utility's customer service number. DP&L customers can email us or call 800-433-8500.

DP&L will only come to your door to collect payment if your account is past due and you have been sent notice that your account is scheduled for disconnection. DP&L employees carry photo identification which customers should request to see. For your protection, please verify that anyone who approaches you to collect money for your DP&L bill is either a DP&L employee or an approved contractor.

If you have already provided information to someone making this offer, contact your bank and the three national credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, immediately.

If someone pressures you to provide personal or financial information, hang up immediately. Notify your local police department.

Check on elderly relatives and friends, often targets of such schemes, to make sure they have not fallen victim to this fraud.

## Troy Police Reports

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

**2:45 a.m.** Traffic stop in the Taco Bell parking lot. The driver was found to be under suspension, but he said that he was unaware of the suspension. He was cited for driving under suspension and a licensed driver took control of the vehicle.

**2:17 p.m.** While on patrol, an officer saw suspicious activity in the Walgreen parking lot. She went to investigate and saw a female subject at the passenger side of a vehicle trying to wake up a male subject. As she got closer, she heard the woman say "Great. The police are here now, stupid." The woman said that the male subject had passed out and she was trying to awaken him. She didn't know if he had taken any drugs. A squad was called and the officer checked to make sure he was breathing. The woman then said that he had taken two Xanax. She said that he needs Xanax for anxiety, but that his doctor won't prescribe them for him because he has overdosed too many times. Troy Medics brought the man around and he said that he had taken two Xanax and one Percocet. The woman said that she was driving a friend's vehicle. She was found to have no driver's license. She rode to UVMC with the squad, and the man was charged with two counts of drug abuse.

**5:53 p.m.** While stationary on I-75 near the 75 mile marker, he clocked a vehicle at 85 MPH. He initiated a traffic stop near the 76 mile marker. The driver said he had his cruise control set at 75. The officer did not see any indication on the dash that his cruise control was on. He was cited for speed.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

**1:49 a.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. at the I-75 ramp. The plates were expired and registered to another vehicle. The driver said that he purchased the vehicle in November. He was issued a warning for fictitious plates and was cited for expired registration.

**7:21 a.m.** To W. Long St. for a report of a disturbance. A female juvenile refused to go to school. Her mother claimed that the girl pulled her hair and kicked her. Charges of domestic violence were filed against the girl and she was taken to school.

**12:41 p.m.** An officer saw a gold S-10 enter the traffic circle

without yielding to other traffic. Another driver sounded his horn and braked to avoid a collision. The S-10 was stopped on W. Franklin St. and Cherry St. The driver said that he had not been through the circle in a while and was unfamiliar with it. He was cited for failure to yield.

**7:24 p.m.** To W. Market St. near Edgewater Dr. for a report of an accident. The officer arrived to find a vehicle with four flat tires, one of them broken from the vehicle. The vehicle was on the sidewalk. After investigating, the driver was found to be intoxicated and was incarcerated at the Miami County Jail.

**10:45 p.m.** Richard L. Johnson seen walking on W. Main St. Richard had an active warrant out of Miami County. He was arrested on warrant and incarcerated at the incarceration facility.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

**1:44 a.m.** Traffic stop on Troy Town Dr. The driver said she was aware that her headlight was out and that her license was suspended, but that she had driving privileges. She said that she was allowed to driver home, to work and to the doctor's. The officer asked if she had privileges to go to Wal-Mart, and she said that she left work on her lunch break and went to cash a check and get gas. She was cited for driving under suspension and for having only one headlight. The officer removed the plates, at the request of BMV, and the vehicle was towed.

**5:37 a.m.** An officer saw a vehicle on Norwich Rd., ran the plate and found that the owner had a suspended license and an active warrant. The driver pulled into McDonald's and parked. The officer parked beside the subject's vehicle and called "Jordan" and the subject acknowledged him. He was advised of the warrant. Jordan called his girlfriend to pick up his keys, phone, cigarettes and vehicle and he was transported to the Miami County Jail. He was released without incident.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

**11:41 a.m.** A man came to the Police Station to report that he found a cell phone in the area of Mulberry and Lafayette Streets. He said the phone kept ringing and that a man named "Jake" was calling collect from the jail. The officer contacted the jail and found that there is only one in-

mate named Jake and that he denied making the calls. Checking the system, he found that the phone was "locked." It was placed in the property room

**1:40 p.m.** To Wal-Mart. An employee had found a baggie of marijuana in the restroom.

**1:43 p.m.** To the Lock & Key Mini Storage on Foss Way for a report of storage units having been broken into. A total of 17 units were entered. The officer advised the property owner to have the renters contact him with a list of missing items from their units. One renter advised that a 32" flat screen TV, a microwave and tree necklaces were missing from her unit. Another reported a DVD player missing. Several other tenants called to report missing items. The incident is under investigation.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

**6:30 a.m.** While westbound on W. Market St., an officer saw a vehicle approaching him at a high rate of speed. He clocked the vehicle at 49 MPH and accelerated to 53 MPH. He stopped the vehicle on Grant ST. near Plum St. The driver was agitated and frequently used profanity saying that he was going to quit his job because he was not going to work just to pay tickets. He said that this was the reason unemployment is so high. He was cited for speed, and he stated that he was not going to pay it. He was advised that his court date is mandatory since this was his 3rd violation in 12 months.

**3:46 p.m.** Traffic stop on S. Counts St. at E. Franklin St. The driver advised that his license was suspended and that he had driving privileges and was going to the grocery store. Since he was seen heading away from the store, the officer questioned it. He also learned that the driver lives on Tipp-Elizabeth Rd. The passengers maintained that they were going to Kroger, even though they were headed the wrong way. The officer was then told that they were headed back to the passenger's home because he spilled coffee on his lap. The officer examined the driver's privileges and learned that he was allowed to drive to the Kroger in Huber Heights, not Troy. He was cited for OVI and DUS. The passenger took control of the vehicle.

**7:22 p.m.** To Michigan Ave. for a report of phone harassment. A

woman reported that she has been receiving harassing messages from another woman. She said that the woman knows everything she does and that she is afraid of the woman. She asked that the woman be warned for phone harassment. The officer contacted the woman and advised her of the complaint and warned her. She said she understood.

**8:29 p.m.** To Lake St. to assist the Fire Dept. Dispatch advised a fence behind the residence was on fire. The officer arrived and found a fence partially burned at the bottom, some burnt debris on the ground and a large rock with burn marks on it in the middle of the alley. The resident saw no one outside. The fire was determined to be out and the resident was advised that a report would be generated.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

**5:23 a.m.** To the Marsh parking lot for a report of a suspicious vehicle. A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend had been driving past her house repeatedly. She said today he drove by her home three times in two hours and jogged past later. She was advised on the process to obtain a protection order. Attempts to reach the boyfriend were unsuccessful.

**3:25 p.m.** To E. Main St. for a report of identity theft. A man reported that he tried to file his tax return and learned that someone else had already filed under his name. He had no idea who did it. He was given an identity theft packet.

**5:26 p.m.** To E. Main St. for a report of phone harassment. A man was upset over a female texting him after being told not to do so. The female was again advised not to contact the RP and that charges were being filed against her.

**8:00 p.m.** To Staunton Commons Dr. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a male subject was harassing her via text messages. The officer saw a few of the messages and advised her to stop contacting him. He also advised that he would relay the same message to the male subject.

**8:47 p.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. near Ridge Ave. The driver was clocked at 53 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The female juvenile driver was cited for speed.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**12:45 a.m.** Traffic stop on W. Market St. at Archer Dr. The driver was cited for expires plates and issued a warning for a turn signal violation.

**5:51 a.m.** To Summit Ave. for a report of a stolen vehicle. A woman reported that her Kia Sportage was stolen from in front of her home. She said that the vehicle was unlocked and running. She said that about 10 Vicodin tablets were in the vehicle. The vehicle was entered as stolen.

## Local Property Transfers

School District	Property Address	Transfer Date	Price		Seller	Buyer
Bethel Lsd	7477 E Staley Rd	1/26/16	\$0	Yingst Thomas M & Bonnie R Center	Center Wendell L Jr (Trustee)	
Bethel Lsd	8515 Wildcat Rd	1/26/16	\$160,000	Sciotte Dianne L	Gray Michael A & Kristeen A	
Bethel Lsd	6355 Rudy	1/27/16	\$0	Billings Robert & Barbara A	Billings Robert (Tr) & Barbara A (Tr)	
Bethel Lsd	5425 Rudy Rd	1/26/16	\$0	K And K Llc	Fox Michael K & Katherine H	
Bethel Lsd	1349 Senna St	1/27/16	\$43,400	Dec Land Co I Llc	Nvr Inc	
Bethel Lsd	4140 Bulrush St	1/26/16	\$42,000	Dec Land Co I Llc	Inverness Group Inc	
Tipp City Evsd	255 W Sr 571	1/27/16	\$0	Binkley Ray	Mpherson Susan	
Tipp City Evsd	6190 Troy Fred Rd	1/26/16	\$281,900	Wagner Robert I (Tod) & Brenda F (Tod)	Looper David L & Michelle L	
Tipp City Evsd	6910 Marjean Dr	1/27/16	\$190,000	Nimer Bradley J (Tr) & Jenny A (Tr)	Cook Patrice M & James H	
Tipp City Evsd	741 S Willow Glen	1/27/16	\$0	Four A Rental Llc	Hornbeck Kevin L	
Tipp City Evsd	636 Burnside Dr	1/27/16	\$0	Swaney Ronald D & Tina	Swaney Ronald D	
Troy Csd	1975 Conwood Dr	1/26/16	\$0	3 Gen D Llc	Denlinger Todd J & Jenna L	
Troy Csd	Swailles Rd	1/26/16	\$0	Westfall Rodney Linn	Westfall Rodney Linn & Jason L	
Troy Csd	85 Swailles Rd	1/26/16	\$0	Westfall Rodney Linn	Westfall Rodney Linn & Jason L	
Troy Csd	Swailles Rd	1/26/16	\$0	Westfall Rodney Linn	Westfall Rodney Linn & Jason L	
Troy Csd	1945 Conwood Dr	1/26/16	\$52,000	3 Gen D Llc	Denlinger & Son's Builders Inc	
Troy Csd	2685 Merrimont Dr	1/26/16	\$275,000	Hinkle Daniel L & Amber R	Tkach Jeffrey B & Karyn A	
Troy Csd	422-424 W Simpson St	1/27/16	\$130,000	Kessler Construction Inc	Durand Christopher R & Monica P	
Troy Csd	322 Williams St	1/26/16	\$0	Hitchings Carolina J	Kimble John	
Troy Csd	1209 Northbrook Ln	1/27/16	\$0	Brunson Daniel Ray & Brandy James	Brunson Daniel Ray	

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# Deputies Pay Tribute to Slain Officer

By Nancy Bowman

When a police officer falls in the line of duty, fellow officers come together in support – like family. The tragic death of Thomas Cottrell Jr., a Danville, Ohio, police officer who investigators said was fatally wounded Jan. 17 by a local man on a mission to kill a cop, was no exception. As details of the death were disclosed officers across the state and beyond began making plans to show their respects by attending the services Jan. 23. Sgt. Marc Basye along with Officer Kelli Rynders and Officer Dan Harris attended from the Tipp City Police Department as did deputies Phil Osting, Phil Osting II and Parrish Brazel of the Miami County Sheriff’s Department, Officer T.J. Mullins of the Covington Police Department and Officer Mallory Lash of the Piqua Police Department. “I thought it was important to go to show respect and support for the officer’s family as well as officers in departments throughout the country,” Phil Osting II said. This was his first such funeral. It was held at Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, where Officer Cottrell graduated from the police academy. “As a police officer or deputy you realize there are other officers and family members that know the challenges and dangers

faced by officers every day on the job. I don’t think people can relate unless they are connected in some way to law enforcement,” Osting said. Along the procession route from the service to a cemetery, flags waved and people stood, many holding signs of support for law enforcement, despite frigid temperatures. “Even in the cold weather, they were out with flags and salutes. I was surprised, and pleased, to see that kind of support,” Osting said. Basye said he makes every effort to attend funerals of fallen officers in the tri-state area. Among those locally were the funerals of Clark County Deputy Suzanne Hopper, who died Jan. 1, 2011, and Officer Sonny Jim of Cincinnati Police who died when shot in June 2015. Basye said his involvement in the Miami County police memorial and honor guard has led to relationships with survivors of those who have died in the line of duty. He has been involved in coordination of motorcades for agencies attending services. He and Rynders were on duty the night police were notified that Cottrell was missing and then had been found deceased outside the village police department. “We were all waiting on word:



Officers from across the county attended the services held at Central Ohio Technical College in Newark

did they find him? Where is he at?” Rynders said. “We don’t know Officer Cottrell but he is our brother, our family and it is our duty to go and pay our respects to his family and be there for them, for the family.” Basye echoed her thoughts. “I am angry but I also know that the family is grieving. I wanted them to know we felt the family’s pain from 100 miles away and wanted to be there,” he said. Attending the funeral was full day commitment with officers meeting for the motorcade before dawn at the Dayton airport and the drive to the Columbus area along Interstate 70. Videos on news outlets and on Facebook showed the stream of law enforcement vehicles making its way to Newark. At the technical college, the officers were seated in a gymnasium with standing room only and met officers from San Jose as well

as Sylvania, Ohio, as the gathering formed. Among agencies represented were the Chicago, New York City and Aurora, Colo., police departments. “It is heart-warming to see,” Basye said. The procession to the cemetery also was an emotional one. “Just when you think you are done crying, you see all of these citizens standing out along the roadway with their flags, some of them had made signs that said ‘thank you’ ... little kids are standing at attention,” Rynders said. It is so heartwarming but then so emotional. It was very overwhelming.” The support she and Basye said was overwhelming. “Those aren’t the people you see on Facebook and bash police officers. People support us. It was a nice reminder,” Rynders said.

# Commissioners Wrap Up Renovations

By Nancy Bowman

A multi-million dollar renovations/update project at the Miami County Courthouse and Safety Building is quickly wrapping up. The county commissioners met Jan. 28 with representatives of project consultants Garman-Miller and contractors to review final work being done. The project started in late 2014 was done after business hours and included HVAC, plumbing and other work in the 1800s Courthouse and early 1970s Safety Building. The price was estimated at around \$6 million but a final cost following change orders was not yet available. As of late last week all major construction was complete and 95 percent of project “punch list” items done, said Chris Monnin of Garman-Miller. A project meeting has been held every Tuesday with the final one scheduled Feb.9.

“We felt it was a very successful project, updating virtually the entire mechanical system at night,” Monnin said. “We think everybody did a nice job.” The commissioners said they heard very few complaints, considering the size and scope of the project. “We have heard very positive comments on how it was handled. This was a major project,” said Commission President Richard Cultice. Commissioner Jack Evans said in meeting the same day as the discussion that elected officials “were very happy with how it went.” An exception was cold air in the Courthouse, the commissioners said. Commissioner John “Bud” O’Brien said county staff under Chris Johnson, operations and facilities director, did a great job keeping employees informed.

Their responsiveness was appreciated, he said. “For the size of this project, the complaints were minimal,” he said. O’Brien also thanked the commission’s representative in project meetings, Leigh Williams, for her efforts. Williams, he said, “doesn’t leave any ‘I’ not dotted or ‘t’ not crossed.” Security work initially proposed for inclusion in the project will be done next, once the county IT Department completes preparation work. In other business last week, the commission: – Approved a contract with William Ginn, M.D., to provide medical services for juveniles at the David L. Brown Youth Center for \$8,400 a year in 2016 and 2017. O’Brien said a legal opinion was requested to make sure there was not a conflict with Ginn handling the contract in addition to

his responsibilities as the county’s elected coroner. He said the county prosecutor’s office said there was not a conflict. – Approved purchase of an Ethernet processor for the SCADA system at the sanitary engineering department for up to \$3,793. The existing system stopped working properly Jan. 11, causing an emergency for the department because the system offers real time visuals of nine lift stations across the county, alerts the department immediately of any issues with lift stations and is used to control the lift station functions and record needed operations data. – Appointed Vickie Bowman of Laura as the county apiarist for 2016. They approved up to \$2,000 in appropriations for the job including \$15 per hour salary and 42 cents per mile.

## Miami County Sheriff Reports

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**8:02 a.m.** To Piqua Troy Rd. for a report of a missing juvenile. The juvenile was located and incarcerated in the Miami County Juvenile Detention center.  
**3:47 p.m.** To Premwood Dr. for a report of a suspicious vehicle. A woman reported that as her daughter walked home from the school bus stop, a vehicle turned off of Peters Rd. and was following her. Her daughter reported that two older teenage boys were in a tan truck with a white camper top. She said the driver asked her where she lived. She said she ignored him and kept walking. After a minute or two, the truck went to the end of the road, turned around and left at a high rate of speed. She was unable to get a better description or a license number. Neither the woman nor

the daughter had seen the truck in the area before. The woman said she would alert other parents in the area to keep an eye out for the truck. The deputy requested extra patrols for the area.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**2:53 p.m.** To State Rt. 718 for a report of identity fraud. A woman reported that she was informed that someone had stolen her identity. The deputy called the company that had informed the woman of the fraud, and her social security differed from the RP’s by one digit. The deputy determined that it probably was a mistake on someone’s part in entering information. The RP was given an identity theft packet and advised to contact the credit bureaus.  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

**4:44 a.m.** To the Miami County Safety Building. A female jail inmate tried to hang herself with her blanket in second floor visitation. Several Correction Officers were able to stop her. The inmate was put on suicide watch.  
**4:10 p.m.** While getting his cruiser washed at Splish Splash, and employee gave the deputy a registration sticker and advised that it came off of a vehicle that had recently left. The deputy ran the registration, made contact with the owner and returned the sticker.  
**5:49 p.m.** To Redbud Dr. for a report of a fraud. A woman reported that someone has been using her Visa debit card without her permission. She said her card was used 20 times since December 21 for purchases totaling over \$2500. She provided her state-

ment identifying the fraudulent charges. The investigation is pending.  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**11:06 p.m.** Traffic stop on I-75 at the 73 mile marker. After investigating, the driver was incarcerated on felony drug charges and an out-of-county warrant. She was also cited for failure to signal a lane change and charged with permitting drug abuse.  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**  
**11:23 p.m.** Traffic stop on Smith St. just off of S. Market St. The vehicle had expired registration and the registered owner had an outstanding warrant. The driver was arrested on the warrant and further charges are pending.

## Staunton Township Draws Republican Candidates

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the February 1, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, Republican candidates for various positions in Miami County solicited the trustees for support for their elections. Chief Deputy Dave Duchak stopped in to ask for support for his run for Sheriff, Mel Kemmer asked for their support for prosecutor, and Greg Simmons asked for their support for Miami Count Commissioner. The trustees listened to their campaign promises but did not verbally commit to support any candidate. In regular business, the trustees had asked Troy Fire Chief Matt Simmons to the meeting to discuss the contract that the township has with the Troy Fire Department. According to Simmons, the department has eleven firefighters available per shrift. The department is trying to use their resources wisely and plan to provide the same level of service to Staunton Township. Trustee Jeff Cron said, “We’re not complaining about the service, it just seems that we pay a lot for the few calls that we have. What happens if we can’t continue to pay?” Trustee Bill Gearhart added, “What we pay seems high given the number of calls we have.” Simmons responded, “A call cost the department about \$2,000. If something happens you will still receive the same service.” The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for February 15, 2016 at the township building.

## Elections Board Prepares for Primary

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County’s Board of Elections continued preparations for the March 15 primary last week, agreeing to again contract with the West Milton Rotary for handling voting machines and continuing to work with a vendor on voter registration system problems. The board first met Jan. 26 but had to reschedule until the next day because it did not have a quorum to conduct business. At the Jan. 27 meeting the contract with Rotary to set up and then take down voting machines at polling places across the county was approved. The organization, which uses the election work as a major fundraiser, will be paid \$10,598. This is the same amount paid for the November election. The contract was approved contingent on the prosecutor’s office approval of contract language. Other March election-related business at the meeting included: – Board members proofed the wording on issues and candidate names for the ballot – Notification from staff that the bond issue for a new stadium was removed from ballots, as requested by the Tipp City Exempted Village Schools Board of Education. The district will have a bond issue proposed for a new elementary school.

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## Terrell Tries to Throw Out Statements to Police

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and claims investigators continued to question him when he wanted a lawyer. Both investigators said Terrel did not ask for a lawyer. They also said they did not mislead him or offer him leniency, instead saying cooperating and giving investigators information possibly could be considered in his favor down the road in a case.

Lord said that although investigators at the time of the June 3 questioning did not know for certain William York Sr. was dead, there were indicators it was possible. Among those indicators was evidence found at his home after he disappeared in late May and a decomposition smell coming from his truck when it was stopped in Butler Twp.

“What I wanted from him was help so I know what his role was,” Lord said of his questions. “He said ... ‘If I give the body, I don’t want to go to jail.’”

Lord testified “interview techniques,” including becoming more assertive as questioning continued, were used in an attempt to get Terrel through the denial stage.

“My testimony is I feel ... I didn’t promise him anything specific,” Lord said.

“My position is you did,” Adams answered.

Graham testified about the traffic stop involving the York vehicle, saying Terrel was a passenger and Earnshaw-York was driving.

Graham, who talked to Terrel first before Lord arrived, said the recording equipment was never turned off during questioning. Graham rode to Kentucky with Terrel, who provided directions to the body, questioning him along the way. The body was located in the Boone County, Kentuck, creek around the time of their arrival.

Graham said he knew Terrel wasn’t being truthful when he claimed he didn’t notice the odor of decomposition coming from the truck and because of information from the FBI on where the truck had been driven.

“I think he minimized his role in the actual homicide for sure,” Graham said of Terrel’s statements.

## ABC Initiatives Continue with “Get On The Bus”

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of the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this initial run will be for those involved in the initiative to critique and review the program prior to its release as a public service. Other possible applications have been considered for “Get on the Bus.” Ideas have been aired like that of a community recreation tour where locals could get on the bus for a couple hours and visit area recreation facilities and parks. The leaders and committee members behind “Get on the Bus” are hopeful that these kinds of opportunities will encourage long-time residents and those who have recently joined the community to develop a well-informed appreciation for the variety and distinctive charm of their hometown.

# Miami County Courthouse Statues Tell a Story

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Justice. Jackson’s feat, however, may have been the second time a flag had been placed on the statue. An old local story tells of such a climb in the late 1800s, although very little is known about the first ascent. At that time, it is believed that a member (or members) of one family scaled to the top and placed a flag on Lady Justice. Members of a rival family then shot the flag down with a gun. Bullet holes were found in the Lady Justice statue when she underwent restoration in 1996.

A 1967 photo shows Lady Justice without her scales, sword, and hand. It is believed high winds might have blown those parts from her.

She stands facing the front of the courthouse along West Main Street. This places her with her back side towards Piqua. While some have felt offended because her back is to Piqua, others say that no offense is meant; she just overlooks the front of the building. The direction she stands has been a source of controversy down through the years.

More symbolic statues stand below Lady Justice on the four sides of the courthouse.

Facing Main Street on the south side of the courthouse, there are three statues representing education. They symbolize the influence of Greece and Rome on education. The tallest statue holds books over her head. She wears a crown with the word “Lex”, which means books. The only male statue is with this education group. He is believed to be a Trojan. He holds lion, which is a symbol for education. A sitting female statue is beside him.

A statue representing transportation faces east toward the Miami County Safety Building. This statue holds a train locomotive model in her hand. There is an interesting story about the locomotive model. In 1947, a windstorm blew it from the hand of the transportation statue. It was found and repaired by former Miami County Courthouse maintenance man Homer Collins. Collins wanted the locomotive returned to the statue, but the Miami County Commissioners were not interested in having it put back in place. Collins, therefore, kept the model at his home. After he passed away, his daughter Nancy Mikels donated it to the Troy Historical Society in 1986. In 1987, it was displayed at the Troy

Strawberry Festival. In the mid-1990s, it was loaned to the Museum of Troy History for an exhibit. It was re-attached to the statue during a statue restoration project in 1996-1997. It was missing from the transportation sculpture for 48 years.

A statue on the north side of the building, facing West Water Street, represents industry. The sculpture holds a wrench and is working at a lathe. People have sometimes mistakenly thought that the statue depicted someone working at a sewing machine instead of a lathe. The lathe does look similar to a sewing machine.

The statue overlooking Short Street and the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center represents agriculture. She carries wheat and holds a sickle.

By the 1990s, the sculptures were badly damaged. During 1996-1997 the courthouse underwent a dome restoration project. As part of the project, the statues were removed from the courthouse in August 1996 and shipped to the Vulcan Supply Corporation in Westford, Vermont for repair. There a crew led by Mr. Larry Stearns repaired them. The statues were in Vermont for nearly a year.

They were returned to Miami County in the summer of 1997. Miami County Commissioners decided to allow the public to view them close up before they were returned to the top of the courthouse. They were placed on display for public viewing at the Youth Activities Building at the Miami County Fairgrounds from June 27 to July 1, 1997. They were exhibited on elevated platforms with railings so visitors could see them from all sides. It was reported that 5,000 people viewed the exhibit at the fairgrounds. People said that it was a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to see them up close.

These 19th century statues continue to bring beauty to Troy. Though times have changed, what the statues represented about Miami County back then, they still stand for today: justice for all in the court system, agriculture, education, industry and transportation.

For further information about the statues, visit the Troy-Miami County Public Library Local History or contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or [tths@frontier.com](mailto:tths@frontier.com).



Education statue facing Main Street



“Lady Justice” adorns the top of the Courthouse



Industry statue facing Water Street

## Elections Board Prepares for Primary

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– Approved the ballot quantities for polling places and the distribution of voting machines, as proposed by staff.

– OK’d appointments of precinct election officials.

The board agreed to hold off buying additional software for absentee ballot processing/printing from Triad until problems with errors with the Triad voter registration system are resolved. The board previously approved an absentee ballot system, at a cost of \$6,000, but it was not processed before the county closed its books for 2015, elections Director Bev Kendall said.

“Given the difficulties we have been having I would move to table that item,” board member Jose Lopez said. The board voted to delay the purchase.

The board Jan. 26 heard an update from Triad representatives about the problems experienced with voter registration software since Dec. 22. The board was told in mid-January that efforts continued in the attempt to identify what is causing errors. The system is used to prepare poll books for use by poll workers on Election Day.

Last week, the board was told efforts continue but the source of the problem has not been pinpointed.

Brett Rapp of Triad said Jan. 26 the system is operational and no data has been compromised. He said Triad employees are at the elections office daily and will remain until the office has several days of error free operations of the registration system.

The board at the earlier meeting had discussed looking into buying a new system in time for the primary. Elections staff said after the Jan. 27 meeting that there wasn’t time to buy and prepare a new system for March 15.

Rapp said the county was not being billed for the time Triad has spent working to solve the problem.

The board also delayed action on a proposal to hire a company to compile information on charge back costs of elections to the local entities. The costs would include poll workers, ballot bills and the Rotary contact, among other expenses.

Kendall said current election officials did no charge backs last year due to the lack of time and no experience. The cost proposed

is \$50 per precinct.

Lopez asked how much it would cost to have the charge backs done and how much would be collected.

Board member Dean Tamplin asked if the proposal was for one year or being proposed for future elections as well.

The board asked staff to provide more information on the proposal.

“Obviously our preference would be for you to do it so the county recoups more money. If we are not in the position to do that ... would like to know how are the numbers going to break down,” board member Robert Huffman Jr. said.

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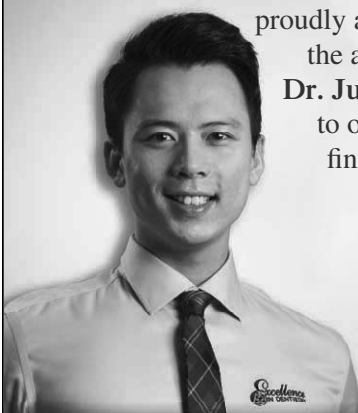
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# The Miami Montessori School Celebrates National School Choice Week

The students at The Miami Montessori School in Troy donned their yellow scarves in celebration of National School Choice Week, January 24-30. “Parents have many educational choices for their children and we want them to know that a Montessori education is an option in the Miami Valley region. Many parents, after looking into our academic program and visiting our school, discover that it is exactly the type of educational experience and environment they are seeking for their children.” stated Sharon Prais, Head of School.

The Miami Montessori School, established as a preschool in 1979, currently offers learning opportunities to children from 3 through 12 years of age. The Montessori Method allows children to progress according to their unique interests and capacities. It is a whole child approach, focusing on the child’s cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs. With an environment that is nurturing and prepared with a wealth of appealing hands-on learning activities, the school provides a challenging educational experience designed to bring out

the child’s natural sense of wonder. The rich curriculum allows students to explore the depth of subjects, as well as the breadth. Further, our Montessori program effectively removes grade-level limits on learning that are so often found in a traditional setting. Our curriculum allows students to move ahead in a way that is consistent with their ability and motivation.

“When we began looking for a school, our top priority was a safe environment where the other families were as committed to finding the best possible education for their child. After researching every method of education, we determined our child would be a perfect fit for Montessori. We met with the staff of The Miami Montessori School and knew this was the right choice. This school provides a warm, nurturing environment where creating independent thinkers comes naturally. We’ve never regretted our choice. Our daughter has flourished under the guidance of a caring staff that is highly trained in the Montessori Method.” –Greg and Julie Stephens, Parents of an Upper Elementary student



Integrated throughout the Montessori curriculum is an emphasis on the development of mutually respectful relationships, compassion, and other humanistic qualities. Children are encouraged to become independent critical thinkers, ask provocative questions, develop multicultural awareness, and adapt to new situations. In following these ideals, we are dedicated to fostering the growth of confident, responsible, and adaptive global citizens who are lifelong learners and creative problem-solvers.

“My time at the Miami Montessori School helped me develop a foundation for lifelong learning. The Montessori Method allowed me to

work through material at my own pace and also investigate the topics that were most interesting to me. The learning strategies, like the hands-on math materials, helped make it possible to work through concepts independently even at a young age.” – Irene Brockman Reizman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and an Alumna of The Miami Montessori School.

The Miami Montessori School is located at 86 Troy Town Drive in Troy. Additional information can be obtained by calling the school at 937-339-0025 or through the website at [www.miamimontessori.org](http://www.miamimontessori.org).

## Edison State Announces Fall 2015 Dean’s List

Edison State Community College recognizes 359 students for excellence in academics on the 2015 Fall Semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Troy students on the Dean's list are Taylor Bond, Courtland Bullard, Emily Callison, Brett Ceyler, Lisa Davidson, Eric Dean, Jackson Dickman, Andrew Dilts, Katherine Durham, Marie Ewing, Brett Galey, Ashley Goldsboro, Dean Greer, Billy Harris, Macey Jamison, Teresa Lockwood, Jessica Lykes, Nickita Malcolm, Lindsey Martin, Jackie Mathes, Emma McWhorter, Amber Moore, Christopher Myers, Tabitha Neth, Caleb Niemi, Ryan Priest, Recinda Reynolds, Abigail Robinson, Patrick Roegner, Erica Sharits, Tammy Stapleton, Jennifer Subler, Ryan Swarts, Kathleen Teague, Patricia Thompson, Quinn Walker, Whitney Warner, Zachary Zabel and Jeffrey Zornes.

## Cookson Elementary School

**Honor Roll, 2nd Quarter 2015-2016**

Fourth Grade – Kaylyn Bertke, Autumn Bowers, Kylie Buechter, Brooke Craft, Noah Curtner, Bryce Detrick, Aaron Jackson-Harrison, Noelle Meiring, Vincent Olivieri, Jaiden Roach, Eric Sampson, Kristen Sedam, Kiandra Smith, Emma Sproles, Hanna Steggemann, Logan Ullery, Ronan Watkins, Katelyn Weikert, Kylie Wilson, Rahnnay Woodfork

Fifth Grade – Nickolas Buechter, Tara Chaney, Tristan Green, Brooke Elliott, Collissa Grunden, Leah Hogston, TaMeka Lawrence, Maddison Manson, Makenzi Metz, Kaylie Miller, Andrew Morlan, Emma Setser, Catherine Stapleton, Cory Winter

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Fourth Grade – Jacob Anderson, Allana Bolden, Camryn Francis, Tanner Furrow, Alyxandria Grube, Aaron Oates, Clay Smith, Serenity Sowers

Fifth Grade – Olondo Dillard, Andrew Helman, Ethan Horn, Rabeckah Meiring, Brianna Montoya, Samuel Stormer, Dana Stradling, Alex Wheeler

**Sharon A. Wogoman**, age 68, of Troy, OH passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit. She was born on September 27, 1947 in Portsmouth, OH to the late Dow Johnson and Joyce Vandermore.

Sharon is survived by her husband: Robert D.

Wogoman; two daughters: Christina Riddle and Jennifer Riddle both of Troy; stepson: Dale Wogoman of Covington; stepdaughter: Shari Walker of Troy; one grandchild; four stepgrandchildren and three stepgreatgrandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by her stepfather: Jerry

Vandermore.

Sharon was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Piqua. She loved her church and enjoyed being a Sunday school teacher and visiting shut-ins.

Funeral service will be held 2:00PM Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor

**Calvin Bradley**, age 86, of Troy, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at the Dayton VA Medical Center. He was born on March 6, 1929 in Fleming Co., KY to the late Roy and Minnie (Lawrence) Bradley. His wife, Darlene (Moore) Bradley, preceded him in death in 2000.

Calvin is survived by one son and daughter-in-law: Randall and Janice Bradley of Troy; one grandchild: Nicole; one step grandchild: Tyler; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, Calvin was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Calvin proudly served his

country as a member of the US Army during the Korean War. He retired from Hobart Manufacturing Company after 37 years of service.

Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed at Miami Memorial Park in Covington. Full military honors were presented by the Veteran’s Memorial Honor Guard at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

**Robert L. Barber** passed away peacefully Friday, January 29, 2016 at the Upper Valley Medical Center of Troy following a brief illness. He was born June 26, 1935 to H. Lynne and Dorothy Barber.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by Elsa Barber; his children James Barber and Linda (Kenneth) Morris; grandchildren Alex Barber,

Jessica (Dan) Lutey, Jason (Natalie) Morris, and Matthew (Sabrina) Morris; great-grandchildren Dylan, Gabby, and Zeke. He is also survived by his brother William (Mary) Barber.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Baird Funeral Home. A private gathering will be held by the family at a later date. Condolences may be expressed to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

**Maburn D. Snodgrass**, 75, of Casstown, Ohio passed away Saturday, January 30, 2016. He was born January 15, 1941 in Butler County, Kentucky the son of the late Ward & Ada (Pharris) Snodgrass. He was the owner of Snodgrass Construction and was the developer of Poplar Trace. He is survived by his wife

of 54 years, Margaret Snodgrass; children, Cindy Snodgrass, Rusty (Kimberly) Snodgrass, Scott Snodgrass; six grandchildren, Josh (Carolyn) Roberts, Ashley Snodgrass, Ross Snodgrass, Amber Snodgrass, Brynne Snodgrass & Lindi Snodgrass; three sisters, Zena (Lee) Eidson of Illinois, Sheila Snodgrass of Missouri,

**Pauline Ross Boldman**, age 84, of Troy, OH passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016 at the Troy Care Center.

**Vayle Edward Criteser**, age 72, of Urbana, OH; formerly of Troy, OH passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016 at his residence. He was born on July 3, 1943 in Troy, OH to the late Vayle L. Criteser and Ethel I. (Young) Criteser.

Vayle is survived by his sisters: Bea Stafford and Gayle Meyers both of Troy and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-greatnieces and great-greatnephews. In addition to his mother and father, he was preceded in

**Alex Wheeler**, age 60, of Golden CO. passed away at his residence. He was born June 4, 1955 in Troy, Ohio to Patricia (Wall) Swindell of Troy and the late William “Billy” Swindell.

Richard is survived by his mother; his brothers and sisters: Pam (Steve) Rees of Troy; Doug (Victoria) Swindell of Troy; Bill (Marianne) Swindell of Fletcher; Leisa (Dino) Quafisi of West Milton

Ann Yen-Gilmore & John Gilmore of Missouri; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Robbie Snodgrass; grandson, Mark Roberts; two brothers, Musker Snodgrass, Gardner Snodgrass.

Visitation will be 7-9 PM Friday, February 5, 2016 in the Trostel, Chapman, Dunbar

Lincoln Robinson officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery, Troy. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:00-2:00PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

Services are pending through Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH.

death by his stepmother: Ann Criteser and sister: Marla Kay Criteser.

Vayle was a 1961 graduate of Troy High School and attended the University of Dayton.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family with interment in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to donor’s choice of charity.

Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

and Julie (Tim) Williams of Troy. He was preceded in death by his father. Richard attended Troy High School, graduated with an Art degree, loved hiking and the outdoors. He served in the US Navy and was a crane operator with S.N.S Iron works Co.

There will be no services. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

& Fraley Funeral Home, New Carlisle, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter, 1170 Old Henderson Road - Suite 221 - Columbus, Ohio 43220. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.trostelchapman.com](http://www.trostelchapman.com)

**Mildred Louise Manson**, age 91, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was born on May 22, 1924 in Bradford, OH to the late Francis M. and Mamie (Bolden) Hayslett. She married the love of her life, James L Manson and he preceded her in death on October 5, 1997.

Mildred is survived by five sons: Michael (Sue) Manson of West Milton, Robert (Kristy) Manson, Troy, James (Carol Pietro) Manson, Tipp City, Steven Manson, Troy, and Francis (Linda) Manson, Piqua; one daughter: Dixie Warner, Troy; one brother: James (Marcella) Hayslett, Bradford; sister:, Darlene Fair, Bradford; 20 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 19 great, great grandchild. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert and John Hayslett; two sisters: Helen Crowell and Frances Crick and three grandchildren: Jimmy Manson, Jr., Jessica Manson and Penny Jo Flory; daughter-in-law

**Marian Womack Veach**, 89, of Troy Ohio died Monday, January 25, 2016 in Troy. She was born May 30, 1926 to the late Benjamin Franklin & Inez Short Womack. She was also preceeded in death by her brothers, Burt, Jim, & Bob Womack, and her Daughter Patricia Phillips and Sons - In - Law; James Brown and Doug Stephens.

Marian former Seamstress and was a member of Troy Baptist Temple in Troy, Ohio for 43 years and a member of the Electa Chapter 3 Order of the Eastern Star in Greenup. Surviving Marian are her husband Frank Veach of Troy, Ohio, her sons Robert (Bobby) Porter and his wife Judi of Huber Hieghts, Ohio, Frank and his wife Connie

Doris Manson and favorite son-in-law Kenneth Warne.

Mildred was a 1974 graduate of Troy High School, a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Troy. She was avid with her crochet and enjoyed fishing and camping at Indian Lake. She loved her beautiful flowers especially her lilies, playing guitar and singing, and reading the Amish Cook in the Troy Daily News.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, OH. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 PM on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County PO Box 502 Troy, Ohio 45373 or Macula Vision Research Foundation One Tower Bridge 100 Front Street, Suite 300 West Conshohocken, PA 19428. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

Veach of Casstown, Ohio, & William (Billy) Veach of Troy, Oh. Also surviving are her daughters; Brenda Brown of Troy, Ohio, and Ann Porter Stephens of Greenup, Kentucky, and a son - in -law David Phillips of Greenup, 13 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, & 6 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 30, 2016 by Pastor Rick Arrowood and Pastor Wayne Stephenson at Music Family Funeral Home in Greenup. Burial followed funeral services on Saturday at Womack Cemetery in Greenup. Condolences may be sent to [www.musicffh.com](http://www.musicffh.com)

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## I Have a Dream Found Poetry at the Library

Teens, stop by the Troy library during business hours, by Friday, February 5, 2016. Using Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech, you will reframe his famous words into poetry. You can see the finished display in the Teen Department through the end of February.

For more information call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 or visit our website at [www.tmcpl.org](http://www.tmcpl.org). The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

## AtoZdatabase Program at the Library

The Troy-Miami Count Public Library will present a free program that explains their AtoZdatabase at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The database features job searching, help with resume writing, and interview tips.

The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502, or visit our website at [www.tmcpl.org](http://www.tmcpl.org).

## “Woofin’ it up for a Good Cause”

Pilot Dogs, Inc. in Columbus will present the history of their seeing eye dog program at 11 a.m. for the YWCA February 10 monthly luncheon. The program is free and open to the public. A noon luncheon (\$6/person) follows the program. Reservations for the program and luncheon must be made by Monday, February 8.

The program will include a canine “student” to demonstrate how dogs are able to help a person who is blind or has a vision impairment. “We are excited to have the Pilot Dogs organization here,” said Beth Royer, YWCA Program Director. “They offer wonderful assistance for individuals with a vision impairment and will share aspects of the training of the dog and how the dog’s new owner is also trained to use the dog,” Royer continued. “This will be a very enlightening program for everyone,” she said.

A UVMC nurse will offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings from 10:15-11 a.m. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

For more information or reservations, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street, call 773-6626 or e-mail [info@ywcapiqua.com](mailto:info@ywcapiqua.com).

## MCHGS Holds 21st Annual Routes for Roots Workshop

The Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society announces it’s 21 Annual Routes for Roots Workshop, Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Fort Piqua Plaza Conference Center (4th floor) Piqua, Ohio. Advance registration is \$15 by March 7 and walk-in’s are \$20. Conference Special: membership’s for new member’s half price at \$7 through March 31, 2017. The day of the workshop registration begins at 8:15am, welcome at 8:45am, and classes 9:15am-3:10pm, with lunch (on your own) from 11:25am-1:pm. Registration forms are now available at Piqua Library’s Local History Department and downloadable on MCHGS’s Face Book page. Forms will also be available on our new website February 8, 2016 at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmchgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmchgs). Speakers will be: genealogist Amie Tennant, Ohio History Center’s Liz Plummer, Chronicling America’s Jenni Salamon and DNA speaker Debra Nowell. For questions contact Lois Fair, 937-773-5100, [fairone@woh.rr.com](mailto:fairone@woh.rr.com) or [mchgsOhio@gmail.com](mailto:mchgsOhio@gmail.com)

## Troy-Hayner Cultural Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary in 2016

“It seems like we do a lot of celebrating at the Hayner Center, but then we have a lot to celebrate,” says Hayner Director Linda Lee Jolly. The year 2016 marks the 40th Anniversary of the creation of the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. The Center is located in the one hundred and one year old Hayner Mansion at 301 W. Main Street in Troy, Ohio. Willed to the community in 1942 by Mary Jane Hayner, the building became public and served as the library for thirty-three years. When the library moved in 1975, a new decision had to be made as to how the building would be used. The booklet, “A Time of Transition”, authored by Joanne Duke Gamblee in 1991 tells the story of how the Troy community, which had grown accustomed to having free access to the beautiful landmark, dreamed, planned and worked to create a unique community cultural center. “Over the years, I have had visitors

from several communities hoping to create such a Center in their hometowns,” says Jolly.

Because Mary Jane Hayner left her home to the community in the care of the Troy City Schools Board of Education, it became the ultimate responsibility of Superintendent Dr. Robert Becker to guide the process of change. In March of 1975, a committee, referred to as the Fesker Committee was formed. Chariman Richard Fesker is quoted as saying, “I must say this is the finest committee I have ever worked with. I commend the (School) Board on the appointments! Without exception, every member of the committee worked on assignments, attended meeting and had more than ordinary interest in the cause.”

Those committee members were: Frank Bazler, Lucia Bravo, Richard Fesker, Richard Fraas, David Galbreath, Mark Hess, Erma Hirsch, Edna May, Marge Millet, Virginia

Oxley, J.R. Paul, Etheline Perkins, Charles Pfister, Robert Russell and Robert Schlemmer.

After several months of surveying the citizens and researching funding options, the Fesker Committee made their proposal to the School Board. The proposal stated that the Hayner mansion should be preserved, the facilities should be made available for community use and an organization should be developed to provide, to the community, a variety of cultural and educational programs including concerts, exhibits and workshops. It was further proposed that the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center be funded with a local tax levy. With the help of Troy Historical Society members going door to door to explain the project, the first levy passed on June 8, 1976 by just 41 votes. Every five years since, voters in the Troy City School district have voted to renew the levy that currently provides 85% of

Hayner’s annual budget for operations and maintenance of the historic mansion. The most recent levy passed in the fall of 2015 with 68% of the vote.

“A 40th Anniversary is a Ruby Anniversary,” says Jolly. “The real “gems” of the Hayner are our volunteers, from those founding members who created something wonderful for our community, to the many people who bring their time, talents and creative ideas to support the lively community cultural center that we have become.”

The Board and committees of the Hayner have already begun planning special events to celebrate Hayner’s past, present and future. Details about these and all of the upcoming events at the Hayner will be posted on the website: [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org).

“There’s no place like Hayner!”

## Friday Night Movies at the Hayner Center Presents Morocco

It’s February and you know what that means. Love is in the air and the movies. On Friday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 West Main Street in Troy will present the 1930 romance drama, Morocco. This free and open to the public showing includes an introduction to the film, café style seating, popcorn and soft drinks.

Morocco is an American film directed by Josef von Sternberg

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## Historic Exhibit Coming to the Hayner Center

Historically Speaking: Troy City Schools is an historic exhibit featuring artifacts from and about Troy City Schools. Exhibit dates are February 19 – April 3, 2016 and the opening reception is scheduled for Friday, February 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Hayner Center is located at 301 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. The opening reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Judy Deeter, Jill Hartman, Julie McMiller, and Meredith Parris are the curators for Historically Speaking: Troy City Schools. Each

of these women has strong ties to the community and schools. This display is an interesting way to learn more about our proud Trojan history. There are several areas of the development of Troy’s school system being explored, including the architecture, the arts, the people, and the academics.

On Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proud to present 200 Years of Education in Troy with guest lecturer, Judy Deeter. Troy Historical Society President, Judy Deeter, will discuss the history of

education in Troy. Judy is a local history writer who has written one book and written or researched portions of four other books, including the Troy bicentennial history, Transitions of Troy: A Bicentennial Celebration of Troy, Ohio 1900 – 2014. Join Judy for a delightful presentation of stories and insight into the history and traditions of Troy City Schools. This presentation is free and open to the public.

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## P-61 Pilot to speak at WACO

On Thursday night, February 18th, WW2 Veteran Cliff Johnson plans to speak as a part of the WACO Aviation Lecture Series. Door will open at 6:30 pm. Cliff will share his experiences as a pilot of the P-61 Black Widow Night Fighter. Painted completely black, this plane was one of the first aircraft designed specifically for night fighting and used an effective form of then recently developed radar. Come hear about the unique mission of the Black Widow and how the single pilot and three air crewman coordinated attacks on the enemy bombers by flying at night.

In 1943, at the age of 18, Clifford Johnson enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and was called to active duty February 1944. During active duty he was stationed in the Philippines as part of the 419th Night Fighter Squadron of the 13th US Army Air Corps. Thanks to the GI Bill, he finished a bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Western Washington University, and then completed a doctor’s degree in educational administration at the University of Washington in 1962. After teaching and administration in public schools, he moved to Ohio and served Cedarville College as Registrar and Director of Admissions becoming the academic dean in 1964 and then as Cedarville University academic vice president until 1987. He also has served as a member and officer of the 13th Air Force Veterans Association. Now he continues active as a Sunday school teacher, plus serving as a Rotarian and as an officer on a senior center board. He is married to Dr. Pamela Johnson who serves Cedarville University at Dean of Undergraduate Studies. They both enjoy living near Cedarville, traveling to the western United States and mowing three acres around a half acre fish pond.

The Aviation Lecture Series is sponsored in part by Dayton Power and Light Corporation. Parking and admission are free and open to the public. The program is scheduled to last one hour will be held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. Donations will be accepted to benefit the WACO Historical Society. For questions, please call 937-335-9226 or visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org).

## Give Where You Live to Meet

The newly established charitable giving circle, Give Where You Live Miami County, will host its first meeting of 2016 on Thursday, February 11th at the Zion Lutheran Church, 14 West Walnut Street in Tipp City from 7-8 PM. New members are welcome to join the discussion and review the proposals for local 501(c)(3) organizations. This will be the first of four meetings this year, and 100% of the money collected at the meeting will go directly to the charity whose proposal is selected by the members.

The mission of Give Where You Live Miami County is to enable a group of local citizens who have the desire to support charitable organizations benefiting Miami County. Their vision is to encourage a culture of philanthropy and generosity by providing an easier process for residents to give back locally. Members may propose specific charities to

be considered and a maximum of three will be presented during the meeting. One of the three will be selected to receive the donations collected on-site. Giving back really doesn’t get much easier. The goal is to have 100 members, each donating \$100 per meeting. Imagine what an impact \$10,000 might make to a local agency and the good it will do in Miami County. In November, 2015, The Needy Basket in Tipp City was awarded \$7,600 donated by Give Where You Live members.

Give Where You Live welcomes new members throughout the year. In addition to the February 11th meeting, the members plan to meet May 12, August 11 and November 10 from 7-8 PM at the Zion Lutheran Church. For more information, or to sign up as a member, visit their Web site at [www.givewhereyoulive.wix.com/miamicounty](http://www.givewhereyoulive.wix.com/miamicounty). You may email questions to [givewhereyoulive.mc@gmail.com](mailto:givewhereyoulive.mc@gmail.com).

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# Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

## Man pleads to amended charge

A Troy man facing three felony counts of rape pleaded to an amended charge Jan. 28 in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

David R. Ratcliff, 62, was indicted on three felony counts allegedly involving three children between April 1 and Aug. 30.

## Fourth person charged

A Troy man pleaded not guilty Jan. 28 to felony abduction in a June 2014 case in which Troy police said a developmentally disabled woman was held against her will and raped.

Two Piqua men earlier were sentenced to prison terms in the incident. The woman in her 30s said she was tied to the bed, handcuffed and raped.

Danny Barga, 56, was indicted in January on one count of abduction. He pleaded not guilty in Miami County Common Pleas Court. He was released on his own recognizance.

## Planning commission backs zonings

The Troy Planning Commission last week recommended city council rezone three pieces of property annexed to the city recently.

The largest property of more than 117 acres is the Huelskamp Farm purchased last year for an expansion of Duke G. Park. The land lies north of the park. The proposed city zoning is R-4 single-family residential, a district that allows for parks and is the zoning of the existing portion of Duke Park, Tim Davis of the city planning and zoning told the commission Jan. 27.

The rezoning recommendations also included 4.594 acres and 0.283 acres north of Treasure Island Park off North Elm Street. The proposed zoning is B-1 local retail, which includes parks among possible uses. That zoning is the same as the Treasure Island Park to the south.

## Tax help available

The Military Veterans Resource Center (MVRC) in Huber Heights is partnering with the Ohio Benefit Bank to offer free income tax filing assistance to military veterans and spouses who meet income requirements.

The veterans and spouses filing jointly must have an adjusted gross income of \$95,000 or less and everyone else must have an adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less. The free tax filing service is available until April 18 at MVRC’s Huber Heights office, located at 5420 Brandt Pike.

Veterans must schedule an appointment by contacting Kelley Koons at 937-329-9559 or [koons@milvetsrc.org](mailto:koons@milvetsrc.org). Those who do not bring the necessary documentation will not be able to file. Veterans will need to bring a photo ID, their DD-214 (or other evidence of military service), and their income tax records. A full list of required documents is available at [milvetsrc.org/taxes](http://milvetsrc.org/taxes).

Prison ordered for wreck

Two years in prison was ordered Monday, Feb. 1, for a woman convicted of aggravated vehicular assault in a November 2013 traffic crash on Interstate 75 in Troy in which four people were injured.

Judge Christopher Gee sentenced Heather Danielwicz, 28, formerly of Laura with a last known address in Dayton, in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

In court last week, two rape charges were dismissed and a third amended to gross sexual imposition. He pleaded no contest and

Harry Reedy, 59, of Piqua was sentenced to eight years in prison on charges of rape and gross sexual imposition. Patrick Anthony, 57, of Piqua was sentenced to six years for kidnapping and complicity to rape.

Trishica Leighly, 38, of Piqua was

The commission made its recommendations contingent on the support of the proposed rezonings by the city park board, which met Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Festival planning under way

The Miami County commissioners Jan. 27 talked with the Troy Strawberry Festival about plans for the 2016 festival that would involve county property.

Corie Schweser, business man-

was found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 14.

not indicted in the 2014 incident but later was indicated and pleaded to intimidation of a witness. She was sentenced to one year in the Ohio Reformatory for Women.

ager, said there were no major changes in the festival venue that again will include both downtown and part of the Great Miami River levee.

The festival annually asks the commission for permission to use its parking lots during the festival, which will be held June 4 and 5.

as “reckless and careless.”

Janna Parker, assistant county prosecutor, said Danielwicz had a history of operating a vehicle while under the influence and the judge noted during sentencing she had two drug possession convictions following this wreck. Parker said Danielwicz needed to be off the road.

Danielwicz was sentenced to two years in prison, three years of mandatory post prison supervision, payment of court costs and a two-year license suspension following prison release.

Danielwicz described her behavior

## Rotarians Host President of World Jump Rope Federation

Shaun Hamilton is a man who is serious about the competitive world of jump rope. He’s so serious about it that he’s the president of the World Jump Rope Federation. He took time on Tuesday, 26 January to talk about the sport with Troy Rotarians during their weekly meeting.

Hamilton, a former world champion of jump roping, has been part of the sport for 25 years and has traveled to more than 27 countries. Today, he markets jump roping as a competitive sport, speaking to schools and groups around the globe about the benefits of jump roping competitively and for performance. Competitive jump roping involves either single rope or Double Dutch disciplines. There are two event categories involving speed, which means jumping as fast as possible in a given period of time. The fastest jumpers do seven revolutions per second. Another category is freestyle, which involves different stylistic gymnastic moves. Judges rate the moves based on creativity, complexity and difficulty. Hamilton was instrumental in forming the Troy Pop Rocks, which

is a performance group. His input and expertise has helped lead that group to national and international recognition. Hamilton’s ultimate goal is to have competitive jump roping added as an Olympic event.

World Jump Rope is an international sports federation dedicated to spreading the sport of jump rope. They host high level performances and competition all around the world. Braga, Portugal will be the host country for the 2016 Championship and Camp event from July 19-27, 2016. To learn more about the federation, please contact

[info@worldjumprope.org](mailto:info@worldjumprope.org) or visit their Web site at [www.worldjumprope.org](http://www.worldjumprope.org).

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 support for summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in

## Kaplan Elected SAR President

Steve Kaplan, of Troy, has been elected President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Richard Montgomery Chapter. The Chapter is one of three in Southwestern Ohio and serves the entire Miami Valley area including Troy and all of Miami County. The Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit charitable organization affiliated with the Ohio Society and National Society of SAR, whose members have proven ancestry to patriotic activity during the Revolutionary War and founding of the United States of America.

“I am extremely proud and excited to become President of such a patriotic and important organization” said Kaplan. The goals of the organization are Patriotic, Historical, and Educational in nature with intent to preserve the ideals that fueled the founding of this nation based upon concepts of freedom and liberty.

“It is an exciting time for the Sons of the American Revolution, as there are many community service programs to participate in. From elementary school poster, high school essay and speech contests up to veteran and active military service support, there are ways for everyone to help,” added the new President.

Kaplan joined the Sons of the American after genealogical research proved that his great-4-grandfather, Israel Clark served as a private in the Connecticut Troops, Continental Line and State Militia, of the Revolutionary War. Steve Kaplan and his wife Patty, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Piqua-Lewis Boyer Chapter, live in Troy, Ohio.

The Richard Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meet at 7:30pm on the first Wednesdays of the month (except for a summer break of July and August) at the Dayton Masonic Lodge located at 2450 Riverview Rd in Dayton. Potential programs and guests should call 937-335-7345 or email [skpk1984@aol.com](mailto:skpk1984@aol.com) for more information.

presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org) and submit your information in the “Contact Us” section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

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## UVMC Certified as Acute Stroke Ready Hospital

Premier Health announced Upper Valley Medical Center has earned Advanced Disease-Specific Care Certification for Acute Stroke Ready Hospital from The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA). The certification recognizes hospitals equipped to treat stroke patients with timely, evidence-based care prior to transferring them to a primary or comprehensive stroke center.

Premier Health’s Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton is certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and Good Samaritan Hospital and Atrium Medical Center are certified as Advanced Primary Stroke Centers.

UVMC underwent a rigorous onsite review in December to assess its compliance with the Joint Commission’s Advanced Disease-Specific Care certification requirements, including:

- A dedicated stroke-focused program
- Staffing by qualified medical professionals trained in stroke care
- Collaboration with local emergency management agencies
- 24/7 ability to perform rapid diagnostic and laboratory testing
- Ability to administer intravenous clot-busting medications to eligible patients, and
- Availability of telemedicine technology.

“We are delighted to receive Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Certification. This recognition demonstrates our commitment to providing a higher standard of service to stroke patients,” said Becky Rice, UVMC president and CEO. “Regardless of the level of stroke care needed,

patients can be taken to any hospital or emergency center within the Premier Health system to avail themselves of the capabilities of the Premier network.”

“This certification is an important bridge and a key component in the Premier Health system of stroke care,” said Diane Pleiman, UVMC vice president. “A Joint Commission and AHA/ASA certified Acute Stroke Ready Hospital is the foundation for acute stroke care in many communities, allowing it to be the first stop on a patient’s acute stroke journey.”

“Attaining certification throughout our hospitals underscores the deep commitment to excellence in stroke care,” Pleiman added. “It is the culmination of years of work toward recruiting physicians, acquiring the right resources, and organizing existing resources into one cohesive

system.”

“Stroke services at all Premier Health hospitals and emergency centers are designed to foster better outcomes for stroke care,” said David Cohen, MD, ABEM, medical director of emergency services at UVMC. “The Premier Health hospitals have 24-hour emergency stroke services and a stroke alert system to rapidly mobilize our stroke team to diagnose and treat stroke quickly.”

“For certification, the Joint Commission looks at the speed of care and patient outcomes,” Dr. Cohen continued. “With all stroke therapies, speed of care is important. Patients may be seen in person or via Premier’s TeleStroke Network by a member of the Premier stroke team. Without losing critical time, a stroke patient can be examined via a secure computer and video link to

the on-call specialist any time of the day or night. Through this telemedicine approach, everyone on the care team is either in the room or on the computer monitor with real-time access to the patient, medical records and test results, so treatment can begin immediately, facilitating the best possible recovery.”

Established in 2015, Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Certification is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals. Stroke is the number five cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the AHA/ASA. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.



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# Columns & Opinion

## From the Pulpit

by Pastor Mark Frey

### Redemption

If you are as old as I am, you might remember when grocery stores gave out stamps when you made a purchase. These were not postage stamps but stamps made just for this purpose. The larger the purchase, the more stamps you received. You pasted those stamps into books. And you could take the stamp books to a place where you could turn in your stamps for merchandise. The place where they would redeem, that is buy back, your stamps from you was called a redemption center.

Redemption is also a word that is used in the Bible. It comes from the word “redeem” meaning to buy back. We need to be redeemed because we are sinful.

Perhaps we haven’t committed terrible outward sins as King David did who committed adultery with another man’s wife and then had her husband murdered. But we are still sinners. We have not done what God wants us to do. We have not always loved others as we love ourselves. We have not always loved God above all things.

And we have not just sinned once or twice. Our nature is sinful. The psalm writer says, “I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” That is the way he was and that is the way we are. We are inclined to sin.

How else do you account for sins? How else do you account for the fact that we repeat the sinful action in spite of knowing better? We have a sinful nature.

We have to plead guilty. There is no way out. We might as well admit it because it is true. David was sinful. And even though he did many God-pleasing things, he was still a sinner and those good things did not make up for his sins. He was a sinner just as we are.

David realized he was a sinner and he felt guilty. And he knew he could not do anything to make up for his sins. God didn’t need anything from him as though God could be bribed.

King David had sinned. No sacrifice or offering could do any good. He was finally compelled to throw himself on God’s mercy. And God is merciful. God is merciful because of Jesus who came into this world to redeem us by his sacrifice for us.

We need redemption because we are sinners. We are unable to pay for our sins ourselves. But Jesus bought us with the price of his own death. We are redeemed.

(Pastor Marc Frey is the pastor at Peace of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS) New Carlisle, OH [www.peaceofoursavior.net](http://www.peaceofoursavior.net))

## Gardening Commentary

from MVG

### Dormant Pruning Shade Trees

Winter is an excellent time to prune trees and since there is a limited amount of outdoor work for us right now it is a good time to give attention to one of the major components of our landscape– shade trees. Let’s take a look at what we need to do to protect our investment in trees. When trees are placed in the proper location and are maintained they provide huge benefits for property owners. Trees do a number of things for us:

- increase property values,
- reduce energy costs by reducing wind and providing shade
- provide a better environment for living
- a better habitat for wildlife
- improve the beauty of our surroundings

This is only true when trees are in good safe condition. Developing the basic scaffold branching and other key structural items is important when trees are at a young age. If large shade trees are not maintained or are butchered, like a lot of them are by “topping”, they can become a major liability causing property damage and very costly to remove.

Two of the photos included here



Thinning maintains the natural and healthy shape of the tree.



“Topping” a shade tree causes suckers to develop and is not natural.



Figure 3

show examples of properly and poorly pruned shade trees. The tree with the open branching has been thinned-out and allows the wind to blow through the tree without damage and provides filtered sunlight through the canopy for plants that are growing nearby while providing a great environment for people. The photo of the tree that has been “topped” has excessive suckers, many dead “stubs” that will provide entry points for insects and decay with the eventual destruction of the tree.

When younger trees are pruned be sure to remove lower branches that will interfere with move-

ment around the tree. Remember lower branches should be removed when the branches are small, these branches do not gain in elevation from the ground as the tree grows, and must be removed. Never leave any stubs as shown in the tree in figure 3, again, these stubs die and become entry points for disease and decay.

The dormant season, like we are in now, is a good time to prune your shade trees so they are ready to grow in the spring, in all the right places. Pruning smaller trees can be done by the homeowner when basic guidelines are followed. Larger trees

will require a certified arborist to take care of the pruning that is required.

For more on the basics of pruning and info on proper pruning of shade trees go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/p/g6866> or [https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000595\\_Rep617.pdf](https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000595_Rep617.pdf)

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## Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro

TCPD Ret.

### Taser Use Restricted

It is happening again, the liberalization of the United States Constitution by our Federal Appeals Courts. The United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit includes the State of Ohio. Just this month the Appeals Court ruled on police use of the Taser and Force Analysis when dealing with persons of diminished capacity. Translating the gobble-dygoon into American speak, the Appeals Court restricted the use of the TASER by police and corrections officers when dealing with criminals, inmates or persons who may be psychologically impaired.

For years some of the public has cried out about police violence. The old court rulings said a LEO could use enough force to effectively make an arrest. Police have the right to go home at the end of their shift and were allowed to

use a level of force necessary to effect the arrest.

For a long period police used night sticks, truncheons, slap-pers and so on to encourage the resisting person to comply with police orders. There was a Use of Force Continuum which allowed police to escalate their use of force as the subjects use of resistance increased. With the recent court decision, the police must now reduce the use of force when dealing with people of a diminished capacity or who are not going to be charged with a crime.

In the case at hand, a man with schizophrenia was taken to a hospital by his sister to be treated. The hospital doctor agreed the man could be a danger to himself and ordered an involuntary commitment for mental evaluation. The man became afraid and left the hospital. The local police, hospital security and the man’s sister tried to convince the man to return to the hospital. The man tried to go into the street to escape but was convinced by the police to return to the curb.

The man then sat next to a pole and wrapped his legs and arms around the pole and would not let go. The man was not going to be arrested and charged with a crime, just be admitted to the hospital like any patient for evaluation.

Did the police shoot the man? No they did not. They did not use their night sticks to beat the man into submission either. What they did do was remove the cartridge of barbs from a TASER and drive stun the man. The drive stun is a pain compliance electronic device, intended to inflict enough shock to convince the person to submit.

So we have police being concerned for the man’s safety and wanting to follow the doctor’s commitment order which is required in Ohio. In this case, the man being of diminished capacity did not submit and was drive stunned five times. The man finally let go of the pole and was handcuffed and as he was kicking, he had his ankles shackled.

For some reason not detailed in the case file, the man died. I do not know if he died of a heart attack, fear, shock or what. But sadly the police officers good intentions came back to bite them and the man was not helped.

So what did the Appeals Court rule? They used the opportunity of one sad incident that was not at all malicious to limit the use of a self-defense weapon that has proved over and over again to be less harm than shooting or beating the guy.

So what was the suggestion, with three police and two security they had more than enough to subdue the man. The court claimed de-escalation was called for. Fine, let’s all stand around and talk and give the man the opportunity to again run out into traffic or get up and start fighting. Once again we are getting into using physical force which

results in kicking, punching and spitting and criminal charges of resisting arrest with officers themselves sustaining injuries to their backs, appendages and all that go along with resisting. And the poor guy did not need criminal charges filed to exacerbate his problems.

I am not making light of the fact that a man lost his life, to unstated reasons. His family has to live with the loss; the sister has to live with having seen her brother die and the police will live with the guilt of having tried to help a person only to have him die.

But the Appeals Court did not miss a chance to liberalize our Constitution. Common sense would indicate perhaps a little more training on the use of the drive stun mode when it is obvious it is not working. But no, now all police and corrections must not use the drive stun mode. At least until a higher court of jurisdiction believes the court overstepped their limits.



# At Home

by **Connie Moore**

## Rock Pimples & Earth Wrinkles

They are in the cemeteries, in the parks, in the woods. They are in every yard and town and city. They may be yellow or green or white or gray or any other color, depending on their home. Neither plant nor animal, they are a mutualistic symbiosis or a combination of fungus and green alga. We know them as lichen. For the most part they go unnoticed unless one is interested in getting close to a tree or a rock or a tombstone. This partnership between the fungus and alga was once described by British Columbia University’s Trevor Goward as “a case of fungi that have discovered agriculture.” The man knows a whole lot about lichens, himself being dubbed “the great lichenologist”. While general words such as moss are used in everyday conversations, one can tell the dif-

ference right away. Looking at true moss, a plant with leaves and stems can be seen. Lichens have what some describe as layers, scales, flattened crusts. Lichens need three things to grow and thrive. Undisturbed surfaces such as those rocks or tombstones, Time because they are slow growers and Clean Air. Lifespans can be up to hundreds of years. The need for moisture is certainly a factor but small enough not to count because lichens can draw moisture from the air. The alga (green) component uses sunlight to make food for the fungus component from water and carbon dioxide. Alga can also provide the fungus with vitamins. Even in the hottest, driest of summers, lichens can absorb up to 35 % times their own weight in water, fog, dew or humidity on those sultry days. This ability makes it possible for lichens to live in deserts and polar regions. Lichens come in four ba-



sic shapes. Flat leaf shaped are called Foliose. Crusted lichens may grow into tree bark or rock crevices and is called Crustose. A tiny shrub-like shaped lichen, sometimes known as Reindeer Moss (Lapland) is in the category of Fruticose. And Squamulose are those scaly shaped small rounded lobes that may look like a bunch of shingles. If you’ve ever enjoyed a model train layout with houses, streets and all things miniature, take a close look at those trees growing next to that train station. Yep, they are made from lichens. In the real world they can be used to map the progression of air pollutants as they are present or not,

depending on the quality of air. Lichens can be used to scent soaps and perfumes. In the past they were used to make soft, earth-tone dyes. For reindeer in Lapland and sheep in Libya’s deserts, lichen are an important food source. And their top importance is their contribution in nature’s soil making process. So what are those rock pimples and earth wrinkles? Lichen. Other odd names for the dual entity are fog fingers, angel hair, tar-jelly, old man’s beard, freckle pelts, can of worms, black-eye, bloody hearts, cowpie, elf-ear, hairball, tattered rag and toadskin. Numerous library books can be

borrowed to learn more about lichens. When the weather breaks, take a break and go hunting. Start with your backyard. The tiny living organisms are everywhere. If you have a magnifying glass, all the better. Get up close to a tree or rock or a tombstone. If you really want to explore the science of lichens and don’t mind going on a treasure hunt, find a copy of “Lichens of North America” by Bordo, Sharnoff and Sharnoff. This 828 page tome was published in 2001 at a retail cost of \$135. It is said to be the authoritative guide on all things lichen and includes color photos, maps and keys for identification. The book is a six award-winning coffee table size compilation of general information for the public and scientific details for those who want to delve deeper into the world of rock pimples and earth wrinkles.

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# Mrs. Greengate’s Almanac

## February, 2016

### Modern Moons

February is loaded with prime numbers. Since this is a leap year, February contains 29 days, the first of many numbers that can only be divided evenly by 1 or itself and is connected with the month. Earliest sunrise for the month is on February 29, at 7:11 am. Both hour and minutes are prime numbers. The latest sunset is also on the last day of the month, 6:30 pm. But these are not prime numbers. In between, we find the latest sunrise and earliest sunset on February 1 at 7:45am and 5:58 pm. On this day hours are prime but minutes are not. Within the ideal temperature range for snow we find two Fahrenheit prime numbers: 29 and 31. The range includes everything from -2 c or 27-28 f degrees to +2 or 34 f degrees. Snow forms when the atmosphere is sporting a temperature of at or below freezing –that is 32 degrees Fahrenheit. There has to be moisture of some amount in the air. Snow reaches the ground when that ground temperature is at or be-

low freezing as well. February forecasts call for 45% of the month to be in freezing temps. (15 to 32 degrees) 50% of the month will be in cold temps. (32 to 50 degrees) and 5 % to be in cool temps. (50 to 65 degrees) Twelve prime numbers show up in this group of temps. Can it be too cold to snow? Primarily speaking-no. As long as there is any amount of moisture in the air it can snow. But the colder the air gets the less amount of moisture it can hold, so the falling flakes will be light and airy. Native Americans named February full moon Hunger Moon or Moon of the Hungry Fox as the month is a bleak time when not only the fox but other small creatures succumb to lack of food. On the other hand, the full moon has also been called Raccoon Moon and Moon when Frogs First Croak. By the end of the month, mammals such as the raccoon, beaver and others have mated and are preparing to raise the expected family. Frogs may stir in wetlands and swamps as the first warm spells occur. Today we might call this

month’s full moon Restless Moon as humans and animals alike become aware of the northern movement of warmer air up through the states. Some birds are beginning to show up, however early it may seem, to claim their places in parks, wetlands, back yards and woods.

### Fishing/Gardening

As gardening catalogs were perused with a fine-tooth comb for seeds and products conducive to a garden of plenty in the coming summer and order forms filled out and mailed, Mrs. Greengate’s mood lightened up quite a bit. On the other hand, Mr. Greengate moaned at the thought of all that labor. It was only when one of his fishing buddies sent him a catalog with all things bright and beautiful for hauling in that prize catch did he perk up. While seeds orders included such mild monikers as Touchon carrots, Pinto Gold potatoes, Silver Queen corn, Sun Gold and Cloudy Day tomatoes and Cupcake summer squash, Mr. Greengate’s order blank included macho names like Snake Head minnows, Grave Digger crank baits, Mean-Eye jerk-

baits (all available in twelve enticing colors) and an incredible slithery-looking hard bait called BBZ-1 Rat. All in one convenient Cabela’s catalog. If hubby’s package arrives while he is gone it will definitely sit in the workroom, for Mrs. Greengate will not at all be tempted to open it.

### Outside the Yard

February second is Ground Hog Day. Since the late 1800s mankind has looked to the mammal for a weather prediction concerning which there are two schools of thought. Some people insist the ground hog/seeing his shadow thing is right 75 % of the time while the others feel it is accurate only 35 % of the time. (Neither are prime numbers.) Here in southern Ohio, ground hogs, wood chucks or Whistle Pigs as they are sometimes referred to are a normal sight. In farm fields, around the barns, skirting along roadsides, rummaging in gardens and orchards, the largest of North America’s rodents is considered a pest. When chased, cornered or run up a tree (they are excellent climbers), they emit a whistle hence the name whistle pig. They also

are known to bark, squeal and grind their teeth to warn others of their plight. They are the erroneous subject of the tongue-twister beginning with “how much wood would a woodchuck chuck if”. Fact is they do not chew or cut down wood nor could they chuck it anywhere. As far as digging though, they can move hundreds of pounds of dirt in an effort to excavate their burrows.

### Word of the Month

Agonistic: pertaining to the range of activities associated with aggressive encounters between members of the same species to establish territory, including threat, attack, appeasement or retreat. Ground hogs are good examples of this behavioral inclination. (Of course, so are humans.)

### Quote of the Month

“Old groundhog stretched in his leafy bed, he turned slowly and then he said, “I wonder if spring is on the way; I’ll go and check the weather today.” Favorite children’s poem-author unknown.

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plans. Retirement savings should be at the top of your mind as you’ve started to make more money in your 30s and are becoming more comfortable navigating your bills and expenses. IRAs, 401(k)s, annuities and other retirement savings tools are important for you at this stage since the earlier you start saving, the more you’ll accumulate. And it’s never too early to start thinking about college savings for children. 40s In your 40s, many people have teenage children, tackle new challenges and opportunities in their professional lives and have established a level of income they can rely on comfortably. You can start to work with your child to investigate the various options (savings, aid, loans, grants, etc.) to help pay for post-secondary education. This also might be a time to start considering additional life insurance, as your assets and need for protection have grown as you’ve prospered both personally and professionally. Since you’re probably about halfway through your career, you should also start to keep an eye on the retirement horizon and on your overall retirement strategy. Make sure it aligns with your goals and dreams for after your career ends. 50s Your 50s are an exciting time in your financial life. Your children have probably left the nest and re-

irement is just around the corner. You should think about establishing a floor of guaranteed income, possibly by purchasing an annuity or insurance product, to meet your essential expenses that will continue into your retirement. This is the time to start considering how you want to live in retirement and beyond. What level of income would you like after you retire and how will you maintain your standard of living? Are you protecting your savings from the high costs of extended care? Whether you’re looking to purchase long-term care insurance or not, this is also a time when you should discuss your extended care plans with loved ones, and how that might affect everyone involved. 60s In your 60s, your retirement has probably arrived or is right around the corner. This is where managing assets, investments and financial strategies are critical. Even at this stage of life it is important for you to have some of your financial assets in an investment portfolio carefully managed for growth consistent with your risk profile. Meeting regularly with your financial representative at this life stage will help you stay on track with your financial goals. This is also a time to consider leaving a legacy through a life insurance policy that designates your children or a favorite charity as a beneficiary. The death benefit from life insur-

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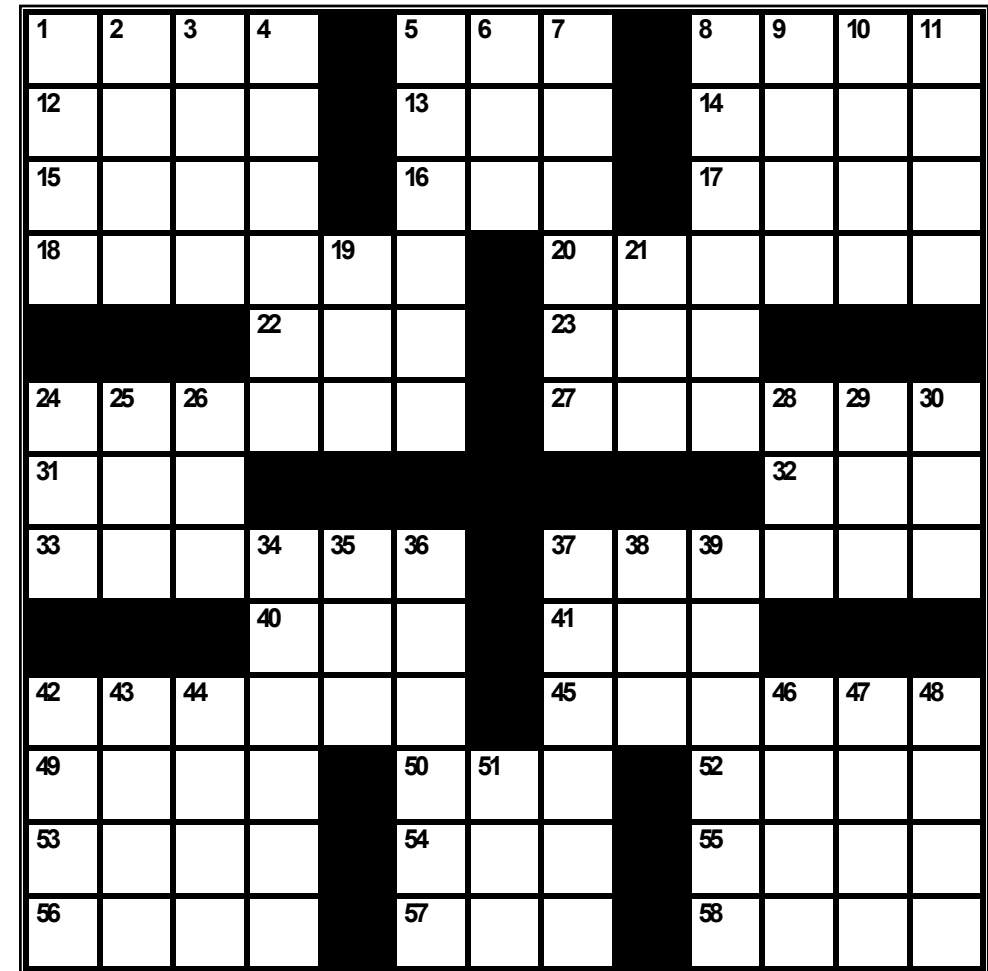


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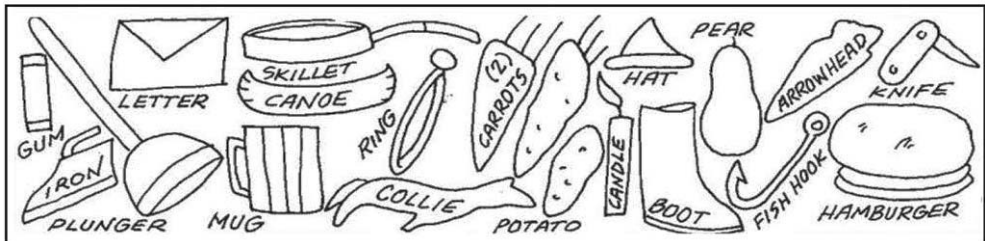
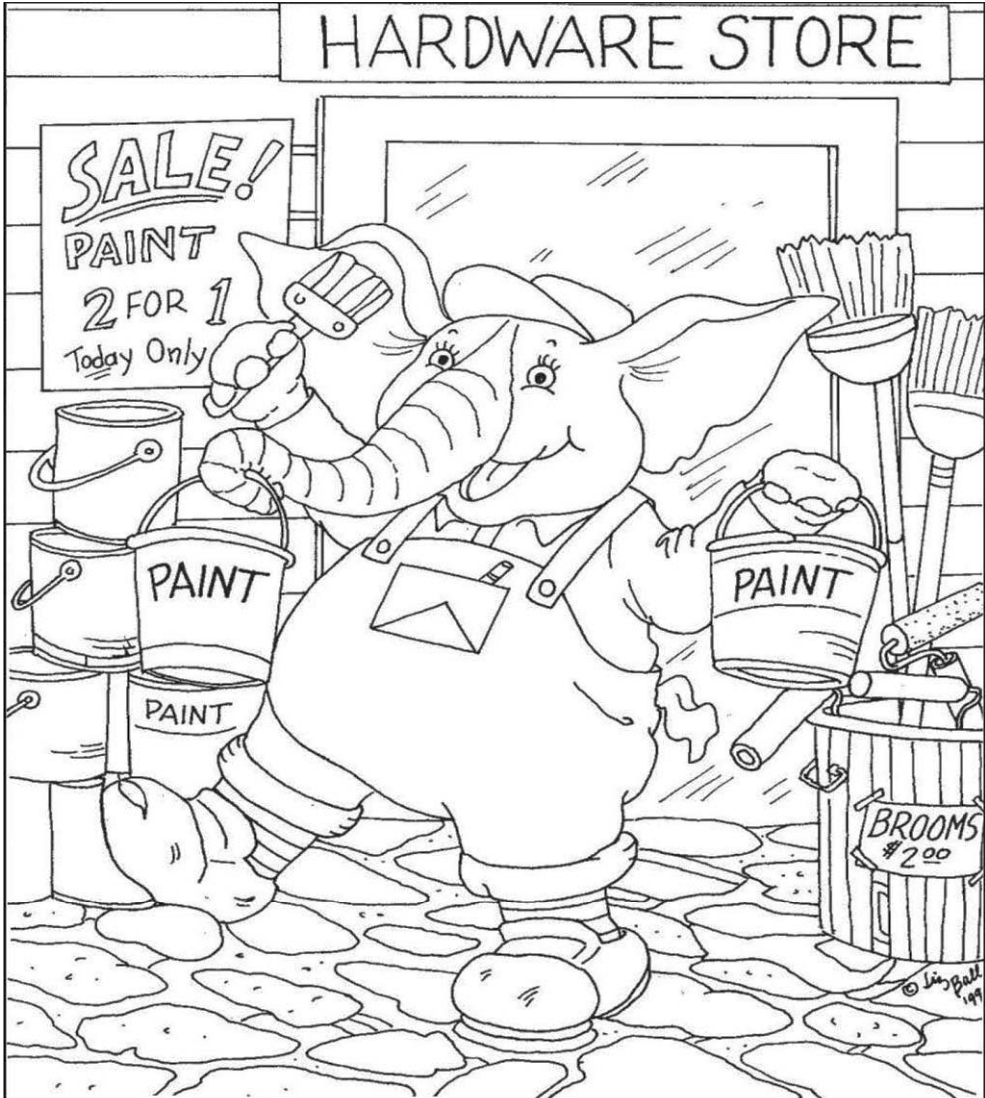


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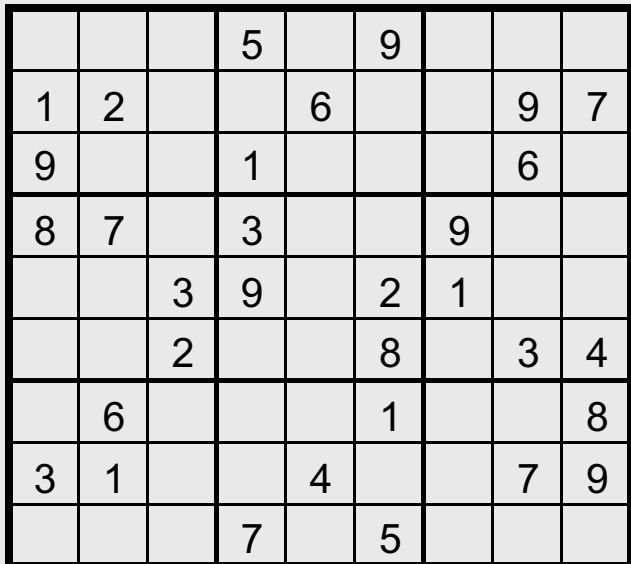
**By Liz Ball**



## Arts & Literature Trivia Questions #13

- 1.) Where do the pilgrims in Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" start their journey?
  - a. The Lion and the Crow Pub
  - b. The Smithsonian
  - c. The Tabard Inn
  - d. The National Geography Club
- 2.) Which of these stories was written by John Updike?
  - a. Catch 22
  - b. The Menagerie
  - c. Rabbit, Run
  - d. The Thin Red Line
- 3.) Which of these disciplines was Titian famous for?
  - a. Sculpting
  - b. Photography
  - c. Writing
  - d. Painting
- 4.) Who wrote the No. 1 best-selling novel "PS, I Love You"?
  - a. Jane Eyre
  - b. Cecile Aherm
  - c. Audrey Mathews
  - d. Enid Blyton
- 5.) Pericles was the prince of?
  - a. Athens
  - b. Tyre
  - c. Rome
  - d. Pisa

## #213



- 6.) Who painted Rain, Steam and Speed - The Great Western Railway?

  - a. J. M. W. Turner
  - b. William Franklin
  - c. George Willard
  - d. Alexander Keats

7.) With many books covering both fiction and non-fiction, which author uses the penname Chris Ryan?

  - a. Lindsay Johnson
  - b. James Falkner
  - c. Andrew Smyth
  - d. Colin Armstrong

8.) In which story would you read about Ruritania?

  - a. Alice in Wonderland
  - b. The Catcher in the Rye
  - c. The Princess Bride
  - d. The Prisoner of Zenda

9.) Written by English author H. G. Wells, when was "The War of the Worlds" first published?

  - a. 1951
  - b. 1932
  - c. 1897
  - d. 1965

10.) A painter during the 15th century, which nation gave birth to Johannes Vermeer?

  - a. England
  - b. Poland
  - c. Italy
  - d. The Netherlands

11.) Who created the famous character Detective Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby?

  - a. Caroline Graham
  - b. Mark Conrad
  - c. Jordan Travis
  - d. Alice Silvers

12.) In Erskine Childer's novel, "The Riddle of the Sands," who is on the boat with Carruthers?

  - a. Majors
  - b. Buchanan
  - c. Duncan
  - d. Davies

13.) What is British artist Antony Gormley famous for?

  - a. Sculpting
  - b. Writing
  - c. Photography
  - d. Painting

14.) Who created the characters of Kaa, Mowgli and Shere Khan?

  - a. Dr. Seuss
  - b. Charlotte Lloyd
  - c. C. S. Lewis
  - d. Rudyard Kipling

15.) Which classic novel opens with the line "It was 348 years ago...?"

  - a. The Hunchback of Notre Dame
  - b. Frankenstein
  - c. Roots
  - d. Moby Dick

16.) Created by Kingsley Amis, what is reluctant medieval history lecturer Lucky Jim's last name?

  - a. Dixon
  - b. McDougal
  - c. Bullock
  - d. Reynard

17.) In the story "Three Men in a Boat," where are the men boating?

  - a. The Mediterranean
  - b. The Thames
  - c. The Mississippi
  - d. The Atlantic

## Trivia

- 1.) Jabba the Hutt - 8Ds were designed to operate in smelting factories.
- 2.) The Empire Strikes Back - Walkers are vehicles that navigate the landscape on mechanical legs.
- 3.) Rey - The Force Awakens will be released in 2015.
- 4.) 5 - Emperor Palpatine is also known as Darth Sidious.
- 5.) Toxic Dart - Zam is a bounty hunter from the planet Zolan. 6.) 5 and 6 - The Clone Wars ran from 2008 to 2014.
- 6.) Gungan - Jar Jar Binks first appeared in Star Wars - Episode I: The Phantom Menace. 8.) Chewbacca - Lowbacca means "dutiful friend" in Shyriiwook.
- 9.) A New Hope - Mark Hamill plays the role of Luke Skywalker.
- 10.) 30 - The Force Awakens is the first film in the third Star Wars trilogy.
- 11.) Green - Yoda trains Luke Skywalker on how to fight against the Galactic Empire. 12.) Hoth - Hoth is the sixth planet of a remote system of the same name.
- 13.) Tauntaun - Indigenous to the ice planet Hoth, Tauntauns are large creatures covered with white fur.
- 14.) Attack of the Clones - The planet Kamino is an ocean exoplanet.
- 15.) Jango Fett - Jango Fett is a skilled warrior and renowned bounty hunter.
- 16.) 1 - Star Wars Episode I: The

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## Royer Addresses Optimist Club

Speaker, Nancy Royer is the Learning Center Director of WACO Air Museum and Aviation Learning Center. After receiving her Bachelor of Science in Education, and graduated Salutatorian of her college class, Nancy taught in the public and private schools for 6 years before spending 17 years home educating her own children who are now 24, 22, 21 and 18. She was a co-founder and administrator of School on the Rock, a Miami Valley home education co-op, for 10 years. During this time, she also owned a home-based business of 17 years and worked with volunteers in our community.

Nancy has found WACO to be the perfect place to combine her education degree, her business experience, her adventurous spirit, and her familiarity with training volunteers, with her childhood love of flying. Having grown up with a father who was a pilot, Nancy began her flight training at age 15. Although she did not complete her training as a teen, she is once again working towards her private pilot certificate. She finds it invigorating to teach the history of WACO and the role it played in aviation while using aviation topics to challenge students in science, technology, engineering and math. Nancy presented some updated

2015 statistics about WACO. There were 1232 on-site attendees to programs presented, 695 off-site attendees; over 7,000 instructional hours. WACO benefits from the support of over 110 volunteers sharing 1,338 hours of their time. Nancy brought a model of the lifesize theater where individuals can relax in a replica of the CG4A glider that was built in Troy to watch a 30 minute movie. The Fun With Flight program for Preschool and Elementary age students, 6 lessons developed by NASA. (Imagine preschoolers saying "viscosity," "thrust," "drag"! ) is a huge success. Other projects are the Gliders, Hot Air Balloons, Kites, and the Airplanes

Nancy resides with her husband in Vandalia. She enjoys gardening, reading, hiking, biking traveling, and exploring new outdoor adventures. The Troy Noon Optimist Club has been supporting the youth of Troy for 60 years. The club motto is "Bringing out the Best in Kids. A few of the service projects that the Club is involved in include sponsoring the Hometown Halloween Parade and Costume Contest, the Hometown Holiday Celebration, our own "Avenue of Flags" and the Troy Noon Optimists Strawberry Festival Booth. Our "Avenue of Flags" program provides the majority of our funds to support our five scholarships awarded yearly to Troy

graduates and allows us to continue our Troy Noon Optimists Oratorical Contest for Jr. and Sr. High students. It also gives us the ability to provide support for kids programs like The Lincoln Center, Girl Scouts, Destination Imagination, Sheriff's Summer Youth Camp, Brukner Nature Center, Kids Read Now, and many others. It's an honor to be a part of this enthusiastic group that is contributing to all the great things that make Troy one of America's Best Communities!" For information about joining our Troy Optimist Club please contact any member and/or attend a Monday lunch meeting at the LA Piazza for lunch.

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