

The robbery from bank surveillance cameras

MIAMI COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

Friday, February 13

12:38 p.m. – To Maple St. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that she broke up with her boyfriend and wanted him out of her house. She said that he had lived there since June, 2014. She was advised that she would have to start the eviction process since he had established residence there. Both parties were advised to stay away from each other.

2:30 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a threat. A woman reported that she took a call from a man who was inquiring about a patient that was not listed in her system. She said that the man became argumentative and said "Your hospital needs to be bombed." She said the man sounded elderly and gave the number. She also said that she did not take his comment as an actual threat. Investigation showed that the number belonged to a 70-year-old man who is known to the deputies. Attempts to reach him were unsuccessful.

Saturday, February 14

12:18 a.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center. Hospital staff reported that a woman who was to return to the Miami County Jail after she was treated had left the hospital. They said that she ran out of the hospital with a cell phone to her ear, got into a red car and left at a high rate of speed. Staff members said that they tried to run after her but were unsuccessful. They were unable to get a license number or a direction of travel.

12:24 a.m. – To Experiment Farm Rd. for a report of an accident. A man reported that he heard a vehicle strike his house and called 911. The occupants of the vehicle had fled the scene. The vehicle owner was contacted but was unaware of who would have been driving it.

12:56 a.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that her husband was intoxicated and was causing problems. She said they were arguing because he does not want her sister to stay with them. The husband agreed with the wife's

story. Both agreed that there was no violence. The parties separated for the night.

10:48 a.m. – While monitoring traffic on W. Main St. a deputy saw a vehicle approach his location and the vehicle slowed down. The driver was in a rigid driving position and had his hands at the 10 and 2 position. As the deputy followed the vehicle, it maintained a speed 5 MPH below the speed limit, but it made numerous marked lane violations. He ran the license plate and found that the owner had a suspended license. He initiated a traffic stop, identified the driver and confirmed the suspended license. He was so cited and advised not to drive the vehicle from the scene.

Sunday, February 15

3:00 p.m. – To N. Forest Hill Rd. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone took a wood burning stove from her back yard. She said that some friends fixed it a few weeks ago and dropped it off in her back yard. She said that she has not seen anything suspicious in the area. There are no suspects.

6:11 p.m. – To Woodstock Court for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that he and his wife, who are going through a divorce, got into an argument over his leaving to play cards with friends. Both agreed that the argument was only verbal. The husband left to play cards without incident.

Tuesday, February 17

8:45 a.m. – Traffic stop in the 700 block of W. Market St. The driver was charged with possession of marijuana.

4:05 p.m. – A Woodbine Ct. resident called to report that his wife, against whom he has a protection order, picked up their kids at school. Investigation showed that the wife had not been served with the paperwork. The deputy located the paperwork and served the wife at her sister's home. The husband agreed to have the sister return the children to him. The deputy also accompanied the wife to the home to pick up her personal items. Both parties were referred to their attorneys.

6:10 p.m. – To Westwood Dr. for a report of identity fraud. A man reported that he received a letter from the IRS stating that they were rejecting his tax return because a form was missing. He said he contacted the IRS and informed them that he had not filed his return yet. He said that the IRS has started a fraud investigation and requested a police report.

Wednesday, February 18

9:23 a.m. – To Peters Rd. for a report of a scam. A woman reported that an unknown person has been trying to call her from a number that she doesn't recognize. She said that she believes that the calls are from people trying to scam her. The deputy called the number but with no contact.

3:10 p.m. – To Fernwood Dr. A woman reported that her daughter was confronted by her ex-boyfriend's father regarding harassing text messages that her friend has been sending him. The woman was shown the text messages on the ex-boyfriend's phone and the daughter denied sending them, and that they were probably sent by her friend. The friend was contacted and she said that she sent them with the daughter's approval. She said that the daughter had called her and told her to lie. The deputy called the daughter who admitted to lying to the deputy about the messages. Both girls were warned for telephone harassment and the daughter was also warned for obstructing official business.

Friday, February 20

12:55 a.m. – Traffic stop on W. Franklin St. The driver was arrested for OVI.

1:31 p.m. – Traffic stop on Rt. 202 near Rt. 41. The driver had not had a license since 1985. He was cited for no operator's license and the owner of the vehicle was contacted to pick it up.

11:26 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 72 mile marker. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under suspension and marked lanes.

By Nancy Bowman

Trafalgar annexation approval

The Miami County commissioners Feb. 17 approved for the 18th time a proposed rezoning of 50 acres off Monroe-Concord Road in Concord Township from agricultural to single-family residential. The application by Mark Geisinger and the Trafalgar Corp. is the 18th time the rezoning has been filed since 1995. The county planning and zoning commissions and the commissioners have voted to approve the request each time, but each of the commissioners' votes have faced successful referendums. The most recent vote was in November. Geisinger was the only person to speak at the Feb. 17 hearing, offering to answer any questions from the commission. The commissioners had no questions and approved the rezoning without comment.

Murder trial moved to June

The murder trial of Frank Bowen in the October death of Joseph Graley III, 31, of Bethel Township

was moved last week from March 3 to June 2. Bowen, 25, of rural Tipp City faces charges of murder, abuse of a corpse, tampering with evidence and safetracking. He has pleaded not guilty. Graley's body was found Oct. 23 behind his home, where Bowen was staying when Miami County sheriff's deputies searched the property after receiving a report that Graley was missing. County Coroner Dr. Steve Huffman said Graley suffered blunt force trauma. Bowen appeared in Miami County Common Pleas Court Feb. 17 with defense lawyer Steve Layman and agreed to waive his right to a speedy trial. Layman told Judge Christopher Gee that he and Bowen had had discussions about the case and his defense.

Elections board sees new poll book system

A new electronic poll book system using the Apple iPad was demonstrated Feb. 19 for Miami County election officials by representatives of Know-ink of St. Louis. Scott Leindecker, managing director, and David Greenwalt of company

technical support discussed the Poll Pad now being offered by the company in Ohio to elections board President Kelly Gillis and election administrators Drew Higgins and Eric Morgan. The iPad based system is for signing in voters at the polls on Election Day. The company has arrangements with four Ohio counties so far, including Darke County, to do pilot projects during the May 5 election, Leindecker said. Using the iPads at the polling place would eliminate the paper poll books now used by poll workers checking in voters. Among advantages is the system should be faster than using the paper books. A cost estimate for the county to use the system was not presented. The county has 84 voting precincts with each of the poll book units costing from \$800 to \$1,000, Leindecker said. Gillis said the option would be discussed with his fellow board members. Higgins suggested inclusion of the county commissioners in any future presentations because of the potential costs of a system.

No New Trial for McGail

By Nancy Bowman

A motion by defense lawyer Chris Bucio for a new trial for Patrick McGail of Troy was denied Friday, Feb. 20, in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Bucio last week also withdrew as McGail's lawyer in the separate McGail appeal of his conviction and sentencing that is pending in Ohio's 2nd District Court of Appeals.

Bucio withdrew, citing possible conflicts of interest. County Prosecutor Tony Kendell withdrew from the appeal portion of the case earlier, also citing potential conflicts of interest.

Gary Schaengold of Dayton, who has taken over the appeal, filed arguments in the McGail appeal Feb. 17.

In Miami County court, Bucio recently filed the request for a new trial for McGail, who was convicted in August of

murder and other charges in the October 2013 death of Nathan Wintrow of Troy and sentenced to 24 years to life in prison.

Co-defendant Brandon Terrel was sentenced to 14 years while co-defendant Jason Sowers, who shot Wintrow, was sentenced to 18 years to life. They testified against McGail.

Bucio claimed that new evidence that surfaced

**Patrick McGail**

since the normal filing time for a new trial motion expired warranted a motion and order for a new trial.

Bucio said the claimed new evidence was based on events that followed the conviction, including a Sept. 9 search of the Roberts, Kelly & Bucio law firm and documents associated with that search.

Bucio also said the motion was based, in part, on affidavits by Troy police and Kendell and a September police report regarding the alleged theft of money from the

law firm by a former associate who was involved in the McGail case.

Miami County Judge Christopher Gee wrote in his Feb. 20 ruling that the motion for new trial was denied because Bucio did not seek required leave of the court showing why he had been prevented from filing the motion within the required timeframes. In addition, Gee wrote, "the motion is devoid of any discussion why the 'newly discovered evidence' makes it strongly probable that a different result would be reached a trial."

In McGail's appeals court brief the court is asked to consider a series of alleged problems with the trial and find that McGail was denied his right to a fair trial, reverse the convictions and send the case back for a new trial.

Among errors that are claimed to have occurred during the trial are: prosecutor misconduct, juror misconduct, that the guilty verdicts were not supported by evidence, that charges were not combined at sentencing, that the sentence exceeded the mandatory minimum, McGail received ineffective assistance of counsel and that a series of other errors were allegedly made by lawyers, prosecutors and the court.

Troy Area Property Transfers

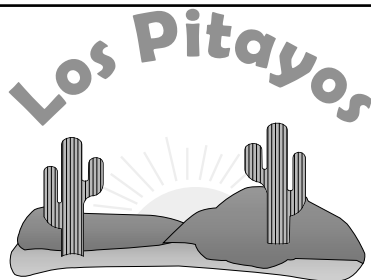
School District	Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Buyer	Seller
Tipp City Evsd	724 Kyle Dr	2/13	\$146,000	Willoughby Kenneth D & Lori J	Cook John P
Troy Csd	2545 Worthington Dr	2/13	\$0	Thomas Beverly J (Tr) & Ronald C (Tr)	Thomas Ronald C & Beverly J
Tecumseh Lsd	8855 E Us 40	2/13	\$0	Pfarrer Shirley A	Pfarrer William S & Shirley A
Bethel Lsd	6711 E Walnut St	2/13	\$0	Stiles Don R Jr & @ (4)	Stiles Nellie R (Tod)
Troy Csd	4938 W Sr 718	2/13	\$54,667	Lakeview Loan Servicing Llc	Smith Nicole E
Tipp City Evsd	7265 S Co Rd 25A	2/13	\$128,000	Fifth Third Bank	Weaver Daniel E
Bethel Lsd	3313 Arrowwood St	2/13	\$305,315	Wolf Pamela S	Inverness Group Inc
Troy Csd	95 N Countryside Dr	2/13	\$300,000	Riley Nicole M	Scherer Russell D & Dawn C
Troy Csd	241 S Crawford	2/13	\$47,157	New Direction Ira Inc	Denton Enterprises Llc
Tipp City Evsd	130 Maxwell Ct	2/17	\$161,750	Cecl Investments Llc	Alderman Cheryl A & Kimberly L
Tipp City Evsd	55 Maxwell Ct	2/17	\$175,000	Cecl Investments Llc	Stamps Ralph I
Troy Csd	1210 Maple St	2/17	\$77,500	Robertson Robbie D & Jessica	Lewis David B
Covington Evsd	10890 N Sr 48	2/17	\$85,000	Darby Daniel & Christina	Wyke Steve & Patty
Troy Csd	500 Staunton Com Dr	2/17	\$294,873	New Staunton Commons li Ltd	Staunton Commons li Ltd
Troy Csd	470 W Mayfield Sq	2/18	\$0	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Dev.	Ocwen Loan Servicing Llc
Tipp City Evsd	590 Burr Oak Dr	2/18	\$0	Carmack Ernestine C	Carmack Cameron D & Ernestine C
Tipp City Evsd	216 N 4Th St	2/18	\$0	Cecl Investments Llc	Carmack Cameron D & Ernestine C
Troy Csd	608 S Clay St	2/18	\$46,667	Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.	Hoelscher Rosalia E Kruse & Richard J
Troy Csd	2518 Inverness Ct	2/18	\$99,900	Shemo Joseph M & Rachel E	Stayer Scott
Tipp City Evsd	3077 Tipp Cowl Rd	2/18	\$84,000	Smith Cooper J	Schwind Dorothy (Tod) @ (4)
Bethel Lsd	4676 Cobblestone Dr	2/18	\$122,000	Allen James David	Anderson Susan E



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Concord Trustees Review Capital Expenditure Plan

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the February 17, 2015 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Don Pence, Trustee, presented a 5-year Capital Expenditure Plan that Neil Rhoades, Road Superintendent, and Brandt Miller, Road Crew, and he prepared. In developing the plan, the team looked at age, condition, mileage and usage to establish priorities for road paving projects and equipment replacement. The plan established a 20-year schedule for road maintenance. According to Pence, "This schedule is at the outside limit for the frequency at which roads should be repaved. We are already behind."

The schedule will be reviewed annually to address any changing priorities and establish the needs of the township for the each of the next five years. The projected costs are based on current prices; however, the trustees should anticipate that replacement costs for equipment would increase annually at approximately 8%. The team could not estimate increase costs for paving projects, but as information becomes available, the prices will be adjusted.

In 2015, the plan calls for paving Forest Hill Road from SR 718 to McCurdy and Barnhart from SR 571 to Fenner for a total of 1.84 miles. In addition, the team recommended the replacement of the 2009 Case Backhoe at a cost of \$53,818, which includes the trade-in value. The primary consideration for equipment replacement was whether the township would be out of business if the equipment failed.

In the discussion that followed, Tom Mercer, Trustee expressed concern whether the projects in the plan were the only projects the township would take on. He said, "For example, the Lakeshore Area tiles need to be repaired and replaced now. I feel like we could and should do this project. We need to consider doing this as soon as we can. We don't know if there are additional obstructions. I'm not looking to do more than we need to do. What I don't want to do is say we are only doing the paving and purchase projects on the five-year plan. I am concerned about not having the money for emergency projects and repairs."

Bill Whidden, Trustee, replied, "We still need to allocate funds for emergencies however, these would not be included in the five year plan. In addition, I want to thank Don, Neil and Brandt for all the work that went into this plan."

Pence added, "I would like to include bering estimates in the appropriations for the current year. We also need to be aware that with the projects for the capital expenditures and paving we are going to be working down the cash

reserve."

In the road superintendent's report, Rhoades updated the trustees on the Cintas Rental Service Agreement Renewal. In negotiating with Cintas, he proposed to Cintas that the township purchase 10 pair of pants for each employee up front and a cost of \$23.99 per pair. The current contract only covers washing and cleaning. "We will save money in the long run if we purchase the uniforms outright."

According to Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer, "We are changing the contract if we buy the pants. We will need to draw up a new contract which the trustees will need to sign."

Rhoades also reported that salt usage seems to be ok. The township is using a 50/50 mix of salt and grit. He said, "The County isn't going to cut our salt usage; however, we will have a lot of grit on subdivision streets that will need to be cleaned in the spring."

He also reported that in the 500 Block of Brookwood part of the pavement on the curve is heaving up. He received an estimate from Dalton to replace 25 feet for \$350; however, the repair will have to wait until spring.

In addition, the trustees approved Miller and Rhoades to attend the Stormwater Seminar on March 17, 2015 at a cost of \$65 per person.

In old business, Pence reported that the residents affected by the Troy-West Milton DP & L Energy Transmission line are being proactive. They have distributed a map of the early-proposed routes for the line. However, the project is still in the pre-application stage. He said, "It will be a long time before the line becomes reality."

In a discussion of the Electric Aggregation, the trustees tabled the project because the original proposal does not include unincorporated Concord Township. In order to be included, the township would have to hold an election to get approval from the voters to participate in the aggregate. They did note that the township office is in the city limits and can therefore participate.

The trustees also endorsed Robert Shook to serve as a representative on the Miami County Public Health District Advisory Committee. Shook has served on the committee in the past and will continue to do so.

In new business, the trustees approved a Then and Now purchase in the amount of \$1,534.72 for November and December salt purchases from Miami County Engineer. Quillen must certify that there was money in the account at that time.

The next regular meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the township office.

Commissioners on Roads, Sheriff Inquiries

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County commissioners last week approved certification of the county's 424.318 miles of roads, OK'd the annual hazardous materials disposal program and heard from a resident expressing concerns about "rumors" associated with the sheriff's office.

County Engineer Paul Huelskamp said Feb. 17 that the number for the miles of county maintained roads is used in a formula for highway funding. The county's miles this year declined by 0.014 mile due to an annexation to Piqua of land along Looney Road.

The commission also approved Feb. 18 the monthly household hazardous waste drop off events for May through September as proposed by the sanitary engineering department. The cost for disposal will be \$1 per pound for all household hazardous waste material except for PCB containing ballasts. Those cost \$2.50 per pound to offset the cost of the ballasts proper handling and disposal.

The department will work on the disposal program with Environmental Enterprises of Cincinnati.

In other business, a resident told the commissioners Thursday, Feb. 19, he's concerned about rumors he's hearing about the sheriff's department.

Curt Jones, a Bradford resident who said he worked in law enforcement including on the village police department, said, "I just want somebody in authority to say that we can trust our sheriff's department."

The commissioners

have sought answers to questions they said they have about the department with Sheriff Charles Cox out of the office due to surgery and complications and turning over some of his duties to Chief Deputy Dave Duchak. Duchak is referred to in court documents as acting sheriff.

The commissioners won't disclose their questions submitted to prosecutors, beyond saying they deal with legal and financial issues, arguing they are protected by attorney-client privilege.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien told Jones that many people mistakenly think the commissioners oversee the sheriff and his department. The sheriff is elected and runs the department as he sees fit with the commissioners approving the department budget annually, he said.

Jones said he supports law enforcement and was concerned that he's not hearing anyone defending the sheriff's office.

"We have heard similar things on the street around Miami County," O'Brien said, noting Commissioner Richard Cultice deals more with the sheriff's office than the other commissioners.

"We've heard it. We understand there is concern and issues out there," Cultice said.

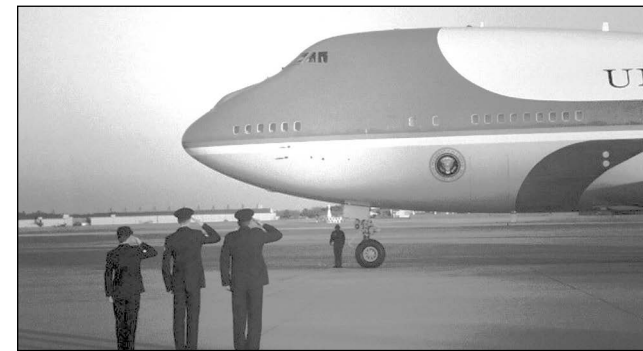
"We don't have any real answers. We would like some ourselves."

Duchak said earlier this month that Cox continues to make decisions for the department and has been in the office twice in the last two months in a wheelchair. "He has and continues to run the office," he said

WACO Lecture "Where in the World is Air Force One?"

WACO welcomes former Tipp City resident, Casey Williams, to the lecture series. Join WACO Air Museum on March 5th at 7 pm as Casey, an Air Transportation Craftsman with USAF, informs the audience of how the Air Force moves people and cargo around the globe.

one hour. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted to benefit WACO Historical Society. The WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373. For more information, visit www.wacoairmuseum.org or call 937-335-9226.



Casey Williams is a 2007 graduate of Tipp City High School. Casey currently serves as Special Air Missions Agent at Andrews Air Force Base, home of Air Force One, in Maryland. He coordinates ground logistics for our nation's top leaders, including Air Force One, Air Force Two, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Congress, and general officers.



This lecture is sponsored by Dayton Power and Lights. This presentation is scheduled to last

Staunton Township Considers Buying New Plow Truck

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the February 16, 2015 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, Dave Hibner, Sales Manager from Kin-stle Western Star Truck Center of Wapakoneta, provided the trustees with a quote for an in-stock plow truck with a dump body for \$86,897 and a Henderson stainless-steel closed system spreader for \$47,975. According to Hibner, "The offer is good as long as I have the current plow trucks in stock. When they are gone, you can anticipate a 5% increase in price per year." Under the current proposal, the township would pay \$8,258.95 in interest for a 5-year lease, which would cost \$28,566.19 per year.

Jeff Cron, Trustee asked about trade-in value for their current 2001 truck with approximately 17,700 miles on it. After evaluating the current plow truck, Hibner said, "The truck is worth about \$11,000. If it were automatic, the value would be closer to \$17,000 because most organizations want automatics. The total cost of the plow would come to \$134,572 minus \$11,000 for trade-in of the current truck at a final cost of \$123,572."

Hibner also suggested that they keep their current plow and put it on the new truck. In addition, Hibner recommended the township finance the truck through Mercedes Benz Financial at an interest rate of 3%, which is lower than a traditional bank will give them.

However, the trustees were not ready to make a decision and questioned Hibner about features that they felt were necessary including power windows and mirrors, heated windshield and transmission. The truck does include these features. Hibner told them the truck had a 6-speed automatic transmission, which makes operation easier than with a manual.

In other business, Josh Elleman from Wagner Paving expressed his company's interest in any paving projects the township is planning for 2015. DeWeese indicated that the township participates with Miami County in the county's bidding process. He also said, "We don't

know yet how much and what we will pave. We will need to do some chip and seal, some paving needs to be done on Sayers, and some crack and seal on a number of roads; however, we don't know the specifics yet."

In addition, the trustees received a proposal from Derek Stafford Mowing for mowing cemeteries and intersections in the township. The proposal estimated the cost for mowing intersections at \$30 and for the cemeteries \$45 to \$175 depending on the size of the cemetery. No decisions were made at that time.

In old business, DeWeese told the trustees that he is planning to apply for a waiver for online yearend reports filings for the Ohio State Auditor's office. "I am having difficulty filing online and the state has not been helpful in resolving the issue. I will send the waiver request and a paper copy of the reports."

He also reported that the Auditor's office wants all townships to purchase the Annual Financial Data Reporting System (AFDRS) at a cost of \$200 per month. According to the waiver that DeWeese filed, the township does not own a computer, has no phone and no physical office. DeWeese and the trustees use their own personal computers, emails and phones to conduct township business. He said, "It would be a financial hardship on a small township like ours to be forced to buy software for financial reporting since we do very little business."

The trustees announced that on March 12, 2015 Staunton Township would host the Miami County Township Association meeting at the Staunton Grange. The guest speaker will be a representative from the state retirement system to give a presentation on retirement benefits and will be available for any questions that Miami County township representatives have about the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). All township representatives are encouraged to attend.

The next regular meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for March 2, 2015 at the Staunton Township Building at 7:30 p.m.

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Trojans Ready For Post Season

Troy’s boys basketball team split a pair games as they head into the post season after wrapping up the regular season. The Trojans opened the week with a 58-55 win over Miami East, one of the top teams in the Cross County Conference. After a first quarter that saw the teams tied at 9-9, the Trojans pulled ahead at the half with a second quarter that saw Troy outscore the Vikings by six, to take a 29-23 advantage into the break. After the Vikings closed the game to 43-42 heading to the fourth, the Trojans withstood a charge from the Vikings, and escaped with the non-conference win against their county rivals. Tre Hudson led the way for Troy with 15 points in a very balanced attack, while Romello Yaqub added nine in the win, with Austin Persinger scored eight. *The Trojans ended the regular season with a 6-16 record as they lost to their biggest rival Piqua Indians 69-59 on Friday

night. The game started as badly as it could for the Trojans, as they were held scoreless in the first quarter, falling behind 16-0 after one quarter. Troy came back and battled evenly the rest of the game, but it was too late. Troy trailed 32-17 at the half, and never threatened in the second half. Hudson led Troy with 22 points, with Matt Monnin adding 17. Troy will enter the post season on Saturday night, as they play Centerville at 5 p.m. at Trotwood Madison High School. *Troy Girls Basketball- The Troy girls’ had their tournament opener postponed on Saturday due to the weather, and will played last night against Tecumseh in their tournament opener. The winner of that game will come back tonight against Miamisburg. *Troy Wrestling- The GWOC Wrestling tournament was also postponed on Saturday and was played Monday night, with results coming next week.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, February 26

9:00 a.m. – Troy HS Boys Bowling Sectional at Woodman Lanes

Friday, February 27

Time TBA – Troy HS Boys Wrestling Sectional at Centerville



5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Wrestling Sectional Quarter Finals at Lehman Catholic HS

Saturday, February 28

Time TBA – Troy HS Girls Gymnastics Districts at Lakota East

Time TBA – Troy HS Swimming State Meet at Canton

Time TBA – Troy HS Boys Wrestling Sectional at Centerville

11:00 a.m. – Troy Christian Boys Wrestling Consolations at Lehman Catholic HS

5:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Basketball Sectional at Trotwood

5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Wrestling Sectional Finals at Lehman Catholic HS

5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Basketball Sectionals vs. Springfield Catholic Central at Troy HS



Area Swimmers Compete At Districts

By Jim Dabbelt

Local teams (Tippecanoe, Bethel and Troy Christian) had several swimmers participate last weekend in the Division 2 district swim meet at Miami University, shooting for a chance to advance to the state meet in Canton. Jay Bell finished second overall in the boys 50 Free to lead the Tippecanoe Red Devils, as he advanced to the state meet with a time of 21.38, just .01 behind Sam Vester of Cincinnati Indian Hill. Also in the event, Troy Chistian freshman Samuel Lavielle placed eighth at 22.75. Bell came back in the 100 Free and placed sixth with a time of 47.54. In the 200 Free, Bethel junior Ben Wright finished 16th, while in the 500 Free, Wright finished 13th overall with a time of 5:10.60. Ryan Wall, a freshman at Tippecanoe placed 16ht in the 100 Backstroke, finishing with a time of 58.06, while Tipp’s Evan Stapp finished ninth in the 100 Breatstroke (1:02.63), Ezekiel Fulton from Troy Christian was 12th (1:04.85) and Michael Taylor from Tipp was 13th (1:05.37). In the 100 butterfly, Matthew Moebius from Troy Christian swam a 58.36. In the 200 IM, Stapp placed ninth with a time of 1:59.53 and Wall was 20th with a time of 2:09.55 and Troy Christian’s Matthew Newcomer was 22nd. In the relays, the 400 Free team from Tippecanoe (Stapp, Buynak, Wall, Bell) placed tenth overall with a time of 3:26.65, while the Troy Christian team of Moebius, Fulton, Newcomer and Lavielle were 12th (3:35.52). In the 200 Medley Relay, Wall, Taylor, Stapp and Bell placed sixth for Tippecanoe, while Troy Christian was tenth overall (Newcomer, Fulton, Moebius and Lavielle). *In the girls Division 2 districts, Kirsten Bell from Tippecanoe placed 16th overall in the 100 Free with a time of 56.45, while Bethel freshman Eiliana Wright swam a 57.43, placing her 19th. Also in the 500 Free, Arielle Arnett from Tippecanoe finished fifth overall with a time of 5:06.73, while Samantha Williams was 15th (5:24.78). Swimming in the 100 Breaststroke was Cameron Cahill, the Tippecanoe junior who finished 18th overall with a 1:11.33, while Bell was 24th

overall. Bailey Cahill came back in the 100 Butterfly was a fourth place finish, swimming a 56.58, with Arnett placing ninth 58.76 and Cameron Cahill 17th and Bethel’s Wright 27th. In the 200 IM, Bailey Cahill came back with a 16th place finish, with Williams right behind her. The Tipp relay team of Woltz, Gernon, Klepinger and Bell placed 17th in the 200 Free Relay, while the Red Devils finished seventh in the 400 Free Relay with Bailey Cahill, Bell, Arnett and Williams. In the 200 Medley Relay, Tipp placed sixth (Arnett, B. Cahill, C. Cahill, Williams) *In the Division One boys’ meet, Troy and Tecumseh had some swimmers participate in the districts, aiming for a trip to the state tournament. Sophomore Nate Watkins from Troy finished 29th in the 100 Free with a time of 51.76. Watkins came back in the 200 Free and placed 26th overall with a time of 1:55.82. In the 500 Free, it was Troy’s Joe Dutton who swam a 28th place finish with a time of 5:08.66, while teammate Tristan West was 33rd with a time of 5:28.94. Tecumseh junior Owen Measel finished 20th in the 100 Breaststroke, as he swam a time of 1:00.86. Measel came back in the 200 IM with a 11th place finish with a time of 1:55.25. In the 200 Free Relay, the Troy team of Watkins, Armstrong, Spitler and West finished 20th overall with a time of 1:35.33. Also placing 20th was the Troy 400 Free Relay team of Watkins, Dutton, Liew and West. Troy also placed 23rd in the 200 medley Relay. In the girls’ race, Alex Merle finished 33rd in the 50 Free, who came back in the 100 Free and finished 34th overall. Shelly Zelnick, a senior from Troy, finished second in the 100 Breaststroke, swimming 1:03.92. She came back in the 200 IM and finished third overall, with a time of 2:02.42. Also in that event, Tecumseh’s Morgan Shaner was 33rd overall. The Lady Trojans team of Zelnick, Pratt, Carmack and Merle was 17th in the 200 Medley Relay, while the 400 Free Relay team from Troy (Merle, Orozco, Carmack and Zelnick) placed 14th.

Obituaries

Emilie A. “Boots” Conley

Emilie A. “Boots” Conley, age 80 of Anna and Formerly of Troy passed away on Monday, February 16, 2015 in her daughters residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 3, 1934 in Troy, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents Daniel Bryan and Myrtle (Greer) Davis, beloved husband Willard “Bill” S. Conley Sr., four sisters and one brother. She is survived by her sons Victor J. Conley of Troy, Ohio, Willard S. Conley Jr. of Miamisburg, Ohio , daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Michael Bruner of Anna, Ohio, grandchildren Tyler M. Bruner of Anna, Ohio, Caden S. Bruner of Anna, Ohio, Christina and Brian Lane of Troy, Ohio, Anthony “Tony” and Amanda Conley of Troy, Ohio , three great-grandchildren, sisters Helen “Dean” Speidel of Puyallup, Washington,

Bettie Cool of Piqua, Ohio, brothers Daniel Davis of Houston, Ohio, Basil Davis of Versailles, Ohio, Richard Davis of Las Vegas and several nieces and nephews. She was retired from Troy High School Cafeteria as a server and enjoyed being with family, camping, boating and collecting Longaberger. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Friends may call on Thursday from 6:00 8:00 P.M. and on Friday one hour prior to the service (12:00-1:00) at the funeral home. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Contributions may be given in her memory to Wilson Hospice of Wilson Memorial Hospital, 1083 Fairington Rd., Sidney, Ohio 45365. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Ameliya Jean Smith-McCoy

Ameliya Jean Smith-McCoy, 2 month infant daughter of Nicholis McCoy and Desiree Beard of Piqua, passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 13, 2015 at Dayton Children’s Hospital, Dayton. She was born in Sidney on November 30, 2014. She is survived by her parents Nicholis McCoy and Desiree Beard of Piqua.



Ameliya is also survived by maternal grandparents Bonnie Goff of Pemberton, OH, Mark and Bev Beard of Pasco, OH; maternal great grandparents, Fay Goff of Pemberton, OH, Nancy Beard of Sidney, Mark and Ann Stringfield of Sidney; paternal grandparents

Roma Smith

Roma Smith, 85 of Troy, Ohio passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015 at Troy Center, Troy, Ohio. He was born March 30, 1929 in Aberdeen, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents Hue and Matilda (Rogers) Smith, wife Beverly Smith, one son, Clifford Archie, three sisters, Ophelia Leach, Mary Alice Johnson, Magnolia Mallion, and one brother, John C. Smith. Roma is survived by three granddaughters, Jessica Foster of Troy, Amber Stratton Coppock of Dayton, Nicole Wright of Troy, eight great grandchildren, twenty-six great great grandchildren,

one great great great grandchild, and two sisters, Anne Smith of St. Louis, MO, Ruth Hunter of St. Louis, MO. Roma was of the Baptist faith. He was retired from Dave Arbogast Dealership of Troy after several years of service. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, February 27th, 2015 at Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, 1624 N. County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio with Rev. Charles Carnes officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

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Police Tip of the Week

By Sgt. Jj Mauro (TCPD Retired)

Approaching Stopped Emergency

WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE POLICE car down the road with somebody pulled over. One may assume that the person is just getting a speeding ticket and it is safe to drive on by. So you slow your speed down from 70 mph to the 65 speed limit. After all you heard the police won't pull you over unless you are more than five miles an hour over the limit. Besides the police officer is already tied up and he can't get you anyway.

Suddenly you are alongside the two vehicles and see the police officer is wrestling with somebody. They fall out into the lane and you slam on the brakes. Too late, you can't stop in time and two people are dead and you are charged with their death.

Or the tow truck driver is opening the driver's door to put the car in gear to pull it up onto the flatbed. Too late, you take off the car's door and it smashes through your windshield. The tow truck driver luckily only suffers a broken arm and dislocated shoulder.

Ask Tipp City Police Officer's Chuck Cantrell and Corey Rismiller how much it hurts to have a car run you over. Cantrell had to take a disability and is in pain to this day, some 25 years later. I was at the scene of both accidents and never want to see a fellow officer go through that again.

In Ohio and I believe all 50 states, you are required to pull over to the right side of the road and stop when an emergency vehicle is approaching. In 2009 the State of Ohio enacted ORC 4511.213. This law deals with emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road. Police vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks and even tow trucks are all considered emergency vehicles for this law.

When approaching a stopped emergency vehicle you are required to slow and move over to a lane not adjacent to the emergency vehicle. If it is not a multiple lane highway, you have to slow down and proceed with caution. This means if you have to stop and wait, then so be it.

You want some statistics, that is easy. The Ohio State Patrol says over the last four years the agency has issued 9,308 citations for drivers not moving over. And during that time there were 64 OSHP patrol car crashes that appear to be "move over" related. The crashes resulted in one death to a civilian and 56 injuries to officers and civilians.

You do not have to be involved in an accident to be charged with this violation. The first violation is a minor misdemeanor. The second violation with any previous traffic conviction in the last twelve months is a misdemeanor of the 4th degree, a third violation becomes a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by 90 days in the county jail. And the judge can fine you double the usual amount of money.

As for the notion that you won't be pulled over since the officer is busy, I have stopped as many as 4 vehicles at the same time and stopped for as little as 3 mph over the limit. It is all dependent on the conditions of the road, weather and traffic volume.

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Checking for Problems in the Landscape

THIS IS THE TIME WE SHOULD BE looking for any damage that may have or can be occurring in the landscape during the winter. Pick a nice day and take a stroll around the yard to see if rodents or rabbits may be nibbling on any of your garden treasures. Check around the base of your shrubs, especially Burning Bush, for any gnawing that may have occurred. Shrews, mice and rabbits can cause problems when they are looking for a food source. If you notice damage near ground level it would be a good idea to pull any grass, vegetation or mulch at least 6" away from the base of your plants so that any protection for the vermin is removed. When severe damage is noticed, or you have plants that are vulnerable to damage, from foraging critters in the winter, it would be a good idea to wrap the stems of these plants with chicken wire or hardware cloth.

Another situation that occurs during the winter months is sunscald on young trees, especially on some of the maples with thin bark. Varieties like the red maples (*Acer rubrum* varieties) and sugar maple (*Acer saccharum* selections) are some of the most vulnerable varieties

affected by this phenomenon. The damage is caused by sudden changes in bark/trunk temperature when a cloud covers the sun for a few minutes on a very cold day. This drastic change in temperature ruptures cells causing them to die resulting in a crack in the bark that can be from a few inches up to 2 or 3 feet in length. Unfortunately this damage may not be visible until the end of the summer after growth makes this damage apparent. This crack develops on the southwest side of the tree. A simple solution to this problem is to place a protective cover around the trunks of young trees about Thanksgiving time. These "tree guards" can be removed at Easter for the rest of the growing season. (See photo) The guards are inexpensive and easy to install /remove /store. They should be light in color to avoid heat build-up.

The month of March can be one of the most damaging periods in the winter due to heavy, wet snow storms. Most of the time it is best not to remove snow from plants as more damage can occur when this is done than if the plants were left alone. However, if large evergreens like arborvitae, hemlocks or pine trees are laden with heavy, wet snow serious breakage can occur to branches. When a situation of heavy snow is likely, it is a good idea to gently brush off this snow as it accumulates before a large amount collects on the plants and damage results.

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At Home

By Connie Moore

This Little Piggy

IT IS SAID CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS took eight pigs with him on his trip to Cuba in 1493. It is said Hernando de Soto landed in America with thirteen pigs in 1539. By the time of de Soto's death, America had an established "pork industry", the animals being consumed, traded and otherwise greeted with gustatory delight.

From hams to tenderloins and all the bacon in between, Americans have embraced the whole hog. This year's pig trend is taking it to a new level. Fried ears and General Tso's pigtails top the list.

Ears can be boiled until tender, then seasoned and baked. Don't depend on me for a description of taste or texture. It is beyond my culinary curiosity as to how pig ears go down.

Head cheese has always been on the menu for Ohioans. Antique recipes abound for the cold-weather chore of hog butchering. The head does have some of the sweetest pork meat on the whole hog. I do know about that, as I was gifted the roasted head from a whole pig barbecue feast a few years back. A friend was very concerned as I wrapped up the head and put it in my trunk. I was admonished not to get stopped for speeding or get in an accident, for fear the resulting search of my car would turn up alarm with the sight of a severed head. I indicated surely any sane person would recognize a pig's face. I got home only to have my family stand in shock at what I "dragged" in. We ate well though. There was enough meat

to fill a dozen buns.

Head cheese itself is a different matter. One modern (on Google) recipe calls for not only the head of the hog but also two to six trotters (feet/hocks), a heavy brine, a blow torch and the biggest stock pot available to industrial cooking.

Back in 1877, a recipe was simply this: Procure a hog's head fresh from butchering. Split it in two. Remove eyes, brain. Discard. Wash, scrub and scrape the head and ears while throwing scalding water over all. Clean well. When extremely clean, put both halves in large kettle, cover with fresh water, boil, removing scum as it rises. When meat leaves bones, remove head to wooden tray. Remove all bones, making sure none is present in meat. Chop meat fine, season with salt, pepper and a bit of sage. In a clean cloth laid over a colander, place meat. Fold cloth over it tightly. Lay a weight on top and leave to drain. When cold remove weight, unwrap, place in a crock with a pint of vinegar to a gallon crock.

It is said Sir Walter Raleigh brought sows to Jamestown Colony in 1607. That might account for the later appearance of semi-wild hogs around New York settlers' grain fields. It was bad enough that a law went into effect that every hog that stood fourteen inches high had to have a ring in its nose. Walls were built to control the movement of said wild hogs. Is that where Wall Street got its name?

Later, farmers usually owned at least four or five hogs. Finishing their weight in field corn became the norm. As pioneers headed west, they naturally took the hogs with them, usually in the form of young piglets. In major western cities, pork packing plants sprang up. Cincinnati became known as the first for this and gained the name, Porkopolis.

Before railroads, drovers herded large

numbers of hogs along routes at about five miles a day. This method was replaced by tracks and steam engines, thousands of the animals being moved easily and quickly for processing.

Stockyards sprang up across the country. Packing plants were built adjacent. Feed grains became an important crop. Names like Corn Belt and Hog Belt sprang up.

There are all sorts of pork barbecue contests, festivals celebrating everything pork, marathons named after the celebrated piggy. There is a world full of traditions, legends and customs connected to the animal.

But when it comes to going over the top, so to speak, this year's trend of consuming pork snouts is about as gross as I can remember for trendy eating. Dozens of recipes for making the nose of the beast edible can be found online. If you are game, just search for pig snout recipes. You will even find photographs of the dished up nostrils. I would advise you not to view them if you are about to eat or have just eaten. It is one of those "viewer discretion is advised" situations.

It is said snouts can be pickled, boiled, deep-fried, roasted and added to the pot for pea soup. It is said the texture is rubbery or crispy, depending on cooking method.

It is said to be a trend. Trends tend to change, sooner or later. Let's hope for sooner on this one.

Trivia question: What was one use for the cleaned out bladder of the hog in pioneer days?

Answer: After cleaning, air was blown into the bladder and the children played ball with it.

Contact Connie at dcrmoores@att.net or write Box 61, Medway, OH 45341



ReScue Me

Formerly known as Amelia's Pup #7, Gabriel is an intact, male, dachshund mix dog, who was born on July 18'th, 2014. He is a playful little guy, who is current on all of his shots including rabies and has had his first and second worming. The father of this cute, little, pup is unknown - so his full size at maturity is just a guess at this point. But his mother was a very small "Doxie" and we believe he will favor his mother and maintain her small size. For more information on Gabriel, or any of our other dogs, puppies, cats, or kittens: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.

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This is by no means any type of desperation move. It is a move that we have contemplated for quite some time. We believe that now is the time to implement this change.

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE:

February 2015 Current Events

- 9.) "Living For Love" was premiered online in February of 2015. This was the latest single from which artist?
a. Kylie Minogue
b. Rihanna
c. Madonna
d. Beyonce

10.) Peter Greste, freed in February 2015 after a year in prison, was an Australian journalist kept prisoner in which country?
a. Syria
b. Spain
c. France
d. Egypt

11.) Sergio Mattarella was elected President of which nation on February 3rd, 2015?
a. France
b. Italy
c. Mexico
d. Spain

12.) The Fuego Volcano erupted in what country on February 7th, 2015?
a. Guatemala
b. Spain
c. Argentina
d. Brazil

13.) The Floreana ship ran aground causing a state of emergency to be declared in which country in February 2015?
a. Ecuador
b. Chile
c. Peru
d. Brazil
- 14.) Breaking records, the painting "When Will You Marry" sold for nearly \$300 million. Who was the artist?
a. Manet
b. Vincent Van Gogh
c. Paul Gauguin
d. Claude Monet

15.) The rope used to execute which individual was auctioned in February of 2015?
a. Benito Mussolini
b. Saddam Hussein
c. Osama Bin Laden
d. Adolf Hitler

16.) What birthday did Ashton Kutcher celebrate in February 2015?
a. 47
b. 27
c. 57
d. 37

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA SOLUTIONS

- 1.) Go Set a Watchman - Written before To Kill a Mockingbird and presumed lost, the novel features some of the same characters as her first novel.
- 2.) Lesotho - The exact motives for the shootout are still not known. 3.) Ghana - The Ivory Coast won the tournament defeating Ghana 9-8.
- 4.) Beyonce - Beyonce partnered with her personal trainer Marco Borges to launch the service.
- 5.) 98 - Gabor has been married nine times.
- 6.) Taiwan - The initial investigation shows that the right engine flamed out about two minutes after takeoff.
- 7.) Desert - Queen of the Desert made its debut on February 6th, 2015
- 8.) Canada - John was the Minister of Foreign Affairs from May 18, 2011 to February 3, 2015.
- 9.) Madonna - Alicia Keys plays piano in the track.

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Community Events

Checkmate Chess Club at Troy-Miami County Public Library

Challenge your friends or learn a new skill at the Checkmate Chess Club at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at the Troy-Miami County Public Library; you'll be amazed at how your game will improve.

The chess club is open to everyone with an interest in the game, even if you've never played before, and it is a great activity for the whole family.

For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 127.

Food Truck Competition Coming to Fairgrounds

What does everyone have in common? A desire and need to eat - so mark your calendars for May 16th and come to the Miami County Fairgrounds for the First Annual Gourmet Food Truck Competition & Rally.

The Gourmet Food Truck Competition & Rally will be held from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM and promises to have culinary delights that appeal to everyone - whether your passion be the main course, sweet treat or a specialty beverage; you will find it at the Miami County Fairgrounds on May 16th.

Free Admission and entertainment throughout the day along with dining areas for your convenience.

Food truck vendors can obtain additional information on our web site at www.miamicountyohio-fair.com or by calling 937.335.7492 Wednesday - Friday or Kenny Kirby at 937.606.1046 or Roberta Jacobs at 937.266.2914.

Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group to Meet

The Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at Conference Room A in the lower level of Upper Valley Medical Center, 3130 N. County Road 25A.

The Ostomy Support Group's meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month except January and July.

Programs provide information and support to ostomates and their families, and are beneficial to health care professionals as well. The speakers for the March meeting will be nursing students from Edison Community College.

For more information, call (937) 440-4706.

MCHGS 20th Annual Routes for Roots

The Miami County Historical & Genealogy Society invites you to it's 20th annual Routes for Roots genealogical workshop Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Ft. Piqua Plaza Conference Center (4th floor) Piqua, OH. Registration starts at 8:15am with classes starting at 9:15am. Lunch will be 11:25am-1:00pm and maps will be provided to local restaurants or you can bring your own and eat in the Piqua Library's Louis Room, first floor. Advance registration by March 1, 2015 is \$15.00 and \$20.00 walk-in. Registration forms are available on our website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohm-chgs/ under coming events. For more information contact Lois Fair, at fairlj@gmail.com. Speakers and topics will be:

Peggy Lauritzen, AG, census and township records.

Erin Pence, photographer and genealogist, German genealogy and recording your family with mobile technology.

Kathleen Reed, Hamilton County Genealogy Society, DNA and genealogy.

Joanne Yeck, historian, teacher & author, family history to local history.

Amie Tennant, genealogist & speaker, basic & advanced research using FamilySearch.org.

"Cardio" Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

Katie Nardecchia will conduct a new 5 week session of "Cardio" Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning March 4. 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 Nardecchia. "Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout," she added.

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 Nardecchia, "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 937-773-6626.

Knitting for Cancer

Suzie Hawkes will coordinate a knitting activity for cancer patients on Thursday, March 5, at 10 a.m. at the YWCA Piqua. Participants will be knitting or crocheting hats and other items to donate to cancer patients at UVMC. Individuals coming to help with this project are asked to bring their own yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks.

"This is a wonderful community project to support those affected by cancer," said Hawkes, YWCA volunteer. "It is especially meaningful to those receiving our items to show that members of the community are helping them through a difficult time," she added.

For more information, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street, call 773-6626 or e-mail info@ywcapiqua.com. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the session. The YWCA is handicapped accessible.

Rotarians Looking for Good Orators

Are you a good public speaker? Do you like to earn money when you orate? If so, the Troy Rotary Club wants to

hear from you. On March 5, 2015, Rotarians will sponsor their annual "Four-Way Test Speech Contest" at Troy

Hayner Cultural Center, and area high school students are encouraged to participate. The topic is "Leadership,

Service and the Four-Way Test." The Four-Way 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. "This annual event helps encourage high school students begin to learn how to plan, practice and deliver focused speeches on topics that are important to them," said John Haller, Rotarian and chair of the event. He added that Rotary International adopted the Four-Way Test in 1943 as a set of guidelines by which Rotary Clubs would conduct community outreach and personal conduct.

The deadline to enter the Troy Rotary Club contest is March 3, 2015, and there is a limited number of speeches that will be accepted, according to Haller. Students may get more information from their Speech, English or Language Arts teachers and are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The winner of the March 5th contest will be eligible to participate in the District 6670 contest on March 22, 2015 at Millett Hall on the Wright State University campus. The winner at that event will earn \$400.

Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support several community projects annually and distributed more than \$11,000 in scholarships and community aid in 2013-14. To learn more about Rotary programs and membership, visit their Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org. You can also follow the Club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

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Rotarians Focus on How Area Youth Learn

Benjamin Overfield (1774-1831) would be pleased to know his name is part of a vital component of early learning in Troy. Since 1960, the Overfield School has used the Reggio Emilia philosophy of active learning through touch, feel, smell and constant activity during a child's crucial developmental period from 18 months to 6 years old. According to Katie Gascho (pictured), the school's curriculum promotes tenacity, concentration, flexibility and adaptability, and the staff encourage parental involvement in the programming as an essential aspect of a child's thinking and development. Gascho has been Operations Lead for the past several years and holds a degree in Early Education from Purdue University. She spoke to the members of the Troy Rotary Club during

their weekly meeting on February 10, 2015. Originally called the Overfield Nursery School, its doors opened in 1960 at the E. Water Street site of the Overfield Tavern. In 1970, the innovative program was granted a license by the State of Ohio, and then it moved to



the current location of 172 South Ridge Road in Troy in 1989. Today,

the school serves over 100 children each year, including offering an all-day option for families where the adults work full-time away from the home. More information on the school and curriculum can be found on their Web site at www.overfield.org. Troy Rotary 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. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

Safety Tips for Bitterly Cold Temps

Dangerously low temperatures and bitterly cold wind chills continue to be in the forecast for much of the Midwest this week. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) wants individuals and families to be safe when faced with the hazards of cold temperatures. During cold weather, you should take the following precautions:

Stay indoors as much as possible and limit your exposure to the cold; Dress in layers and keep dry; Check on family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance; Know the symptoms of cold-related health issues such as frostbite and hypothermia and seek medical attention if health conditions are severe.

Bring your pets indoors or ensure they have a warm shelter area with unfrozen water. Make sure your vehicle has an emergency kit that includes an ice scraper, blanket and flashlight – and keep the fuel tank above half full. If you are told to stay off the roads, stay home. If you must drive, don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule and stay on main roads. You can find more information and tips on being ready for winter weather and extreme cold temperatures at <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>. FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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