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## Four Seek Sheriff **Position**

**By Nancy Bowman** 

Miami County Sheriff Charles Cox's decision to retire at the end of his current term opened the door for a Republican primary that features four candidates March 15.

Those seeking the job are Chris Anderson, retired Troy police captain; Steve Cooper, retired sheriff's office captain; Dave Duchak, current chief deputy; and Paul Reece, a former deputy in Miami and Montgomery

The winner of the primary would face Joe Mahan, a former chief deputy who filed as an independent candidate, in the November general election. Name: Chris Anderson

Occupation: Retired captain, Troy Police Department Previous political experience:

Education: Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, Police Executive Leadership College, FBI National Academy

Family: Wife Karen, three children, six grandchildren. Chris Anderson said the sheriff's office needs changes only an outsider can make.

"Having worked in a law enforcement agency for 31 years who had dealings with the sheriff's office regularly, I am uniquely qualified to understand what reputation the office has among the many law enforcement agencies who have come into contact with the sheriff's office," he said.

"My training and knowledge allows me to look at the entire department with an unbiased view of what has worked and what needs changed. I believe I am the only candidate who has an outsider's view and the experience to make the changes that are real and positive that will protect all of the citizens of Miami County," he said.

Anderson, whose lives in Monroe Township, said an overhaul of the command administration is needed along with a culture change within the department.

Among top issues the office faces are the heroin epidemic, which has affected many families in the county. He will work to establish a more productive relationship with narcotic task forces in the county and beyond to help shut down accessibility Anderson said.

"As sheriff, we will work closely with the courts, probation, Recovery Council & Tri-County Board of Mental Health to help those that are fighting the battle with opioid and heroin abuse. This problem does not have a quick fix. I am dedicated to fighting this fight

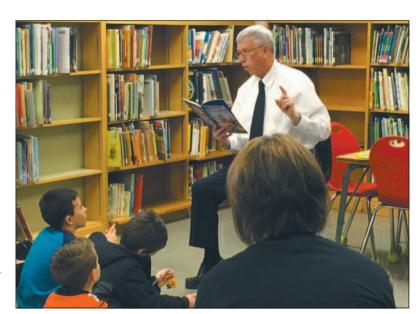
# Cookson Implements Read Across America

**By Brittany Arlene Jackson** 

Cookson Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday last week by implementing the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America initiative. Now in its 19th year nationally, the annual program focuses on motivating children to read. Events, partnerships, and reading resources are available to schools all over the country. As first time participants in last week's celebration of reading, Cookson Elementary educators and administrators were encouraged by the results. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Principal Stephanie Johnson first heard about Read across America from Mrs. Oaks, the librarian, and Primary Reading Specialist Mrs. Jacobs. "This is a very young, energetic, creative building," Johnson said. "They take me along for the ride and the results are often awesome." It was a uniquely appropriate year for Cookson to begin the program. On March 1, 2016 President Barak Obama signed a proclamation establishing Read Across America Day. According to the proclamation, "The moment we persuade a child to pick up a book for the first time we change their lives forever for the better, and on Read Across America Day, we recommit to getting literary works into our young peoples' hands early and

At Cookson, children were inspired to learn and enjoyed exciting new themes each day from



Mayor Michael Beamish reading to kids at Cookson Elementary School

Monday, February 29 through Friday, March 4. The events of the week included a door decorating contest for each class, guest readers from the community, daily special announcements about Dr. Seuss and trivia questions for prizes. Monday was Thing 1 & Thing 2 Day where children picked a friend and dressed alike. Children wore fun socks on Tuesday for Fox in Sox Day. Wednesday was a day to wear stripes. Thursday was the iconic Cat in the Hat Day and Fri day was the grand finale where all the students wore Read Across America or Cookson Elementary t-shirts and enjoyed the reading selections of guest readers. "Our goal is to share with our students that there is something to love about reading for everyone," Johnson said. "Reading is an important part of all of our lives."

Mayor Beamish read his favorite book "Mayor for a Day" to all the 3rd grade students at 9:00 a.m.

on Friday. "It's always a great thing to read for the kids," Mayor Beamish said. "It's these kinds of ventures that inspire kids to find favorite books and nurture their love for reading; I love being a part of it." Other favorite books brought by guest readers included "Meet Wild Boars, Koala Lou, Round Robin" read by Ginny Beamish, "The Penguin Who Hated Cold" read by former Cookson students Abbey and Austin Jacobs and Danielle McDonagh, "The Energy Bus" read by Coach Matt Burgbacher, "Green Eggs and Ham" read by Tytus Jacobs, and "My Many Colored Days" read by Johnson's husband and daughter, Aaron and Gabrielle Johnson. Each guest reader also cast a vote for their favorite door in the door decorating contest. The winners included Mrs. Spears' 3rd grade class, Mrs. Fiely's Kindergarten class, Mrs. Furrow's class and Mrs. Niswonger's 1st grade

## Campaign Finance Reports Filed

**By Nancy Bowman** 

Pre-election campaign finance reports show how much candidates have spent so far in races for county offices and for the Tipp City schools bond issue campaign.

Reports showed contributions, spending and the overall financial status of campaigns for Miami County sheriff, county prosecutor and two seats on the county commission.

The deadline for filing the pre-election reports was March 3 with the Board of Elections. SHERIFF RACE

Three of the four sheriff's candidates filed reports by the deadline. The fourth candidate filed Monday, March 7.

The Elect Chris Anderson Sheriff committee reported \$9,902 available, \$2,386 spent and a \$7,516 balance. The money available included a \$7,000 loan from Anderson. Money was spent for signposts, calls and radio advertising

The Committee to Elect Duchak Sheriff reported \$5,950 available, \$3,669 spent and a balance of \$2,281. The campaign reported \$862 in inkind contributions and a \$4,000 loan to the campaign from Duchak. Money was spent for campaign signs and posts, literature and

The Committee to Elect Paul Reece reported \$3,182 available, \$1,272 spent and a balance of \$1,910. Inkind contributions valued at \$201 also were reported. Money was spent on printing and signs.

Candidate Steve Cooper did not file by the deadline. The Cooper for Sheriff committee filed a report Monday that listed \$150 in contributions, \$150 in total funds available and \$3,746 spent. The required source(s) of the money spent was not included in the report. Money was spent on campaign signs and supplies and advertising.

PROSECUTOR RACE Both candidates filed reports. The Concerned Citizens for Kendell, the committee for incumbent Prosecutor Anthony "Tony" Kendell, reported \$20,710 available, \$5,950 spent and a \$14,760 balance. The campaign reported \$713 in inkind contributions and a \$15,000 loan from Kendell. Money was spent for literature, postage,

signposts and a meet and greet. The Kemmer for Prosecutor committee for retired judge Mel Kemmer reported \$9,400 available, \$4,924 spent and a \$4,476 available. The committee also reported a \$1,000 outstanding loan from Kemmer. Money was

spent for printing. COUNTY COMMISSION RAC-

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# Elections Board Reorganizes, Prepared for Primary

**By Nancy Bowman** 

Kelly Gillis of Tipp City was re-elected chairman and Ryan King of Piqua welcomed as a new member during the Miami County Board of Elections' reorganization meeting March 2.

County Democrats reappointed Gillis to the board recently. King was recommended by county Republicans and approved by the Ohio Secretary of State for the four-member board. King takes the seat vacated with the departure of Robert Huffman Jr.

Gary Nasal, Municipal Court judge, swore in Gillis to his new term at the start of the meeting.

The board also reappointed Bev Kendall, a Republican, as elections director and Eric Morgan, a Democrat, as deputy director.

They provided the board an update on preparations for the absentee and early voting.

As of March 2, 1,666 absentee ballot requests had been received and processed and around 500 people had voted in the elections

Kendall and Morgan told the board they have been working with the county IT Department on computer systems and to have a department representative available to staff if problems arise during election seasons.

To help the employee better understand election operations, they asked for permission to have the employee attend the state election officials conference with staff this summer. The board OK'd the proposal.

The elections staff last week also conducted the pre-elec-

March 15 primary election and on tion media test of voting equipment. During the test two people cast test ballots from two parts of the county and observed as the results were tabulated and checked. No issues were found. Gillis attended the media test along with King.

> Gillis said he is confident the equipment is ready for next week's election.

In other business, the election office continues to seek people to help work the polls on election

The hours for those working are from 6 a.m. until around 8 p.m. Workers will be paid \$112 for the day. Poll workers must be 18 years of age or older. For information, contact Janelle at 937-440-3900.



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## Miami County Sheriff Reports

#### **TUESDAY 3/1**

**8:15 a.m.** To Casstown-Sidney Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone broke into his barn and took firearms, chain saws and other items. The incident is under investigation.

1:43 p.m. To the Miami County Incarceration Facility. The deputy arrived to find a corrections officer escorting a bloody inmate to the door. The deputy took him to the clinic. The inmate said that he was watching TV with another inmate when the other inmate "blind-sided" him for no reason. His ear was split and he was taken to UVMC for stitches. The other inmate reported that he was tired of the first inmate asking everyone for food. He said he told the first inmate about it and the first inmate replied with a racial slur, so he "went off on him." The second inmate was charged with assault.

#### **THURSDAY 3/3**

11:18 a.m. To Rockingham Dr. for a report of possible identity theft. A woman reported that the IRS informed her that someone had tried to file a tax return in her name. She said that the suspect was not successful. She requested a report at the IRS' request.

**1:55 p.m.** To Fenner Rd. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported receiving harassing texts from her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend. Most of the calls were from out-of-state numbers from a phone app. The case is pending contact with the ex-girlfriend.

**3:32 p.m.** Traffic stop on St. Rt. 202 at St. Rt. 41. The driver was cited for speed and driving under suspension.

### FRIDAY 3/4

3:56 p.m. Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The vehicle was following too closely. The driver advised that his license was suspended. The suspension was verified and he was cited for that and for driving too closely. He was picked up by a valid driver.

**8:19 p.m.** Traffic stop in the 1500 block of W. Main St. The driver was cited for a stop sign violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger was cited for possession of marijuana.

**9:44 p.m.** To the 1700 block of Peters Rd. for a single vehicle accident. The driver was cited for OVI and failure to control.

### **SATURDAY 3/5**

12:23 p.m. To Peterson Rd. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her elderly mother's medication was missing. She said that the only person who had access to them was the home health care technician. Upon learning of the theft, she discontinued the agency's services. She gave deputies the name of the technician and the case is still under investigation.

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## **Troy Police Reports**

#### **MONDAY 2/29**

**8:02 a.m.** To Troy Jr. High School. The principal reported finding a plastic baggie containing an unknown green plant material in a boy's restroom. He said that there was an unusual odor in the restroom. The baggie was submitted to property.

8:34 a.m. A man came to the Police Station to turn over a pink purse he found at the Speedway on N. Market St. yesterday. He said he tried to contact the owner but was unsuccessful. He said he did not want to turn it into Speedway because there was \$70 in cash in the wallet. The officer was able to contact the owner and her father came to pick up the purse.

**9:56 a.m.** To Hawk Circle for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man was arrested for domestic violence and he was placed in the Miami County Incarceration

10:45 a.m. To Hobart Arena for a report of a possible theft. A man reported that someone took the wood from trees that had been cut down around Hobart Arena. The officer then called a man who regularly takes wood from trees that the city cuts down. He said he had permission from Parks Dept. officials to take the wood. The RP was advised that this would be a civil matter since the man had permission to take the wood. He said that the Parks Dept. did not have the right to give permission. He was advised that the man has received permission to take wood from cut trees for years.

**1:02 p.m.** Traffic stop on S. Market St. at Canal St. The vehicle had run the red light. The driver said that he was following another vehicle and didn't see what color the light was.

**2:24 p.m.** A Brukner Dr. resident called to report that his brother had used his identity when stopped and cited for a traffic offense. He said that a warrant was issued for his arrest for not showing up at court.

**4:27 p.m.** To the area of Cookson School for a report of dogs running loose. A group of kids told the officer that the dog had been chasing them but appeared friendly. The dog was located it was a brown pit bull with a collar but no tags. The dog jumped in

the back of the cruiser and was taken to the animal shelter.

5:02 p.m. An officer had stopped for the stop sign on Canal St. at Walnut St. and was proceeding through the intersection when a vehicle northbound on Walnut came through the intersection. The officer honked his horn to get the driver's attention and the vehicle stopped. He spoke with the driver and told her that if he hadn't honked, she probably would have hit him. She said that she stopped and was looking at a sign on a building. She was cited and released.

#### Tuesday 3/1

**12:56 p.m.** Traffic stop on E. Main St. just east of the square. The driver had run the red light at the crosswalk. He was cited for that and for a child safety seat violation. He said that the 4-year-old child wanted to sit in the front seat.

**3:13 p.m.** To Troy Jr. High School for a report of two students having marijuana in their possession. One student had a lighter and a small marijuana joint on his person. The second student had two pill containers containing marijuana in his locker. The two were given school discipline and sent home before the officer arrived. He charged them with possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence was submitted to property

**4:18 p.m.** To Green Oak Dr. for a report of a broken window. A man reported that sometime within the past hour, someone broke a window in his residence with a fire hydrant wrench. In the next block, the officer saw a hydrant that had just been installed. He contacted the Fire Department and they asked that the wrench be returned and advised that they would conduct an investigation into who installed the hydrant and why the wrench was not secured.

#### Wednesday 3/2

2:41 a.m. The Police Department had received several calls from residents complaining about a vehicle with a loud muffler waking them up. The vehicle was stopped on Norwich St. near W. Main St. The driver stated that he had not received any prior warnings. His wife asked how long they had to fix the muffler since

it was their only transportation and they did not have the money to fix it. They were advised to fix it as soon as possible. The driver was cited

**7:29 a.m.** An officer clocked a vehicle on Trade Square West doing 42 in a 25 zone. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver said that he was on his way to a job site and had people waiting on him. He was polite and cooperative.

**8:21 a.m.** An officer clocked a vehicle on Trade Square West doing 45 in a 25 zone. The driver stated that she was taking her children to school. She also was polite and cooperative.

8:35 a.m. An officer saw a vehicle parked on S. Mulberry St. with plates that expired last October. He knocked on the door of the residence but got no answer. While he was filling out the citation and tow slip, two girls emerged from the back door of the residence. They said that the vehicle belonged to their dad and that it hasn't run "forever." He advised them to tell their dad that the vehicle was being towed.

11:55 a.m. A Harrison St. resident came to the Police Station to report a theft of medication. He said that approximately 52 Percocet pills were taken from his car while it was parked at his house. He said that the vehicle was unlocked. There are no suspects.

#### Thursday 3/3

**3:04 a.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. for a loud muffler. The vehicle could be heard about 3 blocks away. The driver said that he was warned for this violation last fall. He was cited for a loud muffler violation.

4:56 a.m. An officer ran the plate on a vehicle he was following. It came back that the owner's license was suspended and that a police officer was to confiscate her license. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said that she was tired of being harassed because of her name. She was cited for driving under suspension and she called for a ride. The vehicle was released to a valid driver.

**8:32 a.m.** To the Market St. Bridge for a report of a two-car accident. Neither driver was cited due to the icy road conditions.

10:47 a.m. To Lexington Ave. for a report of a scam. A woman reported that she has been speaking with "Don Willy" regarding watching his child for a weekend when he moved to Troy. He said that he got her number from a caregiver website. He advised her that he would pay \$350 for the two days and would pay in advance. She said she received a check for \$1800 with instructions to buy a wheelchair for the child. She checked with the bank and found that the check was counterfeit. She said that "Don" contacted her several times to see if the check had been cashed. The officer checked "Don's" phone number and found that it was flagged as a possible phone scam.

**5:52 p.m.** Traffic stop on Adams St. at Shaftsbury Rd. The driver was cited for speed (41/25).

**6:46 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of a private property accident. A vehicle had driven over a concrete post which displayed a handicapped parking spot sign.

**7:34 p.m.** To W. Main St. for a report of a shoplifter. The female suspect was being held by a store employee and was being compliant. She was charged with theft.

#### Friday 3/4

12:54 a.m. While driving through a W. Main St. parking lot, an officer saw a vehicle park in a handicapped spot and three males exited the vehicle and walked into the store. None of them appeared to be handicapped. When they returned to the vehicle, the driver stated that the handicapped placard on the vehicle belonged to his uncle and the vehicle belonged to his mother. He said he thought he could park there since he had the placard. He was advised that he is not allowed to park in a handicapped spot if his uncle is not present. He was cited for parking in a handicapped spot.

**3:12 a.m.** An officer ran the registration on a vehicle he was following and found the registration had expired and the owner's license was suspended. He initiated a traffic stop and cited the driver for the two violations.

## **Local Property Transfers**

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215 W Race St	2/29	\$118,000	Newbright Linda A Trustee & Sara K Trustee (Lc)	Girolamo Joseph C & Laura J
615 Willow Point Ct	2/29	\$195,000	Pecoraro Jamie L	Gaona-Alcantar Gustavo & Cynthia Gaona-Santos
125 S Frank St	3/1	\$84,500	Tarcea John	Stevens Christopher A & Sarah M Bay
225 Ellis St	3/1	\$91,400	S & T Ventures Llc	Wilson Brittney N
715 Mckaig Ave	3/1	\$79 900	Kerher Steven T	Stevens Rehecca D

## Visitors Bureau Increases Promotion of Troy

#### By Nancy Bowman

With a record year in 2015 for lodging tax in hand the Miami County Visitors and Convention Bureau expanded its horizons to include a drone video advertising project and videos for villages and others to help spread the word of their offerings.

Diana Thompson, the bureau's executive director, shared the organization's annual report and plans for the future, such as an expanded focus on sports marketing, during a meeting recently with the county commissioners.

The county's 3 percent lodging tax, which makes up the bulk of the bureau's income, brought in \$419,728 in 2015, up from \$412,727 the previous year. Total revenues for the year for the bureau were \$430,415, up from

2014's \$421,708.

Spending in 2014 was \$359,217 compared to \$438,496 last year.

Thompson said the bureau last year, with its board approval, took on around \$37,000 in proj-

ects that were not included in the

budget. The spending versus revenues for the year was a negative \$7,734, with the difference taken out of reserves, she said.

Most of the added work in 2015 involved special projects with companies hired to videotape. Niche Productions was hired to produce a drone video of the county and its offerings and a local company also was hired to do some other videotaping.

Commissioner Jack Evans said the drone project "was a good one. It was money well spent."

The drone project produced a 30-second commercial of the county titled "Goodbye Big City" and a four-minute video about visiting the county. "We are very proud of that," Thompson said.

Videos also were made, at the bureau's expense, for villages and attractions such as WACO, Miami County Fair, Hobart Arena and the villages of Covington and West Milton. "We were happy to do that as partners so they can get out and be more visible to

people visiting their websites," Thompson said.

Among other 2015 accomplishments were completion of a new visitors guide, initiation of a social media calendar and the bureau helping sponsor a high school wrestling tournament at Hobart Arena and the cycling summit in Piqua.

The visit by the Lincoln Funeral Train and the almost yearlong stay by the Lincoln monumental statue on the Courthouse Plaza also were pointed to as highlights. The statue, part of the continuing Sculptures on the Square project, will be leaving this spring following an extended stay.

This year's plans include airing of 30-second commercials about the county from June through October. Those videos were made last year and will be shown primarily on cable channels.

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More attention is being given to sports marketing and its offerings. A representative of the Na-

tional Association of Sports Commissions will visit the county at the end of April to meet with government and sports leaders, among others, to talk about possibilities for activities in the county.

"If we don't do it now, we are going to get left in the dust, so to speak, so we need to be venturing more into the sports category," Thompson said.

Commissioner John "Bud"
O'Brien said the bureau has become more active in the community during the past four years

"I commend you for your leadership ability to be able to accomplish that. I like hearing the fact that you are not concentrating on our three cities, but also going out to our villages and assisting them any way we can. I think that is important," O'Brien

## Candidates Speak Out - U.S. House

**By Nancy Bowman** 

A dozen candidates for the Republican nomination for the 8th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives previously held by John Boehner shared thoughts with area voters during a Meet the Candidates event Feb. 23 at Troy Junior High School.

The participating candidates included several from Miami County including Bill Beagle of Tipp City, J.D. Winteregg of Troy, Scott George of Monroe Township, George Wooley of Troy and Warren Davidson of Troy. The other candidates participating were Eric Haemmerle of West Chester Township, Joseph Matvey of West Chester Township, John Robbins of Monroe, Michael Smith of Germantown, James Spurlino of Washington Township, Edward Meer of West Chester Township and Kevin White of New Carlisle.

Also running as Republicans but not on hand for the event are: Terri King of Middletown, Matthew Ashworth of Liberty Township and Tim Derickson of Hanover Township.

Among their comments: Beagle, current 5th District state senator and a small business owner, said he continually hears about the failure of Washington and the administration "to solve our problems." Among those problems, he said are the debt, Obamacare, companies moving overseas for tax purposes and Americans' security. "People want someone in Washington who will get things done," Bea-

Davidson, a Troy business owner with more than 200 employees, said, "this election is hugely consequential ... for the presidency and the Congress." He said he would fight for the district residents in Congress.

George, a Darke County native and businessman, said he doesn't believe people are being heard. "People are fed up with the status quo. That is why we have people like Donald Trump leading the presidential race," he said. "I will work hard for you and only you."

Haemmerle, a Cincinnati area teacher, recalled fall 1984 when he and other Troy students waited along the railroad tracks to see the train carrying President Ronald Reagan come through town. "I want live in a safe community, a healthy community, a prosperous community," he said.

Matvey said he like many other candidates is "frustrated, angry, upset with the way our government is being run." He said he also is concerned about job creation as well as job preservation.

Meer said he was trained that actions speak louder than words. The Congress needs someone interested in "really making change," he said, asking voters to consider more than the person spending the most money in

Robbins said the U.S. Supreme Court needs some "guided direction" from Congress. He said he also would support everyone paying a 10 percent income tax. Smith said more veterans are needed in the workforce. He said more technical schools to help added to skilled labor such as welders also are needed.

Spurlino said he worked in construction before starting his own company 15 years ago. "I know how to create jobs and fight regulations," he said.

White said he advocates limited government that would be for and by the people. "Both parties have left you and I behind," he said. "We have to refocus the attention of Washington."

Winteregg said he hopes voters consider he came forward and ran against Boehner "when it was difficult" to run against him. He said people want someone they can relate to, someone who will fight for them and someone who will give them hope.

Wooley said he wants to protect America from its enemies outside and within its borders. The country has "moral rot" at all levels, he said, adding, "I want to restore sanity, order, righteousness and common sense to Troy and to America."

## Concord **Township Trustees Approve 2016 Permanent Appropriations**

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the March 1, 2016 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, the Trustees passed a resolution for the 2016 Permanent Appropriations.

In addition, they passed a resolution that recognized the township as a Co-Permitee with the Miami County Board of Commissioners for the Small MS4 NPDEA Stormwater Permit. The permit is good for five years. The resolution enters the township into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Miami County Commissioners to participate in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit. The NP-DES program addresses water pollution by regulating sources that discharge pollutants into

Fiscal Officer Pat Quillen reported interest rates on investments has increased, which is good for the township.

For the road report, Road Superintendent, Neil Rhoades reported that the township has negotiated a deal with the City of Troy. The township will provide mowing for them in exchange for sweeping the township streets.

In addition, the trustees approved payment to the Treasurer of Ohio to cover the cost of the 2014 and 2015 Audit for

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for March 15, 2016 at the township building.

## **Rotarians Host Conservancy District Asst. Director**

They just celebrated their 100th anniversary last year and remain dedicated to keeping the integrity of the levee system of the Great Miami River protected. Troy Rotary Club hosted Dr. Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Assistant Director of the Miami Conservancy District, at their March 1st meeting to hear an update on the 55 miles of levees, dams, basins and appurtenances that have been put in place since the 1913 flood wiped out businesses and homes while causing hundreds of deaths in the area.

The district was formed following the devastating flood and given the responsibility of creating an infrastructure that protects cities, towns and villages against overflowing banks. They also seek to improve the integrity of the system with modifications, repairs and improvements, especially related to dams and dam safety. These structures have successfully held back water more than 1,900 times since 1922. Changes in the climate and water flow are managed easily, thanks to the current system, as the total capacity that the dams can hold

back is 274 billion gallons of riv-

In addition to managing, monitoring and maintaining the infrastructure, the district is a regional partner with member communities, including Troy. It produces and coordinates environmental studies and impact analyses. The district has partnered on construction projects such as the Tri-Cities (Huber Heights, Vandalia, and Tipp City) when they constructed a regional sewage treatment plant. Groundwater protection is a main objective. The aquifer is one of the largest in the world and many communities, including Troy, pull from it as it is a much safer source than surface water. The Miami Conservancy District also provides expertise to protect raw water wells. With the federal government's Phase II storm water management protection mandates, it has helped members meet the various requirements. As a result of this coordination. compliance with the requirements has been more cost-effective for communities, like Troy, than it would have been if each

community worked alone. Along with protection projects, the district supports riverfront redevelopment to promote more tourism and recreation. It has worked with City of Troy officials as the community improves riverfront offerings. With a growing millennial population, attracting families, workers, and active young people to our community is critical to expanding our population and workforce. For more information on the Miami Conservancy District, visit their Web site at http://miamiconservancy.org/. For an update on Troy's Treasure Island Park development project, visit http://www.recreationparks.net/OH/miami/treasureisland-park-troy.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom and support for summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. Club members are always looking for new top-



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

## The Results Are In

An important part of Toastmasters training is learning about leadership. And the best way to become skilled at leadership is to experience it. Choosing leaders or choosing to be a leader begins here...at nomination and at the ballot...well the results are in..!

The newly formed Miami County Toastmasters (MCTM) met at their regular bi-monthly meeting, February 20, Troy Hayner Center, elected and voted for their first full slate of officers for the upcoming year. This has tremendous ramifications as it brought the club closer to its goal of being chartered by Toastmasters International.

The new officers and their respective positions are highlighted below.

President--Olive Wagar VP Education -- Brad Boehring-

VP Membership--Emily Mothmiller

VP Public Relations -- Ed Washington Secretary--Alex Lee

Treasurer -- Kelly Mothmiller Sergeant at Arms--Joe Girolamo

These officers will serve from 1 July 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Further, these officers will be

sworn in about April 11 at a formal ceremony presided by a district officer, they will take the oath of office and be fully installed. They will then attend the Toastmaster Leadership Institute (TLI) where they will learn more about their specific positions.

The benefits of Toastmasters are clear:

Think about what you gain as a a member of toastmasters. By inviting others to join, you give them the opportunity to bene-

- improving speaking, listening, thinking and leadership

 discovering hidden abilities and awakening latent talents

- acquiring an expanded vision of the role of communication

 increasing self-esteem through active participation in personal development

MCTM meets on the 2d and 4th Monday of each month. The next scheduled meeting is March 14, 2016, Troy Hayner Center, 7 p.m.. There is always room for one more.

Come out and meet the new officers...they are ready to serve!

## School Levy Up for Renewal

**By Nancy Bowman** 

Voters in the Troy City School District will be asked March 15 to renew a 5.8-mill operating levy.

The levy first was approved in 1996 and has been renewed for five years four times. This request also is for five years.

The levy generates \$3,435,434 a year and costs the owner of a home with a \$100,000 tax value 19 cents a day, district Superintendent Eric Herman said.

The levy makes up 7.8 percent of the district's operating budget. The money is used for day-to-day operations such as teachers, supplies, utilities and programs.

"We need to continue the excellent community support. It is a big reason why our schools are top quality," Herman said.

He emphasized that, because the levy is a renewal, it will not cost taxpayers any additional money.

"It is important to get the word out that this is a renewal levy," said Doug Trostle, board president, when the board voted to put the request on the ballot. "We are asking to maintain with what we have."



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## Trojan Tempo Returns to Print

The Troy High School newspaper, the Trojan Tempo, is excited to return to print on a bi-monthly schedule. After two years as an online publication, students will once again see their names in print. The class has 10 student writers ranging from first-year reports to seniors who have been on staff all four years of their high school careers. We cover school activities, club events, athletics and current events that relate to the students at THS. Most of our stories are published on the THS Facebook page. We welcome story ideas/suggestions if you have an event or organization, related the students at THS, you would like to see covered. Jeff Owen

## Student of the Week



#### **By Casie Duchak**

Name: Megan Osman **Age:** 18 Grade: Senior

Claim to Fame: Won Best Pop Song 2015 for the Ohio Music Awards: 'Calloused Wings" Favorite Movie: Harry Potter Biggest Musical Influence:

Regina Spektor Favorite Song: 'Samson' by

Regina Spektor Favorite Book: "Looking For Alaska" by John Green

Dream Job: Solo Artist College: College of Saint Rose Goal for Senior Year: Graduate **Pets:** Two Dogs

Siblings: Older brother and older sister

Favorite Pastime: Writing songs

Favorite Subject: English Best Memory: Going to the beach the year her sister

Idol: Julie Andrews

graduated

# Volunteer Opportunities Available at County Animal Shelter

By Dawn Bilpuch

Pleas for help on websites, social media feeds and televisions raise awareness for local animal shelters and the animals they care for. In the fall, THS's Key Club appealed to those messages and helped the Miami County Animal Shelter by having students donate various needed items. At the end of the collection, Key Club collected over 1,000 pounds of dry dog and cat food. They were also able to donate several large bags of cat litter and a few boxes filled with other miscellaneous pet items like collars, leashes, puppy toys, dog and cat treats, food and water dishes.

Despite these impressive efforts the need is always there. According to Miami County Animal Shelter director and dog warden, Marcia Doncaster, "We've probably already gone through everything that Troy High School donated in the fall." While they use the donations for general upkeep of the shelter and the animals, they also reach out to the community by giving out goodie bags to new pet parents.

"The number of strays last quarter has been up a little, but not significantly. It's a small increase," said Doncaster in reference to how mild our winter was. "Even though strays have come in, the return to owner rate is a positive 95 percent."

March usually means that warmer weather is around the corner and as a result, some people get the itch to adopt a pet. For those who are interested, the shelter welcomes people to go back to the dog and cat areas and see the animals there. If you have other four-legged or twolegged family members, the shelter invites you to bring them in to make sure your potential new family member will get along with everyone. If you find a pet you want to adopt, you must sign a contract and pay a fee of \$84 if it's not spayed or neutered, and \$54 dollars if it is already spayed or neutered. If it's not spayed or neutered it must be done within 45 days for adult cats and dogs, however with pups and kittens it must be done before they are six months old. Those who cannot afford the operation, the shelter offers a coupon that can be used at any vet in Miami County.

When it comes to the decision of adopting a cat or dog, Doncaster has a few words of advice. "First of all think it through don't make a snap decision. Make sure you can afford it because you're not just adopting a pet you're adding a member to your family. Make sure you choose the right dog to suit your family needs," advised Don-



The shelter is always happy to receive donations and there are multiple ways to show your support. For a list of needed items, go to the Miami County Animal Shelter's website www.co.miami.oh.us/ shelter and download or print off a copy of their wish list. The items can be dropped off or donated online through Amazon. "The Amazon wish list is probably the best way," said Doncaster.

Donations aren't the only way to support the animal shelter. They also need volunteers to help with grooming and socializing of the animals. Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old and their parents must

sign a volunteer form. Once you give your information to the volunteer coordinator, you'll get emailed a website where you can sign up using their calendar for the best dates and times to fit your schedule. This is just one more way for seniors to complete their community service graduation requirement.

While the Key Club animal drive may be over, there's a never-ending need for support for the Miami County Animal Shelter. Consider either donating items or your time to helping the animals because a little bit of generosity could make a world of difference in an animal's life.

## Keeping Their Eyes On the Target

#### Trojan Archers compete at state tournament.

By Megan Kavalauskas

Archery ranks 55th on ESPN's list of the toughest sports in the world. To some Troy High School students, that ranking doesn't matter. They still choose to take on the fun task of representing THS at archery competitions. Trojan archers finished in 6th place, out of 26 teams, at the State Archery Tournament in Columbus. Lauren Zaylskie tied for 4th place overall in the high school girls' division. The team shot a total score of 3288 and qualified the team for the National Shoot in May in Louisville, Kentucky.

starting in 7th grade. This year, the site gender. Over 2,000 students will After the second and third line have site of where the first three arrows junior high had around 80 students join. The high school however, had about 40 students join.

On February 20, 2016, the Troy Trojan Archery Boosters held a shoot-a-thon. The shoot-a-thon was an event set up to give the junior high archers an experience into what a real tournament setting feels like. It helps both the junior high and high school teams practice for the upcoming state tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The 85 students who participated could sign up for 9:30am, 11:30am, 2pm, 4pm, or 6pm shooting

The top female shooters were: Christine Moser, with a 291/300, Lauren Zaylskie, with a 282/300, and

Goltzene, with a 279/300, and Tony Simon, with a 278/300.

high and high school teams travelled by bus at 8:30am and headed Archery Competition. Every year the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) holds a tournament for schools all around Ohio to combodybuilding to breakdancing. Last year the high school ranked 5th out of

Arnold Sports Festival, which is named after Arnold Schwarzenegger. There are six different locations all around the world, and Columbus, Ohio just happens to be one of them. The other five locations are Brazil, Europe, Australia, Asia, and South Africa. Schwarzenegger has actually shown up to the Ohio location during an archery session; he doesn't just put his name on it, he actually gets in-

In preparation for the state com-

Kaitie Castaneda, with a 278/300. petition, the high school team prac- 15 meters is tougher. There is a new The top male shooters were: Dylan tices two days a week, Monday and Sedam, with a 280/300, Colin Wednesday. Each practice is from 4:00-5:30pm. There are roughly 30 students that show up. Starting Friday March 4, both the junior, around 4pm, students spread out into a circle with someone in the middle to lead stretches. Everyone to Columbus to compete in the State stretches to loosen up their wrists and shoulders. After stretches, 12 archers head to the line with their bow and arrows to practice shooting at the wall. This may sound easy, but eryone shoots differently. Wherever pete against one another. Only 24 they do it with their eyes closed, to the arrow hits the target, students students from each team get to go help them with muscle memory. They are instructed to shoot the other Students can join the archery club and at least 11 have to be of the oppotry to get the five arrows in a group. two arrows aiming exactly oppoparticipate in archery alone. There a turn, the first line gets the targets are many other events ranging from out. There are only four targets with the arrow hits the center. That new two people per target and two targets with one person per target. It's only like that because there is a pole This tournament is a part of the in the way of where someone would stand to shoot at one of the one person targets. The first line grabs the quivers, which holds the arrows, and moves them back to 10 meters. They have one practice round and then each line has a turn to practice. Each person has a specific spot they have to aim at to hit the center. After practice rounds they start scoring. The highest score someone can get each round is a 50, which is all 10s. Two more rounds after that it's time to move back to 15 meters and

spot each person has to aim at to hit the center. Once again, each line has one practice round, then they start

During each practice round the coach, Tim Anderson, has the students shoot their first three arrows aiming directly at the center. The arrows might not hit the center. They could go anywhere because each person is a different height and evhit. Doing that should make it so spot, is the individuals aiming point. Students are to do this only during

the practice round. Once each line has shot three times from both 10 and 15 meters, it's time to add up all the scores. The target is divided up 0-10. Each arrow will hit one of these numbers. Students add up those numbers for their total for that round. The highest someone can shoot for a total is a 300. Which means they got 50s every time. It's very rare to see that score, usually it's a 280-290 is the highest possible

Megan Kavalauskas is a sophomore member of the THS Archery Team.

## Troy High School Hosts Career Fair

**By Millie Mayo** 

Most people get their first job as a teenager; Troy High School brought job opportunities to its students. THS hosted a threeday job fair in the commons last week. At the job fair, plenty of summer and part-time jobs were offered by local employers, including: Culver's, McDonald's, ConAgra Foods, Clopay, and UTC Aerospace Systems.

"We are looking for students who are motivated and all around good kids," said Derek Potts, owner of Culver's in Troy. Culvers participated in the job fair on the final day, Thursday, and believed that they had a great turn-

Not only did the job fair provide job opportunities for students, but they also offered gateway jobs to something that could be a student's future. For example, UTC Aerospace Systems may offer a student an internship at first, but that could easily lead to a career.

"You may start out just working in our factory, but in time, you may find yourself with a much higher job than you started out with," said Ruth Olds, Human Resources Manager of ConAgra

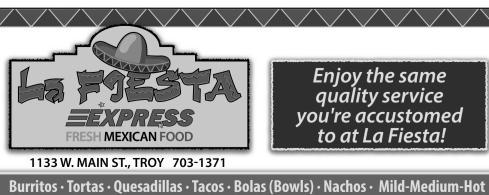
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Students really took advantage of the opportunities that were offered to them. After seeing the different jobs that students could be involved in, many were motivated to apply.

"When I saw the places I could work, it gave me hope that I could get the computer that I've been wanting," said Skylar Sonnier, a THS sophomore.

The three-day job fair that THS offered its students was well appreciated, and attended. Troy has many job opportunities and now THS students know a little more about them.

Millie Mayo is a junior staff writer who has a part-time job at Culver's.



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## **Statique Sounds**

By Stacey Hartman

On February 5, 2016, Taylor Swift became the first female to win Album of the Year twice at the Grammys. Recent success by female artists like Swift is sparking a movement among female performers, including one of THS' very own students, Ashley Smith. Smith recently joined the all girl band, Statique, and uploaded a youtube video of the trio covering "I Miss You" by Blink 182 on their YouTube channel "Statique Sounds."

Ashley Smith, Katie Aldridge, and Grace Burger describe their sound as mostly indie, alternative, and rock. Currently, they are only uploading covers, but plan to release original content. The two sophomores from Bellbrook, Katie and Grace, were previously in a band before Ashley joined. When their piano

player quit, they were chatting in a groupchat with Ashley, knew how musically inclined she was, and asked her if she would join the band. She jumped at the opportunity.

"Grace and Katie were already in a band together and they were looking for a guitarist. I suggested that I would do it because what could be better than being in a band with your two best friends?" said Ashley. Each of the three girls play their own instruments and they all participate in vocals. Katie is on the drums, Ashley on guitar, and Grace is on the bass. All three of the girls have unique voices individually, but sound even better together.

"Well, I think we have an advantage at this point in time. In the music industry, there are not many all-girl bands who play their own instruments and write their own music. I think we have a unique sound and make up, and we're something that there's a spot for," said bassist Burger.

Where do the girls of Statique see themselves in a few years? "Hopefully a headlining tour. I really hope that we achieve some sort of fame, and I believe that we will. I'm never going to give up on a dream like this, it's all I've ever wanted since I was young," guitarist Smith said.

Their love for companionship is one of their favorite things about being in a band. "I have two of my best friends with me to try and accomplish something that is a mutual dream for all of us. The memories, the trips, the music, we're creating something together that's not just a replica of one individual, something new to

call our own," said Burger.

Statique's dream arena is The O2 Arena in Greenwich, England. "The O2 Arena Is huge and it's in the United Kingdom, so how can you get better than that?" said Aldridge, the drummer of Statique. The girls would enjoy possibly touring with the musical artists they admire such as Halsey, 5 Seconds of Summer, or even One Direction.

According to the trio, sharing a common passion for music and performing is all it takes to have the potential to make it big in the music industry. Statique could very well be the next big thing to come from Ohio, and you can see them live, March 5, 2016 at an art show located Bellbrook High School from 11am-2pm.

## Spring Drivers Still Need to Use Caution

By Eric Laughman

After months of slick and snowy roads, student drivers should still exercise caution while driving this spring.

Although this winter's weather wasn't all that severe, this spring there will be more students on the road. As students turn the legal age of driving, which is 16, and the weather is nicer allowing parents to let their students to be on the road, more students are getting their licenses and hitting the road.

"Student-drivers should watch out for kids playing in neighborhoods," says Officer Fellers, the school resource officer.

"They should also watch out for new drivers, surroundings and motorcyclists, because it can be hard to gauge how fast they can go and the distance they are from you. Texting while driving and not paying attention are also big problems that we see."

Students who ride a motorcycle or a moped can be as dangerous as regular vehicles. Be sure to make slow turns, check both ways, and give plenty of room to slow down when needed. If a person drives a regular vehicle, watch out for motorcycles

and mopeds, an accident can be worse if you collide with one due to a bike offering less protection than a car.

"Pay attention, and don't text while driving," said Alex Dyke, a senior at THS.

Spring driving presents different challenges to drivers. The roads are more clear and easier to drive on, but they are often slick due to rain. It is a good idea to pay attention to speed, turns, and aggressive stops and starts.

Another way to drives safely is to combine trips. Don't just run out to get gas, run your errands too. Lighten the load in the vehicle to save on gas, but make sure to carry spare tires, flares, and a first-aid kit.

It is always a good idea to check your vehicle's safety as the seasons change. Maintain the vehicle by keeping the tires properly inflated and make sure oils and liquids are changed and filled. Following these guidelines will help make sure the vehicle won't stop working on the way to school in the morning or afternoon, and that helps to make sure your arrival to school or work is right on time.

## Give Where You Live Supports Partners In Hope

Local nonprofit agencies continue to benefit from the generosity of members of Give Where You Live Miami County. Following the February 11th meeting of the charitable giving circle, Partners In Hope, 116 West Franklin Street, Troy, received \$9300 in checks and cash after members voted to support the excellent work the organization does locally. The presentation was made on February 23 to Jessica Echols, Executive Director (pictured, second from left).

What began as a vision of community volunteers and the Troy Council of Churches in 1990 is now in its third decade of providing support to Miami County residents

in times of need. Seventeen local churches, along with individuals, organizations, local foundations and the United Way, combine financial support, volunteers and other resources to help with relief, education and development programs that assist more than 800 households each year. Services include crisis intervention, Getting Ahead, Faith and Finances, the annual Christmas Shop and many other programs throughout the year. To learn more about Partners In Hope, visit their Web site at www.partnersinhopeinc.org.

The mission of Give Where You Live Miami County is to enable a group of local citizens who have

the desire to support charitable organizations benefiting the Miami County. Their vision is to encourage a culture of philanthropy and generosity by providing an easier process for residents to give back locally. Members may propose specific charities to be considered and a maximum of three will be presented during each meeting. One of the three will be selected to receive the donations collected on-site. Giving back really doesn't get much easier. The goal is to have 100 members, each donating \$100 per meeting. One hundred percent of the funds collected go to the chosen 501(c)(3) organization as there are no administrative costs

required to operate the charitable giving circle.

Give Where You Live welcomes new members throughout the year. Their next meeting will be May 12, 2016, from 7-8 PM at the Zion Lutheran Church in Tipp City. The public is welcome to attend. The giving circle will also meet August 11 and November 10 from 7-8 PM at the same location. For more information, or to sign up as a member, visit their Web site at www. givewhereyoulive.wix.com/miamicounty. You may email questions to givewhereyoulive.mc@gmail.com.

## Four Seek Sheriff Position

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on every level," he said.
Anderson said he'd replace a
"good ole boy system" of management with a set of policies and
procedures that are best practical
and legally defensible.

"These policies will include our hiring process, career advancement and promotion. This change will immediately improve the morale in the office and give the dedicated staff direction and a chance for career improvement," Anderson said.

If money is available, he said he would like to bring in an employee to keep track of the businesses end of the office such as the sheriff's sales and seeking grants. Someone other than an officer, he said, might better manage these tasks.

hese tasks. He's also planning to seek ac-

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creditation for the department. Anderson worked on the Troy Police Department accreditation process and served as an accreditation assessor across the coun-

"An accredited law enforcement agency maintains the highest standards and continually updates its policies and procedures using a "best practices" approach established throughout the United States. Under my administration the Miami County Sheriff's office will become accredited without increasing the operating budget for the office," he said.

In 1997, Anderson faced a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence involving an alleged encounter with a girlfriend. He entered an "informal diversion program" in 1998 in which he was to attend and complete an alcohol/drug evaluation and complete any recommended follow up, according to court documents. The visiting judge who approved an agreed entry with those stipulations said charges would be dismissed if Anderson completed probation, which he did, and charges were dismissed.

"It's an allegation. It was run through the court system; it was dismissed. There is not much more I can say. People make allegations," Anderson said noting that he was promoted to captain after the allegations and at times served as acting police chief.

Anderson said he thinks his training and work with agencies including the FBI, the Secret Service and the DEA as well as other agencies will benefit the department and community. "I don't know the answer to everything, but I know the people to call that do and that is a big ego swallowing thing for some people," Anderson said.

Name: Steve Cooper Age: 64

Occupation: Retired captain Miami County Sheriff's Office Previous political experience: None

Education: Criminal Law, Photography, at Edison State, 1000's of hours of training/ education at Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, and the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy.

Family: Wife, Mary Ann, one son. Steve Cooper said he's running for sheriff because there are issues within the office that need to be looked at, and changes made.

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## Campaign Finance Reports Filed

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Reports filed in the commissioner race of incumbent Jack Evans and challenger Cindy Lillicrap showed:

The Committee to Elect Cynthia Lillicrap reported \$12,980 available, \$12,529 spent and a \$451 balance. The report showed a contribution from the candidate for \$12,500. Money was spent for postage, postcards, yard signs and sign supplies.

The Committee to Re-Elect Jack Evans Miami County Commissioner reported \$5,850 available, \$2,159 spent and a \$3,691 balance. The committee reported a \$2,500 outstanding loan from Evans. Money was spent for signs and handout cards.

Reports filed in the commissioner race of incumbent Richard Cultice and challenger Greg Simmons showed:

The Committee to Elect Cultice for Commissioner reported \$8,000 available, \$4,833 spent and \$3,167 balance. The committee reported a \$4,000 loan to the campaign by Cultice. Money was spent for postage, campaign signs, handout cards.

The Simmons 4 Commissioner committee reported \$2,535 available, \$2,058 spent and a \$478 balance. In-kind contributions of \$456 were reported. The committee reported loans of \$1,500 from Greg and Patricia Simmons and \$345 in outstanding debt. Money was spent on brochures/election materials, magnetic signs and other signs.

TIPP CITY SCHOOLS BOND

The Tipp City Schools Levy Campaign committee reported having \$19,499 available, \$12,509 spent and a \$6,989 balance. Money spent was for campaign consulting services, color postcards and postage.

Of the expenditures, \$8,178 was to Burges & Burges Strate-gists of Cleveland for campaign consulting services. Those services included strategy, polling, designing materials, voter targeting, social media, fundraising and messaging, according to Claire Timmer of the campaign committee. She said all funds to pay for the consultant were from fundraising.

## Cookson Implements Read Across America

class. Each class received 30 extra minutes of recess time as the prize for winning.

"Experiences like these make learning magical," Johnson said. "We are so excited to be a part of that experience for such a great group of children." Johnson alluded to the fact that this year's success with the program will likely precipitate its inclusion in the schedule in coming years at Cookson Elementary School. For more information on the NEA's Reading Across America program and President Barak Obama's proclamation on March 1, please see nea.org.



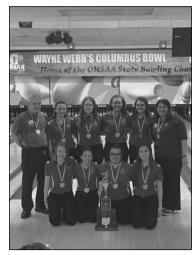
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## Troy Wins State Bowling Title

By Jim Dabbelt



It was a day that the Troy girls' bowling team will never forget.

After placing third in the team games to qualify for the tournament, the Trojans put together three rounds of great bowling, and used a big strikeout in the tenth frame of the finals to win the state championship on Saturday and give Troy their first state title on the girls' side in school history.

"There are 16 teams that made the finals and only one of the teams get to call themselves the champions," said Troy coach Rob Dever. "Today, that was us. It is very difficult to accomplish, but we have faced state level competition all year long in the GWOC." Troy's final match was against ironically another GWOC team, as they defeated Beavercreek 3-1 in the finals.

To advance to the finals, Troy had to survive the prelims, and they did just that. A'leigha Smith bowled a 193-190-170 for Troy, while Kirsten McMullen added a 170-179-149, Alyssa Shilt had a 152-187-158, and the two big scores came from Jenna Stone 175-226-255, and Rachel Darrow 223-234-215. Stone and Darrow were also both named first-team all-Ohio.

"Rachel was solid all day long and threw the ball well today, Dever said. "She got tired at the end, but other than that, she threw great. Jenna also struggled in the first game getting adjusted. We helped get her moved into the right spot, then she started to light them up. Once you get her lined up, she is good to go."

After their three team games, they bowled baker games of 171-192-171, which all totaled up to 3410 and put them into third place, advancing them to the team tournament.

Once in the team tournament, Troy began their quest of the state title. They defeated North Olmstead in the opening game 3-1. After losing the opening game 210-201, Troy battled back to win the next three games 234-168, 165-151 and 180-160. It is a best three-offive format and despite losing their opening game, the Trojans battled back to win the next

The same thing happened in game two against Mentor, the state runner-up last year. The Trojans lost to the #2 seed 161-152 in the opener, before battling back to win game two 233-146, and took the next two games 200-176 and 214-138.

Once in the finals, Troy won the opener for the first time on the day. They defeated Beavercreek 255-146 in the opening game, before losing game two 223-210. Troy then sur-

## Local Wrestlers Compete At State

**By Jim Dabbelt** 

Four area wrestlers competed last weekend in the OHSAA state wrestling tournament at Ohio State University, and three of them were able to place on the podium on Saturday.

Troy Christian's Jacob Edwards, who wrestled at 106 in the Division Three meet, placed the highest of the local wrestlers as he finished as the state runner-up, falling in the champion-

Also placing seventh were Michael Sergent from Troy Christian at 120, and in the Division Two meet, it was Logan Ferrell, the 285-pound senior from Tippecanoe, also placing seventh overall.

Tipp's Jack Peura failed to advance to the placer round as he was eliminated in consolation

Edwards, only a sophomore for the Eagles, opened the state tournament, as a #2 seed in his weight class in Division Three. He opened tournament play with a pin in 1:16 in the opening round against Dylan Burns of Milan Edison to advance into the second round of the championship bracket. There, Edwards had a hard-fought 6-3 victory over Zach Larue of Akron Manchester to send him to the final four of the winners bracket.



meet, falling short in the Division Three 106 pound weight class championship match.



In the semi-finals, Edwards battled Cole Mattin of Delta all the way to the final buzzer, as the Troy Christian sophomore edged Mattin 2-1 to send him into the state championship match.

Edwards got into the finals against 47-1 Dylan D'Emilio, a freshman at Genoa Area and the Northern Ohio wrestler pinned Edwards in 3:27.

Also placing for the Eagles was Sergent, who won his opening match of the state tournament by defeating Griffin Jenkins of Galion Northmor 8-1. Sergent then ran into one of the top seeds at state in Drew Mattin of Delta, who knocked off Sergent in the opening period with a pin in 1:26. Mattin ended up running the table and earning the state title.

Sergent then dropped into the consolation bracket, where he defeated Gavin Stika of Creston Norwayne in quick fashion, via a pin in 43 seconds before dropping a 12-9 decision to Bruce Hrynciw of Oak Harbor. Sergent then defeated Cameron Gessner of Sandusky St. Mary's in 19 seconds to claim the seven place finish at state.

Tippecanoe's Ferrell didn't waste any time earning a victory in his opening match in the Division Two tournament, as he quickly disposed of Jaret Aubiel of Uhrichsville Claymont at 285 with a pin in 29 seconds.

Ferrell then lost his second match at state, dropping a 10-5 decision to Jamez Young of Sandusky to drop into the consolation round. There, the Red Dev-



Michael Segent competed at the state wrestling meet last

il grappler was victorious over Colvin Turner of Franlin in 1:57, but ran into Michael Furbee of St. Clairsville where he lost in 4:07. Ferrell placed seventh as he didn't have to wrestle in the last match due to forfeit.

Peura entered his opening match at 152 as the second-seed from this region, and he lost his first match of the state tournament, falling to Michael McIntire of Akron St. Vincent St. Mary 12-3, immediately forcing Peura to have to come through the consolation bracket to attempt to qualify for state.

Once there, Peura won his next match with a 15-0 victory over Logan Dusenberry of New Philadelphia but lost to Davey Tunon of Clinton Massie 9-2 ending Peura's season.

## Area Players Selected To AP District Team

**By Jim Dabbelt** 

A total of 15 players from the coverage area have been named to the Associated Press Southwest Ohio All-District Team last week, in a process where sports writers from this district vote based on recommendations from area high school coaches.

For the boys, Tecumseh placed both Darius and Malik Quisenberry on the Division One honorable mention, while Troy senior Romello Yaqub was also voted onto the HM team.

In Division Three, Caleb South, the sophomore at Bethel, was honored as a second-team player for his strong season. Also in Division Three, Kurt Waters from Northwestern was selected Honorable Mention.

James Anderson of Troy Christian was named to the Division Four Honorable Mention team.

Tecumseh leads the way on the girls' side, as four of their players were honored by the writers in Division One. Lindsey Nartker was named to the Second-Team, while fellow senior Danielle Franklin was selected Third-Team. A pair of Arrow freshman players were named to honorable mention, as Corinne Thomas and Presley Griffitts received that

After leading their team to regionals, Aubrey Cox from Tippecanoe was named to the Division Two Second-Team, while Red Devils sophomore Allison Mader was honorable mention.

The highest local honor went to Northwestern's Korynne Berner, as the senior was named First-Team in Division Three. Her teammate Abby Zerkle was named honorable mention.

Finally in Division Four, Troy Christian junior Hailey Peters was named Honorable Mention. **BOYS DIVISION I** 

AREA HONORABLE MENTION Dylan Beaugard, Wilmington;

Jason Biggs, Clayton Northmont; Isaiah Gable, Greenville; Cameron Gallimore, Sidney; Andre Gordon, Sidney; Darius Harper, Springfield; Ray James, Xenia; Rocky James, Xenia; Chidon Jones, Lebanon; Zach Ledbetter, Vandalia-Butler; Branden Lilley, Fairborn; Michael McKay, Springfield; Jordan Pumroy, Fairborn; Darius Quisenberry, New Carlisle Tecumseh; Malik Quisenberry, New Carlisle Tecumseh; Justin Rigg, Springboro; Jacob Rogan, Bellefontaine; Keegan Saben, Centerville; Lorenzo Taborn, Sidney; Jarell Taylor, Northmont; Romello Yaqub,

**BOYS DIVISION III** AREA SECOND TEAM: Daulton Butler, Carlisle, 6-5, sr., 16.8; Averon Ely Jr., Dayton Northridge, 6-2, sr., 13.8; Caleb South, Tipp City Bethel, 6-0,

soph., 25.0. AREA HONORABLE MEN-TION: Ethan Bradds, Jamestown Greeneview; Thomas Buell, Camden Preble Shawnee; Anthony Carroll, Dayton Northridge; Ethan Conley, Arcanum Franklin Monroe; Justin Flor, Carlisle; Carter Huelskamp, Anna; Brandon Mack, Casstown Miami East; Austin Miller, West Liberty-Salem; Blake Stephens, Anna; Daulton Stewart, Brookville; Eric Swartz, West Milton Milton-Union; Kurt Waters, Springfield Northwestern; Alex Wendel, Versailles; Joey Williams, Dayton Stivers School for the Arts.

**BOYS DIVISION IV** 

AREA HONORABLE MENTION Jacob Bassler, West Alexandria Twin Valley South; Chad Bergman, Botkins; Kaner Butler, Yellow Springs; Trace Couch, New Madison Tri-Village; Jacob Gannon, Cedarville; Casey Gossett, Dayton Miami Valley School; Jamaal Hunter, Middletown Christian; Brock Jamison, Pleasant Hill Newton Local; Landon Kelsey, DeGraff Riverside; Jordan Maschino, Covington; Brady Mc-Bride, Pleasant Hill Newton Local; Trevor Monnin, Russia; Isaiah Taylor, Yellow Springs; Drew Wehrman, Fort Loramie; James Anderson, Troy Christian; Kevin Reep, Springfield Emmanuel Christian; Ashton Burke, Xenia Christian; Colton Spears, South Charleston Southeastern Local. GIRLS DIVISION I

AREA SECOND TEAM: Lindsey Nartker, New Carlisle Tecumseh, 6-0, sr., 20.3; Sylvia Hudson, Sidney, 5-10, sr., 20.9.

AREA THIRD TEAM: Danielle Franklin, New Carlisle Tecumseh, 5-6, sr., 12.7; Rylie Parkhurst, Miamisburg, 5-7, sr., 14.4.

AREA HONORABLE MENTION Maygan Boettcher, Lebanon; Destiny Bohanon, Huber Heights Wayne; Jenna Bour, Lebanon; Bryanna Bransford, Riverside Stebbins; Logane Brazile, Centerville; Megan Centers, Franklin; Kaitlyn Davis, Sidney; Layne Ferrell, Franklin; Presley Griffitts, New Carlisle Tecumseh; Victoria Harrison, Centerville; Kasey Hughes, Springboro; Mackenzie Lingg, Riverside Stebbins; Weston Minnich, Centerville; Shelby Moses, Vandalia-Butler; Celena Taborn, Sidney; Corinne Thomas, New Carlisle Tecumseh; Emma Wright, Oxford Talawanda; Maya Dunson, Huber Heights Wayne; Olivia Trice, Huber Heights Wayne.

**GIRLS DIVISION II** 

AREA SECOND TEAM: Braxtin Miller, Kettering Archbishop Alter, 6-0, jr., 16.8; Aubrey Cox, Tipp City Tippecanoe, 5-11, sr., 10.6; Sydney Bates, Springfield Kenton Ridge, 5-9, sr., 17.8.

AREA HONORABLE MENTION Hayley Combs, Kettering Archbishop Alter; Katy Curnutte, Urbana; Stephanie Dorn, Bellbrook; Courtney Eggleston, Dayton

Oakwood; Kate Hickey, Dayton Carroll; Allison Mader, Tipp City Tippecanoe; Nia Martin, Trotwood-Madison; Mickey McClanahan, Franklin Bishop Fenwick; Melinda McIntosh, Germantown Valley View; T.J. Mills, Dayton Chaminade Julienne; Mikala Morris, Springfield Kenton Ridge; Lauren Peltier, Dayton Chaminade Julienne; Julia Titus, Eaton; Lauren Turner, Dayton Oakwood; Bekah Vine, Bellbrook; Annie Weckesser, Dayton Chaminade Julienne.

**GIRLS DIVISION III** 

AREA FIRST TEAM: Ravin Alexander, Cincinnati Summit Country Day, 5-foot-5, sophomore, 11.2 points per game; Julia Jenike, Bethel-Tate, 5-10, sr., 18.0; Jamie Peterson, West Liberty-Salem, 6-4, sr., 15.4; Korynne Berner, Springfield Northwestern, 5–11, sr., 12.5; Kristen Combs, Jamestown Greeneview, 5-6, sr., 14.6.

AREA HONORABLE MENTION

Alexis Abner, Arcanum; Emily Fletcher, Dayton Stivers School for the Arts; Jordann Gudorf, Brookville; Haley Howard, Casstown Miami East; Kami McEldowney, Versailles; Kelsey Minton, Carlisle; Aubrey Rains, Waynesville; Mckinlee Ruppert, New Lebanon Dixie; Faith Strickle, Jamestown Greeneview; Kaitlin Taylor, Carlisle; Lily Yoder, West Liberty-Salem; Abby Zerkle, Springfield Northwest-

**DIVISION IV** 

AREA HONORABLE MENTION Shelbey Dowler, New Madison Tri-Village; Hayley Melton, Cedarville; Taylor Middleton, Dayton Miami Valley School; Brooke Neal, Ansonia; Elizabeth Smith, Yellow Springs; Mackenzie Weldy, Bradford; Mandi Bates, Bradford; Jessie Crowell, Covington; Madison Mollette, Pleasant Hill Newton Local; Hailey Peters, Troy Christian.

vived a rough third game 199-196 as Stone needed a spare to keep the winning going, then needed at least a seven on the last ball and picked up a nine for the win.

With a chance to pick up the state title, Troy fell behind Bea-

vercreek early in game four, but opened the ninth and tenth frame. That opened the door for a strike from Darrow in the ninth frame, then Stone stepped up and delivered three consecutive strikes in last frame, with the last ball being the one that gave Troy the state title and the gold around their necks.

The boys won the state bowling title in 2011, now the girls have one to put in the trophy case to represent their success in 2016.

"It's one of those things that no matter what happens from this point forward, they will always be able to call themselves state champions," Dever said.

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## Troy, Troy Christian Athletes Honored By League

Both Troy and Troy Christian saw some of their athletes honored recently for their hard work and achievements during the basketball season.

Troy struggled through the basketball season with a final record of 8-15 overall, but had a couple of statement wins during the season, defeating Miami East 71-58 in a non-conference matchup, then late in the year, they knocked off league foe Sidney

Trotwood had three players on the first team to lead the way on the GWOC North all-conference team, while Troy was shut out on the first-team. Romello Yaqub, a senior who averaged 16.6 points and four assists per game for the Trojans, was the lone Troy player named to the second-team. Named to the special mention

was Mechia Linton, as the senior averaged 8.2 points and five rebounds per game for the Trojans.

The GWOC North first-team consisted of Colton Bachman from Piqua, Cameron Gallimore and Andre Gordon from Sidney, Clay Guillozet from Greenville, and three from Trotwood Madison; Myles Belyeu, Amari Davis and Torrey Patten.

The Troy girls' basketball team also did not place anyone on their first-team all-GWOC North. Sidney dominated the first-team with three players, Sylvia Hudson, Celena Taborn and Kailtyn Davis. Also on first team were Taj Thompson and Nia Martin of Trotwood, Shelby Moses and Brittney Petrosky from Butler.

Troy did place two players on the second-team, as senior Sierra Besecker and junior Bailey Hess

are listed among that group. Hess averaged 7.2 points per game, while Besecker was close behind at 5.7 points.

Earning special mention for the Trojans was senior Maddy Taylor. Two Troy wrestlers also made all-conference first-team, as Kobe Scott and Davin Snyder were honored. Named to the second-team from Troy were Brandon Lewis, Justin Middlestadt, Frankie Quintero, Will Brumfield and Christian Nation. Earning special mention was Troy's Ben

In boys swimming, Joe Dutton and Mitch Orozco earned firstteam, while on second team was the 200 Medley team of Jared Liew, Tristan West, Dutton and Orozco, while the 200 free relay team of Liew, Orozco, West and Jackson Armstrong were hon-

The girls team had several second-team swimmers, including 200 Medley relay team of Courtney Carmack, Katie Castaneda, Blake Whitford and Caroline Pratt, while the 200 Free relay team of Pratt, Melanie Harvey, Whitford and Carmack was also honored, along with the 400 Free relay team of Castaneda, Melanie Harvey, Annie Griffith and Maria Poggi.

Metro Buckeye Conference-James Anderson was the lone Eagle to be named to the second-team all MBC for boys basketball, while Hailey Peters was named first-team for the girls, with Kathryn Lee honored to the second team.

## Trojan **Gymnasts** Place 6th In Ohio

The Troy High School Gymnastics team headed off to their first State meet since 2000 last week. The Trojans qualified for state by winning the district title the previous week. They were joined in the district by runner-up Centerville and competed against a total of eleven other teams in the state. Troy ended up with a score of 137.775 which was good enough for a 6th place finish.

In high school gymnastics, only six girls from each team are allowed to compete on each event and only the top four scores count towards the team score. Competing on vault were Lizzie Deal, Abby Baker, Grace Dwyer, Claire Buerger, Minori Nakada and Miranda Silcott. The high score for the Trojans came from Dwyer with a 9.025, followed closely by Buerger with a 8.950. Deal contributed to the team score with an 8.80 as did Nakada with an 8.650.

On bars, the Trojans had the same six girls compete. Nakada is the team powerhouse on bars and got the high score for the team with an 8.825. Buerger contributed an 8.475, Dwyer an 8.30 and Deal a 7.9875.

On beam, the Trojans have great depth but as mentioned before, can only have six girls compete. Lanie Hagan had a fantastic beam routine at districts and was given the chance to do it again at the state meet. She came away with an 8.975, the high score for the Trojans. Senior Kayla Coate, who was injured for districts, was given one last chance to compete as a Trojan and pulled off an 8.7, the second highest score for the team. Dwyer and Buerger both contributed an 8.65.

On floor, the Trojans struggled a bit more than usual with scores much lower than those received throughout the season. Buerger got the high score for the Trojans with an 8.60. Dwyer was right behind her with an 8.575, followed by Deal (8.5) and Nakada (8.275).

After more than five hours of competing, awards were presented and Troy got the great news they were the sixth best team in the State. It was a fantastic end to the season and a great way to end the gymnastics career's for Buerger, Coate, Dwyer and Nakada.

## **District Nine Coaches Honor Athletes**

**By Jim Dabbelt** 

Several area athletes were honored recently by the District 9 basketball coaches, as they selected the District Nine media team for this season.

Tecumseh placed four players on the Division One girls' team, including seniors Lindsey Nartker and Danielle Franklin, along with freshmen Presley Griffitts and Corinne Thomas. Also named to the Division One team was junior Bailey Hess.

In Division Two, Tippecanoe senior Aubrey Cox was voted on the team, as was sophomore Allison

A pair of Northeastern players were named to the Division Three team, as Korynne Berner and Abby Zerkle landed on the team.

On the boys side, the Tecumseh duo of Malik and Darius Quisenberry were both named to the Division One team, while Tippecanoe senior Carter Mann was named to the Division Two team. Red Devils coach Joel Visser earned the Coach of the Year selection from his peers in D2.

In Division Three, Caleb South from Bethel and Kurt Waters from Northwestern were both selected by the coaches to the media team.

The senior all-star games will be held at the end of the month also. In the Division 1-2-3 girls' games, area players involved will be Berner and Katelyn Partlow of Northwestern, Hardy from Greenon, Nartker and Franklin from Tecumseh and Cox from Tippecanoe.

In the Division 1-2-3 boys game, playing will be Mann, Malik Quisenberry and Romello Yaqub from Troy.

Here are the complete Media teams, as voted on by the coaches (area players highlighted):

Girls Division 1: Bailey Hess-Troy, Sylvia Hudson-Sidney, Kaitlyn Davis - Sidney, Celena Taborn-Sidney, Erin Mangen-Northmont, Lindsey Nartker-Tecumseh, Corinne Thomas - Tecumseh, Danielle Franklin-Tecumseh, Presley Griffitts-Tecumseh, Shelby Moses-Butler, Brittney Petrosky-Butler, Ella Welsh- Xenia, Player of the Year- Hudson. Coach of the Year- Megan Mummey (Sidney).

Girls Division 2: Macey Hardy- Greenon, Alyssa Garberich-Shawnee, Katy Curnutte- Urbana, Hunter Rogan- Urbana, Jamari McDavid- Kenton Ridge, Mikala Morris- Kenton Ridge, Nikki Current-Ben Logan,

Hayley Boysel-Ben Logan, Allison Mader- Tippecanoe, Aubrey Cox-Tippecanoe, Player of the Year- McDavid. Coach of the Year - Donnie Sosby (Ben Logan). Girls Division 3: Lauren Monnin- Versailles, Avery Bensman-Anna, Kristen Combs- Greeneview, Morgan Haney- Miami East, Jenna Ober-Triad, Kaitlyn Moore- Northeastern, Jamie Peterson- West Liberty Salem,

Korynne Berner- Northwestern,

Abby Zerkle- Northwestern, Ste-

vie Johnting- Arcanum, Play-

er of the Year-Peterson. Coaches of the Year- Dennis McIntosh (West Liberty Salem), Doug Mar-

Girls Division 4: Jesica Boerger-Fort Loramie, Holly Frey-Fort Loramie, Isabelle Bolender- Cedarville, Tiffany Hatcher-Russia, Maria Herron-Russia, Mandi Bates-Bradford, Kayla Hueker-Botkins, Jenna Winner-Houston, Macey Stang-Houston, Brooke Neal- Ansonia, Lexie Perry-Southeastern, Allie Downing- Tri Village, Danika Mann-Tri Village, Madison Mollette- Newton, Mikayla Dodane- Mechanicsburg, Elly Schipfer- Mechanicsburg, Audrey Francis-Fairlawn, Jessica Crowell- Covington,

Brooke Gostomsky-Covington, Nicole Fogt-Jackson Center. Player of the Year-Boerger Coach of the Year - Brad Gray

(Tri Village). Boys Division 1: Rocky James-Xenia, Ray Jones - Xenia, Darius Quisenberry-Tecumseh, Malik Quisenberry-Tecumseh, Colton Bachman-Piqua, Jason Biggs-Northmont, Andre Gordon-Sidney, Danny Davis-Springfield, Darius Harper-Springfield, Clay Guillozet- Greenville, Isiah Gable- Greenville. Player of the Year- Guillozet, Coach of the Year- Kent Anderson- Xenia.

Boys Division 2: Carter Mann-Tippecanoe, Seth Gray-Shawnee, Nathan Bostick-Shawnee, Grant Ricketts-Ben Logan, Andrew Ford- Graham, Jordan Bailey- Kenton Ridge, Beau HefnerIndian Lake, Alex Jacobs - Indian Lake, Jordan Underwood- Urbana, Cameron Logwood- Urbana. Player of the Year- Gray. Coach of the Year - Joel Visser - Tippe -

Boys Division 3: Damien Mackesy- Miami East, Brandon Mack-Miami East, Ethan Bradds-Greeneview, Austin Miller- West Liberty Salem, Kannon Stillings- West Liberty Salem, Casey Hayes- Northeastern, Carter Huelskamp- Anna, Blake Stephens- Anna, Caleb South-Bethel, Kurt Waters- Northwestern, Zach Hyre-Franklin Monroe. Player of the Year- Macksey. Coaches of the Year- Allen Mack-Miami East, Darren Leighty-West Liberty Salem.

Boys Division 4: Jordan Maschino- Covington, Jake Bertemes-Southeastern, Tyler Van Winkle-Tri Village, Gavin Richards- Tri Village, Devon Rinderle- Mississinawa Valley, Nathan Lessing-Fairlawn, Drew Sosby-Jackson Center, Brady Wildermuth-Jackson Center, Ryan Boyd-Triad, Josh Wilson- Cedarville, Damyneik Phipps- Houston, Andrew Lyons-Southeastern, Dillon Brown- Fort Loramie, Trace Couch- Tri Village, Chad Bergman-Botkins, Jacob Gannon Cedarville, Landon Kelsy- Riverside, Trevor Monnin-Russia, Josh York-Russia, Brock Jamison- Newton. Player of the Year-Sosby. Coaches of the Year-Tim Barga- Mississinawa Valley,

## Four Seek Sheriff Position

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He said he always loved his job as a deputy, and had been encouraged to run in the past. With the sheriff's retirement at year's end, "I think now is the time," said Cooper, a Tipp City resident.

"As a candidate for sheriff I bring a lot to the table. I have a lot of knowledge, 37 years in law enforcement. I have done everything ever asked of me by the sheriff's office. I have thousands of hours of school. I am the only candidate that can say I ever ran a jail and know the inner workings of the jail," he said. "I have never been accused of or done anything wrong. I bring a lot of stability, honesty, ethics."

Among top issues Cooper said the office faces is the need for transparency. "This administration has always been secretive towards the public and even its employees. I would keep the public and the employees informed of what's going on inside

the sheriff's office, unless doing so would endanger someone's safety or allow a criminal to get knowledge that would prevent his or her capture. I would always be willing to meet with a citizen who has a genuine concern or

Cooper said treatment of employees and, in turn, morale also are concerns. "I would listen to employee concerns and complaints rather than just shuck it off as an employee with a bad attitude," he said.

"I don't micromanage people. I tell them, 'Do your job and we will get along just fine.' I think that helps bring morale up. Talking with people about their concerns and doing your best to address whatever concerns they have creates a good working environment," he said, adding, however, "You aren't going to make everyone happy, no way." Another concern is the heroin

epidemic. "I don't know the answer. Heroin is a cheap drug. If people don't see what it does to you personally and what it does to you physically, I really don't know what law enforcement is gong to be able to do," he said. "But we would do what it can to put a stop to it as much as we can. Education is big. Families have to be pat of it. Law enforcement can't do it all. The public has to help."

Cooper has been critical of the other Republican candidates, criticizing Duchak's handling of issues in the sheriff's office while Cox was recovering from medical issues, including allegations of possible mishandling of sheriff's deed. A special prosecutor found no misconduct but Cooper said he didn't agree with how the investigation was handled.

If elected, Cooper said he would like to bring back programs discontinued by the office that past

few years such as a Citizens Police Academy. "The police academy, I think will help with public trust, at least they can see the inner workings of the sheriff's office ... and the pressure under which these men and women are working," he said.

He'd also like to explore a citizens review panel to possibly review complaints against the department and give their opinion on how a situation was handled.

Name: Dave Duchak Age: 51

Occupation: Chief Deputy Miami County Sheriff's Office Previous political experience:

Education: 3.5 years at University of Dayton, numerous

Family: Wife Sheri, daughter and

law enforcement schools

Dave Duchak said he has dedicated 29 years of service to law enforcement in the county and

wants "to continue the tradition of excellence in law enforcement services that Sheriff Cox brought

Duchak said he "thoroughly enjoys working in law enforcement and serving my fellow residents and feel I still have much to offer. I have been blessed to work in one of the finest sheriff's offices in the state and with some of the finest men and women in law enforcement."

The top issues facing the department, he said, are the heroin 'scourge," providing adequate jail space and keeping up with technology and the costs to acquire and maintain it.

"The top issue bar none is the heroin scourge. We, in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, are practicing stringent enforcement efforts on all fronts to fight this epidemic. That alone is not going to be enough. We are not going to arrest our way out

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# Columns & Opinion

## **Pet of the Week**



#### By the Humane Society Serving **Clark County**

A quick update on our pet from last week. Girly was adopted into a home where she will live happily ever after.

This week we are excited to report that Snoopy is our featured pet. He is about 5 years old and just returned from the prison training program. He has had 8 weeks of basic obidience training and is now ready to find his forever home.

This little guy is a survivor and will go on to live a happy life. He came to the shelter Heartworm positive and was treated. He recovered nicely in the training program and knows sit, stay and is potty and crate trained. He may have slipped in a couple of other commands too.

As our feature pet, his adoption fee which normally would be \$170 including his license is just \$95. You will find that the dogs from the training program are wonderful friends.

He is available at The Humane Society Serving Clark County located at 5201 Urbana Road unless adopted prior to publication.

All of our dogs and cats are spayed or neutered prior to being placed for adoption. You can help support our spay and neuter program by attending the Tail-a-bration party on Saturday, May 21 at Snyder Park. More details are coming to our Facebook page so be sure to "like" The Humane Society Serving Clark County.

## At Home

#### by Connie Moore

Finding Me in a Bag Last week's column was about being gifted an entire recipe "collection". When Marty Stover passed on the bags of old newspapers, magazines, cookbooks and clippings from many years of collecting, neither of us had a clue as to the depths of treasures they held.

Looking through a large stack of newsprint cookbooks from the Fairborn Daily Herald newspaper (circa 1968 - 1977) was like stirring a pot of vegetable soup and spotting all the different ingredients that went in to make it a comforting, homey dish.

In 1968, the Fairborn Daily Herald held a recipe contest. Entries totaled 468 in six categories. Cash awards were given for first, second, third and first honorable mention. Numerous other honorable mentions were chosen also. A grand prize was also

Entries came from as far away as Florida, but the majority came from Fairborn, Medway, Enon and New Carlisle. A whopping 29 entries that placed or earned honorable mentions came from cooks in Medway. First place in the Casserole/Main dish category was for Scalloped Chicken submitted by Mrs. Paul Yoder of Medway. New Carlisle was represented with one recipe and Enon was represented with six recipes.

The 64-page newsprint style cookbook that resulted contained 315 recipes. Winners and all honorable mentions were included. Each recipe contained the name and address of its submitter. Top prize winners had their photos included. Recognizing many names brought back thoughts of long ago. Advertisements con-

tained in the cookbook were, in themselves, a walk down memory lane. And, the book could be purchased for only 25 cents from the publisher.

Three judges looked for ease of preparation, availability of ingredients, and nutritional value along with appeal to all ages. Because taste is of key value in any food contest, the judges chose four finalists in each of the six categories. Those cooks were to bring their prepared dishes for final judging on June 27 to the Fair Lane Bowling Alley (today it is Bowl 10 Fairborn).

Each year categories changed some, judges were chosen anew, prizes adjusted. A partial book from the second year (1969) showed more cities and towns represented. Added to the above four were Phoneton, Xenia, Troy and Springfield. Still, Medway was well represented with four dishes including second place winner Raglin Pickles from Esther Christner. New Carlisle had one recipe and Enon had four. Phoneton had one recipe.

Dishes for that second year ranged from English Fish Pie to Pioneer Pie to German Beef Ragout to Hungarian Goulash. Gelatin salads appeared as well as Cream Pies.

By the third year, 1970, I was in college earning a degree in the applied science of mental health while my life-long interest in cooking was simmering on the back burner. However, those summer months were long forgotten until I began reading the 3rd annual Fairborn cookbook with its vellowed, dried pages.

Just skimming the pages brought me to a halt and a gasp as I recognized myself in a photo. Yep, sure enough, it was me. I had forgotten completely about the day I got a phone call from Margaret Grube, Daily Herald Family page editor. I had won honorable mention in the quick bread category with Apple Spice Tea Muffins. In the end, another recipe I submitted was also included in the cookbook, Golden Walnut Cake.

It took a while for it to sink in that it was more than 45 years ago that my first recipes were published. My office files only went back to 1990 when Ann Heller of the Dayton Daily News chose my Cranberry-Apple Winter Pie for publication. A larger file began in 1996 when this column began in the same paper.

Needless to say, I spent the evening pulling out bits of memories of those single college days, pieces of my life that were long ago diced up and mixed with days of marriage, work, raising a family. Sometimes the past can serve up a sweet hint of what is to come

That 3rd annual cookbook of 1970 produced three recipes from Medway, one from New Carlisle and nine from Enon including a first place for Mrs. Marion Ruff with her Strawberry Pecan Cake and a second place for Miss Joyce Ark with her Pretty Peach Pie.

1974 found the annual cookbook in its seventh year. Categories had changed again. Some 200 entries were divided, scrutinized and placed according to winners. Medway was represented by six recipes including another one of mine; New Carlisle submitted two and Enon was represented by four, including a second place win for Dieter's Cheesecake submitted by Mrs. Pamela Harrop.

#### **Apple Spice Tea Muffins**

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 31/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 34 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3/4 cup finely chopped peeled apples
- 1 beaten egg 1 cup milk
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir in apples. Make a well in the center of dry ingredients. Combine egg, milk and oil. Pour this into the dry ingredients. Stir only until combined. Batter should be lumpy. Fill greased mini muffin tins 2/3 full. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 15 minutes or until tested done with toothpick. Remove from pans. Cool completely. Glaze with the following: one cup confectioners' sugar mixed with a tablespoon of milk and a drop of vanilla.

By 1977, the Eighth Annual cookbook was billed as a recipe swap, no longer a contest. No prizes were given, but submitters were published in categories such as Budget Dishes, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Canning/preserving, Leftovers and Low-Calorie Foods. Medway was represented with two recipes and Enon with two.

Today I have Marty Stover to thank for saving a lot of her past and a bit of my own. Here is that first recipe published; perhaps it sounds silly to highlight it now after all these years. But that's the way the past is sometimes-a sweet, faintly familiar taste of a moment in time when treasures were being stored for life's pot of

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## **Gardening Commentary**

### The Right Plant For The Right Place

Disasters happen when we don't use the right plant in the right place. Now is the time to be finalizing those important decisions about what you are planning to do in your landscape this spring. It is a real shame when, after years invested, we find that the plant we have been watching develop into a good specimen is going to be too big to stay where it is located.

Trees and shrubs have different growth habits that are unique to each variety and it is important to understand how big they will become and how fast they grow. When you look around the area and see so many overgrown plants that are growing over

windows and under power lines it is evident that many people are way and very near to the powadvice or no understanding of how the plants they are planting will grow.

Purchases from mail order catalogs, box or other bargain stores provide little or no information to help the consumer with how the plants grow or how large they can become. It is important to know the characteristics of plants that are being purchased so they are compatible with the area where it is going to develop into a mature plant.

When we drive around the area looking at the surroundings we often notice how trees are butchered under or near utility lines. See the photo showing how this spruce tree was literally cut in half vertically. Why? Because the

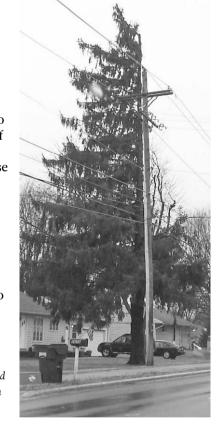
tree was planted in the right-ofpurchasing plants with little good er lines. In most cases the power lines are installed before properties are developed and homes are present. Trees, especially evergreen varieties like spruce, pines and shade trees need to have plenty of room to grow because the can get very large, up to 40' or 50' tall and 15' - 30' wide. These trees make excellent wind breaks or screening for privacy but most of them get big and plenty of room must be available for them to grow. This is also true of shrubs that are planted in an area that does not allow them to develop properly. In just a few short years it becomes necessary to start chopping them back so they don't cover a sidewalk or grow up over a window.

It is true that our landscapes are

continually changing and that is the fun and challenge of working with plants. It is important to understand the characteristics of these beautiful puzzle pieces so we can be successful when we use them to beautify our surroundings. So when you begin to plant a new area of renovate some of the plantings in your landscape, stop, and do the necessary research and seek help from your local garden center or landscape designer, when it is necessary, to be sure you have considered all the variables. When we use the right plant in the right place everyone lives happily ever after.

If you have questions that are unanswered go to www.meadowview.com or send an email to info@meadowview.com.

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Half of the tree has been removed because planted too close to street.

## Tip of the Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro **TCPD Ret.** 

#### Camaraderie

Camaraderie is a hard word for an old retired police to spell, never used it in police report. But I do remember when we had it. Some could and do say that I am a grumpy old man. Perhaps they are correct, but maybe it is something more. Like having the memory to go along with the experience to remember when the job was about a group of like minded enforcer's of the law who just by knowing you were a fellow police officer that you were a friend.

I recently spoke with a Deputy Sheriff who worked the streets in the good old days. He asked me where the camaraderie has gone. I didn't have an answer for where it has gone but I did have lots of stories to share with him who showed that we had it but find it slipping away.

Interview any soldier who has been in harm's way and they will tell you

he didn't fight for the politicians, the principles of the war or even the reasoning behind war's justification. A soldier fights for his brothers, the men in the trench who would die for him to live and he who would die for the life of his compatriot. That is camaraderie.

I remember the days when police fought the battle for their fellow officers. A Trooper in an OSP car may not be known to a City Officer. The Deputy Sheriff may not know the name of the Detective rolling up on an arrest in progress that has turned physical. What we did know was that it was a fellow officer in need of assistance.

The signal may be different in every department, 99, 00, 44 or Officer Needs Assistance but the feeling is the same. The gut tightens up, the hands need to grip the steering wheel harder, all caution is thrown to the wind and everyone in the county

heads for that officer's location. Mutual Aid contracts didn't matter, the supervisor's permission was not even asked for, the call you were handling will wait. A fellow officer is in need of assistance and has asked

That was in 1975 when I responded to my first Signal 99 in Montgomery County. The call came from an officer at a rock concert at an arena. When I got there, in the northern part of the County I met Dayton PD, Kettering, Wayne Township, Mad River Township and more who all responded to the call. Police Canines were jumping against their leads. Nightsticks were out and being used. Handcuffs were in short supply.

So what happens now? The call goes out and all officers in that jurisdiction immediately respond. The nearest adjacent City is asked for assistance and they will send a few officers but not leave the city empty of police. Officers in the opposite side of the county will be told to go to the city limits and await further information.

The Mutual Aid Pacts state the highest ranking officer in the agency being requested to respond approve his officer's response. Heaven forbid he is sitting on the john and doesn't hear the call. Of course Mutual Aid Pacts were written by lawyers, making politicians feel better and Chiefs of Police not sweating as much over what is called vicarious liability.

Of course the officer who should be responding to the call for help thinks twice and maybe even stands down knowing he will be in the sergeant's office after the crisis is over and answering for how this is going to look to the Chief when the sergeant is called in Monday morning to answer to violations of a policy. And of course the sergeant is concerned on how this black mark will look in his personnel file and possibly ruin his chances of promotion when the next test is given. The make no arrest, take a report and keep your record spotless is the smart choice in a career so fraught with danger. But it is not right.

So the Mutual Aid Pact was not enough to curtail a "Bad arrest"? Let's put cameras in the cruisers. More police were put under the thumb of political correctness. But the cruiser cam only captures what happens in front of the cruiser. Now we need to put cameras on the front of the officer's shirt. Now if a curse word is used to arrest a resisting felon then discipline will be coming.

I have seen members of another agency who look good in their uniforms stand around while real police fight on the ground to get a drunk handcuffed. The original member of that department who was chasing the subject took heat over getting physical during the arrest. The sergeant told him within my earshot, "Let them do the dirty work on camera." The sergeant was correct that a physical arrest of a resisting subject is never pretty and is the dirty work of the job.

Yes the police still attend the funerals of Line of Duty Deaths. The miles long lines of police cruisers with lights flashing is a tear filled sight, I have been there. But the camaraderie of fellow officers doing whatever is necessary to help a fellow officer is being suppressed by legal pacts, cameras and most importantly the bosses who punish those who want to do real police work.

## Financial Focus

**Provided by David Trimmer, your local Edward Jones Representative** 

#### International Investing Can Expand Your Horizons

If you don't mind slow trips, you can go around the world in 80 days. But it takes almost no time to become a global investor. So, should you look abroad for good investments?

You may not have thought about it. And that may not be all that surprising, because when Americans check market updates, they typically see data for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite, all of which provide information for essentially one asset class: large-capitalization domestic stocks. Yet, U.S. equities actually only represent slightly more than one third of world equities, according to Bloomberg, a financial news service - so if you're confining yourself to the U.S., you may be missing out on an opportunity.

By investing internationally, you can gain at least two significant benefits:

• Growth potential – U.S. stocks

- have achieved good returns for long stretches of time. Yet, in any given year, markets in other countries can outperform the U.S. – and they have done just that.\* By looking beyond our borders, you can invest in - regions with different prospects for economic growth. In mature economies, such as those found in Western Europe, you can find investment possibilities in companies that produce high-quality, well-known products. Like many of the best American businesses, these foreign companies are likely to remain competitive far into the future - which means they can be attractive to serious, longterm investors.
- Diversification If you invest entirely in domestic invest-ments, and the U.S. financial markets suffered a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. But if you spread your investment dollars between

both U.S. and international investments, you could lessen the impact of the U.S.-based volatility. The U.S. financial markets do not always move in tandem with global markets, so, when we're down, they might be up. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profit or prevent losses.)

While investing internationally offers some advantages, it also carries some specific risks. Here are a few to consider:

- Political or economic instability A quick glance at the headlines can tell you that different parts of the world may be undergoing political or economic turmoil or both at the same time. This instability can obviously affect the investment outlook within these regions.
- Fluctuating exchange rates –
  The exchange rate between U.S.
  and foreign currencies fluctuates all the time. This movement can decrease or increase the dollar value of your investment even if its actual price remains unchanged.

Difficulty in obtaining information – Financial information about specific companies in emerging markets can be hard to obtain, which is why it may be better to invest using professional managers.

Given these factors, if you are going to invest internationally, it's probably a good idea to do so with the help of a financial professional – someone with the resources and experience to help you avoid potential pitfalls. But don't ignore the opportunities available internationally. The exact amount depends on your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon.

The world is a big place – investing an appropriate portion of your portolio in international investments could help broaden your investment horizons.

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## Tax Tips

with Arrowhead Tax

Here's What You Need to Do with Your Form 1095-B

This year, you may receive one or more forms that provide information about your 2015 health coverage you had in 2015. These forms are 1095-A, 1095-B and 1095-C. This tip is part of a series that answers your questions about these

Form 1095-B, Health Coverage, provides you with information about your health care coverage if you, your spouse or your dependents enrolled in coverage through an insurance provider or self-insured employer last year.

Here are the answers to questions you're asking about Form 1095-B:

#### Will I get a Form 1095-B?

- You will receive Form 1095-B which is a new form this year from
  your insurance provider if you had
  insurance for you or your family
  members.
- The term "health insurance providers" includes insurance companies, some self-insured employers, and government agencies that run Medicare, Medicaid or CHIP.
- You are likely to get more than one form if:
- You had coverage from more than one provider
   You changed coverage or employ-
- ers during the year

  If different members of your
- If different members of your family received coverage from different providers

## How do I use the information on my Form 1095-B?

- This form provides information about your health coverage, including who was covered, and when the coverage was in effect.
- If Form 1095-B, Part IV, Column (d), shows coverage for you and everyone in your family for the entire year, you can simply check the full-year coverage box on your tax return.
- If you did not have coverage for the entire year, use Form 1095-B, Part IV, Column (e), to determine the months when you or your family members had coverage. If there were months that you did not have coverage, you should determine if you qualify for an exemption from the requirement to have coverage. If not, you must make an individual
- You are not required to file a tax return solely because you received a Form 1095-B if you are otherwise not required to file a tax return.

shared responsibility payment.

 Do not attach Form 1095-B to your tax return - keep it with your tax records.

#### What if I don't get my Form 1095-B?

- You might not receive a Form 1095-B by the time you are ready to file your 2015 tax return, and it is not necessary to wait for it to file.
- The information on these forms may assist in preparing a return, and you, however you can prepare and file your return using other information about your health insurance.
- The IRS does not issue and cannot provide you with your Form 1095-B.
   For questions about your Form 1095-B, contact the coverage provider. See line 18 of the Form 1095-B for a contact number.

Depending upon your circumstances, you might also receive Forms 1095-A and 1095-C. For information on these forms, see our Questions and Answers about Health Care Information Forms for Individuals.

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## Four Seek Sheriff Position

of this problem," Duchak said.

The office has partnered with the Tri-County Board of Mental Health on an assessment for heroin/ opiate addicts in the jail who would benefit from medication while in jail and after release, he said. It also is part of a recently formed heroin coalition that will work "to address this problem as a community and hopefully bring more assets and ideas to the table to fight this very serious public health problem," he said.

The jail space issue is not new but has been impacted by the growing number of female offenders attributed to heroin. The office worked with commissioners. Duchak said and is preparing to open a third pod at the Incarceration Facility. "We are hopeful that with the opening of the 3rd pod we will have adequate jail space for the next several years barring the state from burdening counties with the housing of any more felony offenders as they did a few years ago,"

he said.

When it comes to technology, he said he would continue to pursue grants to help offset costs of technology, equipment and extra traffic enforcement.

"The sheriff's office is currently on the cutting edge when it comes to new technologies that keep operations more efficient and most importantly, residents and staff safer. I will be seeking funding for body cameras and we have already started the evaluation process of what is on the market," Duchak said. "There is much research and development going on with respect to body camera technology and there is a strong likelihood that state and/or federal dollars will open up soon to assist with funding."

Duchak said claims by other candidates that the sheriff's office has been secretive, that morale is poor and there is a "good old boy" network are unfounded. He said the investigation of allegations of possible mishandling of

sheriff's deeds was conducted last year and concluded without findings. "I have never been the subject of any criminal or internal investigation so I don't know what he (candidate Steve Cooper) was referring to," he said. "We are transparent. My question is if he ever read the (special prosecutor) in-

vestigation." Duchak said he is thoroughly committed to public safety in a fiscally responsible manner and continuing to keep the crime rate low and residents safe. "Miami County is a very safe county to live and raise a family and continued excellence in professional law enforcement services will keep it that way. The continued partnership with the community is invaluable, for without that partnership a law enforcement agency is ineffective," he

Name: Paul Reece Age: 49 Occupation: Special Agent and Chief Warrant Officer (Commissioned) Army Criminal Investigations Division Command, U.S. Army Reserves Commander, 375th Criminal Investigation Division, Columbus.

Previous political experience: None

Education: Bachelor's degree organizational management, Bluffton University

Family: Married, six children, 10 grandchildren.
Paul Reece said he's been encouraged to run for sheriff for the past several years.

"The common thread has been the belief that my values, and my experience working in both rural and metropolitan law enforcement agencies, along with my military law enforcement background and education have uniquely equipped me to lead the Sheriff's Office in serving and protecting the citizens of Miami County," he said.

Among the top issues Reece said are facing the office are a public perception of lack of credibili-

ty, closed jail along with inadequate maintenance and staffing and low morale within the organization.

Reece, a Piqua resident, said the top issues facing the office include jails, public perception of lack of credibility and low morale.

"The entire agency will be held to a high standard of conduct. Ongoing training in ethics and effective communication will raise the bar. Internal investigations of wrongdoing that results in a serious breach of public trust will be made public. Under my leadership, the Sheriff's Office will regain the confidence and respect of those we serve," he said.

Area law enforcement is hampered by a lack of jail beds, meaning some who should be jailed aren't, Reece said.

"Steps will be taken to ensure that both jails are properly maintained, properly staffed and operational at the maximum level of use. Long-term capital improvement projectswill be reviewed and revised, as needed. Rational long-term and short-term plans for implementing the necessary repairs and upgrades will be submitted to the county commissioners for their review and funding decision," he

To improve morale, Reece said he would survey employees about what the agency is doing right and wrong and what has to change.

"The survey is a part of a positive and comprehensive plan for professional development, team building and family involvement that will be presented to all employees in January of 2017," he said. Reece said he also would focus on individuals, encouraging top priorities of family and safety.

"I feel very strongly about taking care of your people ... I want to get them off egg shells," he said. "Is there going to be changes. Yes, there will be changes, but those changes will be for the operational success of the agency and not punitive."

Reece is no stranger to the department, previously serving as a Miami County sheriff's deputy. He most recently was a deputy in Montgomery County, but resigned Dec. 4 after 10 years so he could run for sheriff here. By law, classified employees cannot run for a political office, he explained.

Reece received a letter of reprimand last year for failing to submit a leave request time when he testified by subpoena in federal court in what was a family matter. He described the situation as a "paperwork error" and differences in opinion in how the time should be reported. He subsequently took vacation/comp time for period he was in court.

He said he is trying to focus on the positive in the campaign. "I want to take care of two groups that are important. As sheriff, I serve the people that work for me. On the other side, I also serve the citizens," he said. "Nowhere in that equation does any of these groups serve me. That is the way it is in the military, the way it is a professional organization. This is not a kingdom."

## Ballet, Easter Egg Classes Offered at YWCA

Children 3 years old and up are invited to take a 10 week ballet class at the YWCA beginning Monday, March 14. Denise Uhlenbrock, an 18 year veteran instructor, will be teaching classes for ages 3 and up from 4:30-5:10 p.m. and a second class from 5:15-6 p.m. is offered for students by instructor invitation on Mondays. An additional class is also scheduled on Wednesday beginning March 16 for ages 3 and up from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

The classes are designed to give students an opportunity to learn coordination and grace while developing an appreciation for the fine arts. "It's a great time for youngsters to learn the basics that they can build on as they get older," said Uhlenbrock. "We have a fun time and develop some important motor skills through dance," she continued.

Students will need ballet slippers, tights and leotards or shorts for the class. The 10 week sessions will conclude with a dance recital featuring the ballet students as they showcase the skills they have learned at each session. For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626.

K-4th graders will love to decorate their own cake Easter eggs on Monday, March 21, from 6-7:30 p.m. with Kelly Bornhorst, instructor. Bornhorst will help participants ice and decorate their Easter eggs just in time to share at a family gathering.

Participants will also make a handmade basket to take home their Easter goodies. "This will be a fun, creative time for everyone," said Bornhorst. For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626.

## Word Search #133

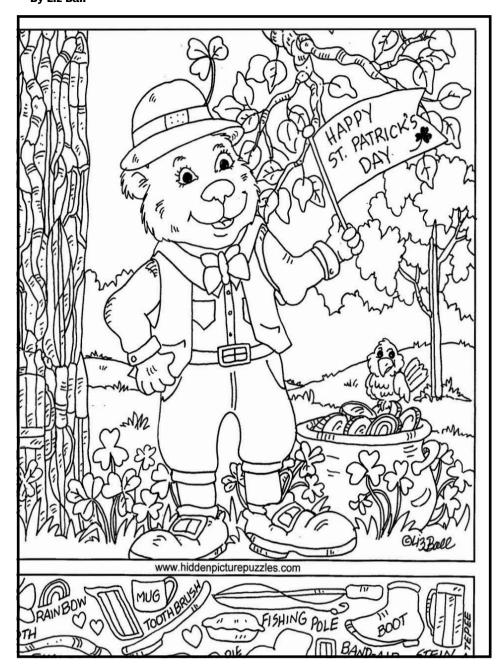
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## **Hidden Treasures**

By Liz Ball

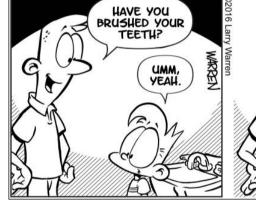


## Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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## Cooper







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## Crossword Puzzle

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- **ACROSS**
- of NASCAR 4. Give or take
- **8.** Wind instrument
- 12. Most important
- 13. Stool pigeon 14. Inside shot?
- **15.** Lithium-\_
- battery **16.** 80
- 18. 7est
- **20.** Goddess of earth
- **21.** Have a bug 24. "Disraeli Gears"
- noodles
- 33. Profits
- singers **28.** Chop suey with
- 34. High-tech display **35.** Smooth shell nut

37. Come together

- (of a Board)
- Hornish Jr. **38.** Open
  - 40. Camper's supply 42. School
    - assignment 44. Computer tube,
    - abbr. **45.** Exploit
    - 48. Burglar
    - **52.** Helper

    - 57. Mafia head

    - 58. Cuts off
    - **59.** Sports event 60. Type of testing on "Law and
    - 61. Lackluster
    - **62.** Run into
    - 63. In addition

1. Mountain runners

**DOWN** 

- 2. Long time
- 3. Mimicking bird with her
- head! 5. Brazilian town
- 6. Good fit
- 7. Gumbo vegetable
- 8. Old time farming
- equipment
- 9. Guy relation
- 10. Galley need
- **11.** Potato feature
- 17. Attack
- 19. Manhandle
- 22. Urchin
- 23. Soup ingredient
- 25. Alleviate 26. Related
- 27. Allot, with "out"
- 28. Whodunit hint 29. Domestic fowl **30.** "Against all\_

- **31.** Winter lake
- phenomenon 32. Drug agent
- 36. Neither's partner 39. Acting like a
- clumsy person
- 41. Porker's home
- 43. Rock group
- **46.** Explosive, when
- split 47. Sticky stuff
- 49. Maelstrom
- 50. Eaten up 51. Itsy-bitsy biter
- **52.** Tirana country,
- for short 53. Spanish sun
- **54.** Fitness Center relaxation area
- **55.** Born (Fr.) 56. Demolition compound

**Trivia Challenge** 

## Animals And Nature Trivia Quiz II

- 1.) Apart from the giraffe itself, what is the only living member of the family "Giraffidae"?
- a.Llama
- **b.** Wildebeest
- **c.**Okapi d. Hyena
- 2.) Featured on the Canadian \$1 coin, what type of creature is a "loon"?
- **a.**Bird **b.** Dog
- c.Insect d. Fish
- 3.) How many toes does a rhinoceros have on
- each foot?
- a.Three
- **b.** Four
- **c.**Two
- d. One 4.) What animal provides milk, meat and
- leather to herders in Mongolia?
- a.Spoonbill **b.** Yak
- c.Takhi d. Jerboa
- 5.) What is the young of a crane fly called?
- a.Leatherman **b.** Leatherback
- c.Leatherface
- d. Leatherjacket
- 6.) Founder of Chester Zoo, whose life was dramatised in the 2014 BBC drama "Our Zoo"?
- a.Charles Darwin
- b. Peter Scott
- c. George Mottershead d. David Attenborough
- 7.) Which of these luxury car manufacturers does NOT feature an animal in their logo? a.Maserati
- **b.** Lamborghini
- c.Ferrari
- d. Porsche
- **8.)** Which of the following is not a type of snake? a.Skink
- **b.** Coral
- c.Copperhead d. Pit Viper

- 9.) What type of Goose is also called a Nene? a. Hawaiian goose **b.** Chinese goose
- d. Cape Barren goose

c. Greylag goose

- 10.) Which of the following animals is not a member of the genus arthropoda?
- a. Ants
- **b.** Spiders c. Sharks
- d. Scorpions
- 11.) What is the collective noun for a group of dolphins? a. Shoal
- **b.** Pod
- c. Fleet **d.** Herd
- 12.) Some "night butterflies" have ears on their wings to help avoid which type of
- a. Moths **b.** Bats
- c. Birds d. Other Butterflies
- 13.) The Angora goat produces what coveted substance?
- a. Moleskin
- **b.** Gelatine
- c. Liver Pate
- d. Mohair
- 14.) In the stories of Beatrix Potter, what type of animal is Mrs Tiggy-Winkle?
- a. Hedgehog
- **b.** Cat
- c. Guinea pig d. Rabbit
- 15.) Before their extinction in the 17th century, dodos were native to which modern-day country?
- a. Philippines **b.** Seychelles
- c. Mauritius
- d. Madagascar



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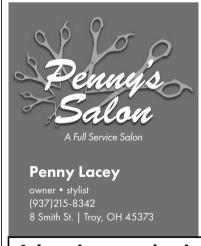
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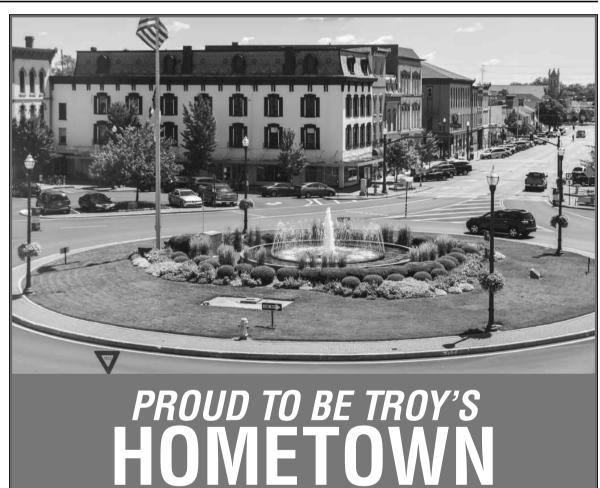
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## This Week's Solutions

#### Trivia

 Okapi - The Okapi is native to the northeast Congo in Central Africa.

 Bird - The Canadian Loonie

coin was introduced in 1987.

3.) Three - There are two rhino species that are native to Africa

and three that are native to Southern Asia. 4.) Yak - Yaks are herd animals found throughout the Himalaya region of south Central Asia.

5.) Leatherjacket - Crane flies can be found worldwide.
6.) George Mottershead - Chester Zoo opened to the public on June

10th, 1931.
7.) Maserati - Maserati is an Italian luxury car manufacturer established in 1914. 8.)
Skink - Pit Vipers are venomous

snakes found in Eurasia and the Americas. 9.) Hawaiian goose - The Nene is

the official bird of Hawaii.

10.) Sharks - There are over 500 species of sharks worldwide.

11.) Pod - Dolphins are closely re-

lated to whales and porpoises.

12.) Bats - Depending on the species, butterflies in their adult stage can live from a week to nearly a year.

13.) Mohair - A single goat can produce up to five kilograms of mohair per year.

14.) Hedgehog - Beatrix Potter authored the Tale of Peter Rabbit.
15.) Mauritius - Mauritius is an island that is located east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean.

## Sudoku

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## **Hayner Center Presents A Streetcar Named Desire**

Have the winter blues got you down? Why not get out and see a movie? On Friday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 West Main Street in Troy will present the 1951 drama, A Streetcar Named Desire. This free and open to the public showing includes an introduction to the film, café style seating, popcorn and soft drinks.

A Streetcar Named Desire is a 1951 drama based on the play by Tennessee Williams. The drama follows troubled former schoolteacher Blanche DuBois (Vivien Leigh) as she leaves small-town

Mississippi and moves in with her sister, Stella Kowalski (Kim Hunter), and her husband, Stanley (Marlon Brando), in New Orleans. Blanche's flirtatious Southern-belle presence causes problems for Stella and Stanley, who already have a volatile relationship.

This film is intended for mature viewers and may not be appropriate for children under 13.

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Friends of Hayne

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 the website at www.troyhayner.org or call (937) 339-0457.

## Mornings in Motion at the Troy-Miami County Public Library

Join the library from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings for "Mornings in Motion. This interactive 7 week session will begin Thursday, March 17, 2016, with "singing" as the theme. "Mornings

in Motion" will combine walking, early literacy, and fun. Bring your children and a stroller, and join us at the library, Hobart Arena, or other venues as available.

For more information call 937-339-0502 ext. 123 or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio.

## **Troy Civic Theatre to present Agatha Christie's The Hollow**

Troy Civic Theatre is excited to announce their upcoming production, The Hollow, a classis whodunit by the queen of murder mustary. Agotha Christia

of murder mystery, Agatha Christie
Sir Henry and Lady Lucy Angkatell are
hosting a family weekend at their estate
outside London, The Hollow. Attending
the weekend are Dr. John Cristow
and his wife Gerda, John's mistress
Henrietta Angkatell, family cousins
Edward Angaktell (who is in love with
Henrietta), and Midge Harvey (who is
in love with Edward). During dinner,
John's former lover - the Hollywood star
staying down the lane, Veronica Craye drops by. After Dr. Cristow is found shot
the next morning, Inspector Colquhon

and Sergeant Penny have their work cut out for them to determine which suspect actually committed the crime.

The Hollow starts Chuck Fox, Sandy Ehrlich, Robert Hyer Rob Wilson, Jessica Suba, Joan Smoke, Tonya Bundenthal, Niccole SueAnn Wallace, Steve Dietrich, Mike Rousculp, Gage Emerson, and Beverly Dynes. The show was directed by Jennifer Kaufman.

The Hollow is being presented with permission by Samuel French, and sponsored by HealthPark Dentistry. Performances run March 11-12 at the Barn in the Park in Troy, at 8 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 pm on Sundays. The show runs 2 hour and 15

minutes, with one intermission. Tickets are available by calling the theatre box office at 937-339-7700.

Troy Civic Theatre is a non-profit community theatre located about 20 minutes north of Dayton. Recently recognized with several Dayton community and state awards for its 2014 production of Angel Street, TCT was invited to participate in the American Academy of Community Theatre's Region 3 competition, and was nominated for several regional awards. TCT is celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2015-16 season. For more information, please contact the theatre at 937-339-7700.

## **Historical Society President to Speak at Hayner**

On Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proud to present 200 Years of Education in Troy with guest lecturer, Troy Historical Society President Judy Deeter. The Hayner Center is located at 301 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Troy Historical Society President,
Judy Deeter, will discuss the history of
education in Troy. Judy is a local history
writer who has written one book and
written or researched portions of four
other books, including the Troy bicentennial history, Transitions of Troy: A
Bicentennial Celebration of Troy, Ohio
1900 – 2014. Join Judy for a delightful
presentation of stories and insight into

the history and traditions of Troy City Schools

200 Years of Education in Troy is a presentation in conjunction with the Hayner Center's current exhibit, Historically Speaking: Troy City Schools, which is an historic exhibit featuring artifacts from and about Troy City Schools. The exhibit is on display thru April 3, 2016. Judy Deeter, Jill Hartman, Julie McMiller, and Meredith Parris are the curators for Historically Speaking: Troy City Schools. Each of these women has strong ties to the community and schools. This display is an interesting way to learn more about our proud Trojan history. There are several areas of the development of Troy's school system being explored, including the architecture, the arts, the people, and the academics.

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## **WSU Piano Students To Perform at Hayner**

The March Drawing Room Chamber
Concert will present Wright State
University's gifted Piano Studio
students on March 29, 2016 at 7:30
pm. The piano studio concept was
initiated in 1989 by husband and wife
team Benita Wan-Kuen Tse-Leung
and Jackson Leung. Piano Studio is
committed to inspire and instill the
highest quality of musical learning.
Along with Director Leung, this concert
celebrates its exceptional students,
Emily Au, Rachel Jackson, Amy Cheng,

Vicky Tong, Michael Miranda, Kristina Ahlstrom, Ben Geist, Alex Moore, Andrew Hackworth, and Ashley Geist.

The Drawing Room Concert Series is hosted by Dr. Randall Paul, director of the Wright State University School of Music. This series offers a unique opportunity to experience professional chamber music in an intimate listening room. The concerts take place on the last Tuesday of each month in the school year at 7:30 pm and are free and open to the public with a reception

afterward. No tickets or reservations are needed.

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## **Scout Food Drive Begins Saturday**

The Boy Scout of America troops and packs of Troy Ohio are holding their yearly Scouting for Food effort. Starting on morning of March 12th the troy community may see a plastic bag

hanging from your doors. Please take bag and read it and you will find that we (BSA) are asking for food for the homeless and those in need. The Scouts will collect all food stocks on the morning of March 19th and take the food donations to the local non-profit Soup Kitchens and local food pantries in the area. Please support our scouts as they help Troy support those in need.

## **Historical Society to Present 1913 Flood Film**

The Troy Historical Society will present the documentary film "The 1913 Flood Shadow Over the Miami Valley" at its March meeting, Thursday, March 17, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 West Main Street, Troy. It will begin at 7:00nm

This film tells what happened during

the March 1913 flood in the geographic area from Piqua to Hamilton, Ohio.

It was created and produced by Mr.

Sam Ashworth of Middletown, Ohio in 2013 for the 100th anniversary of the flood with a grant from the Middletown Community Foundation. Both the Troy-Miami County Public Library Local at tths

History Library and The Troy Historical

Society provided research assistance in the making of the film.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For information about the event, please contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com.

## Library to Hold Egg Hunt Join us for the library egg hunt is for children of all ages

Join us for the library egg hunt anytime between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016; each child will decorate a bag and hunt for eggs hidden inside the library. This program is for children of all ages. Registration is required. Registration opens March 5, 2016; call 937-339-0502 ext. 123 to register.

For more information call 937-339-

0502 ext. 123 or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio.

# Vote Tuesday, March 15 for Republicans Cindy Lillicrap and Gregory Simmons for Miami County Commissioner



## **Gregory Simmons**

- Edison State Community College Graduate
- Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree (Education)
- Trained with the U.S. Department of Justice
   Trained Juvenile Judges College Univ Neved
- Trained Juvenile Judges College, Univ. NevadaU.S. Navy Training Certificates
- Alumnus Award the Ohio Association of Comm. Colleges
- Twice Awarded Outstanding Employee/Miami Co. Commissioners
- Recognition from the State Legislature of Ohio, Out-
- standing ProgrammingBob Radar Award for Top Director in Nation/JuvenileDetention Association

As the Director of Juvenile Detention Center in Miami County, I successfully directed the business operations of a \$1.6 million dollar budget. Upon retirement left West Central with almost nearly a million dollars in unencumbered money.

# Over 40 years of experience in County & City Government

## **OUR CONCERNS**

- Real Security for Court and County Employees as well as citizens who use the Court House and Safety Building
- County Employees' insurance package (one of the worst in Ohio)
- Competitive Bid Laws overpaying vendors by hundreds of thousands by not placing many projects out to bid
- Economic Development continued turnover in position of Economic Developer. This is critical in bringing jobs and economic development to our county.
- Scandal in the Maintenance Department under direction of current Commissioners. Theft, mismanagement and complete lack of accountability.
   Special Prosecutor stated on what had transpired as a "culture of corruption."
   One of our opponents even stated to investigation, "We lost institutional control."



## **Cindy Lillicrap**

- Graduated from Miami East High School
- Attends Piqua Church of the Nazarene
- Attends Piqua Church of theWorked for the City of Piqua
- Served as a volunteer on festivals and committees
- Member of Miami East Alumni Association

For years I've worked for you. Now I want to represent you.

If elected to the Miami County Commission, I will

- strive to bring transparency to county functions
- ensure political favors are not part of the equation
  serve with respect, honesty and integrity.

That is my promise to you.

We bring new vision and energized leadership that county residents can be proud of and in so doing return

**Integrity, Accountability and Transparency** *to the* **Miami County Board of Commissioners** 

Hinkle and Grandmother

Katie graduated from Troy

Mellie Cruea (Neves).

High School and Upper

Valley JVS in 2010. Katie

lived life to the fullest and

one she met. She enjoyed

spending time with family,

especially her son, Karter,

who is the love of her life.

and back!

Katie, love you to the moon

Services were at 10:30 AM

on Monday, March 7, 2016 at

Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Burial followed in Riverside

Memorial contributions

may be made in care of the

family. Condolences may be

Cemetery in Troy.

touched the hearts of every-

Kaitlyn Alyssa Marie

"Katie" Cruea

Katie Cruea, age 23, of

Troy, OH passed away

on February 28, 2016 in

Florida. She was born March

28, 1992 in Dayton, OH to

Sandra Hinkle of Troy and

James Cruea of Louisiana.

Karter; and younger sister:

She is survived by her son:

Chelsea, at home. She will be

deeply missed by her family,

Aunt Barb Bierly (Tod), Aunt

Terry Shaw, Aunt Gina Heath,

Uncles: Lloyd Cruea (Benna),

Dennis Cruea, Tim Cruea

(Kadena), and Mike Cruea;

cousins: Eddie and Brandon

Bierly, Rylee, Ronnie, many

other cousins and countless

which includes her loving

Grandma Joanne Hinkle,

## Wanda Jean Saul

Wanda Jean Saul, age 86, formerly of Troy, OH passed away on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Piqua Manor. She was born on May 20, 1929 in Piqua, OH to the late Robert E. and Regina C. (Lehmann) Rittenhouse. Wanda was married to her husband of 50 years, Joseph C. Saul and he preceded her in death on August 1, 2003.

Wanda is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Steven Joseph and Christina Saul of Lynn Haven, FL and daughter and son-in-law: Connie J. and Dean Saul of Troy, OH; four grandchildren: Charles Saul, Jolene Sawyer, David Boggs, and Daniel Saul and great-grandchildren: Christopher, Sammie Jo and

In addition to her parents and her husband, Wanda was preceded in death by her brother: Robert John Rittenhouse.

Wanda was a 1947 graduate of Piqua Central High School. She was formerly employed with the BF Goodrich, Decker and Orr Felt Companies.

A private family service was held Tuesday, March 1 with interment in Forest Hills Cemetery in Piqua, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County PO Box 502 Troy, Ohio 45373.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

## **Terry Talling**

Terry Talling, age 71 of Casstown, passed away Wednesday February 24, 2016 in the Hospice Unit of Upper Valley Medical Center. He was born September 6, 1944 in Findlay, Ohio to the late Harold Talling and his wife Helen (Garlinger) Talling, who survives in Warrington, Pennsylvania.

Other survivors include his beloved wife Linda (Chambers) Talling, as well as brothers and sisters-inlaw Jeff and Linda Talling of Park City, Utah and Thomas and Susan Talling of New Britain, Pennsylvania.

He graduated from Erie East High School in Erie, Pennsylvania where he was Senior Class President and later graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Terry was a First Lieutenant US

Bettie L. Sharits, age 90,

Thursday, February 25, 2016,

at Quality Care Rehabilitation

Center in Lebanon, TN. She

was born in Bradford, OH

on September 19, 1925 to

the late Elmer and Susana

husband, Franklin Warren

Bettie is survived by one

son: Ray (Annabel) Sharits

daughter: Connie (Vaughn)

of Montreal, Quebec; one

Fine of Lebanon. TN: one

daughter-in-law: Linda

Sharits of Florence, KY;

grandchildren: Rodney,

Jacob, Carina, Mark and

Korev, Rilev, Todd and

Kelly; and great grandchil-

dren: Tyler, Samuel, Jordan,

Rachelle; great great grand-

children: Macie and Maddie.

In addition to her parents

and husband, she was pre-

ceded in death by one son:

Franklin Warren Sharits. Jr:

Bettie was a member of

and ten brothers and sisters.

Sharits, preceded her in

(Warner) Detrick. Her

death in 2006.

of Lebanon, TN, formerly

of Troy, passed away on

**Bettie L. Sharits** 

Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of Amvets Post #88, Troy; American Legion Post #586, Tipp City; John W. Durst Lodge #716 F&AM of Dayton; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton; Antioch Shrine of Dayton; Royal Order of Jesters; Billikin Club of Dayton Court #10; Troy Fish and Game; Troy Elks #833 and Monk Trawler Association. He had retired from the Medical Sales after 20 years of service.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions may be given to the Antioch Temple Aaonms 107 E 1st St. Dayton, OH 45402. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Home, Troy.

the First Baptist Church in

both Lebanon, TN and Troy,

OH. She was also a member

of the VFW and American

employed with Dolly Toy,

Sunshade Co. She was a

Services will be held at

Funeral Home in Troy with

Pastor Dale Christian offi-

ciating. Burial will follow in

Honeycreek Cemetery in

may call from 9-11 AM on

the funeral home.

Christiansburg, OH. Friends

Saturday, March 5, 2016, at

In lieu of flowers, memo-

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Stroke Assoication 15120

**Collections Center Drive** 

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home.com.

Illinois 60693. Condolences

family at www.bairdfuneral-

(15120=lbx#) Chicago,

Association/American

11:00 AM on Saturday,

March 5, 2016 at Baird

Kyle School also.

Legion. Bettie was formerly

Tipp Novelty Store and Troy

former cafeteria worker with

## Obituaries 5

## Charles C. "Chuck" Barrett. Jr.

Charles C. "Chuck" Barrett Jr., age 69, of Troy, OH, passed away on Monday, February 29, 2016 at his residence. He was born on August 19, 1946 in Baltimore, MD to the late Charles C. and Veronica (Karwacki) Barrett

Chuck is survived by two sons and daughter-in-law: Chip and Sarah Barrett of Barcelona, Spain and Casey Barrett of Troy; one daughter and son-in-law: Shannon and Joe Dykes of Troy; two brothers and sisters-inlaw: Thomas and Theresa Barrett of Louisville, KY and Bob and Cindy Barrett of Goose Creek, SC and; grandchildren: Lucia and Milana Barrett, Casey Barrett, Adriana Barrett- Knick, and Jocelyn and Vincent Dykes; and his former wife: Diana Roberts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister: Bonnie; and niece: Camilla.

Chuck was a 1964 graduate of Middletown-Fenwick Catholic High School. He earned his Bachelor's in **Education from Miami** University and his Master's in Education from University of Dayton. Chuck was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy. He was pre-

viously a member of Knights of Columbus in Middletown, where he played on the K of C softball team. Chuck proudly served his country as a member of the US Army during the Vietnam War. Chuck was awarded the Bronze Star of Valor during his service. Chuck served as a coach with the Troy High School baseball, football and golf teams, as well as the Troy Junior High school football and basketball teams. He was a retired educator with the Troy City Schools. Chuck loved playing golf, Notre Dame Football and the beach.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, OH with Rev. Fr. James Duell as Celebrant. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, OH. Full military honors were presented by the Veterans Honor Guard at graveside.

Contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, 301 Grant Street, Suite 900, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. Friends may express condolences to the family through www. bairdfuneralhome.com.

## John Thomas Walker

went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

He was 58 and was born on December 13, 1957. He grad-

He was preceded in death by his parents: Emery and Mildred (Vest) Walker; a

He is survived by his wife: Sharon (Cawley) Walker of 27 years; stepson: Derek (Sharon) Schauer of Powell, OH; stepdaughter: Dolly Schauer of Troy, OH: three stepgrandchildren: Trey, Dane and Regen Schauer; six brothers: Larry (Betty) Walker of Dundee,

of Englewood, OH; David (Shirley) Walker of Eaton, OH; George (Patrice) Walker

Sidney, OH for 27 years. He

The family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00PM on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home. convenience of the family.

uated from Northridge High School, Dayton, OH in 1976.

brother: Ron Walker and his loving dog: Zoe.

FL; Richard (Judy) Walker

of Dayton, OH; Wayne (Kim) Walker of Clayton, OH and Steve (Melody) Walker of Centerville, OH and numerous nieces and nephews. He was employed at IAC in

enjoyed life outdoors, fishing and golfing; being with family and his many friends.

Private services will be at the Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

## **Lori Ann Ashley Roux**

Lori Ann Ashley Roux, age 56 of Troy, passed away Tuesday February 23, 2016 at Upper Valley Medical Center. She was born May 31, 1959 in Jefferson, Ohio to the late Henry and Elva (Williams) Roux.

Survivors include her significant other Ronald Speakman, as well as two brothers and sister-in-law Henry and Ann Roux of Georgia and Harold Roux. Also surviving is niece Tina Roux of Texas and nephew James Roux of Madison, Ohio. She is preceded in death by her brother Billy

Lori received her PhD in Childhood Disease from Case Western University, and worked for Happy Hearts in Jefferson, Ohio. She attended Skyview Wesleyan Church in Tipp City.

A funeral service was held 7 p.m. Thursday February 25, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor John Hughes officiating. Memorial contributions in Lori's honor may be made to Riverside Developmental Disabilities 1625 N. Troy-Sidney Rd. Troy, OH 45373.

## **Paul LeRoy Davis**

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Paul LeRoy Davis age 82 of Troy, passed away February 28, 2016. He was born July 21, 1933 in Miami County,

Ohio to the late Earl and Mildred (Smock) Davis. He is survived by his brother Donald Davis of Troy, loving caregivers Billie Anne Eason and Karen Hardin, his special fur-kid Dipstick and numerous nieces and

Paul served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, and attended Life Ministries in Troy.

A memorial graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 9, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery. Military honors by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy.

## Patricia L. "Pat" **Smith**

Patricia L. "Pat" (Johnson) Smith, age 69, of Troy, OH passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at SpringMeade Health Care Center in Tipp City. She was born on February 4, 1947 in Olean, NY to the late Donald F. and Iris B. (Gallagher) Johnson. Her husband, August Frank Smith, preceded her in death in 2003.

Pat is survived by children: Colleen (Richard) Bevins of Arcanum, Carmen (Bob) Miller of Ludlow Falls, Caryn Rix of West Seneca, NY, Craig Childs of Johnsburg, IL and Chris (Marcia) Childs of Dayton; siblings: Rebecca Kraft of Troy, David (Nancy) Johnson of Troy and Beverly (Tom) Daly of Fayetteville, NC; grandchildren: Jaime and Riley Bevins, Ian, Kyle, Blake and Brennan Klingler, Hunter and Raigen Rix, Abbie

Childs, Nicholas, Natalie and

Nathan Childs; and good friend: Tara Rench.

Pat attended Allegany Central School in Allegany, NY. She graduated from North High School in Springfield, OH in 1965. Pat attended Ginghamsburg **United Methodist Church** and volunteered at Troy Christian School.

Services will be held at 6:00 PM on March 4, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Private interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Friends may call from 4-6 PM on March 4, 2016 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Save Our Sight Program, ODH, 246 North High Street, 6th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

## Marsha Ann Windle

Marsha Ann Windle, age 48 of Troy passed away Saturday February 27, 2016 at her residence. She was born June 22, 1967 in Dayton to Harry and Roberta (Hobbs) Hamby.

In addition to her parents Marsha is survived by a son, Derek (Amanda) Windle of Fortville, Indiana: daughter, Josie (Sam Carter) Walters of Augusta, Georgia: sisters, Tonya Oakes, Sherry Gross, Anissa (Clark) Watren, Heather (John) Vent: brother, Erick (Mollie) Hamby: and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death

by a brother. Bobby.

Marsha attended Miami East High School and received her Licensed Practical Nurse degree from JVS in 1989. She worked at Troy Center-Genesis Health Care the last 27 years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday March 3, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home with interment at Casstown Cemetery to follow. Friends may call on the family from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday March 2, 2016 at the funeral home.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com

## Vickie L. Davis

Vickie L. Davis age 68 of Troy, passed away Friday February 26, 2016. She was born August 24, 1947, in Troy to the late John and Helen (Schaeffer) Conard.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey and Terri Davis of Johns Creek, Georgia; daughter and son-in-law Tracy and Barry Roberts of Springboro, Ohio; as well as five grandchildren: Ashlin Stoltz, Cooper Davis, Skyler Davis, Kara Roberts and Karma Roberts. Also surviving are sister and brother-in-law Melody and Dennis Brown of Troy. Preceding Vickie in death is

her husband, James Davis, who passed away January 24, 2003, as well as companion Robert Sampson (2015) and sister Marcia Eyler (2007).

A funeral service was held 1:00 p.m. Saturday March 5, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Dayton: 31 W Whipp Rd. Dayton, OH 45459 or Hospice of Dayton: 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420. Interment at Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City.

#### friends. She was preceded expressed to the family at in death by Rodney "Pap" www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

**Sheryl L. Ross** 

Sheryl L. Ross age 61 of Troy, passed away Wednesday February 24, 2016 at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was born November 21, 1954 in Dayton to the late Gerald and Allene (Terry) Motherspau.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 40 years Paul Ross Sr., as well as three sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Jane Ross of Greenville, Paul and Teresa Ross Jr. of Troy and James Mehaffey of Troy. Four daughters and sons-inlaw Angie and Tim Trapp of Troy, Stacy DeHart of Troy, Christina and Shawn Wooten of Whitney, TX and Charline and Doug Subler of West Milton, as well as thirty-five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Other survivors include three brothers and sistersin-law Delbert and Debbie Balling of Columbus, Bruce Balling of Columbus and Gerald Motherspau of Whitney, TX. Six sisters and brothers-in-law Louann and Howard Stone of Columbus, Lauana Pascarelli of Dayton, Karen Bailey of Whitney, TX, Jody and Clifford Robertson of Granbury, TX, Donna and Maynard Sharrow of Whitney, TX and Candy and Guy James of Cleabourne, TX.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Tracy Dawn Ross and granddaughter Alecia Heffner.

Sheryl was employed with Major Clean in Troy for fifteen years and attended **Ludlow Falls Christian** Church.

A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Tuesday March 1, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastors Jerry Collins and Tim Trapp officiating. Interment Casstown Cemetery, Casstown. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

June McEldowney June McEldowney age 65 of sons, as well as brother

Troy, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016. She was born March 28, 1950, in Dayton to the late Robert and Betty (Koerner) Cannon.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Joanne and Joseph Johnson of Troy; and son and daughter-in-law Roque and Kylara Chavez of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also surviving are six grandand sister-in-law Donald and Betty Jean Cannon of Michigan; and sister Barbara Webb of Kansas. She is preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio.



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## **Attorney General Warns of Top Tax Scams**

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today warned Ohioans about two of the most common tax-related scams reported to the Ohio Attorney General's Office - the "IRS" phone scam and tax identity theft.

The IRS phone scam generally begins with a call claiming the recipient is in trouble with the IRS and must call a certain phone number to avoid arrest or legal action. Eventually, the person is asked to send money or personal information to resolve the supposed problem.

Since Jan. 1, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received more than 1,400 reports about IRS scams. Most people who report the scam haven't lost money, but nationally, since October 2013, more than 5,000 victims collectively have paid over \$26.5 million as a result of the scam, according to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

"I think many people hear 'IRS' and are scared to death," Attorney General DeWine said. "Scam artists rely on that. Sometimes they threaten you. They tell you how much you owe, tell you to buy a prepaid card, and ask you to give the card number over the phone. The real IRS won't call to demand immediate payment over the phone without ever sending you written information."

Tax identity theft, another commonly reported problem, generally occurs when an imposter files a fraudulent tax return using someone else's Social Security number in order to obtain that person's tax refund. In 2015, the Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section received more than 700 complaints about tax-related identity theft. (To resolve this type of identity theft, individuals generally must work with the IRS or state tax department.)

To avoid scams during tax season, consumers should take steps to protect themselves, including:

File your tax return promptly. This makes it less likely that an imposter will be able to file a return in your name to steal your refund.

Don't respond to threatening robocalls. If you receive an unexpected phone call from someone who threatens to arrest you for not paying taxes, it's probably a scam. Don't respond to the call, and don't provide payment or personal information over the phone.

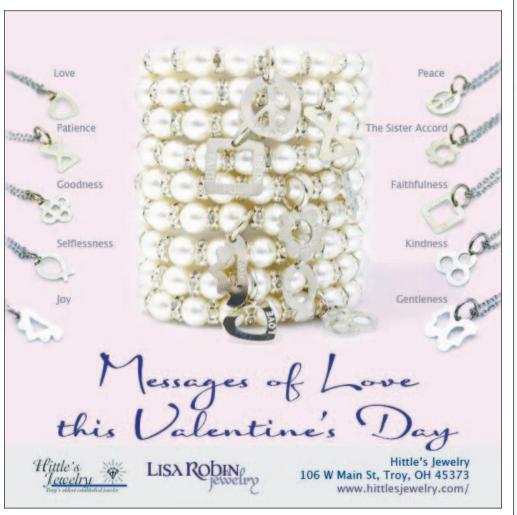
Look into call-blocking options. Check with your phone carrier and third-party services to determine whether call-blocking services could help you stop unwanted

Make sure you trust your tax filer. Before giving out any personal information, check a tax preparer's credentials. For example, review information in the IRS's directory of federal tax return preparers.

Protect your information online. When entering sensitive tax information online, use a secure Internet connection; avoid using free public Wi-Fi. Be wary of email messages that appear to come from a legitimate organization but ask you to verify your information by clicking on a link or providing personal information. The message may be part of a phishing scam.

IRS or U.S. Treasury impersonation scams can be reported to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at www.treasury.gov/tigta or 800-366-4484. Tax identity theft should be reported to the IRS (for federal taxes) or the Ohio Department of Taxation (for state taxes))

Consumers who want help detecting a potential scam should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or 800-282-0515. Audio of a reported "IRS" scam call is available on the Ohio Attorney General's





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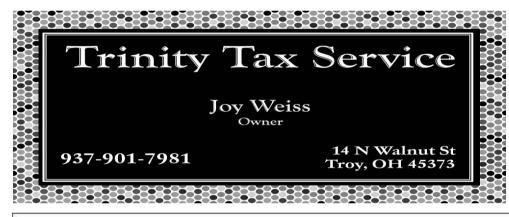
## Letter to the Editor

U.S. Army and Air Force, he has been mobilized six times (2002-2014) in support of the Global War on Terrorism where he served in Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, the Pentagon, as well as stateside.

Paul has served as a Special Agent of the Army Criminal Investigation **Division Command which** provides personal protection for the top seven executives of the Department of Defense and visiting international dignitaries.

He has received a BA in Organizational Management from Bluffton University and is currently the Commander of the 375th Criminal Investigation Division, U.S. Army Reserves in Columbus, Ohio.

I urge your support for him. Dana Schilling





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