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McGail Appeals to Supreme Court

By Nancy Bowman

The lawyer for Patrick McGail is appealing to the Ohio Supreme Court a December appeals court ruling upholding his 2014 conviction in the murder of Nate Wintrow of Troy.

The notice of appeal was filed Feb. 9.

McGail is serving 24 years to life in prison following conviction by a Miami County jury in August 2014 on charges of murder, aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and a firearms specification in the October 2013 death of Wintrow, 20.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals in December upheld the conviction but sent the case back to Miami County Common Pleas Court for a new hearing on part of the sentence.

The appeals court agreed with McGail’s claim that he should not have been sentenced on convictions for both murder and aggravated robbery because they were part of the same act.

Common Pleas Judge Christopher Gee sentenced McGail to 15 years to life for murder and six years for aggravated robbery, to be served concurrently, plus six years consecutive for aggravated robbery and three years consecutive for aggravated burglary.

The appeals court said prosecutors would choose either the murder or aggravated robbery charge for sentencing.

A Common Pleas Court hearing on the appeals court re-sentencing order was scheduled for Feb. 17 but canceled Feb. 10 by Gee after notice of the appeal to the Supreme Court.

McGail was one of three Troy teens convicted in the death of Wintrow, who was fatally shot when McGail and Jason Sowers, 18, of Troy, forced their way into his Canal Street house and a struggle ensued. Sowers, who fired the gun, and Brendon Terrel, 21, also of Troy, entered plea deals and were sentenced to 18 years to life and 14 years, respectively.

The appeals court rejected the rest of McGail’s appeal claims including allegations of juror and prosecutor misconduct, ineffective counsel and an argument evidence did not support the conviction.

In appealing McGail’s case to the state Supreme Court, lawyer Gary Schaengold of Dayton wrote the case “raises a substantial constitutional question” and is of public and general interest.

Lawyers for Sowers last year appealed his conviction and sentence to the Ohio Supreme Court. The court declined to hear that appeal in January.

Local Paralegal Donates Kidney

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Domestic relations paralegal at Roberts, Kelly, and Bucio, LLP, Ellie Deal, is giving the gift of life this year through the donation of a kidney. The recipient is a man from St. Paris named Jeremiah Lear who was a high school buddy of Deal’s older brother, Steve. Deal saw on Facebook in January that Jeremiah, wife Kim and 7-year-old daughter Libby were struggling with the news that his kidneys were failing. His wife had been tested for possible donation and was not a match. The Lears were unsure what the future would hold for their family.

Jeremiah Lear had an allergic reaction to an antibiotic in May of 2013 that caused his kidneys to begin shutting down. He has been on dialysis since that time. According to Deal, Lear currently has only 9% kidney function remaining.

As a former Marine, Deal believes that “if you can do something to help somebody, you need to help somebody.” As a single mother of a 14-year-old son, she considered carefully how this would affect life for her and her family. The surgery will weaken her somewhat and will require her to stay in good shape



to function well. The side effects were minimal enough, however, that Deal said she “couldn’t imagine why more people don’t donate.” She said she felt led by faith to pursue the possibility of donating a kidney back in October 29, 2015. Extensive testing ensued shortly thereafter through the Wexner Center at Ohio State.

“It was not as invasive as I expected it to be,” Deal said. Blood tests and family medical background have been meticulously filtered but Deal said she has only had to make a couple trips to the

hospital since the fall of 2015.

Deal has actively included Jeremiah and Kim Lear in the process. “This is really important to them,” Deal said. “They have been just wonderful and we have been able to really encourage each other along the way.” She was found to be a match at the end of 2015 and the final confirmation of medical viability was established through a panel of surgeons, nurses, and social workers on Wednesday, February 3 at around 4:00 p.m. Social workers are required to assess if a person is in the right frame of

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Candidates Speak at Forum

By Nancy Bowman

Candidates for Miami County sheriff, prosecutor and commissioner plus the 8th District seat in the U.S. Congress participated in a candidate forum Feb. 9 in Troy.

The forum was put on by the Miami County Liberty group, which held a meet and greet and program in which each candidate had two minutes to talk to those attending the program.

All candidates for Miami County prosecutor, commissioner and sheriff attended except sheriff candidate Steve Cooper of Tipp City.

Four of the more than one dozen candidates for the Republican nomination for the 8th District Congressional seat of John Boehner also participated.

Among each candidate’s comments:

8th District Congress:

Jim Spurlino:

Spurlino said he is a husband, father and businessman as well as “a normal person” who has never held elected office. He runs a concrete business based in Middletown and does business throughout the district.

“I know this district. I have been here all of my life. I also know how to fight federal regulations and state regulations. I have lobbied in Columbus and in Washington to try and keep the overburden of regulations from killing our economy and our businesses,” Spurlino said.

Warren Davidson:

Davidson, who lives just outside of Troy, said he has a business started in Troy by his dad in 1987. He is an Army veteran and graduate of West Point. “Today in Congress, we need leadership, people who know how to fight for what they believe. It would be a pay cut; I want to serve the people of this district as I’ve served the country in uniform,” Davidson said.

Karen Beagle:

Karen Beagle is the spouse of Bill Beagle, currently the 5th District State senator. She said her husband needs to be in Congress because he is a practical problem solver. “Washington is broken and I think a lot of people in office care about themselves more than they care about us. Bill will change that,” Karen Beagle said.

J.D. Winteregg:

Winteregg said he ran against Boehner in the previous election because he was doing things burdening his generation. “I had to stand up,” he said. Winteregg said three things come up when he talks to people about what want in a representative. “They want someone relatable, someone who gives them hope for the GOP and they want someone who is a fighter. I like to think I am all of those three things,” he said. A former teacher, he now works at a grain elevator.

George Wooley

An Air Force veteran, Woolley said he worked for the federal government before obtaining a degree in finance and working as a tax auditor and veteran’s representative. He also has 20 years experience in media production and Christian radio and today works as an investment property manager. Wooley said he is a conservative Republican who has served as a volunteer for campaigns. “My major interests are protecting America from enemies without and within, especially liberals in the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. I believe our country is exceptional because of its Christian tradition,” he said.

Miami County Prosecutor: Mel Kemmer:

Kemmer is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in chemistry; he also has a law degree from the University of Dayton. He has served on the Bethel Board of Education, was twice elected judge of Miami County Municipal Court, was twice an assistant Miami County prosecuting attorney, served as park district legal counsel and was in the U.S. Army Reserves,

“I have a proven track record of public service spanning some 40 years. I am running because I believe I am best candidate for the job. I have the broad and comprehensive experience, the complete experience, necessary to do

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Errors Found in County’s Voting Machines

By Nancy Bowman

An employee who has worked several years with Miami County’s touch screen voting machines told the Board of Elections Feb. 11, the machines have “a myriad of problems” and are near the end of their lifespan.

Phil Mote is a seasonal employee who heads up the logic and accuracy testing of each of the county’s voting machines prior to an election.

He said some machines were found in recent testing to jump to another candidate when the person testing would touch the screen. Any machine with that problem was taken out of use, he said.

“Based upon your programming and your testing, are you satisfied that that bug you just described is not present in any of the machines?” board member Jose Lopez said.

“I am because I told them if they ever hit it, let me know ... I am not saying it couldn’t happen in the field,” Mote said. If a voter would notice a change in vote and alert an election worker before casting the ballot, they could vote on another machine, and the machine shut down, he said.

Although voters are instructed to check their ballot before submitting it, the board discussed posting at polling places “generic signs” reminding voters to check the ballot. The board agreed to ask the Secretary of State’s Office if the signs would be allowed.

Mote said he thinks the problems being experienced are from the machines’ advancing age.

Eric Morgan, deputy elections director, said he heard at an election directors’ meeting that the recommended age of voting machine replacement is 10 years. Miami County’s machines were bought in 2005 using more than \$1 million in federal Help America Vote Act grants.

The board does not have an estimated cost for replacing the more than 350 machines.

Mote told the board he felt the equipment was ready for the March 15 vote. “I feel confident we are going to put on a good election,” he said.

The board also discussed Feb. 11 buying new voter registration software following problems with the current system. Since there isn’t time to buy the new software and install it

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1:27 p.m. Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at County Rd. 25A. The driver was found to be under suspension and was so cited.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:04 a.m. To Horseshoe Bend Rd. for a report of an accident. A woman reported hearing "scrapping" noises outside. When she looked out, she saw that her mailbox had been hit. Tracks in the snow showed that a vehicle went left of center, struck the mailbox, overcorrected and went off the right side into a ditch. The vehicle was then able to leave the scene. No evidence was left at the scene to identify a possible suspect vehicle.

4:44 p.m. While on patrol a deputy passed through the Royal Inn parking lot and saw a Ford F-150 occupied by two people in the back corner of the lot. He saw an open beer can on the dash in front of the passenger. A consensual search yielded no other contraband.

6:21 p.m. To Fox Run for a report of an unruly juvenile. The RP's son was reportedly using marijuana. A marijuana bong was found and the juvenile was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:49 a.m. To E. St. Rt. 41 for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone pried the dash of his truck trying to take the radio. He noticed that several items had been taken from the truck. He said that he had left the passenger door unlocked. There are no suspects.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:04 p.m. Traffic stop on E. Main St. at Floral Ave. A vehicle was stopped for a broken taillight and for traveling left of center 3 times within a half mile. The driver said she didn't know where her license was. She was informed that her license was suspended. She was cited for driving under suspension and given a warning for marked lanes. A valid driver responded and took custody of the vehicle.

Troy Police Reports

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:42 a.m. To Troy High School. A school employee reported that he had a student with drug paraphernalia in his vehicle. The employee had collected the items and called police. The officer asked the student if there were any additional items in the vehicle, and he said that the school employee had all of them. The items involved were a marijuana grinder, an ash tray with marijuana residue, rolling papers, a Hookah Pipe with hose, a small black plastic pipe with marijuana residue, a pack of cigarettes and a sandwich bag containing an unknown white powder. The student said he knew nothing of the white powder, and that it may have been left by two female students that he brought to school. He identified the person who sold him the marijuana. His parents were advised that the student would be charged with possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. The property was placed in the property room locker.

1:54 p.m. To Tamworth Rd. for a report of fraud. A man reported that the Ohio Department of Taxation had contacted him with questions about his tax return. He said that he had not yet filed his taxes. He said he investigated and found that someone had also filed a Federal tax return using his information. He was advised to file a police report. The IRS is investigating.

2:12 p.m. Traffic stop on N. Mulberry St. near W. Main St. for running the stop sign at Main and Crawford. The driver said he did not notice the stop sign. He was cited for a stop sign violation.

5:28 p.m. Traffic stop in the N. Market St. ballfield lot. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and his license was seized. The vehicle was parked until a licensed driver could pick it up.

8:38 p.m. To S. Clay St. for a report of a protection order violation. A woman reported that she has an active protection order against her ex-boyfriend, and that he is at her home. She said that when she returned home from the store, she found him there. She said she told him that he shouldn't be there, and

he said that it was fine. She said she then left to go to her sister's home. Officers responded to the home and a man, identified as the boyfriend, answered the door. He was advised of the protection order, and he stated that he thought it had been lifted. He was advised that it was still active, and he was arrested for violating the protection order and transported to the Incarceration Facility.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:24 a.m. Traffic stop on McKaig at Armand. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and advised not to drive the vehicle.

11:59 a.m. Traffic stop on Adams St. The vehicle was clocked at 47 MPH. The driver said that her foot got stuck on the gas pedal and that she was lost. She was cited for speed.

1:17 p.m. To the 900 block of W. Main St. for a report of a found item. A business employee reported finding a purse. The owner was contacted and the purse returned.

1:20 p.m. To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. Officers met a store employee who had four juvenile suspects with her. She said that one of the suspects stole an airsoft BB gun from the store, and later tried to return it to a store employee. The suspect confirmed that this was true. Another suspect stated that he had picked up the other three suspects to take them job hunting. One of the other suspects admitted to stealing the BB gun. Two of them said that they weren't going back to the store and jumped out of the vehicle. They walked eastbound, and they were caught. The employee stated that she was watching the suspects in the area of the BB guns.

1:37 p.m. To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. A business employee stated that the theft was less than a dollar, but the suspect had been previously trespassed from the property. A Criminal Trespassing complaint was filed.

6:18 p.m. Traffic stop on Skylark at Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he recently bought the vehicle and was trying to identify an indicator

illuminated on the dash. He was advised that it was the cruise control indicator. He was cited for speed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:29 a.m. An officer saw a Ford F-150 traveling eastbound across the W. Main St. overpass, entered the I-75 ramp intersection on a yellow light and did a U-turn. While the vehicle was still in the intersection, a semi entered the intersection to turn westbound on Main St. as the Ford was still in the intersection. The Ford was stopped, and the registration was found to have expired on January 10. The driver was cited for expired plates and warned for the U-turn.

8:59 a.m. To Stephenson Dr. for a report of a possible scam. A woman reported that she found an ad on Zillow for a house for rent. She said she was interested because of the inexpensive rent. She said she contacted the owner via text message, and the owner gave her the code to the lock box and told her to go to the house on Feb. 9 at 8:00 p.m. She said she contacted the realtor and learned that the owner had lied to her. She did not give the owner any money, but wanted the incident documented since she e-mailed the owner an application.

12:56 p.m. A Mulberry St. resident came to the Police Station to report phone harassment. She said that she received two phone calls from her ex-boyfriend. Officers heard the voice mail in which he degraded her and cursed at her. He is in the process of taking her to court to get visitation rights for their two children. The boyfriend was contacted and denied calling the RP. He was advised that he sounded like the voice on the voice mail. He was charged with telephone harassment.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

12:32 a.m. To W. Main St. for a report of a found item. A business employee reported finding a crossbow at the business. Also found were three bolts with quiver, two of which were equipped with illuminated knocks and one with a decocking tip. The bow was marked, tagged and secured in the prop-

erty room.

3:11 a.m. Traffic stop on Short St. near Franklin St. The driver was charged with driving under suspension and several other violations.

9:05 a.m. To Troy High School for a report of juveniles who arrived at school who were possibly under the influence of marijuana. A summons was issued to three juveniles.

10:39 a.m. To W. Main St. for a report of an accident. One vehicle had rear-ended another on private property. The involved parties exchanged information.

3:48 p.m. Traffic stop on McKaig Ave. The vehicle was clocked at 45 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he didn't know he was going that fast. He was not wearing his seat belt and said he had just taken it off. He was cited for speed and warned for his seat belt.

4:47 p.m. To Hilltop Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone took her medication. There are no suspects.

9:04 p.m. Traffic stop on S. Dorset at Stonycreek Rd. for running a red light. The driver said he was not aware that he did so. His passenger said she wasn't paying attention since she wasn't driving. The driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

3:26 a.m. To the 1300 block of E. Main St. for a report of a disturbance. The RP claimed he was assaulted, and that the suspect was outside in his vehicle. While enroute, the officer saw a man walking on Dye Mill Rd., and he identified himself as the suspect. He said that the RP punched him twice in the face and bit his right hand. He had physical injuries consistent with his story. He said that he wanted to press charges. The RP requested that the suspect be trespassed from his property, but he did not want to press charges. The RP was charged with assault and the suspect was trespassed from the RP's property.

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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Bail set in rape, porn cases
A Miami County judge set cash/surety bonds Feb. 11 during arraignments for a Troy man charged with rape and a second Troy man charged with pandering obscenity involving a minor. Bail of \$250,000 was set for Thomas Contento, 48, who faces five felony counts of rape for alleged sexual conduct with a person under age 13 between 2003 and 2005 in Troy. Contento pleaded not guilty during arraignment in county Common Pleas Court. Police said an investigation in 2004 ended with no charges and the investigation was reopened recently. Bail of \$100,000 was set for Billy Hensley, 37, who faces 10 counts of felony pandering obscenity. Police said they found child pornography on his computer following execution of a search

warrant. Police said the alleged activity was discovered by a detective as part of work with a regional task force. Edgewater housing plan backed
The Troy Planning Commission voted Feb. 10 to recommend the city council approve the final plat of the eighth section of the Edgewater Development located north of West Market Street. This would be the last section of the development. The section consists of 6.1558 acres with 20 building lots on 5.095 acres. The proposed building lots for single-family homes range from 10,075 square feet to 20,000 square feet. In other business, the commission approved a request to install a

window sign at 206 S. Market St. for the Reliable Tent Rental business. A new wall sign for 116 W. Main St., The Tavern Downtown, formerly Little York Tavern, also was approved. Commissioners OK purchases
The purchase of six new 2016-model Ford Interceptor SUV police vehicles for the Miami County Sheriff's Office was approved Feb. 11 by the county commission. The vehicle will be bought from Lebanon Ford for \$134,178.



The commission also OK'd the donation by the sheriff's office of four laptops and two GoBook docking stations to the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

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Candidates Speak at Forum

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an excellent job as prosecutor,” Kemmer said.

Tony Kendell:

Kendell, the incumbent prosecutor, served in the Air National Guard six years and joined the Miami County Prosecutor’s Office in the early 1990s. Kendell said he recently was asked by the Ohio Attorney General to serve on a committee tasked with making the system better for victims of crime with disabilities. “I have extensively worked every aspect of the office to include children’s services, civil, juvenile and the adult felony section. Also during that time, I have accumulated several thousand adult felony convictions and have tried dozens of adult felony jury trials, losing only one of those trials in 20 plus years,” Kendell said. “It has been my privilege to serve as your prosecutor.”

Miami County Sheriff Paul Reece:

Reece said he has 25 years of service in Miami and Montgomery counties as sheriff deputy and serves as a commanding officer in U.S. Army Reserves in Columbus. He holds a bachelor’s degree in organizational management from Bluffton University. Reece said he is talking about five areas of importance to the organization: the jail; courts and security; heroin problem, both addiction

and trafficking; human trafficking; and terrorism. “I am a strong believer in leadership. The men and women in law enforcement as a whole are under a huge, huge stress ... You have to take care of your people and I plan to take care of my people,” Reece said.

Dave Duchak,

Currently the sheriff’s chief deputy, Duchak started his career in law enforcement with the Covington Police Department. He was there nearly three years before being hired by Sheriff Charles Cox at the sheriff’s department. “I have been in the trenches, promoted up,” Duchak said. “We have a great sheriff’s office in Miami County. We are on the cutting edge of technology. We have a great corrections staff, great deputies.” Among major issues facing the sheriff’s office is the heroin epidemic, he said. The department is working to take heroin off the streets while also working with mental health agencies to work with addicts wanting to change, he said.

Chris Anderson

A lifelong county resident, Anderson retired in September from the Troy Police Department, where he worked 31 years. He attended the FBI National Academy and retired as a detective captain. “It is my opinion there needs to be change at the sheriff’s office

that only an outsider can bring. I am the only candidate in the race not a current or former employee of the sheriff’s office,” he said. “I believe that gives me a completely unbiased view of how things can change. I believe I bring new energy, new ideas, that not only the sheriff’s office deserves but the people of Miami County deserve.”

Miami County Commissioner Richard Cultice:

A Troy resident, Cultice has 35 years experience in the private sector with various financial responsibilities at Hobart Brothers Co. He also was elected twice to Troy City Council and twice as Troy city auditor. “I think my background serves me well from a variety of areas public, private to serve as your commissioner. We’ve had very good results from standpoint of fiscal performance,” Cultice said. “I just want to say I appreciate the opportunity. When reelected, I intend to serve the entire four-year term.”

Jack Evans

“The importance of this campaign, I think, has to do with experience,” Evans said, noting he has been a township trustee and served as county commissioner for 12 years. “It takes awhile to learn how to run a \$30 million general fund and \$95 million overall budget. I have that experience

and I have the knowledge and have the fiscal conservatism that had made it possible for Miami County to prosper, to make our budgets, make our bills, increase our reserves and still keep buildings up and work on your safety at 911.”

Cindy Lillicrap

Lillicrap said she had lived in Miami County since age four and worked for the city of Piqua for a number of years. “I’ve learned how the city government works. Communication is the key. I think the person at the bottom of the pay scale is just as important as the person at the top of the pay scale,” she said. “I am honest. I have integrity and I think that is some of what is lacking in the county government and I would like to change that.”

Greg Simmons

A Miami County native and Navy veteran, Simmons is a minister who started a church in Tipp City several years ago. He previously worked for the county as a probation officer, at children’s services and as director of the West Central juvenile facility for almost 15 years. “I am well aware of the problems in the county and I think with the experience I have had in the different avenues I would be best suited for county commissioner,” Simmons said.

Special Prosecutors Appointed

Special prosecutors from Warren County were appointed Feb. 9 at the request of Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell.

The special prosecutors were requested in a filing in county Common Pleas Court in which Kendell said their help was needed due to a potential defendant having a conflict of interest with the prosecutor’s office.

Kendell said Feb. 10 the special prosecutors would be “tasked with prosecuting an individual that will be a witness on an unrelated case,” which would create a conflict for him as the prosecutor. The cases could not be identified at this time, he said.

In the request, the appointees were asked to investigate a matter and represent the state in any grand jury and court proceedings that might result from the investigation. The motion said the appointment was requested to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

Judge Christopher Gee appointed Warren County Prosecuting Attorney David Fornshell and John J. Arnold, an assistant prosecutor in Fornshell’s office, along with any other assistants Fornshell might designate.

The work will be done at no cost to the county under an agreement between the prosecutors’ offices, Gee wrote in his order.

Troy Main Street Introduces “Paint the Town Red”

A new event will take place downtown, an open house feel with a twist. Plan to visit downtown Troy on Friday, February 26. It will be a night to “Paint the Town Red!” Several downtown businesses will stay open late the last Friday of the month and offer shoppers wine, cheese, or chocolate when they enter their business in addition to offering shoppers various incentives.

Organizers are excited to showcase each business in an open house fashion. Each store participating will be offering various discounts or promotions, along with providing customers complimentary snacks to include cheese or chocolate, or a complimentary beverage in store while they browse. This event is aimed at bringing shoppers and diners to the heart of the community to shake off the mid-winter cabin fever for a night of fun and excitement.

Guests can expect to see many great deals and discounts all revolving around the color red. Walking maps will be available at each of the participating businesses that will have icons indicating what each business will be providing in the form of refreshments. “Paint the Town Red” is



perfect for a date night, girls’ night out, or fun family event to beat the winter blues. Come downtown to do some shopping in the plethora of specialty stores and have dinner in one of our amazing restaurants.

A few of the participants include: The Troy History library will be hosting John Fulker for a book signing along with a selection of cheese and chocolate. Bakehouse

Bread and Cookie Company will be offering cheese, bread, and wine, and will also donate 5% of their sales that evening to the Red Cross. Raise Your Brush will be offering an open house style drop in painting of wine glasses for \$10, along with drink specials that evening. Basil’s on Market will offer 10% off those wearing or carrying red that evening and will also be running a red drink special! A

full list of participants and their specials will be listed on the Troy Main Street website and featured throughout the month of February on our Facebook page.

Downtown Troy is always a great destination for family fun, shopping, and excellent dining! For additional details and a list of participating businesses, visit www.TroyMainStreet.org or call 937-339-5455.

Letter to the Editor

Just a favorable compliment on some articles published recently in the TROY TRIBUNE. A few weeks ago you published an article noting that Senator Bill Beagle (of Tipp City) was to visit the Miami Valley Veterans Museum. And two weeks later you had a follow-up article with a picture of Mr. Beagle with two veterans at our monthly ‘Coffee and Donuts’ event. The Miami Valley Veterans Museum, located at 107 West Main Street, Troy, holds a FREE ‘Coffee and Donuts’ get-together on the first Wednesday of every month, from 9-11am, in the Dining Room of the Masonic Building. This is for all veterans

in the area. There is a lot of conversation to be had, and a lot of it is of pertinent interest to the veterans, with various outside speakers as well as information from the Miami County Veterans Service Office. Most of the second floor of the building is devoted to the collection, preservation, and presentation of donated artifacts of American involvement of our military engagements from the last two hundred years. The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays to the general public or at other times by prior arrangement, and admission is by donation.

The second article is one of

great personal appreciation, especially to my family. You wrote about an event to be held at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 West Main Street, Troy, which is to begin the 2016 Poetry Series on Thursday, the 25th of February, at 7:30pm. The events are free and open to the public. The series will open with a presentation by Cathryn Essinger [my wife] who is a local poet but with state and national recognition. She was the Ohio Poet of the Year in 2004 and is the author of several prize winning books of poetry, is a retired professor of English at Edison State Community College, and a member of the Greenville Poets –

a small but well published poetry group that has been together for over twenty-five years.

I feel that it is articles like these that are the basic reason for a free press, as well as our civic duty. Therefore, it is with pleasure that I wish to write to you to thank you for covering local events – and then being there to take pictures. Yes, thank you not only as a Senior Life Member of the Miami Valley Veterans Museum but as the proud husband of a great poet - that just happens to be my wife and mother of two fine young men.

Nicholas Essinger
Troy

Errors Found in County’s Voting Machines

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before the March vote, board members said they wanted representatives of vendor Triad on hand during early voting for the March 15 election to ensure election staff can access voter information needed.

The board asked staff to contact other counties using a proposed new voter registration system by Data Information Management Systems Inc., a company associated with Election Systems and Software.

The first year costs for the system was listed in a letter from DIMS to the board as \$55,432 followed in each of the next year by costs in the \$30,000–\$40,000 range.

Bob Huffman Jr., the board’s liaison with the county commissioners said he would talk with the about the equipment issues before the board’s next week this week.

In other business at its Feb. 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved a 2 percent wage increase for all part-time, full-time and seasonal employees. The increases follow the county commission’s vote in January to increase the county employee salary accounts by 2 percent for the year.
- Agreed to a request from Riverside of Miami County for a demonstration of voting machines for clients.

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Eagles Eliminated In Opening Round

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a short lived lead for Troy Christian, as they opened the Division Four sectional tournament last weekend at Sidney High School against second-seeded Jackson Center. The Eagles fell behind by 12 at the half, and fell short of the Tigers 60-35.

“They put full court pressure on us, and our guards struggled with the pressure,” said Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman. “Their half court press also caused us problems.”

Troy Christian led 6-2 in the opening period, only to be outscored 8-0 the rest of the quarter and trailed 10-6 after one.

At the half, the Eagles trailed 27-15. “We still felt ok at that point,” Steineman said. “We didn’t shoot the ball well but was starting to get the ball up against their press. We played a 2-3 zone against them since I had to save our legs, and we were playing with six kids.”

“Mentally after we lost Meredith, we thought we were still ok,” he added. “Then we lost Kenley (Blake) and my 2 starting guards were out.”

Hailey Peters led with 15 points and six rebounds, while Kathryn Lee added 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Lauryn Lavy scored six points with seven rebounds.

“We ended the season 14-8 and had an eight game winning streak this year,” Steineman said. “

“During the off-season, I have encouraged as many of the kids as possible to play AAU with whatever program they want to play for. We will also play some in June.”

*The Eagles wrapped up the regular season last week with a tough 41-38 loss to Lehman. Peters led the way for Troy Christian with 11 points and seven rebounds, while Lauryn Lavy added 11 points and six rebounds and Kenley Blake contributed eight points and three steals.

Troy Christian was down 13-5 early, and fought back to cut the deficit to 25-22 at the half.

“Lehman shot the ball well against us,” Steineman said. “We switched to a 2-3 zone and were able to contain them a little better. We just need to take care of the ball.”

“The kids competed hard and they are making better decisions. The more that play, the more experience they are getting.”

Troy Christian Boys Basketball- The Eagles boys team lost to Middletown Christian on Friday night 50-42. The game was tied at 28 heading to the fourth, but Jamaal Hunter scored 14 of the teams 22 points in the fourth to give Middletown Christian the victory.

Troy Christian had 14 points and 13 rebounds from James Anderson, but the Eagles shot 5-29 from the three.

The Eagles fell to third place in the league and played Northeastern this past Monday night, They open tournament play next Wednesday at 6 p.m. against the winner of Southeastern and Miami Valley at 6 p.m.

Several Area Swimmers Qualify For Districts

By Jim Dabbelt

Six area teams will be represented this weekend at the swimming district championships at Miami University, as they had athletes qualify last weekend at the sectional tournament held at Trotwood and Centerville.

Tecumseh, Tippecanoe, Bethel, Northwestern, Troy and Troy Christian will all have swimmers attempt to qualify for the state meet when they meet this weekend, starting on Friday morning.

In the girls Division One event, the 200 Free relay team from Tecumseh, consisting of Hannah Peck, Michelle Murray, Julia Randenburg and Morgan Shaner qualified for districts with a third place finish at Trotwood sectionals, swimming a 1:49.97.

For the Division One boys, both Tecumseh and Troy had swimmers meet the standards for the next level. Tristan West from Troy qualified in both the 50 Free and 100 Free, as he won the 50 Free sectional title with a time of 22.87 while placing third in the 100 Free. Also for Troy, Joe Dutton advanced in the 500 Free, as the sophomore had no trouble winning the sectional title, placing first with a time of 5:05.26. He was five seconds ahead of his closest competitor.

Also a pair of Troy relay teams are headed to Miami, as the 200 Free team of Mitch Orozco, Jared Lewis, Calvin Armstrong and West finished fourth at sectionals. Also placing fourth was the 200 Medley team of Liew, Oroz-

co, Dutton and West, as they also qualified.

Tecumseh’s Owen Measel captured the sectional title in the 100 Back, as the senior swam a 54.68 to advance to regionals.

In Division Two, both Tippecanoe and Troy Christian sent a large number of qualifiers to this weekend’s meet, while Bethel also had a few events they qualified in.

First for the girls, Tippecanoe freshman Alexis Cook placed third overall in the 50 Free, and will also advance in the 200 Free, as her and teammate Arielle Arnett qualified.

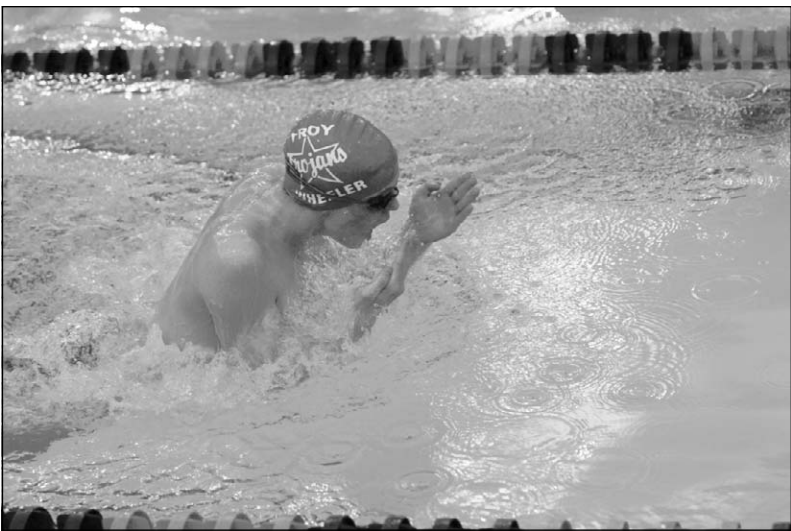
Arnett and Bethel’s Eilana Wright both qualified in the 500 Free, while Wright and Cami Cahill from Tippecanoe advanced in the 100 Fly. Cahill also advanced in the 100 Breast.

Samantha Williams from Tippecanoe was the lone area swimmer to advance in the 100 Back, as she finished as sectional runner-up by four seconds.

Northwestern’s lone qualifier was Cassidy Riley who advanced in the 200 IM, along with the Tipp duo of Williams and Anna Klepinger.

The Tippecanoe 400 Free team of Cook, Cahill, Arnett and Williams was runner-up at sectionals but advances to the districts, while that same group won the 200 Medley Relay event by one second over Shawnee. ‘

Both Tippecanoe and Troy Christian shined bright in the Di-



vision Two boys meet at Trotwood, as both sent several swimmers to Oxford this weekend.

In the 50 Free, Tipp’s Jay Bell captured the sectional title with a time of 21.35, and advanced to the districts along with Matthew Moebius and Samuel Lavielle from Troy Christian. In the 100 Free, Bell, teammates Evan Stapp and Ben Jans along with Moebius all advanced to Miami.

Bethel’s Ben Wright outswam his competition in the 200 Free to win the sectional title and advance. Tipp’s Jans and Adam Buynak along with Alexander Klint of Troy Christian both swam well enough to qualify as well.

Wright came back and dominated his competition in the 500 Free, swimming a 5:03.44, a whole 14 seconds ahead of his closest competition Grant Doucette from Troy Christian, who also qualified to districts, Mat-

thew Poynter from Tipp was also in the mix as he advances.

Three local swimmers advance in the 100 Back, including Ryan Wall from Tipp, Matthew Newcomer of Troy Christian and his teammate Klint.

Qualifying in the 100 Breast were Ezekiel Fulton and Jacob Voisinot of Troy Christian, while Newcomer and Josiah Biller from Troy Christian made it through the 100 Fly and heads to districts.

Winning the 200 IM was Stapp, as the Tipp swimmer finished in 1:56.21, while Doucette and sophomore Evan Hill from Tipp also placed to advance.

Tipp and Troy Christian will be sending their 200 and 400 Free relay teams, while Bethel will join them in the 200 Medley Relay.

The districts will be held Friday and Saturday at Miami University in Oxford.

Trojans Upset Sidney In Final Seconds

By Jim Dabbelt

It was one of the biggest memories on the season for the Troy Trojans, and they hope it is the start of a solid tournament run.

Troy used a basket by Mechia Linton with 7.8 seconds left to give the Trojans a one-point lead, and they withstood a last second turnover by Sidney to stun the Yellow Jackets 55-54 in front of a solid crowd at Troy High School.

With the win, the Trojans moved their record to 7-14 overall, while the sixth-seeded Yellow Jackets dropped to 14-7 on the season.

“This gives the kids confidence going into the tournament,” Troy coach Paul Bremigan said. “Sidney is a very good team and we knew that going in. They have a very good guard and their bigs are physical.”

“The win shows that we stuck with the game plan and made the play at the end to win it.”

Sidney didn’t waste any time early as they jumped in front 7-0 before Romello Yaqub broke the ice with a 15-footer for the Trojans. The Yellow Jackets pushed the lead out to 11-4 before Troy answered.

Linton began an 8-2 run for Troy with a midrange jumper, while Ryan McClurg and Estevan Stafford each hit three’s to close the Sidney lead to 13-12.

Sidney quickly increased their lead back out to 18-12, but as they headed into the second period, the Trojans took control.

Troy outscored Sidney 13-4 in the second quarter, a quarter that saw Troy take their first lead at 21-19 on two free throws from Yaqub, and they scored late in the period to take a 27-23 lead at the half.

“We just wanted to limit Gordon and Gallimore’s touches,” Bremigan said. “We needed to contain them as much as we could. We didn’t want Gordon to get to the basket, plus Gallimore is a very good shooter and we wanted to force him to put the ball on the floor and make midrange jumpers.”

Sidney came out in the third period and scored the first seven points before Zach Reichelderfer broke the string with a layup, as Sidney led for the entire third period, and most of the fourth.

Sidney led by five late when



Driving to the basket for the score was Keenan Kinnel

they took a 50-45 advantage, but McClurg buried a three and Austin Persinger had a steal and layup, tying the game at 50 with two minutes left.

Sidney regained the lead and held it until the final seven seconds when Linton scored, and when Sidney turned the ball over with 1.5 seconds left, Troy ran out the final second, giving the Trojans the win,

“We head into the tournament with some confidence and we

have some guys back from injury,” Bremigan said. “It makes a big difference, we can rest some of the big guys and rotate them more.”

Linton led Troy with 15, Yaqub added 13 and McClurg scored 10.

Troy opens tournament play this Friday night, as they play #5 seed Xenia at Vandalia Butler High School with tipoff set for 8:30. It will be the third game of the night.

Boys Tournament Starts Friday

By Jim Dabbelt

The second season is upon us. Tomorrow night, the area boys’ basketball teams top off the sectional tournament at various locations, as the dreams of heading to the state tournament are going through the minds of a lot of teams.

While three of the teams in the area took byes in the opening round, the other four teams all tip-off either Friday or Saturday.

Tecumseh starts their post-season on Friday as they head to Vandalia-Butler for a 7:00 p.m. game against #6 Sidney, a team the Arrows knocked out last season in tournament play. The Arrows look to advance and if they win, they come back next Tues-

day night also at Butler against the winner of Troy and Xenia.

The Trojans open with Xenia also on Friday at Butler High School, immediately following the Tecumseh game at 8:30 p.m. Coach Paul Bremigan’s team needs to upset the seeded Buccs to advance into round two against either Tecumseh or Sidney next Tuesday at 7:00.

Also on Saturday, Tippecanoe opens their Division Two sectional play at Springfield High School against Shawnee at 5:30. Tipp was voted as the #1 seed in that sectional and Shawnee was number three, and went after the Red Devils. If Tipp is victorious, they would advance into round

two on Tuesday against Ben Logan at 6:00.

In Division Three, all three of the area teams are in action at Northmont High School, the home of the brand new Thunder Dome. Northwestern is up first, as the Warriors play Anna on Saturday at 7:30, with the winner coming back to battle either Franklin Monroe or Dixie next Wednesday at 7:30 back at Northmont.

Greenon, like Northwestern, drops to Division Three this year after spending years in Division Two. The Knights open tournament play with a bye in the opening round, then likely come back with #1 seed Northridge

next Wednesday at 6:00 at Northmont.

Bethel and Troy Christian also know their fates for the tournament, as the Bees also chose a bye in the opening round, and they come back against Carlisle or Stivers in round two on Tuesday at 7:30 at Northmont

Finally for the Troy Christian Eagles, they will open play in the second round of the Division Four sectionals, as they also took a bye in the opening round. The Eagles will play either #2 Southeastern or Miami Valley School next Wednesday at 6:00 at Troy High School.

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Local Paralegal Donates Kidney

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mind to be a living donor. Deal cleared every requirement for the process to proceed. The surgery date has been set for an undisclosed day in March 2016.

Deal is not being compensated in any way for the service she is providing to the Lear family. She will be taking an extensive period of time, nearly 2 months off work to recover. During this time, she and her son will be without income. The office of Roberts, Kelly, and Bucio are helping Deal and Lear promote a public fundraiser benefit and silent auction to alleviate some of the expenses that will accompany the upcoming transplant surgery and subsequent recovery time. The fundraiser event will take place on February 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Fletcher Volunteer Fire Department at 6605 Highway 589 in Fletcher, Ohio. A concession stand, Chinese Raffle, 50/50, music, and dancing will be a part of the benefit. Donations and questions are being directed to Jeremiah and Kim Lear at jeremiahlear@yahoo.com, 937-869-2630 or Ellie Deal at evelynddeal@yahoo.com, 937-570-0249.

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. 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 or mchgsohio@gmail.com

YWCA Offers The Art of Tea Class

Join Jesse and Kim Berry, author and owners of Blue Lantern Tea in Greenville, on Thursday, February 25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for "The Art of Tea" class at the YWCA Piqua. The couple will provide Gung Fu Tea (the Chinese Tea Ceremony) and instruct various methods of tea preparation and selection in this unique, new class.

Participants will enjoy learning about the history of tea along with different methods to prepare tea according to Beth Royer-DeLong, YWCA Program Director. "This is a perfect way to chase away the winter blues and warm up with some wonderful tea flavors," she said.

Fees are available for both members and non-members.

For more information or to register, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

What to Do in Troy

- Dog Social "Valentine Dog Lovers"**
February 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Miami County Park District will hold its monthly Dog Social on February 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road just south of Tipp City. Join park district naturalist John De Boer at the annual "Valentine Dog Lovers" social where dogs and their owners spend a day celebrating their love. Stay warm – remember to layer up before you head out. Owners are responsible for their dogs. Please clean-up after your pet. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.
- Paint The Town Red**
February 26, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Downtown Troy
Participating businesses offer special discounts to shoppers who are wearing something red. Get free samples of cheese, chocolates and wine!
- Naturalist Adventure Series "Winter Tree Identification"**
February 28, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Miami County Park District will hold its Naturalist Adventure Series "Winter Tree Identification" program on February 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road south of Tipp City. The Naturalist Adventure program is a series

- of fun, family activities where participants can drop in anytime during the program and learn about nature. This month, learn how to identify trees in their winter state. Mr. Tree will be on site to tell participants about the many mysteries of trees and even hand out candy. Don't forget to visit the storybook trail "Winter Trees" which will accompany this program. A roving naturalist will be on-site to answer questions. Stay warm – remember to layer up before you head out. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.
- Storybook Trail "Winter Trees"**
February 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Miami County Park District will hold its Storybook Trail "Winter Trees" program on February 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road south of Tipp City. Join a park district naturalist in reading the book "Winter Trees" along the trail. Participants can earn a gemstone rock prize by attending the program, reading the book and completing a journal activity. Ask the local library about more nature books and the Storybook Trail. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

- Trailing Moms & Tots**
February 29, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Miami County Park District will hold its Trailing Moms & Tots program on February 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road south of Tipp City. This program is for expectant mothers, mothers and tots 0 to five years of age. Participants can socialize, play and exercise during this walk. Stops will be made along the way to explore nature's tiny wonders. Be sure to dress for the weather. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.
- Family Movie Night**
February 29, 6:00 p.m.
Troy-Miami County Public Library
Join the Troy library for some family fun and popcorn as they present the movie "Inside Out" at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016; the movie is rated PG and runs for 102 minutes. Registration opens February 15, please call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 to register. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 or visit www.tmcpl.org. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.
- Troy Night Market**
March 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
11 N. Market St.
The market is a collaboration of local farmers market vendors

- who grow and produce 'Local Foods' and food related items. The market is being presented with the support of producers who are volunteer committee members of The Miami County Food Council under the guidance of The OSU Miami County Extension Office.
- The Troy Night Market vendors embrace the slogan "In Support of Local Food" and will be offering a variety of locally based food products for sale. Products include homemade jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasoning, mixes, tea blends, candy, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, popping corn, and many other items.
- Seasonal fresh produce, herbs, flowers and garden plants will also be offered in season.
- The market will also offer a limited number of handmade kitchen/household related items such as soaps, cutting boards, wooden tureen ware, ceramic ware, rolling pins and other hand-crafted items.
- For more information visit us on Facebook at, "Troy Night Market" or call (937) 216-0949 e-mail TroyNightMarket@gmail.com.
- To promote your non-profit club or organization's events, e-mail the information at least two weeks in advance to editor@troytrib.com. You can also mail the information to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

Troy Rotary to Sponsor Four-Way Speech Contest

The Troy Rotary Club will host their annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest on Monday, March 14 at 7 PM at Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 West Main Street. High school students living in the Troy area who attend Troy, Troy Christian, Miami East, those in private school or who are homeschooled, are encouraged to participate for the opportunity to win cash prizes. The topic is "Leadership, Service and the Four-Way Test" and is an excellent opportunity for students to hone speaking skills and develop confidence while representing their school.

Adopted in 1943 by Rotary International, The Four-Way Test is a set of guidelines by which Rotary Clubs around the world conduct community outreach and personal conduct. The test includes simple, yet powerful, questions of: (1) Is it the truth; (2) Is it fair to all concerned; (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships; and (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Each contestant must apply the concepts of leadership, service to others and life experience in a speech they memorize for the judges. Every presentation should last four to six minutes. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best three (3) speakers once all contest requirements are met, with the top winner earning \$250. The three winners will be invited to join Rotarians at lunch during the club's March 29th meeting, deliver their speeches and receive their winnings.

Students interested in participating in the Troy contest should

contact their English or Speech teacher for official rules and an entry form. In addition, John Haller, the contest chair, may be contacted at johnhaller.rotary@gmail.com. The first place winner of the local event will be asked to represent the Troy Rotary Club at the Rotary District 6670 Speech contest on Sunday, April 10th in Millett Hall on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton. Additional cash prizes are awarded at the district level to the top four (4) places. There are YouTube videos of several winning speeches at the district contest available on-line. Search for Rotary District 6670 4 Way Speech Contest.

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

Overfield School to Hold Community Gala

The Overfield School is an independent school of young learners located in the heart of Troy. It is a place where joy, wonder, and imagination foster life-long learning in preschool-aged children. The Reggio Emilia philosophy supports our school's mission to foster children's self-discovery and creativity. A beautiful campus, a committed faculty, and a supportive learning community make Overfield a place where children bloom.

Why We Need Your Help: Unlike most schools, Overfield receives no city, state, or federal support. As an independent school and non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization (ID#31-1088546), we must build our support through fundraising activities.

The Overfield School Community Gala will be held on February 20, 2016 at The Troy Country Club, 6pm

This year, we are seeking support as we work towards our goal of purchasing new playground equipment that will enhance the outdoor learning environment of the campus.

Outdoor play is at the heart of the Overfield experience. On most days, the children spend a significant portion of their time at school outside. To further their education in this special environment, we hope to create nature-based outdoor play areas. Equipment for a typical school playground can cost \$50,000 to \$150,000 on average. This year, our fundraising goal is \$50,000 to create natural and sustainable play environments for the campus that will invite students

to explore, to take risks, and to build life-long relationships with the natural world.

Please Consider a Donation: The centerpiece of the Overfield School Community Gala is the live auction. In addition, there will be a silent auction and door prizes. Please consider donating an experience, merchandise, or a gift certificate for your goods or services. If your services do not lend themselves to an auction, please consider sponsoring an auction or raffle item by making a cash donation. In the past, we have purchased bicycles, gift certificates, theater tickets, and other great prizes on behalf of our sponsors.

All contributions made to The Overfield School Community Gala are 100% tax-deductible.

Please know that your donation will directly impact the Overfield students. On behalf of all our Overfield families, we thank you for your willingness to help make our annual gala a success. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration. We feel very fortunate to have Overfield in the Miami Valley, as well as generous businesses such as yours. For more information or for sponsorship requests please email or call Jeni Beck at 937-339-5111 or jbeck@overfield.org or Amy Harris at 937-408-8904 or amyhobbsharris@gmail.com. We invite you to join us at The Overfield School Community Gala on February 20th. Please contact The Overfield School or visit www.overfield.org to purchase tickets!

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City Council Considers Detectors, New Water Tower and More

By Nancy Bowman

Troy City Council this week was considering proposals to require placement of working carbon monoxide detectors in rental units and to seek bids for a new water tower on the north-west side.

The carbon monoxide detector proposal comes almost a year after the deaths of three teen girls from carbon monoxide poisoning at a South Elm Street rental property.

Fire Chief Matt Simmons told city council’s safety and health committee Feb. 8 the proposal is intended to help protect community residents, not penalize property owners.

Simmons said the main exemption to the requirement would be a unit that does not have a fuel-burning appliance. If an all-electric unit would also have an attached garage, however, a detector would be required.

The proposal would require the landlord to provide the working detector and provide infor-

mation to the occupant about testing and maintenance. The tenant, in turn, would be required to install replacement batteries as needed, test and provide general alarm maintenance. If there were any deficiencies the tenant cannot fix, they then would be responsible for notifying the landlord.

The detectors are required for all new residential construction as part of the state building code. Simmons explained that the wording for the Troy proposal is based on the international fire code, which the state is expected to adopt eventually.

Because of delays in that implementation, the city team looking at proposals for change following the 2015 deaths, recommended the city goes ahead and implements the requirement.

While the city is emphasizing voluntary compliance, the regulations are needed on the books for the small group that would not install the detectors, said

Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director.

Councilmember Robin Oda said Feb. 8 she would rather emphasize that the landlord and tenant work out an agreement on providing a detector. “I think we should all be responsible for our own safety,” she said.

Councilman John Terwilliger compared the requirement to hurricane areas where safety straps are required in certain types of construction. “I respect individual rights, but would also want our community to be proactive so we don’t have a tragic event with loss of life,” he said.

Oda said she would provide a minority report against the proposal while fellow committee member Terwilliger and Brock Heath said they would support the report in favor of the measure.

In other recommendations last week, council’s utilities committee agreed to recommend council approve the advertising

for bids for building a 0.75 million gallon water tower off West Stanfield Road at a cost not to exceed \$2.75 million.

The tower would serve the extra high service area by allowing the city to expand that service area, improve fire water flows and increase water pressure in locations needed, Titterington said.

The tower originally was proposed for a location in the Carriage Crossing subdivision park but moved last year following resident opposition.

Council’s streets and sidewalks committee recommended council approve the final assessments for the sidewalk program’s Phase VIII work done in 2014 and 2015.

Property owners would have 30 days to pay the assessment for sidewalks or have it placed on property taxes for collection over five years. The collections would begin in 2017.

Historic Adams Street Bridge Light Poles for Sale

The City of Troy is offering for sale individually seven light poles/globes, all of which were removed from the historic Adams Street Bridge. The poles are made of cast iron. Each weighs approximately 200 lb and is 10.5’ high, including the globe. The poles/globes will not be shipped, loaded, or transported by the City of Troy. These poles are available on www.ebay.com. Use the following search words: historic lamp pole and globe.

The auction will close at 12 o’clock noon, February 19, 2016. Successful bidders must remove the poles between the dates of February 24 - February 26, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST.

Persons interested in viewing the poles must make arrangements to do so by calling 937-339-1410 (City of Troy Wastewater Plant, 1400 Dye Mill Road, Troy, OH). Poles may only be viewed between the hours of 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST, Monday-Friday.

Police Captain Explains Drug Trade to Lions

Troy Lions Club members learned a lot about the illegal drug trade in Troy. The informative program was provided by Captain Jeff Kunkleman of the Troy Police Department. In addition to several interesting stories, Kunkleman showed slides illustrating various street drugs and drug paraphernalia. The photos showed the results from several car stops and house raids. Lions were shown

marijuana growing in homes and fields, the processing of cocaine and portable meth labs, all found within the city of Troy. Kunkleman also talked about the extensive amount of heroin that flows up from Dayton on a daily basis. “I always knew there were drugs out there, but it is surprising, in a city like Troy, to see the full scope of the problem,” said Lion Club member Bob Dever. Many club

members agreed.

The Troy Lions Club is a non-profit community service organization serving Troy, Covington, Pleasant Hill, Piqua, Tipp City, and surrounding areas of Miami County since 1942. Their primary mission is vision health. The Troy Lions Club also provides scholarships and supports many community programs. For more information see the Lions website:



www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Troy_OH or call (937) 335-7345.

City Looks to Upgrade Technology Infrastructure

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The City of Troy is planning soon to build and promote an updated technology infrastructure as a part of its new initiative program from America’s Best Communities. Frontier is a part of this project as Troy Schools Superintendent Eric Herman and the City of Troy work together to construct a connection system like that of Troy City Schools. The new infrastructure will bring the city to the cutting edge of modern resources through access to high-speed, broadband internet. According to J.C. Wallace, the President of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, this will put Troy ahead in mainstream technology and help local business-

es reach more people. “This will make a difference so many areas for us,” Wallace said. “The local businesses downtown will all be wired and residents will also have greater access as a result of this new system.” The project is expected to begin by this spring. A budget has yet to be established.

In addition to the new broadband technology infrastructure initiative, the city is redesigning its website with a new community calendar as its fourth initiative program. Melissa Kleptz of the Troy Foundation envisions that a more user-friendly local event site will help prevent conflicts in scheduling and enable people to knowledgeably choose what they

most want to do. “Last month, two local charity events were scheduled on the same night,” Kleptz said. “Had they known or been able to communicate through a forum like this, they maybe would have had the opportunity to pick different nights and draw more people.”

More traffic to the new community calendar, available through the Troy, Ohio website, will also give the city an opportunity to showcase its unique highlights through video and promotional materials. “It’s good for people to see their city in new and exciting ways,” Wallace said. “Drone footage will give a higher, bigger perspective of Troy to guests and

locals.” The city is hopeful that this will encourage more business and tourism in addition to connecting residents and organizations in a more straightforward, accessible way. “We’re hoping this will uncomplicate our ability to share what’s going on in the area and be a resource for information about all the great stuff in Troy,” Wallace said. “There is more to do than most people know about.” The site is currently available but is still under construction. An updated, more user-friendly community calendar is anticipated in coming months.

Rotarians to Participate in Dr. Seuss Day at Heywood

March 2nd will be a fun filled day at Heywood Elementary School, 260 S. Ridge Avenue in Troy. That’s the day they will celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday and when Troy Rotarians, and other community members, volunteer to read the beloved stories to the students. Launched by the National Education Association’s “Read Across America” on March 2, 1998, this program encourages thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers across the country to bring together kids, teens and books to celebrate the day. This year will make 10 years for the event at Heywood and the 10th year that Troy Rotarians have volunteered as readers.

Dr. Seuss’ real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, and he was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, MA. A 1925 graduate of Dartmouth College, he published his first book in 1937 under the title “And to Think I saw it on Mulberry Street.” In 1950, the hallmark story, “The Cat in the Hat,” was published. In total, Geisel wrote and illustrated 44 books before passing away in 1991. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1984, an Academy Award, three Emmy Awards, three Grammy Awards and three Caldecott Honors.

In addition to participating in Dr. Seuss Day, Troy Rotarians work with the faculty and staff at Heywood on other programs. The “Winter Wear” program ensures children have warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Rotarians also provide backpacks and school supplies to students in need at Heywood.

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

Rotarians Host Winans Owner

He makes making chocolate and coffee look easy. It’s a job he loves and one that keeps him busy every single day. Joe Reiser, owner of Winans Chocolates and Coffees, shared the company’s history and future plans when he spoke to Troy Rotarians during their weekly meeting on February 9, 2016.

Winans has been a family-owned business for 55 years. Reiser and his wife, Laurie, bought the business from Laurie’s father, Max Winans, in 1993 and began to expand both the product offerings and the number of stores in southwest and central Ohio. Winans Carriage House Candies was the original store in Piqua when the Reisers decided to bring chocolate to Troy in 1994. They

opened the store at 10 West Main Street and began to sell specialty coffees along with the confections. Area residents can also find Winans inside Jay & Mary’s Book Center at 1201A Experiment Farm Road and Upper Valley Medical Center, 3130 N. County Rd. 25A. The Reisers have set up a franchise model for investors to open new Winans in other areas of Ohio and in other states, including one in Coralville, Iowa. In total, 16 Winans stores are in operation today.

Since taking over the business, the Reisers have expanded the production side for both chocolate and coffee. Joe travels to Central America regularly to buy the cocoa, and recently became a distributor for the high qual-

ity cocoa in North America. The coffees are roasted and ground in-house so customers can select from a number of different blends. The new manufacturing facility in Piqua also has a tasting room where visitors can sample the different coffees. Tours of the facility are available on Thursdays at 1 PM by appointment. Friends and customers can keep up with Joe by reading his blog, “Joe on the Go!” To learn more about the company, visit their Web site at www.winanschocolatesandcoffees.com.

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



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Columns & Opinion

Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro
TCPD Ret.

Officer Of The Year

In the last two years the Tipp City Police Department has awarded “Officer of the Year” awards. The recipients of this honor are what I call police officers. I never kept it a secret that there are police officers and then there are report takers. Yes this will make some people mad but then that is because they see the truth in themselves.

This year’s recipient, Darren Souter is a police officer the same as last year’s winner Tony Smith. Duffy Souter is first and foremost a family man. When he talked to me about his family, I could see how proud he was. It was not a chore to raise his family, it was his honor. Duffy carried this over into his police work.

After Officer Soutar got his police feet under him, I noticed he made OVI arrests with confidence but never arrogance. He treated all suspects the same as he would treat a friend. Duffy has a very steady personality that I often envied. He would always be the good cop and rarely did I have to take my natural role as the bad cop since he gained people’s trust so easily. When Soutar gave his word, you could take it to the bank.

When Duffy started working drugs, I marveled at his memory. He could put a car together with the face, the name and the drugs of choice. Working drugs is not for every police officer. The people are usually diseased, afraid of being arrested and having to go cold turkey. Searching a druggie’s car is often dangerous as used needles are left in crevices (hiding places) and have Hepatitis C, AIDS and every other disease associated with drug use and the sharing of needles.

But that is not what makes Duffy Officer of the year. I cannot remember how many times as his Sergeant, I would drive by when he called out assisting a motorist. The usual assist to a motorist consists of calling for a tow truck, calling family, taking the motorist(s) to a hotel or restaurant.

What Officer Soutar would be doing is changing a flat tire, checking the battery terminals or doing what he could to get the motorist out of harm’s way by fixing their car. Duffy even had a way with truck drivers who are notoriously anxious around police.

In fact both recipients of Officer of the Year share a lot of the same traits. Both are decent, nice guys who not only make arrests, but truly help citizens. The old term “To Serve and Protect” came from a slogan made popular in Hollywood. These two officers truly make the slogan come true not because it is what police are supposed to do, but because it is in their true nature.

Gardening Commentary

from MVG

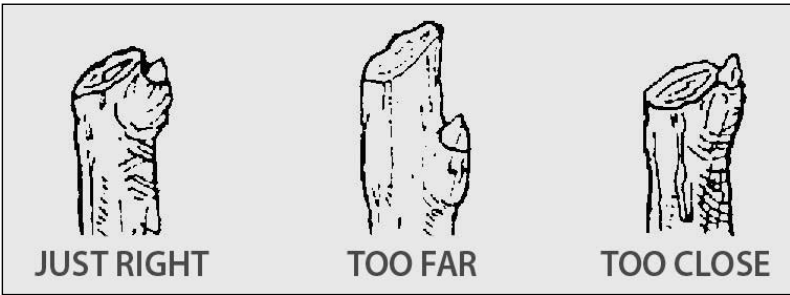
Don’t Miss This Chance.....

Winter is with us for only a few more weeks and there are some things we need to be sure we finish before we are into the Spring season. One of them is dormant seeding of any thinned-out lawn areas or where crabgrass took over last summer.

There are only two really good times to plant grass seed during the year.

The best time is the August / September period.

The next best time is right now. If you have thin or bare spots in the yard you only have a week or so to take advantage of the serious freezing and thawing that occurs at this time of the year. This freezing and thawing process helps the seed make good contact with the soil. You know how the top inch or so of the soil surface or grass areas feels like a sponge after a good freeze? I think of it as honey combing. Well this is an easy way to get grass seed in good contact with the soil by letting Mother Nature take care of it. You can actually broadcast your grass

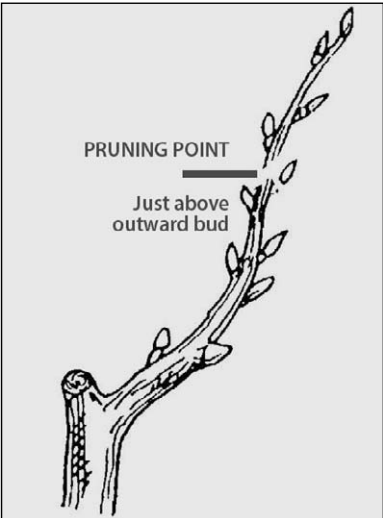


seed right on the snow without hurting the seed. This soil contact is essential for germination which will take place as soon as the soil warms later in spring. Crabgrass control will need to be used to prevent this weed from taking over the new grass seedlings in June. The crabgrass preventer MUST be the type that will allow the good grass seed to grow. This “preventer” is the one with the “brain” and will cost more than the regular crabgrass control, but it is well worth it.

If you haven’t pruned your fruit trees and berry plants, this is a good time to do that. If you need some information about pruning Google “pruning (whatever plant your getting ready to work on)”, there is good info on the internet. What about your lawn mower,

have you changed the spark plug, changed the oil checked the air filter and sharpened the blade? If you need to get your mower into the shop this is a good time to do that before everyone, who has procrastinated, causing you to get your mower back a little late for that first cut.

This time of the year is when we can get educated about some of the basics in gardening or just get exposed to some fun gardening stuff. There are seminars and workshops offered by local nurseries/garden centers or the county extension offices in the area. These sessions are very informative, low cost and many times entertaining. Sessions that cover some of the new gardening interests like “vertical gardening”, “miniature or fairy gardens” or



“gardening with succulents” are some of the popular things that people sign up to do with a friend or family member. Go to websites of these organizations to check out what is being offered in the area and sign up early as space may be limited. Look for sessions on vegetable gardening so you can decide on what it is you want to grow this year. Seed racks are ready for you and it would be a good idea to make your selections early so you have all your favorite choices.

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At Home

by Connie Moore

Champion Roses

Beats The World. That was the headline for a major story in 1900 concerning Springfield, Ohio and roses. Subtitle was: “Springfield, Ohio, has the Largest Rosery this Side of Heaven.”

By 1919, Springfield was home to thirty-three greenhouses that produced, shipped and sold locally more roses than any other city in the world, hence the name-City of Roses.

Let’s go along with Logan County’s retired auditor, C. D. Campbell as he and his wife toured the Good & Reese Company’s Champion Greenhouses in late 1900.

“One day recently while in Springfield, the writer and his better half, having a few hours between trains, thought the time might be pleasantly spent visiting the greenhouses whose plants we had seen so extensively advertised, and during our ramble ran against a big surprise.”

By the time Mr. and Mrs. Campbell found themselves in Springfield and surrounded by greenery, the city had been known for at least a decade as the Champion City. Manufacturing of agricultural implements in Springfield surpassed that of all Europe. Springfield also produced Governors, Speakers of the House, Generals, Colonels, Congressmen, Judges, etc.

It was felt by some that Springfield was also home to the most wretched railroad accommodations, being the easiest place in



the world for a man to get on the wrong train, day or night. On the other hand, the city was known to have some of the finest homes in the state including the home of the dead-Fern Cliff Cemetery. (That appeared to be a personal opinion of Mr. Campbell’s.)

Following the couple we find them: “taking the South Limestone street cars to the southern part of the city and calling at the office of Reese and Good.” (This is the only time we have found the name in reverse-it is always known as Good and Reese.)

“Under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Good, we spent a couple of hours interested in one of the finest lectures on flower growing that was an education of itself. We were astounded to learn that this firm grows and ships more rose bushes than any other firm in the world.”

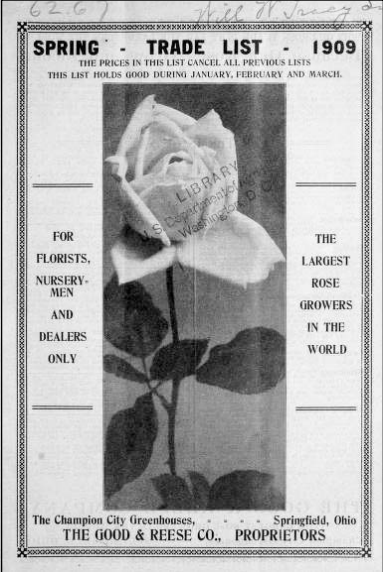
The Goods not only showed the Campbells the process of starting rose slips, but also geraniums, carnations, palms, ferns, rubber plants, chrysanthemums, asparagus, azaleas, colias, caladiums, and other plants.

At the time the Campbells visited, the firm had about five acres under glass with warm beds. One large glass house was devoted to the development of rose bushes to be cut into slips. These bush-

es were referred to as “wood”. Another glass house held the beds of sand in which the slips were planted. It is said that the men working in this house could plant a slip a second. A third house was devoted to potting up the rooted slips. Potted plants that had sufficiently rooted were then taken to the main greenhouse for filling orders. A special sale could net the purchaser twenty rose bushes for a dollar.

With their vast amount of land and greenhouses, Good and Reese could raise two million rose bushes each year. Still, this was not enough to fill orders, so they bought some 150,000 bushes from other nurseries in the area. Some seasons found 800 varieties being dealt with, a usual amount much lower at about 350. The most popular varieties included American Beauty, La France and The Marechal Neil.

The three brothers, J.M., Frank and Harry Good started in this business some ten years before the Campbell’s visit. They had bought out another firm whose mail orders netted \$1,300. a year. With their financial and growing know-how, they were taking in that much daily. A lot of it had to do with their liberal advertising. Newspapers and magazines across the country and around



the world in that time period can be found to hold their ads.

In busy seasons they employed 150 people, spend an average of \$30,000 on advertising and pay for postage up to \$35,000 a year.

An example of just how popular Good & Reese can be seen in a “one day” mail delivery to the business. 25,000 letters were received. They employed sixty people in the mailing department and it took them two weeks to fill the orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell made their visit to the greenhouses in late October of 1900. It was during a “dull” period. Mr. Campbell noted that the employees and owners were pleasantly “accommodating, courteous and entertaining”. However, it was noted that during the busy season, “woe to the ‘visitor’ who came in for a tour”. All hands would be on deck, full of roses in the City of Roses.

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Financial Focus

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Create your own personal pension? Not as crazy as it sounds

As defined benefit pensions disappear, it may be up to you to create a guaranteed income stream

First came pensions, or defined benefit plans, with their guaranteed income for life; then came 401(k)s with their focus on growth from the stock and bond markets. The two were meant to work together but with defined benefit pensions quickly becoming a thing of the past, many people are left with only a 401(k) plan. While 401(k)s are an important piece of retirement savings, they were never intended to be a standalone retire-

ment solution.

The 401(k) was meant to provide supplemental retirement savings in conjunction with pensions, savings, and other income vehicles to paint a fuller retirement picture. Additional resources can be used to buttress your 401(k) and pension payments in order to build out a full retirement strategy.

What could a soon-to-be retiree do about replacing that old defined benefit plan that offered guaranteed income? What if you’re one of the many people who are receiving a lump-sum from a retirement plan or have a windfall event where you receiving a sum of money?

One option could be a deferred income annuity. A deferred income annuity (DIA) allows you to set up a guaranteed income stream beginning later in life. Remember that the guaranteed income is based on the strength and claims paying ability of your financial

institution. DIA’s are traditionally funded with a lump sum payment and the contract promises to pay you a lifetime income stream starting with a date of your choice.

For example, let’s say a DIA is purchased with a \$50,000 lump sum. That money will then be held by your financial institution for a defined period where it will grow with interest. After a specified amount of time has passed, you can start receiving payments. This guaranteed stream of income can be used to supplement additional retirement savings.

Many options are available when it comes to retirement strategies. With traditional pensions disappearing from the landscape, plenty of options let you design personal solutions for your own retirement. The key is knowing your options and working with a financial professional who can help guide you toward a stable retirement.

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David Crean to Perform at Hayner

Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm David Crean will once again bring to life the harpsichord that resides in the Hayner study. David is the Adjunct Instructor of Music Appreciation, the University Organist and Director of Chapel Choir at Wittenberg. He earned his doctorate at the Juilliard School in New York, where he served as adjunct faculty and was the 2014 winner of the Richard F. French Doctoral Prize. He has performed extensively throughout the U.S. including the New York premier of two fugues by American Composer Henry

Martin. The harpsichord that David will be playing has special importance to the Hayner and to our community. Troy High School music students built it in 1968 from a Zuckermann Harpsichord kit. It was purchased unfinished in a 40 pound box with legs, strips of molding, strings, quills and keys. Joseph Rogers and Charles Markis guided several music students to complete the project. Terry Wildman, Becky Flory and Terry Moore were three of the students chosen to help with the project. The first official perfor-

mance with the newly finished harpsichord was on December 8, 1968 for the Christmas Choral Program in the High School Auditorium with Sandra Ehrlich at the keys. The instrument is now housed and maintained by the Hayner. The Drawing Room Concert Series is hosted by Dr. Randall Paul, director of the Wright State University School of Music. This series offers a unique opportunity to experience professional chamber music in an intimate listening room. The concerts take place on the last Tuesday of each month

in the school year at 7:30 pm and are free and open to the public with a reception afterward. No tickets or reservations are needed. The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner. For more information regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of Hayner Events, please call 339-0457 or visit our website at www.TroyHayner.org for complete details.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will present Wild Carrot

Saturday, February 27 the Hayner will host its annual family-night-out concert. The evening will be a fun date-night the whole family can enjoy. Come early and enjoy a casual hands-on workshop for the kids sponsored by the Mountain Dulcimer Society of Dayton. Beginning at 6:30 pm, a group of instructors will give the kids the opportunity to actually play the types of instruments that they will see on

stage during the concert. Children can learn to make notes on the guitar, banjo, concertina, dulcimer and others. Wild Carrot will perform at 7:30 pm in the ballroom. Pam Temple and husband Spencer Funk are the founders of the Roots based group. Pam and Spenser will share and demonstrate a number of instruments, including guitar, mandolin, concertina, lap dulcimer, and banjo delivering a

hand-clappin', toe-tappin' introduction to traditional Americana. Share this family concert with grandparents as well as the kids! Plan to come early and join in the hands-ons workshop for a real live introduction to making music on these unique instruments that make up the landscape of our American music. This concert and the workshop are free and open to the public. The Troy-Hayner Cultural Cen-

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Charger 300 Club Event To Support Student-Athletes

The Edison State Community College Foundation and Athletics Department are partnering to host the seventh annual Charger 300 Club event on Thursday, March 17, at 6 p.m. in the Robinson Theater at the Piqua Campus. The event is held to help raise funds for the College's athletic programs. A reverse raffle will highlight the evening's events, with one lucky winner walking away with a \$10,000 prize. Other cash drawings will be held throughout the night and ticket holders are not required to be present to win. "We had a great turnout last

year and hope to have even more this year," said Nate Cole, Director of Athletics and Student Life. "There will be plenty of great food, good company, and a chance to win ten grand-all while helping our student-athletes." Tickets are \$100 per couple and include all-you-can-eat buffet, beverages, entertainment, and a chance to win. A silent auction will also be held featuring items such as NFL tickets, Dayton Dragon tickets, gift cards, and more. "We're fortunate to have such a high-caliber pool of athletes to

draw from in the area," added Cole. "This event helps support these athletes by covering some of the costs that they may otherwise have to pay. They can become part of an athletic team and take classes without worrying about the financial burdens typically associated with college." Funds raised by the event assist Edison State in providing the best experience possible for student-athletes and have previously assisted the teams in post-season travel, uniform expenses, and equipment and facility upgrades. Edison State's baseball, basket-

ball, and volleyball teams compete in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference and are Division II members of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Within the last year, Edison State has also made the club sports of cross country and women's soccer available to students. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Charger 300 Club event, go online to www.edisonohio.edu/charger300 or call Nate Cole at 937.381.1555.

“Cardio” Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

Join Katie Nardechchia for a new 5 week session of “Cardio” Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning February 24. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. “Cardio Yoga is vigorous exercise with cardio, strength building, core work, “Asanas” and meditation all wrapped into one. “It’s a great mental workout with more calories burnt,” said Nardechchia. “Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout,” she added. “Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice,” added Nardechchia. Throughout the class a variety of “asanas,” (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechchia, “The standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older.” Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment. Students should bring a bath towel, sash and mat to class. For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 773-6626.

Multistate Settlement Announced with MoneyGram over Scam Victim Payments

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today announced that Ohio is part of a \$13 million settlement with Dallas-based MoneyGram Payment Systems Inc. over concerns that consumers used MoneyGram to make payments that were induced by fraud. The settlement, which includes Ohio, 48 other states, and the District of Columbia, requires MoneyGram to establish and maintain anti-fraud procedures and to pay a total of \$13 million, of which up to \$9 million will be used to reimburse consumers. “We know that wire transfers – while a legitimate form of payment – have often been used by con artists in scams,” Attorney General DeWine said. “In this settlement, MoneyGram has agreed to pay millions of dollars to reimburse consumers and take steps to stop fraud before it occurs.” MoneyGram has a global network of approximately 350,000 locations where money transfers are sent and received. The states’ investigation focused on complaints from consumers who used MoneyGram’s wire-transfer service to send money to third parties involved in schemes to defraud consumers, such as lottery scams or “grandparent scams,” in which con artists trick grandparents into sending money by claiming their grandchildren are in trouble. Under the settlement, MoneyGram has agreed to maintain and continue to improve a

comprehensive and robust anti-fraud program designed to help detect and prevent consumers from suffering financial losses as a result of these types of fraud-induced wire transfers. The anti-fraud program must be documented in writing and, at a minimum, must include the following elements: Mandatory and documented compliance training for “agents” (entities that offer MoneyGram products) and guidelines about when an agent’s conduct warrants suspension or termination; Suspension or termination of agents who fail to take commercially reasonable steps to reduce fraud-induced money transfers; A hotline system that employees and agents can use to report noncompliance with anti-fraud measures; Sound mechanisms to evaluate actual fraud rates and consumer losses from fraud-induced money transfers in order to utilize that information to improve compliance; and Continued enhancement of technology solutions, including MoneyGram’s Anti-Fraud Alert System (AFAS). Of the \$13 million MoneyGram has agreed to pay, most will be allocated to fund a nationwide consumer restitution program. According to the settlement terms, an independent third-party settlement administrator will review MoneyGram records and send notices regarding restitution to all

consumers who are eligible to receive restitution under this settlement. Generally, consumers who are eligible for restitution previously filed complaints with MoneyGram between July 1, 2008, and August 31, 2009, regarding fraud-induced transfers sent from the U.S. to foreign countries other than Canada. Additional payment will be distributed among the participating states. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office, which was part of the settlement’s executive committee, is expected to receive about \$210,000. More information about this settlement is available at the settlement administrator’s website: www.MoneyGram-Settlement.com. Participating in the settlement were: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia. A copy of the settlement is available on the Ohio Attorney General’s website.



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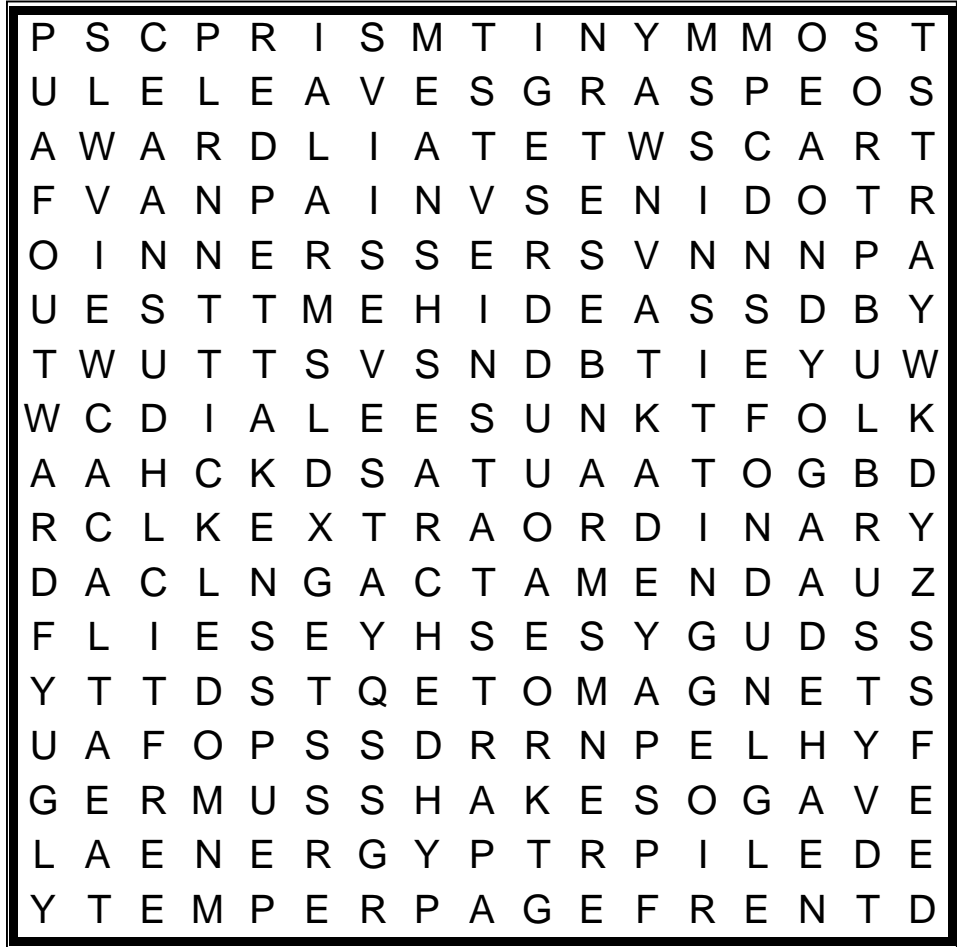
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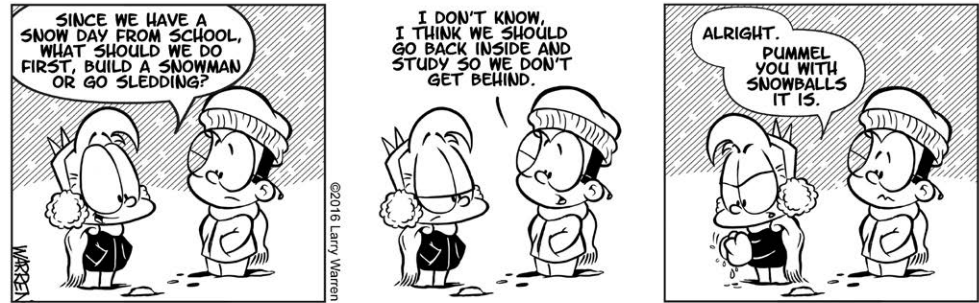
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Answers	Easels	Invite	Poem	Term
Approximately	Edges	Issue	Poor	Times
Aside	Erases	Jewel	Pumps	Toes
Began	Evaporating	Jews	Purse	Tool
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Boss	Ever	Lies	Real	Ugly
Boxes	Exit	Life	Ridge	Upper
Cage	Fond	Like	Road	Using
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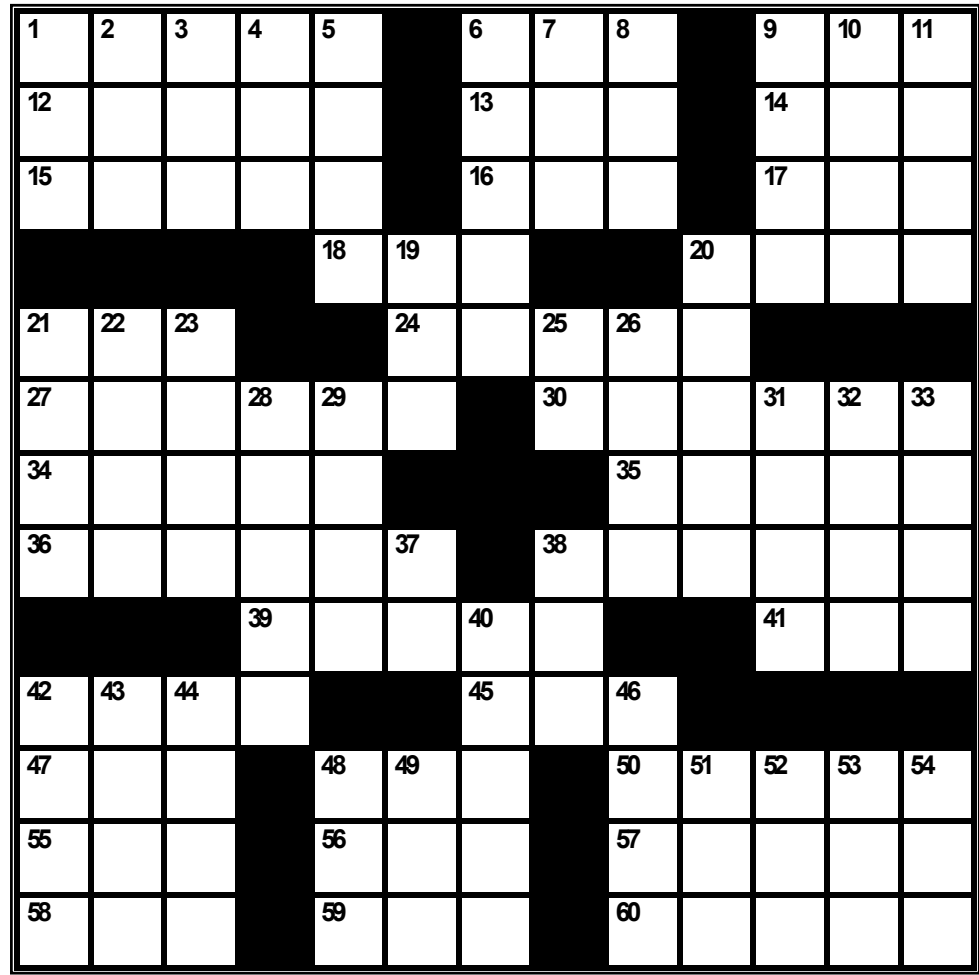
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9. Tie the knot		36. Firecracker	
12. Soccer 2006 Word Cup winners		38. Louisiana dance music	
13. Practice		39. Plant life	
14. A mimic		41. Fresh, in terms of paint	
15. Carpentry joint		42. Open, as an envelope	
16. Didn't hold		45. Decide	
17. Insult, in slang		47. Featured	
18. Atlantic catch		48. Stat for Clemens	
20. Gun's recoil		50. Reddish-brown	
21. Genesis vessel		55. Engine need	
24. Poplar variety		56. Beano's target	
27. Cliched movie ending		57. French love	
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		59. Universal time	
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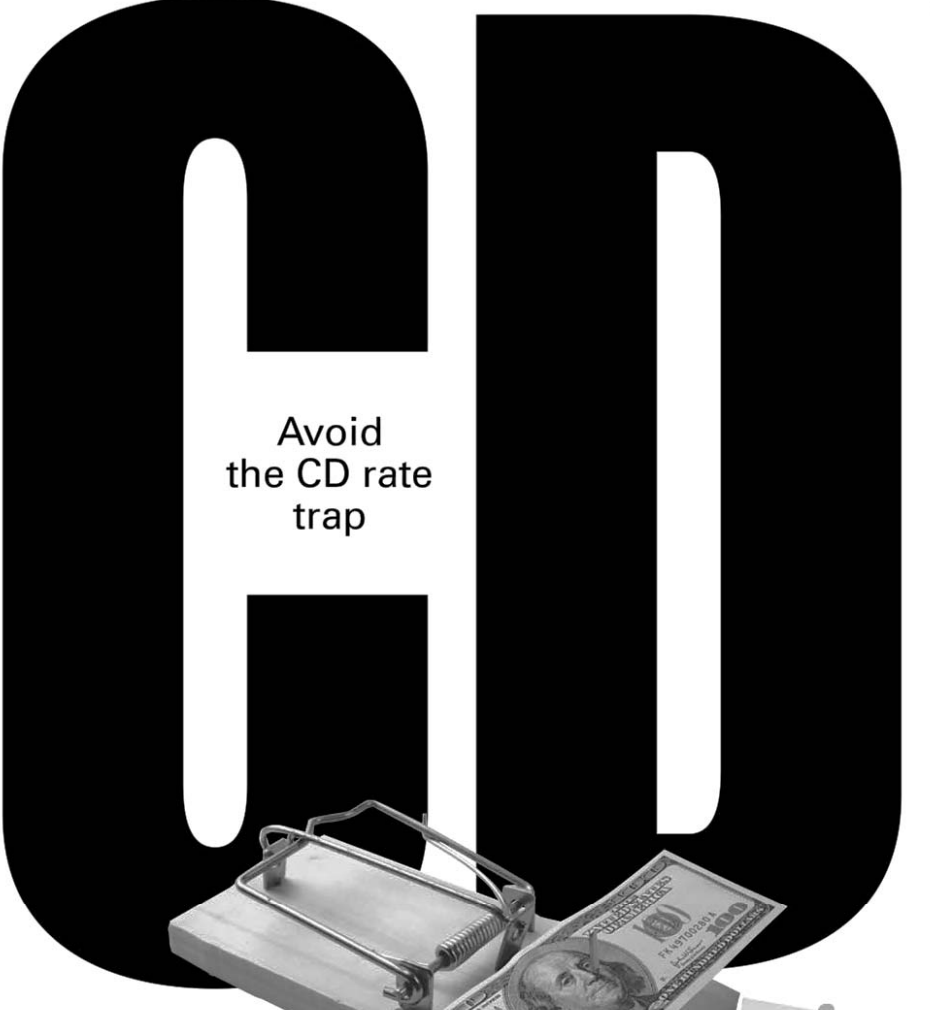
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