

TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, February 23

6:59 p.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A for a report of menacing. A woman reported that a male subject was making threats to kill her. She said he was being moved from Miami County to a mental facility in Montgomery County. He reportedly stated that he would escape, go to her house and kill her. She was advised that since the information was relayed by a third party, that would not constitute a charge of menacing, nor could deputies take him to jail. She was advised to obtain a protection order.

Wednesday, February 25

12:55 a.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main at Norwich Rd. The driver was arrested for OVI.

10:41 a.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of a missing license plate. A dealership owner reported that he loaned a vehicle to a church group for a mission trip out of state. The plate was missing from the vehicle. He is not sure if it was stolen or fell off of the vehicle. He requested a report so the plate could be replaced and so the dealership would not be affected if the plate was stolen and used in criminal activity.

4:04 p.m. – While at the Miami County Safety Building, a deputy heard the panic alarm from a juvenile courtroom. He learned that a juvenile had fled the courtroom upon learning the outcome of his hearing. The juvenile ran down the stairs and out the rear door. Several bystanders advised is direction of travel. A caller reported the juvenile was seen running near the railroad tracks on N. Market St. He was located, ordered to the ground and handcuffed. He was transported back to Juvenile Court where he was ordered to be transported to West Central Juvenile Detention Center. The court will handle any charges.

Thursday, February 26

12:54 p.m. – A Piqua-Troy Rd. resident came to the Sheriff’s office to report a fraud. He said he was contacted by the unemployment office requesting information on why he needed unemployment benefits. He found that someone had filed under his name. He said that they were able to cancel the claim but could not provide further information on who filed it. He said the Department of Job & Family Services contacted him as well, stating that someone had filed paperwork in his name. He said that he has contacted his bank as a precaution. The deputy spoke with Job & Family Services and they said that they have no information on any individual using the man’s information. He was referred to the Attorney General’s office to speak to a fraud victim advocate.

2:06 p.m. – To the Miami County Safety Building for a report of phone harassment. A probation officer said that she received a threatening message for a parolee. The deputy listened to the message and asked if it could be burned to CD. It was done, and the CD was placed in a case file and the investigation continues.

Friday, February 27

2:36 p.m. – A deputy picked up a male juvenile at Juvenile Court to take him to the Juvenile Detention Center. The juvenile was visibly upset and crying. While on the elevator, the deputy tried to talk to him and the juvenile responded with obscenities. The deputy asked him not to curse while in the court house and the juvenile said that he would say whatever he wanted to say. He continued to use obscenities while walking to the cruiser. Once in the cruiser, he began kicking the divider between the seats. The deputy had to tell him twice to stop kicking the divider, but he continued kicking and cursing. He was told that if he didn’t stop kicking the divider, he would be maced. The juvenile said he didn’t care and that he would sue the deputy. Once at the JDC, he entered without incident. The juvenile was advised that if there was damage to the vehicle, he would be charged. The juvenile responded with more obscenities.

4:40 p.m. – To Eldean Rd. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A man reported that his daughter has become more defiant and disrespectful. He said that he has been in contact with the Juvenile Court Prosecutor and was advised to document her unruly behavior with police reports. He said he went to school to pick her up and he could not locate her. He found her walking downtown and told her to get into the car.

11:39 p.m. – Traffic stop in the 500 block of N. Market St. The driver was arrested for OVI.

Saturday, February 28

6:28 a.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of an assault. A woman called stating that she had been assaulted, but did not know where she was. Deputies finally determined that she was in the 2100 block of S. County Rd. 25A. A man said that he, the woman and another male subject were in the home partying through the night. He said that the woman and the other man got into an argument, but that it did not become physical. He said that all three of them had used LSD. He said that the other man had already left the home. The woman said that the other man was acting like he had overdosed and that she was concerned for his welfare. She said the man became angry at her and started arguing. She said she felt threatened and that she was assaulted in her face. She had no marks on her face. The woman was advised to call back when she is sober to decide if she wanted to press charges. The woman rarely made sense and kept asking if the deputies were the good guys or the bad guys. Attempts to reach the other man were unsuccessful.

Sunday, March 1

2:28 a.m. – Traffic stop on S. Elm St. at W. Main St. The driver was arrested for OVI and improper handling of a firearm.

Trib
BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Woman pleads to stealing from business

A Covington woman pleaded guilty Feb. 23 to stealing more than \$16,000 from her former employer CR Butts Discount Tobacco in Troy.

The plea in Miami County Common Pleas Court by Kathy Gilmore, 56, was a conditional plea to felony theft and forgery as part of an application for intervention in lieu of conviction.

Under the program, if she completes three years of probation and conditions outlined by Judge Christopher Gee, the charges would be dismissed. Among the conditions were paying \$16,830 restitution, following a curfew and completing an intervention program for gambling and other issues as outlined by a psychologist.

Gilmore was accused of stealing lottery tickets and money from the South Dorset Road business between June 2013 and March 2014.

Man pleads not guilty to felonies

A Troy man pleaded not guilty Thursday, Feb. 26, to three felony indictments for allegedly damaging a sheriff’s cruiser and spitting on deputies after his arrest for domestic violence.

Dustin K. Bennett, 34, was arrested after deputies were called to an alleged domestic violence at a trailer on Third Street just north of Troy late Jan. 13.

Bennett was accused of assaulting a woman, then kicking out the back window of a cruiser and trying escape. As deputies attempted to take him to the jail, Bennett allegedly spat blood and saliva on two deputies.

He is charged with domestic violence, vandalism and harassment with bodily substance.

Bail was set at \$65,000.

Loan OK’d for roof repairs

Troy’s Loan Review Committee approved an \$11,107 loan for emergency roof repairs to the building at 7-9 S. Market St.

The committee approved the loan Feb. 23 after it met with building owner Jay Harris. He said repairs are needed before a new tenant spends some \$50,000 in improvements to a first floor space. Raise Your Brush a social art business in Centerville, recently leased the South Market Street space for five years.

The loan is through the Small Business Development program at 3 percent interest for five years.

Harris has a previously loan through the program to help buy and rehab the building. The owner is current on those loan payments, Gregg Harris of the city staff, told the loan committee.

Commission OKs signs

Troy’s Planning Commission approved signs for two downtown businesses during its meeting Feb. 25.

Approved was a request from Comfort Keepers for window and door signs at 24 N. Market St. Commission member Dee Mahan abstained from the vote.

Also approved was a request for a wall sign and awning at the new Dish store location at 9 N. Market St. The business was located previously across the street.

Community Mourns

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a donation to wear jeans for the day, Herman said.

A fund for the family has been set up at Wright-Patt Credit Union in the name of Jean Bishop.

Carter said the children were from Buffalo and started coming to the center four or five years ago. They participated in the center’s after school program, its basketball league and, the young women, were in a dance program, he said.

“It’s tough for everybody ... You ask the question why. A lot of people are dealing with the how and why,” Carter said of the loss of the children.

The center held a gathering and candlelight vigil Sunday, March 1. Hundreds from the community attended. The center arranged for counselors to be on hand at the center Monday afternoon.

Carter said he planned to work with the fire department for fire safety/carbon monoxide education. “We will move forward and hopefully save a life in the future,” Carter said.

Simmons said four Troy firefighters were treated for carbon monoxide exposure after the incident. The Tri-County Board of Mental Health’s critical response team was called in to work with first responders. The team “has been nothing but great,” Simmons said.

Troy police, Miami County Sheriff’s deputies and emergency personnel from Elizabeth Township assisted Troy firefighters at the house.

Arrangements for Dionanna Bishop, Dejah Bishop and Jakia Jones being handled by the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home in Troy.

Troy Area Property Transfers

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Community Events

Fiber Fest in Planning Stages

The Upper Valley Fiber Fest Committee is planning the 9th Annual fiber fest to be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds, May 16, from 10 AM to 5 PM. They are looking for vendors in fiber, fiber animals and fiber crafts. They are also interested in other crafts and craftsmen from Miami County. Please check the website uppervalleyfiberfest.org to get entry forms and other information.

Soroptimists Plan Style Show

Soroptimist International of Tipp City & the Upper Miami Valley proudly announces the presentation of their annual Style Show & Luncheon, "Fashion for a Cause" on Saturday, April 11th from 11:15am to 2:00pm at The Crystal Room in Troy. Featured will be fashions for women in all walks of life. Styles will be provided by Merchant 31 of Tipp City. Fashions will be modeled by women from the community. The club is also offering their annual basket raffle at this event. Admittance is by advanced reservation only. The cost per ticket is \$25 (\$10 of this amount is tax deductible). There will be a cash bar, basket raffle, luncheon, and style show. Tickets can be purchased through club members, Merchant 31, and Tipp-Monroe Community Services. The proceeds from this event will benefit awards and local community projects supporting women and girls in our area.

Commissioners Approve Waste Removal, Tipp Annexation

By Nancy Bowman

A request by Troy's American Honda Motor Co. to transport non-recyclable material out of the county for disposal by a waste to energy facility was approved last week by the Miami County commissioners.

The approval Feb. 24 was required because the county's solid waste district rules require disposal of waste at the county Transfer Station located between Troy and Piqua. The county will be paid \$24.70 for each ton of waste sent to the alternative disposal facility.

County Engineer Paul Huelskamp said the company is working toward being a zero waste facility

and the county is willing to help it achieve that goal. Using the alternative waste option actually is more expensive to the company, he said.

In other business the commission OK'd a memorandum of understanding for funding a part-time Miami County hazardous materials coordinator.

The agreement includes Troy, Piqua, Tipp City and the county contributing to the annual program budget of \$21,000. The cost is based on emergency hazardous sites reporting under state law and allocated as follows: Piqua, 28 percent; Troy, 45 percent; Tipp City, 12 percent; and Miami County, 15 percent.

The commission also approved the annexation of 1.619 acres from Monroe Township to Tipp City as requested by The Hartley Co.

The annexation was approved Feb. 2 by both the city and township. The property at 3311 S. County Road 25A is the location of a Gulf gas station, previously the Starfire.

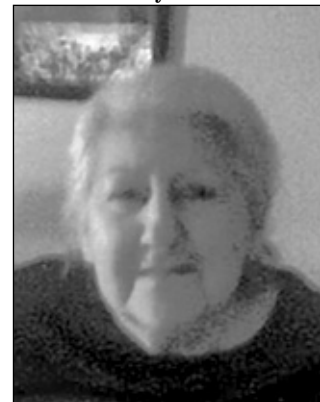
Brad Vath, assistant city manager in Tipp City, told the commission the annexation was requested to allow the property to tie into the city's potable water supply instead of using water well.

In personnel actions, the commission created a position of full-time human resource generalist under their office. The new position will pay \$18.43 to \$25.82 per hour, depending on qualifications.

Obituaries

Dottie L. Nickels

Dottie L. Nickels, 74, of Troy, passed away 10:11 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Hihat, KY on May 16, 1940 to the late Melvin and Dallie (Justice) Keene. She was married to Oney John Nickels, Sr., and he preceded her in death on September 8, 2011 after 28 years of marriage. Dottie is survived by one son and



daughter-in-law, Virgil and Gayle Goff, Jr. of Sidney; two daughters, Brenda Fairchild of Troy, Michelle Brandenburg of Troy; five step sons, John Michael Nickels of Georgia, Roy Allen (Bonnie) Nickels of Piqua, Douglas Edward Nickels of Springfield,

David Anthony Nickels of Troy, Oney John (Shannon) Nickels of Piqua; one step daughter and husband, Betty Sue and David Smith of New Mexico; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Burley and Maggie Keene of Mongo, IN, Bobby and Sheila Keene of Kendallville, IN; and one sister and brother-in-law, Zetta and Edward Frank of Ft. Wayne, IN. She was also preceded in death by one son, Ricky Goff; three daughters, Kathy Phillips, Linda McClellan and Betty Preston; one brother, Curtis Keene; and one sister, Betty Keene Pack. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Chaplain John Shelton officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home prior to the service. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Patricia R. Pont

Patricia R. Pont, age 89 of Vandalia and formerly of Troy, Ohio passed away at 4:26 A.M. on Monday, March 2, 2015 at The Gardens of Celina. She was born February 2, 1926 in Dayton, Ohio to the late



Robert J. and Verda (Beal) Allegree. She was married to Manuel M. Pont in

1958, and he preceded her in death on November 1, 1998. She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Jeannene and David Copen of Tipp City, Cheryl and Ronald Shie of Celina, Linda and Steven Lachey of Kettering, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 4 half brothers and 2 half sisters also survive. She was also preceded in death by brother Robert Allegree. She was a graduate of Julianne High School, Dayton. Per her wish, a private service by invitation only will be held on Friday March 6, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

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Eagles Start Tournament Run With Win

By Jim Dabbelt

The second season is here, and for the Troy Christian Eagles their tournament began on Saturday against Springfield Catholic at Troy High School. The Eagles jumped out to an impressive 18 point lead after one quarter of play, en route to a 78-28 rout of the Irish in front of a stellar crowd at the Student Activity Center.

After a scoreless two minutes, the Eagles started their run when they scored six points in a span of one minute to take a 6-0 lead. A three for the Irish was answered by a three from Grant Zawadzki

Once the Irish cut the lead to 13-5, it was Troy Christian who ran off ten consecutive points over the final 1:16 of the quarter including five points from Isiah Fairley, giving Troy Christian a 23-5 lead after the first period of play.

Troy Christian only scored two points in the first three minutes of the second period before going on another run midway through the period. Five free throws over a span of three minutes pushed the Troy Christian lead out to 30-8 with 2:32 left in the first half. The Eagles added

some excitement when Dusty Poteet threw down consecutive dunks to increase their lead. When KC Kamentz and Chase Hayden each hit three point shots in the final minute of the half, the Eagles went into the half with a 40-15 lead.

Things got interesting in the third quarter, with the Eagles leading 51-19. A technical foul was called against the Irish when one of the Irish players pushed one of the Eagles, and the Eagles took advantage of things with free throws, pushing their lead out to 58-19. Troy Christian ended the third quarter on a 11-0 run and took a 69-21 lead heading to the final eight minutes of play.

Troy Christian came into the sectional tournament as the second seed, and advanced to the second round, which will be played tonight at Troy High School against Xenia Christian starting at 6 p.m. A win tonight will send the Eagles into the sectional championship game on Saturday night against the winner of Bethel vs Franklin Monroe.

Troy Christian was led in scoring by Kamentz with a game high 22 points, followed by Fairley pitching in 18 and Zawadzki added 12.

Trojans, Eagles Send Wrestlers To Districts

By Jim Dabbelt

Nine members of the Troy Christian wrestling team, along with two from the Troy Trojans, have all advanced to next week's district tournaments, as the OHSA State Wrestling tournament is underway across Ohio.

Troy Christian finished as the sectional runner-up with 203 team points, trailing only a talented Mechanicsburg squad who accumulated 217.5 points.

Jacob Edwards started things off at 106, and the Eagle finished third overall with a 14-2 major decision victory over Marcus Marshal of Versailles, to qualify for the districts at Hobart Arena this weekend.

At 120 pounds, Michael Sergeant of Troy Christian finished as runnerup to Tanner Smith of Mechanicsburg 9-6, also advancing him onto the districts.

third-place finals and allowing him the chance to advance to wrestle this weekend.

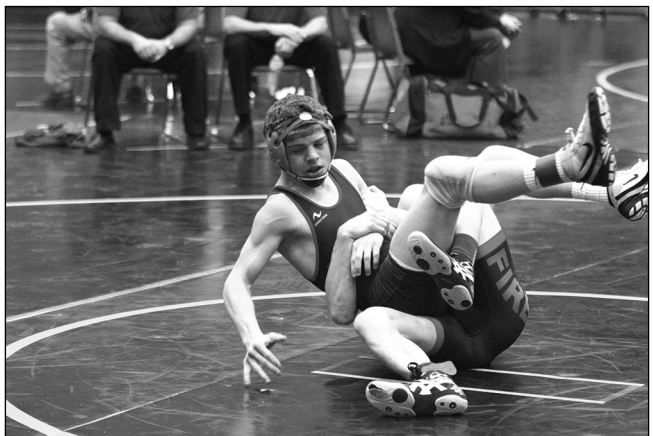
Also advancing was Tristan Devlin at 195, as he defeated Caden Hellyer of Miami East 6-1. At 220, it was a runner-up finish for Brandon Swihart as he lost to Ben Sullivan but does move into the next round.

Earning an alternate spot is Drew Whaley at 113, as he finished fifth overall on the day.

*Troy also advanced two wrestlers into the districts this weekend at Fairmont High School, as a pair of Trojans were runner-up in their weight class.

At 106, it was Joe Pascale falling in the championship match to Chad Craft of Northmont in 5:59, while Kobe Scott was second overall at 126, as the Trojan lost to Logan Brown of Lakota West in 1:08.

Not p lacing but fin-



Kobe Scott battles Logan Brown of Lakota West in the championship round. Kobe lost by a pin in 1:08. Kobe will advance to districts with his second place finish. Photo by Ward Moeller

At 126, the Eagles' Garrett Hancock pinned Tanner Bey of Versailles in the finals in 1:10 to advance. Also moving on was 138-pounder Cody Ohmeiss, who lost in the championship round to Ryan Ford of Covington 3-1 in overtime.

Placing third at 145 pounds was Troy Christian's Seth Bell, as he defeated Corey Dieringer of Versailles in the third place match. With the 4-1 victory, Bell advanced to the districts this weekend.

At 160, Canaan Berry earned a default win over Jacob Thompson of Triad to move into the next round, while weighing in at 182 was Levi Sims, who shutout Wyatt Long of Lehman 4-0 in the

ishing in the top six was Brandon Lee, who was sixth overall at 170 after a 7-5 loss to Joe Cochran of Springfield.

Troy Christian now heads to the districts at Hobart Arena this weekend, March 6-7 with the first session set to begin at 3 p.m. Friday and the second session slated for 7 p.m.

They come back on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. with the finals scheduled to tentatively begin at 4 p.m.

For Troy, they will start at 4 p.m. at Fairmont High School with session one on Friday, followed by session two at 7:30. Those who advance will return on Saturday to begin at 10 a.m.

Area Bowlers Advance In Tourney Play

Northwestern competed in the Division Two district bowling tournament last week, rolling a 3585 on the day. Leading the way for the Warriors was JT Campbell with a 169-256-173 (598), followed by Hunter Berthold 201-135-156 (492), KT Wallace 138-166-184 (488), Austin Sweet 142-163-190 (495), along with a 189 from Aaron Sherman. The baker games were 233-146-170-157-169-155.

For the Northwestern girls, Elizabeth Sakaitis finished fourth overall with a 164-245-170 (579), as the Warriors girls' team had a great day at districts. Ashley Garrett rolled a 150-204-200 (554), Kristen Williams 165-156-201 (522), Hannah Holt-Grimm 147-195 and Danielle Berthold 175-141.

*In Division One Sectionals (Districts held this week), Tecumseh boys' rolled a 3855, led by Dylan Terrell 178-236-177 (591), Noah Burns 172-181-226 (579), Matt Brown 204-171-169 (544), Zach Helm 202-182-120 (504), while Caleb Collins had a 233-152 and his sub rolled a 156. Tecumseh's bakers were 203-181-192-204-152-164.

The Tipp boys' finished with 2763, as Ryan Rittenhouse qualified for the districts with a 255-236-200 (691). Also for Tipp, Nick Lanham 212-178-193 (583), Stephen

Ridgeway 173-171-167 (511), Wyatt Wilson 178-144-167 (489) and Charles Jaynes 155-205-129 (489).

Troy finished with 3090, and was led by freshman Aaron Stone 256-279-197 (732), Corey Shiltz 217-232-232 (681), Jason Shiltz 195-192-215 (602), Jeff Manning 188-192-172 (552) and Hayden Jackson 183-182-158 (523). The Troy team has qualified for the districts.

For the girls' Troy continues their strong season as Allie Isner rolled a 224-210-180 (615), A'leigha Smith 226-191-187 (604), Rachel Darrow 201-188-202 (604), Jenna Stone 243-181-167 (591), Rachel Wagner 154-132. They ended the day with 4069, including baker games of 192-213-235-198-205-200.

Tecumseh saw Katie Stamper qualify for districts as she rolled a 178-193-202 (573). She was followed by Katie Portner 171-137-168 (476), Amy Burgher 163-144-161 (468), Jessica Perkins 149-149-158 (456) and Michayla Chapman 134-176-131 (441). The Arrows rolled a 3432, which included baker games of 189-148-171-168-150-192.

Finally for Tippecanoe who finished with a 2467, Mary Kate Lee finished with a 169-123-140 (432), Jessica Goodson 138-126-147 (411), Emma Smith 112-120-119 (351), Deina Delgado 104-97 and Olivia Shirley 87-109.

Troy Sports Notes

Troy Swimming- The Troy Trojans were involved in the state swimming championship last weekend, and one swimmer placed in the top ten in two different events.

In the women 200 IM, Troy senior Shelly Zelnik placed sixth overall in the state, as she swam a time of 2:03.06. The Trojans senior came back in the 1000 Breaststroke and finished seventh, as she swam a time of 1:05.12

* Centerville jumped out to a 23-7 lead after the opening quarter, and never looked back en route to an 80-38 win over Troy, ending the Trojans season in the opening game of the Division One sectionals on Saturday.

Also, the Troy girls' team lost to Tecumseh in their tournament opener 39-31. Troy was in the game at halftime tied at 19, but Tecumseh dominated the third period 14-1, and held on for the win.

GWOC Wrestling -

Due to the weather, the Trojans wrestling team saw their league meet pushed to last week, and the Trojans finished 12th overall in the GWOC with a total of 74 points.

The highest place finisher for the Trojans was runner-up Joe Pascale in the 106 division, as he lost in the finals to Chad Craft of Northmont in 2:45.

Also finishing fourth was Shane Love at 120, as he lost the third-place match to Chris Cantrill of Sidney 17-5.

Placing fifth was 126-pounder Kobe Scott with a win in the fifth-place game, while Davin Snyder was sixth at 182.

Troy Christian Girls Basketball - After an even opening quarter, the Troy Christian Eagles couldn't stay with the Fairlawn Jets, losing in the opening round of the Sectional tournament 55-39 last week.

Kathryn Lee scored 14 to lead the Eagles.

Area Players Honored by District 9 Coaches

By Jim Dabbelt

Several area basketball players were selected to the District 9 Media team, voted on by the coaches in District 9, consisting of schools north of I-70.

For the boys Division One team, Tecumseh senior Donte Clark was named to the Media team, as the senior averaged 15 points and seven rebounds per game for the Arrows. Also named to the Division One team was Troy senior Tre Hudson, coming off a season that saw him score 17 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. The Division One Player of the Year was Clay Guolozet from Greenville.

In Division Two, Greenon senior Jacob Whetsel was named to the Media Team, as the Knights senior averaged 18.2 points and 8.5 rebounds. Also on the Division Two team, Northwestern senior Andy Elliott was honored. Shawnee senior Jaden Greenwood was selected as the Player of the Year.

In Division Four, Troy Christian senior Grant Zawadzki was selected as the Player of the Year, as the standout was joined on the team by teammate Chris Landrum. Bethel freshman Caleb South also earned a spot on the Division Four team.

On the girls' side, the Division One team was highlighted locally by Tecumseh juniors

Danielle Franklin and Lindsey Nartker, both voted onto the team by the coaches. Franklin was also runner-up for the Player of the Year, as Sidney junior Sylvia Hudson earned that honor.

Troy's Sierra Besecker also made the 10 player list of District Nine all-star team, as the Trojans struggled to score this year, as they were eliminated in the tournament by Tecumseh.

Halee Printz led the way on the Division Two Media team, as the 5-foot-10 Tippecanoe senior earned not only the Player of the Year in Division Two, but also is the District Nine representative in the Ohio North-South Division 1-2 all-star game in Columbus in April. Printz was joined on the Media team by teammate Carly Clodfelter (jr.), along with Northwestern junior Korynne Berner and Greenon senior Taylor Burson. Tippecanoe coach Ian Porto was also the Division Two Coach of the Year.

There are over 50 schools in District Nine, and the all-star game which comes up in early April helps raise money for Children's Medical Center.

In the girls' game, Burson and Greenon teammate Brittany Kozak will be playing in the April 2 game at Troy in the Division 1-2-3 game. Tecumseh senior Ali Lee also will be on the North team with the Greenon players. On the South team, Printz will participate.

The boys' will also have their senior all-star game on April 3 also at Troy. In the Division Four game, Chris Landrum and Isiah Fairley from Troy Christian will suit up for the East squad.

In the Divison 1-2-3 game, Clark and Elliott will be playing on the South team, and on the North team is Hudson and Whetsel.

Sports Schedules

Wednesday, March 4
6:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Men's Basketball Sctional vs. Xenia Christian at Troy HS

Thursday, March 5
9:30 a.m. - Troy HS Girls Bowling - District tournament at Beaver Vu Bowl

Friday, March 6
3:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys District Wrestling Tournament Session #1 at Hobart Arena
7:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys District Wrestling Tournament Session #2 at Hobart Arena

Saturday, March 7
10:00 a.m. - Troy Christian Boys District Wrestling Tournament Session #3 at Hobart Arena
4:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys District Wrestling Tournament Finals at Hobart Arena



Sierra Besecker drives Kelsey Garber of Tecumseh for two points. Troy girls lost to Tecumseh 39-31. The Arrows kept the Lady Trojans to just one point in the third quarter. Photo by Ward Moeller

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Gardening Commentary with MVG



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This is a good time of year to talk about some issues that we may not have the opportunity to mention later in the season when we are busy gardening. We all want to be safe in the yard or possibly at church or some other public facility where you may be doing some planting or have a special project. Some major disasters have occurred around the country when people start a project before preparing adequately.

Call 811 Before You Dig- With the weather we

have be experiencing it may seem like a long way off before you will be digging to plant a tree, or a hole for fence posts, maybe even putting in a small pond or a footing for a wall. No matter why you're digging, it is the law that we "call before we dig" or know what's below. Several disasters have occurred to people and properties and even to neighborhoods over the years by innocently going to work with a rented trencher or post hole digger and hitting an underground utility. It may seem like overkill to call 811 before you plant a tree or put in a new fence but it makes sense. The Call and Marking Service is FREE and can save you and your neighbors a lot of problems. You will need to plan ahead as it may take a few days to have this service come and mark any underground cables or pipes.

"Know what's below" is their slogan and this could keep some of us out of trouble. There is a website for more info www.call811.com

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when reading the labels on plant protection products. Try to do your reading and research the day before you are going to make the application, when you have time to understand the instructions or maybe even call your favorite garden center or county agent for assistance before you misapply and cause damage to your plants or the environment. Keep any chemicals out of the reach of children or pets. If you are using a sprayer be sure to flush it out after use to prevent any chemical residue from remaining in the sprayer. It is best to NEVER use the same sprayer for pesticides and for weed killers, use separate equipment for these two items.

Send any questions or comments to info@meadowview.com and we'll get back to you with suggestions.

At Home



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Get Creative with March Foods

March can bring on tempest weather, flowers sprouting through snow, birds singing as if they are down south and a plethora of national food days.

March is also "Bake & Take" month. Numerous towns and cities have a declaration of this special time to bake someone, anyone-stranger or friend, something and deliver it.

It brings on a smile from a neighbor. A surprised look on the postman's face. Blushed cheeks of a child. A hug and a single cupcake or plate of cookies. That's all it takes to make somebody feel extra special for one day.

National March food days are varied but at least half of the month are sweet foods. A partial list includes: peanuts, hot cross buns, banana cream pie, pound cake, Oreos, peanut clusters, Milky Ways, oatmeal cookies, cake pops, black forest cake, chiffon cake and nougats.

Now, there are tons of recipes for those sweets. However, looking at the savory items on the list, such as cereal, noodles, potato chips, waffles and celery, presents one with a challenge. Could these foods become a sweet bite

of human kindness?

Take noodles: A popular dessert in Eastern Europe is Kugel. The word is Yiddish for pudding. Made with noodles, sugar, fruits and eggs, this dish is definitely sweet. For something a bit easier to assemble and share, try my mother-in-law's Chinese Clusters. Made with those crispy Chinese noodles in a can, they go together in minutes.

On to celery: Of course, the proverbial Ants-on-a-Log is a sweet, nutty snack. Peanut butter is stuffed into celery stalks and dotted with raisins. Personally, I've never heard of anyone knocking on a neighbor's door with a plate of them and declaring, "Just because I was thinking of you". If you want to get fancy and surprise the cupcake aficionado, try sneaking some finely minced celery into an apple salad cupcake with cream cheese frosting, garnishing the tops with a celery leaf and half a maraschino cherry. (An adapted recipe for this won a ribbon at the county fair one year!)

Cereal reminds me of Mom's cornflake cookies. Lacey, golden brown, sweet cookies.

Here are a couple of these recipes. Try them or bake your favorite sweet and share with a friend, family or a business acquaintance who could use a hearty smile and thought-provoking sweet bite of something!

Famous Cookie quote: Charles M. Schultz once said, "They are crying to get out of the jar....Cookies get claustrophobia too, you know!"

LARGE BATCH CORNFLAKE COOKIES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 ¼ cup shortening (Crisco or margarine)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flaked coconut
- 2 cups cornflakes

Sift flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder. Cream shortening, both sugars, eggs and vanilla. Combine sifted ingredients with creamed ingredients. Stir in coconut and cornflakes. Drop by small spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. They will spread during baking. Bake in 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove to wax paper or wire racks to cool. Makes about 8 dozen.

CHINESE CLUSTERS

- One 6 ounce package chocolate chips
- One 6 ounce package butterscotch chips
- One 3 ounce can chow mein noodles
- One 6 ½ ounce can cocktail peanuts

Melt both chips in a 2-quart casserole dish in microwave on low to medium for about two minutes or until warm and melted. Stir until smooth. Add crispy chow mein noodles and peanuts. Stir well to coat all. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper. Let set until firm. Store in covered container with wax paper in between layers. NOTE: This is an older recipe and the can ounces given may not be available. Use your best judgment as to purchasing the ingredients. Use measuring cup to get the right ounces.

Police Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO TCPD RETIRED

Police Horses & Canines

Anyone who has been following the news about the canine officer named Karson who ran off from the kennel he was staying in while the assigned police officer was on vacation has returned safe and sound. This article will deal with what happens to the police canine and horse units once they are too old to continue in police work, become sick or the department decides to do away with canine/mounted patrol units.

Actually the Ohio Revised Code covers this

exact situation in chapter 9.62. Every police canine and mounted unit must be well trained prior to use on the street. Breeders will even have the prospective officer visit and interact with the dog or horse to insure they are compatible.

Due to the stress and physical nature of police work, working dogs and horses do not work as long as their handler which is 25 or more years. Police departments also have periods of fiscal problems and the first to go may be a canine or mounted unit. A dog who suffers from a back problem or horse developing a leg problem will necessitate their retirement from duty.

Since these animals become a true partner to the

assigned officer and his family, the dog and humans often feel the same as if a human partner retired or becomes disabled. The love and respect these units have for each other is no different than that found in a family pet.

The Ohio Revised Code requires the police department who disbands a canine or mounted equine unit must offer the assigned officer the opportunity to purchase the animal for \$1. If the canine or horse is injured in the line of duty, becomes disabled or unfit for duty the assigned officer is to be given the opportunity to purchase the animal for the same \$1 price.

After purchasing the animal, the officer assumes all financial and legal respon-

sibility for their partner. Should the officer not elect to purchase the animal, the dog or horse is disposed of by law.

If an officer leaves the police department while the canine or equine is still capable of performing police duties, the officer has no claim to the animal. The police department can assign the animal to another officer or do with it as they see fit.

I don't know if Karson will return to police duty in the future. But it is reassuring to know that should he be deemed unfit and retire from police work, that he has the opportunity to stay with his handler and family.

Woman in the Man Cave

BY NICOLE BAUER
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Get Clean

I have to admit, I'm a neat freak. My favorite saying is 'a place for everything and everything in its place'. I live by it and I say it to my guys more than they would like to hear it. That's okay though, because they always know where things are and their beloved possessions last longer that way.

That being said, I'm always on the lookout for useful tips to keep my cleaning routine easy, safe, and affordable. As you may already know, I have tried to eliminate as many harsh chemicals from my home as possible. They aren't necessary for a healthy and clean home. I have been making my own laundry soap for over a year and I love it. It's a simple mixture of Borax, Arm & Hammer's Super Washing Soda, and a bar of Fels Naptha or Zote Soap. It does not leave clothes smelling like any type of perfume additives. If you need that then you can add the Downy Unstoppables or something similar. However be aware that the perfume aspect in laundry detergent can be a dangerous health hazard in itself. If you do a little research about the chemicals in them, you will see

the impact it can potentially have on your health and the environment as well.

HOMEMADE LAUNDRY SOAP:

- 2 cups borax
- 2 cups Super Washing Soda
- 1 bar of Zote soap or Fels Naptha

I usually grate the bar soap with an old cheese grater I purchased at Goodwill. Then I throw it in with the borax and washing soda and mix it all up. I like to put a few cups at a time through my 'laundry blender'. It's a blender I got at a garage sale that I use solely for grinding up my laundry soap. You don't have to do this step, it just helps breakdown the bar soap a little better. You can double or even triple this recipe if you want a larger laundry soap supply. I usually double the amounts and it lasts a few months. It is much cheaper than the big name brand soaps and it does just as good a job. You can store it in a mason jar or an old plastic juice pitcher. I only use 1/8 cup per load unless it's a really dirty load, then I use 1/4 cup.

Laundry isn't my only time-consuming cleaning routine. I have come across some great tips for lots of different aspects of my home. For instance, I always sew a button to the corner of my dishcloths. I use it to scrape food off of bowls and other dishes that want to put a dishwasher fight. It's a convenient

time-saver that has come in handy and saves me from having to stock a separate scrub sponge for dishes.

Since I have two sons I also have to deal with their wrath as well. When they were younger they'd have crayon marks all over the table (and walls, toys, and anywhere else they could find to release their creativity). This was an easy fix in most cases. I would spray the crayon marks with some foaming shaving cream (not the gel type, use Gillette or the dollar store brand) and let it sit. Then I could usually wipe the stain right off. Shaving cream has worked for stains on my couch as well. Make sure to wipe it off with a warm cloth afterwards.

There are so many items in the typical home that people don't think to clean. Like the can opener. Have you looked at yours? It's probably pretty gross unless you are a neat freak like me. I use a toothbrush to clean it every few weeks or so. Keeps the grime down. How about inside your oven? I have a natural cleaning method that has eliminated those harsh chemicals. It's a mixture of 4 drops of Dawn dish soap, a little lemon juice, 4 tablespoons of baking soda and 5 tablespoons of vinegar. Mix it all together in a bowl (slowly add the vinegar to the baking soda or you'll have a volcano experiment) and it will form a paste. Spread this all over the in-

side of your oven, scrub the tough spots with a scrubby sponge and then shut the oven door and let it sit for a few hours. Clean with a damp washcloth and some warm water until the paste is all gone. If you have a few stubborn stains, just use the scrub sponge before removing the paste and put a little muscle into it. An easy and natural way to a cleaner oven.

One more tip, which I learned from my Grandma, is to use rubbing alcohol to remove grease from appliances and counters. It works wonders and it's cheap. I love the oldie-but-goodie tips that are still vital today. I remember my Grandma taking her artificial flowers and putting them in a paper bag with some salt. She'd shake the bag for a few minutes and then take the flowers outside and shake them out so that all of the salt was gone. The salt acted as a duster for the plants. You'd be surprised how much dust that salt can remove. Salt and baking soda were a commodity in my Grandma's home cleaning routine.

I hope I've given you a few useful tips to use. If you have any useful ideas to make home cleaning an easier task, I'd love to hear about them. You can email me at womaninthemancave@yahoo.com or visit me over on Facebook at Woman in the Man Cave. Take care!



Born on October 18'th, 2011, Topaz is a neutered, male, yellow & white, domestic short haired cat. He is a sweet and loving kitten, who - although untested with dogs - gets along well with everyone. He is only up for adoption because the other family cat doesn't care for any competition when it comes to getting all the family love. For more information on Topaz, or any of our other cats, kittens, dogs or puppies: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.

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11. Football lineman

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE:

Famous Movie Quotes

1.) "Eat your food, Tina!" is a famous quote from which film?
a. Napoleon Dynamite
b. Rushmore
c. Meet The Tenenbaums
d. Juno

2.) "I love women! I respect them so much I completely stay away from them!" Name the comedy film.
a. 40 Year Old Virgin
b. Not Another Teen Movie
c. American Pie
d. Scary Movie

3.) The quote "A dirty mind is a terrible thing to waste." comes from which film?
a. American Graffiti
b. Ferris Bullers Day Off
c. American Pie
d. Steel Magnolias

4.) "After all, tomorrow is another day" is spoken by Vivien Leigh in which film?
a. The Apartment
b. Gone With the Wind
c. All About Eve
d. Some Like it Hot

5.) "Apollo Creed vs. the Italian Stallion. Sounds like a damn monster movie." is a line from which famous boxing movie?
a. Rocky
b. Cinderella Man
c. Ali
d. Raging Bull

6.) The quote "Cinderella story. Outta nowhere. A former greens keeper, now, about to become the Masters champion." comes from which film?
a. Beetlejuice
b. Caddyshack
c. Ghostbusters
d. Groundhog Day

7.) "Even the smallest person can change the course of the future." is a famous quote from which series of movies?
a. Star Wars
b. The Lord of the Rings
c. Twilight
d. Star Trek

8.) "Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die." Name the movie.
a. Predator
b. Terminator
c. The Princess Bride
d. Die Hard

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA SOLUTIONS

9.) Madonna - Alicia Keys plays piano in the track.

10.) Egypt - The other two journalists who were arrested with him have still not been released.

11.) Italy - Sergio Mattarella is the 12th President of Italy.

12.) Guatemala - Eruptions from the volcano have been recorded since 1524.

13.) Ecuador - It is the third ship to run aground in the area in the past year.

14.) Paul Gauguin - When Will You Marry is an 1892 oil painting of two Tahitian women.

15.) Saddam Hussein - As of February 10th, bids have reached \$7 million.

16.) 37 - Ashton began his career as a model.

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What to Do in Troy

Woodcock Walk

March 5, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve The Miami County Park District will hold its "Woodcock Walk" program on March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Join park district naturalist Sequoia Steven as he hikes into the meadow in search of the spectacular aerial courtship display of the American Woodcock. Program size is limited for best viewing. Please preregister. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Aviation Lecture Series

March 5, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. WACO Air Museum WACO welcomes former Tappan 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. 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 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.

Discovering Maple Ridge Reserve

March 7, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Maple Ridge Reserve The Miami County Park District will host its fourth annual "Discovering Maple Ridge" program on March 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Maple Ridge Reserve, 10430 St. Rt. 185 north of Covington. Drop in anytime during this program to see how maple sugar is made. Explore the rolling terrain and visit the majestic maples on a self-guided hike. Stop by the sugar house to warm up by the fire and see how maple syrup is made and tastes. The VIP's will be on hand to serve samples of the syrup and hot chocolate. For more information, visit the Miami County Park District website at MiamiCountyParks.com.

Christian Howes & the Southern Exposure Initiative

March 7, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center's Jazz-in-March Concert features Christian Howes and his Southern Exposure Initiative. Southern Exposure combines modern jazz with Latin musical influences from Argentina, Spain, and Cuba, and Brazil. The classically-trained, jazz and blues-oriented Howes explores new territory in this homage to the music of Latin America and Spain. The uplifting melodic exchange between these virtuosos will be supported by a fiery young rhythm section.

Trailing Mom & Tots

March 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve The Miami County Park District will hold its Trailing Moms & Tots program on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. This program is for expectant mothers, mothers and tots 0-5 years of age. Participants can socialize, play and enjoy a tot-paced hike. Be sure to dress for the weather. Meet in the parking lot Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Woodcock Walk

March 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve

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Chris Tomlin Concert

March 10, 7:00 p.m. Hobart Arena Grammy and Dove® award-winning, Christian worship sensation Chris Tomlin hits the road again this spring for his "Love Ran Red" Tour, featuring Tenth Avenue North and Rend Collective. Hobart Arena on March 10th, 2015 at 7pm. The highly anticipated night of worship will feature new songs from Tomlin's new release, Love Ran Red album along with an array of hits from the past. With nine albums, 12 No. 1 radio singles, a GRAMMY® Award and eight additional nominations, three Billboard Music Awards, 21 Dove Awards, a platinum and four gold albums to his credit, Chris Tomlin is among the most well-known and influential

artists in contemporary Christian music. Referred to by Time magazine as "most likely the most often sung artist anywhere," Tomlin also has 15 of the Top 100 CCLI songs, with 4 of them being in the top 10.

Wednesday Morning Birding

March 11, 9:00 a.m. Farrington Reserve The Miami County Park District will host its Wednesday Morning Birding program on March 11 starting at 9 a.m. at Farrington Reserve, 1594 W. Peterson Road. Scour the trails with park district naturalist Meadowhawk Mandy to find a variety of feathered friends. All sightings will be submitted to eBird, an online community of birders, conservationists and citizen scientists. Meet in the parking lot. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Woodcock Walk

March 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve The Miami County Park District will hold the "Woodcock Walk" program on March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Join park district naturalist Sequoia Steven as he hikes into the meadow in search of the spectacular aerial courtship display of the American Woodcock. Program size is limited for best viewing. Please preregister. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

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Rotarians Provide Backpacks Filled With School Supplies

An essential aspect of being a successful student is having the right supplies to take notes, do homework and complete assignments on time. For the past 4 years, Troy Rotary members and the faculty at Heywood Elementary School have worked together to provide those supplies to students in need. "This is one of the programs we rely on to help the kids keep focused on learning each day during the school year,"

stated Maurice Sadler, principal of Heywood. He added that the "Winter Wear" project to supply coats, hats, scarves and gloves to children at the school who may need warm clothing is another program from the Heywood-Troy Rotary partnership that has been very successful.

For the backpack program, Heywood teachers and faculty identify students who would benefit from having the school

supplies, based on a number of different criteria. Rotarian Patrick Titterington and his committee review the requests and then gather the supplies, paid for with money donated to the Troy Rotary Foundation. "So far this year, Rotary has delivered eight (8) backpacks filled with pencils, erasers, paper, spiral notebooks, tissue, crayons or colored pencils, protractors and glue sticks for kids at Heywood," said Titterington. All the backpacks are assembled before they are delivered to the school for distribution by the teachers. "It's thanks to donations to the Troy Rotary Foundation that we can continue to provide backpacks and warm winter wear to the children," Titterington shared, "and we are very pleased to lend our support this way."

In addition to these projects, Troy Rotarians also volunteer at Heywood as readers during the annual "Dr. Seuss Day" at the school on March 2nd in support of the National Education Association's "Read Across America" initiative. 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.troyhiorotary.org. You can also follow the Club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.



Rotarian Patrick Titterington and Heywood Principal Maurice Sadler with backpacks donated by the Troy Rotary Club

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Oaks Named National Merit Finalist

Troy High School senior Luke Oaks, son of Todd and Michele Oaks, was recently named as a National Merit Finalist. This distinguished honor is bestowed on 15,000 high school students nationwide from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. In addition to Luke's academic achievements, he is also a Varsity tennis player, a member of National Honor Society and Xtreme Bots. Luke plans to further his aca-

demic studies in the fall in determined university. biomechanics at a yet to be



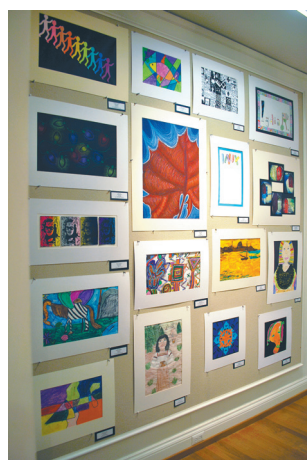
(Left to right) Guidance Counselors Paul Delwiche, Aaron Gibbons, Oaks, Loren Evilsizor, Ruth Carter

Annual Student Exhibit Coming to the Hayner Center

The annual Young Masters' exhibit featuring the artwork of students in grades K - 12 is returning to the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. This exhibition of artistic creations by Troy's talented art students will be on display from March 6 to April 26. The Hayner Center is located at 301 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Art teachers from Troy Christian Schools, St. Patrick Elementary School and Troy City Schools annually select work completed by local art students for the exhibit. Students consider it an honor to have work chosen for this show.

This is the 26th Young Masters' exhibition of student artwork. Teachers use a variety of mediums in the classroom to teach art history, aesthetics, criticism, and skill. This display of approximately 350 pieces illustrates the students' artistic responses to the instruction they receive in the classroom. Members of the community are encouraged to come and



see the talent and skill of our local art students that will be displayed throughout the historic Hayner Mansion.

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.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays. For more information, please visit our website at www.troyhayner.org or call (937) 339-0457.

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Real Estate

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Get an Energy Audit

A drafty window or door is easy enough to spot, but what about other areas of your home that may be costing you money and comfort? Consider an emerging sector of the real estate industry – home energy audits.

Sellers may opt to pay for an audit from a reputable company before putting their home on the market. Buyers may choose to protect their investment by understanding all of the energy-related repairs they may have to make when they move in.

So what exactly is an energy audit?

THE BASICS

An energy audit should take less than a full day and will include detailed checks of the following:

- Air infiltration and escape
- Heating and cooling system
- Major appliances
- Windows, doors and other openings
- Hot water heater

THE REVIEW

The point of an energy audit is to help homeowners save money and solve comfort issues. The analysis can pinpoint specific deficiencies throughout the home.

Most companies that perform the service also are in the construction industry, so they are able to expertly recommend changes or make the repairs themselves.

You should receive a full report that will help you make educated choices in which areas to improve immediately, and which ones could probably wait.

ASK FOR CREDENTIALS

Since energy auditing is a relatively new industry, it is not fully regulated in many states. This means it is up to you to do your homework on firms offering these types of services. Call your local chamber of commerce to find out more about a company, or reach out to friends and family members about any past engagement with the owners.

You also can use online research to check the credibility of firms in your area. Does the company have a website? Are they active on social media? By checking these online landing spots, you should be able to find customer reviews or feedback that could be instrumental in guiding your decision.



Selling to Friends and Family

Ever hear the adage “Don’t mix business with pleasure?” The same can be said of mixing business with friends and family.

But just because many family business dealings may have gone sour over the years doesn’t mean yours will, too. Whether you’re on the buying or selling side of a real estate deal, it is important to establish clear guidelines at the beginning of any negotiations to make sure both sides get what they want.

OWNER-FINANCED SALE

If you’re looking to avoid going through a lender for the sale of your home, one of the best options may be the owner-financed sale. This is a deal in which your friend or family member makes monthly payments to you instead of to a bank.

This route could save the buyer thousands of dollars in interest and help a friend or family member with low or poor credit. Both sides should sit down to work out a deal that financially fits their budgets.

Even in an owner-financed sale, it is a good idea to seek the services of a real estate lawyer to put the agreement on paper. This way if your friend or family member defaults on payments, it will be easier for you to legally take back the property without having to deal with any



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he-said-she-said conflicts.

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Know Before You Show

In the wake of industry-shattering news of an Arkansas real estate agent being kidnapped and murdered after a showing in late 2014, there is a new focus on agent and public safety during the buying and selling process.

Nothing is more important that maintaining the safety and well-being of all involved in realty — even the potential of a big sale.

Realtors are trained to go after the lead, plain and simple. If they don't show the home to a potential buyer, an agent within a competing agency surely will. This drive to make the deal is what makes Realtors open to showing properties anytime, anywhere.

Unfortunately, people with bad intents know this information and may use it to their advantage to commit crimes.

THE REALTOR SAFETY PLEDGE

The Realtor Safety Pledge is open to agents, brokers and members of the public. It was created by broker-owners of the 90-agent Century 21 Signature Real Estate firm in central Iowa.

It outlines the following safety tips:

- Under no circumstances show a home to a stranger without first meeting them at the office or asking them to submit identification.
- Educate my clients that open houses are a safety concern both for the homeowner and myself.



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- Limit open houses as a marketing strategy and/or make prudent and safe decisions about my open house marketing efforts.
- Follow my intuition, and not step into situations that I feel uneasy about.
- Use the buddy system whenever I am unsure or

uneasy about a showing or meeting.

- Make myself available to my fellow agents as a “showing buddy” should they ever feel the need to take someone along or feel unsafe.
- Seriously consider the nature of my personal marketing and its potential

impact on my safety.

OTHER SAFETY GUIDELINES

If you are a seller, it is important to let your Realtor show your home. They are more likely to understand the

dangers of selling a home to a stranger.

The occurrence of crimes such as the one in Arkansas generally puts brokers, owners and agents on high alert, and can also lead to intensive trainings. Let your agent go through protocols and policies to ensure a safe process.

Housing Counseling

Are you stuck in a situation involving possible default or foreclosure? Maybe you just have some questions on how to get started buying a home. Knowing where to turn for help can ease your concerns.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsors housing counseling agencies throughout the country to provide advice on these issues and more.

All counseling processes will be secure and confidential, helping you have confidence in full disclosure no matter what issue you are facing. Another benefit of seeking the services of a professional counselor is their expertise in specific areas, as well as the tools to help you successfully overcome even the most complex housing challenges.

COST OF COUNSELING

Foreclosure prevention counseling and homeless counseling services are available free of charge through HUD's Housing Counseling Program.

Agencies participating in the program are not permitted to charge consumers for these specific housing counseling services.

Housing counseling agencies are permitted to charge reasonable and customary fees for other forms of housing counseling and education services, including pre-purchase, reverse mortgage, rental and non-delinquency post-purchase coun-



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seling services, provided the following conditions are met, according to hud.gov.

- Agencies must provide counseling without charge to persons who demonstrate they cannot afford the fees
- Agencies must inform clients of the fee structure in

advance of providing services

- Fees must be commensurate with the level of services provided

You should contact your local HUD office if you encounter housing counseling agencies that you believe are not complying with these

requirements.

HOW TO PROCEED

Along with reaching out to your local HUD office, there are many ways to pursue professional housing counseling. The hud.gov website fea-

tures a search tool to help you find counselors in your area. You also can search for counselors with specific specialties, such as reverse mortgage or foreclosure.

HUD's interactive voice system (800-569-4287) also is available.

Be a Smart Renter

While diligence is often highly recommended for landlords hoping to protect their investments, it can be just as crucial to a renter looking for a quality place to live.

The housing crisis has sent more renters than ever into the market, as the number of renters has increased to 33.6 percent from 31.6 percent in just four years, according to U.S. Census figures.

THINK LONG TERM

Most home or apartment rental agreements come equipped with a six- or 12-month lease requirement, meaning you should ensure your satisfaction with your new place. An early exit out of the contract could leave you financially liable for paying the remaining months' rent.

And payment issues aside, without the proper research you could end up living in a place with obnoxious neighbors, inadequate conditions or pest infestations.

So how do you make sure you're signing a contract for a place you'll be happy to rent?

DO YOUR RESEARCH



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Follow this checklist of questions to ask the landlord:

- How much will my rent cost monthly?
- How much is the security deposit and when/how do I get it back?
- How many roommates would I be allowed to take on, if needed?
- What are your lease conditions? (Length, early-termination payment requirements, etc.)
- Where do I pay rent?
- Do you allow pets?

- Will I pay water, trash and electric bills?
- What are the average utility costs for this unit or a similar one?
- Are there any parking requirements or restrictions?

TAKE NOTES

Asking the landlord specifics on payments and facilities is a great start, but your investigating job doesn't stop there. Be vigilant in your walk-through and bring a notepad with you.

Note all deficiencies you see, and be sure to check the water pressure, hot water, outlets, stove, heater and air conditioner.

You also should ask about pest control. Find out how often the unit is serviced and who is responsible for any infestation.

If you don't like any of the answers you receive, either opt out of the potential transaction or negotiate lower rent.

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Lead Paint

The hazards of lead paint are widely known and recognized, especially since the Environmental Protection Agency began regulating renovation, repair and painting activities in pre-1978 residential properties.

Paint that is chipped or deteriorating creates lead dust that can pose serious health problems to occupants and visitors.

Buildings built before 1978 are much more likely to have lead-based paint, according to the EPA, making it crucial that Realtors, buyers and sellers alike educate themselves on the risks and laws surrounding it.

FOR PROFESSIONALS

Real estate agents play an important role in protecting the health of families purchasing and moving into a listed home. Federal law in fact requires Realtors to provide certain important information about lead paint before a prospective buyer is obligated under a contract to purchase the home.

Agents must inform the seller of his or her obligations under the Real Estate Notification and Disclosure Rule. In addition, the agent may also be fully responsible if the seller or lessor fails to comply, according to the EPA.

FOR OWNERS

Owners, landlords and managers of rental property also play an important role in protecting the health of tenants and their children.

Federal law requires owners to provide certain important information about lead paint before a prospective renter is obligated under lease to rent the property.

FOR BUYERS

Federal law requires that before buying housing built prior to 1978, buyers must receive the following from the home seller:

- EPA-approved information pamphlet on identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards
- Any known information concerning the presence of lead-based paint
- An attachment to the contract that includes a “Lead Warning Statement” and confirms that the seller has complied with all notification requirements.



The New Office

One of the most impacted groups during the economic downturn was real estate developers. We are now starting to see commercial professionals in this space bounce back – with a new office development strategy.

It's no longer considered viable to build expansive, expensive complexes for the common Main Street business. Developers are instead focused on smaller spaces and energy-efficient additions.

OPENING UP

A recent Wall Street Journal article detailed how office space with creative, open floor plans in San Francisco had a 2.54 percent vacancy rate, compared with a 10-plus percent vacancy rate for more traditional, closed-door layouts.

More open work areas have become more critical as mobile and technological advances in communication have allowed workers to move more freely. Standard, high-wall office cubicles are being replaced by smaller workstations with smaller separators.

Adjustments to employee barriers are designed to encourage more interaction and teamwork. They also play a role in changing the dynamics of stuffy, crowded meetings inside formal conference rooms. Companies are using open office space to mimic a town hall feel, making employees feel more invested in important business decisions.

COST CONTROL

More open space also can



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mean more savings to owners' bottom lines. Heating costs can be slashed by increased access to sunlight, and cooling costs can similarly be decreased with access to fresh air.

According to the Society for Human Resource Management, company absenteeism and health costs can be

reduced by providing employees with a more attractive office with better access to natural light and air versus more contemporary office spaces.

DOWNTOWN DESTINATIONS

This need for cozier, more

collaborative space is making the older downtown building an attractive option for business owners, as well.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation reports an uptick in company owners seeking locations close to local shopping and services.

Buildings situated in walk-

able neighborhoods are closer to dry cleaners, health clubs and restaurants.

Having these options nearby can give employees an increased incentive to spend more time in the office, while also saving owners money in spending on such amenities in their buildings.

Youth Driving the Market

Are you a millennial? If so, you may hold the key to the future of the real estate market. Americans ages 18 to 34 have been slow to enter the home-buying market, but that could be about to change.

A July 2014 report by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University showed that the number of households headed by people in their 30s should increase by 2.7 million over the next 10 years.

This explosive growth should boost demand for new housing, the report says, as many millennials will finally be financially secure enough to take the plunge.

THE HOLD-UP

Young Americans are burdened with higher-than-ever student loan debt and falling incomes, forcing many to remain under their parents' roofs. More than 2.1 million adults in their 20s lived with their parents last year, according to the study, and student loan balances increased by \$114 billion. These issues have kept the real estate market from growing at a more impressive clip.

BIG CHANGES

Economists point to one major factor that could help boost a more prominent entry of millennials into the housing market: higher incomes. Better pay means more savings for the younger generation, who would then have more for down payments.

Another important factor reported the study is how potential housing finance reform will affect the cost and availability of mortgage credit for the next generation. By 2025, minorities will make up 36 percent of U.S. households and account for nearly half of the typical first-time homebuyer market, according to U.S. Census projections.

Other highlights from the Harvard University report:

Cost Burden: Over 35 percent of Americans spend more than 30 percent of their income for housing. Fifty percent of renters are cost burdened, and 28 percent are severely cost burdened (meaning they spend over half of their income for housing).

Housing Availability: Between 2007 and 2011, the number of Americans eligible for assistance rose by 3.3 million, while the number of assisted housing units was unchanged.



Become a Property Manager

The real estate industry has progressively improved since the Great Recession, making it a stable time for professionals to enter the field. One of the fastest-growing segments of the sector is property management.

Think about the development taking place in your area. Residential, commercial or industrial properties aren't just built and forgotten. They require management to preserve resale, leasing or rental value.

The median annual wage for property managers was more than \$52,000 in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The flexibility of working both in an office and on site – along with a nice salary for most parts of the country – make property management a desirable career.

WHAT IS A PROPERTY MANAGER?

Property managers take care of a variety of issues spanning maintenance, showing apartments, grounds inspection and meeting with owners. About half were self-employed in 2012, says the U.S. Department of Labor. Property managers also may be in charge of a large budget, numerous team members and various administrative functions, such as paperwork, compliance reporting and calendar oversight.

KEY SKILLS

The following skills are paramount to any candidate entering the industry: Knowledge of real estate market, trends and terminology; strong passion for customer service; responsive, positive communication skills; ability to manage diverse teams of officer workers, repair technicians and vendors; proven skills in identifying, analyzing and resolving complex property-related issues

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the Labor Department, employment in this sector is expected to grow 12 percent from 2012 to 2022, close to the national average for all positions. Steady growth means competition will be high. Candidates with college degrees in business administration or real estate, as well as those with professional industry certifications, will have the leg up.





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