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Election Went Smoothly

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County’s Board of Elections reported few problems during the March 15 primary election in which Dave Duchak was selected as the Republican nominee for sheriff and Tony Kendell re-elected as prosecutor.

The two races for county commissioner saw Jack Evans of Monroe Township returned to his commission seat while challenger Greg Simmons, also of Troy, defeated Commissioner Richard Cultice of Troy.

All votes totals released election night from the board are unofficial and do not include provisional ballots cast that day. Elections staff said 455 provisional ballots were cast. Turnout for balloting was 47.25 percent.

Unofficial totals in the race for sheriff showed Duchak, the chief deputy for Sheriff Charles Cox, with 7,882 (33.8 percent) followed by Paul Reece with 6,875 (29.71 percent), Chris Anderson with 5,630 (24.33 percent) and Steve Cooper with 2,813 (12.16 percent).

Duchak of Troy will face independent Joe Mahan, a former chief deputy for Cox, in November. Mahan, who had announced intentions to run earlier, filed his petitions March 11 with the elections board. The board still must certify those petitions.

“I was expecting it to be close all along,” Duchak said of the four-way race. The door for the office opened with the decision by Cox to not seek re-election in this his 28th year as sheriff.

“I am extremely grateful for the voters support, Sheriff Cox, Lynn Cox and my family,” he said.

Duchak said the race was not an easy one. “I look forward to being the Republican nominee in the fall,” he said.

Reece, a former deputy in Miami and Montgomery counties, said he

was blessed to have the opportunity and experience to run.

“I want to thank my family and friends and all those who supported us during the campaign. We ran a clean, positive goal oriented campaign on the issues that we felt were important to the public,” Reece said. “It was clearly a close race with a thin margin. We must all take wins and losses with dignity and respect and move forward.”

In the race for prosecutor, the unofficial totals showed Kendell of Piqua with 13,220 votes (62.12 percent) to 8,060 (37.88 percent) for challenger Mel Kemmer of Troy.

“I just want to thank the voters of Miami County for their faith and confidence in me,” Kendell said. “It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and I will continue to do so in the future as in the past.”

Kendell said he was disappointed that “my opponent and his supporters went negative” with campaign literature. “The Miami County voters saw right through that. We don’t have room for that in Miami County,” he said.

Kemmer said Election Night he “congratulated him (Kendell) heartily.”

“We fought the good campaign. We had lots of people who supported me. I feel bad for them, but Tony is the winner,” Kemmer said.

In the race for one commission seat, Simmons, making a second bid for the commission, defeated Cultice, a commissioner since 2011. The unofficial totals showed Simmons with 11,950 (59.38 percent) to 8,175 (40.62 percent) for Cultice.

Simmons said he was surprised by the margin of victory. “The people have spoken,” he said. A difference between this campaign and one he embarked on in 2014 was the number of people who joined him to work on the campaign, Simmons said.

“I have all the respect in the world for Mr. Cultice and what he has done. It was a good race,” Simmons said.

“I would like to wish Mr. Simmons good luck in the future upon assuming his new responsibilities,” Cultice said. “I want to thank those who supported me over the past years, allowing me the opportunity to serve the community. A special thanks to my wife, family and friends, who have helped make it possible.”

In the second commission race, Evans held onto his commission seat in a race with political newcomer Cindy Lillicrap of Piqua.

The unofficial vote showed Evans with 11,481 (53.36 percent) to 10,037 (46.65 percent) for Lillicrap.

“I am real happy the voters did recognize what we have been able to accomplish with a balanced budget, technology,” Evans said. “I am very pleased to once again represent the citizens of Miami County. It is a real pleasure.” He thanked the voters and family, including his brother, Stan.

Lillicrap said she was glad she decided to make a bid for elected office.

“Thank you to everyone that voted for me and worked hard to help me try to change the good ole’ boys club. To run for an office is an interesting adventure and I am happy having done this,” she said.

Voters in the Troy City School District renewed a 5.8-mill operating levy. The unofficial vote was 5,955 (63.43 percent) for the levy and 3,433 (36.57 percent) against.

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

Mayor Delivers a Positive State of the City Address

By Nancy Bowman

Troy is more than blessed by those who make contributions daily across the community, Mayor Mike Beamish said Monday, March 21, during the annual State of the City program.

“We are a community, we are moving forward and we are doing it together,” Beamish said at the program held at The Concord Room.

He circulated through the room while talking, pointing to people at various tables and mentioning their contributions from city staff to representatives of the schools to community and social service agencies to arts/cultural organizations.

The community, Beamish said, has embarked on a journey with a Connected Community Committee that grew out of its efforts associated with the America’s Best Communities project. The city was named a quarter finalist in the program before being eliminated from the competition earlier this year.

“We are looking at four different goals ... for our future,” the mayor said.

Those goals, as outlined by the mayor:

- Improve communication “so that we are transparent. As a community we show that we work together as a community moving forward.”
- Improve our leadership

- Upgrade our infrastructure, our technology. “That is so changing are lucky to have Time Warner, Frontier, in our community,” he said.

- Take an effective vibrant downtown and mix it with a beautiful Great Miami River “and put that right next to the recreational facilities we have in our recreational corridor along the Great Miami River.”

The goals are very important to the city’s future, Beamish said.

In his 13th year as mayor, Beamish said he is looking to the community to continue to work together and move forward.

Other key players include the business community offering jobs and other opportunities, Beamish said.

“It is not one person, it is all of us,” he said. “What a blessing to have so many people involved and engaged.”

That cooperation extends beyond the city’s boundaries to the county government, Beamish said, mentioning the county commissioners and Miami County Park District leaders.

“Yesterday gave experience to all of us. Tomorrow ... gives us the hope for a bright future. But, today, it is getting together, doing one thing at a time, expecting the best for what we can do for one day,” he said.

Concord Township Trustees Plan 2016 Road Construction

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the March 15 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Road Superintendent, Neil Rhoades reported that he received estimates from the Miami County Engineer’s Office for the 2016 road construction projects. The estimate for paving and restriping for Forrest Hill from McCurdy to SR 41 came in at \$90,000 and the estimate to repave Rockingham was \$19,400. The total cost for 2016 paving for Concord Township will be approximately \$110,000 plus the cost to berm and mill the roads.

Rhoades also received recommendations from Deputy Engineer Dan Baker to address

the flooding at 1490 S. Forrest Hill. The area drains approximately 170 acres and currently the tiles are insufficient to prevent flooding in the area. There are two 12-inch tiles in place. Baker recommended that a 19 x 30 inch elliptical tile replace one of the 12-inch tiles. This will hand four times the amount of water handled by the 12-inch tile. In addition, Baker recommended that a 15-inch tile replace the second tile. The trustees approved the replacement of the first tile with the elliptical tile. However, Rhoades requested that the township wait until school is out for the summer. Once the effect of this re-

placement is determined, the trustees will decide whether to replace the second tile.

Trustee Bill Whidden reported that a resident on Merimont requested a sign posted to warn drivers of a blind resident in the area. However, Rhoades checked with the County Engineer’s office. The engineer’s office recommended against the sign because they do not want to set a precedent. In addition, the engineer does not think it will make a difference because motorists tend to ignore signs if too many are posted. Trustee Don Pence said, “There are so many signs now, we are oblivious. Sign pollution is a

problem.”

In regular business, the trustees approve a Then and Now purchase order to UVMC for the cost of the July 2015 Drug and Alcohol Tests for employees.

In addition, Pence reported that he received a call concerning a tree that fell from one property to another. He said, “This is between the two property owners. We don’t get involved unless the tree falls in the right of way.”

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Concord Township Building.

Staunton Township Trustees Approve 2016 Mowing Contract

By Bonnie L. McHenry

The Staunton Township Trustees approved a contract with Derek Stafford Mowing for the 2016 ditch and cemetery mowing at their March 21 meeting. The contract specifies that the value cannot exceed \$8,500 without approval by the trustees.

The trustees also received notification from the Miami County Engineer’s Office (MCEO) to participate in the 2016 Asphalt, Concrete Resurfacing, Chip Seal, Fog Seal and Pavement Marking Program. Trustees Jeff Cron and Bill Gearhart will drive the township roads to check on the conditions and will notify MCEO by March 31 of the roads that need work in the township.

The trustees also will request a quote from J & A Construction, Inc. to crack seal

all of the township roads and the township building parking lot.

In other business, the trustees agreed to purchase signs and posts to be placed at the township limits notifying motorists that they are entering Staunton Township. The signs will be purchased with the Managing Ohio Risk Exposures (MORE) grant, which is a \$500 grant designed to eliminate or prevent risk exposures in townships.

Account Manager Michelle Crockett from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group gave a presentation to the trustees on employee benefits from the Public Employee Benefit Association.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for April 4, 2016 at the township building.



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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Man faces 13 rape counts

A Troy man indicted on 13 counts of rape involving two children is being held on \$750,000 bail ordered March 17 in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Benjie Van Winkle, 42, originally was charged with 27 counts of rape. The county Grand Jury indicted him on seven felony counts alleging rape of a child under age 13 and six counts of felony rape of a child under age 10.

He pleaded not guilty during arraignment. The indictments alleged the criminal activity began in March 2015.

Lawn work accepted, sculpture to leave

The Miami County commissioners last week accepted a group of landscape companies offer to maintain the Courthouse grounds and discussed logistics for removal of the Lincoln sculpture from the Courthouse lawn in early April.

Representatives of several landscape companies earlier this month proposed the free maintenance project – Operation Courthouse – as a community service.

“We want to thank these organizations for having pride in their county ... We certainly do appreciate it,” Commissioner Jack Evans said.

Diana Thompson of the County Visitors and Convention Bureau, county maintenance staff and Troy city representatives discussed the departure of the Lincoln sculpture with commissioners. The monumental sculpture has been on display since last spring.

It is scheduled for removal April 4 when Main Street in front of the Courthouse will be closed to accommodate a crane and other vehicles.

The commissioners said the sculpture’s display has been a big hit. “It is a shame it can’t stay forever,” Thompson said.

The team from Operation Courthouse has agreed to restore the lawn area affected by the sculpture’s placement, commissioners said.

Weekly drop offs planned

The Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department will hold weekly household hazardous waste drop off events from April through October.

The county commissioners last week authorized the weekly events and accepted a quote from Environmental Enterprises Inc. of Cincinnati to dispose of the waste including lighting- and battery- related items for up to \$15,000.

Schwytzer Gets 8 Years for Robbery

By Nancy Bowman

A Troy man convicted of the aggravated robberies Thanksgiving weekend of the Tipp O’ The Town restaurant in Tipp City and the Pearson House in West Milton was sentenced Monday, March 21, to eight years in prison.

Walter Schwytzer III, 44, earlier pleaded guilty in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Judge Jeannine Pratt said Schwytzer previously served three times in state prison and once in federal prison for bank robbery.

Before hearing the sentence, he said he apologized for his actions. “I have a problem with drug addiction and I make poor choices when I am on drugs,” he said.

Paul Watkins, an assistant county prosecutor, asked Pratt to impose eight years, as recommended, saying his Schwytzer was “a very serious and violent offender.”

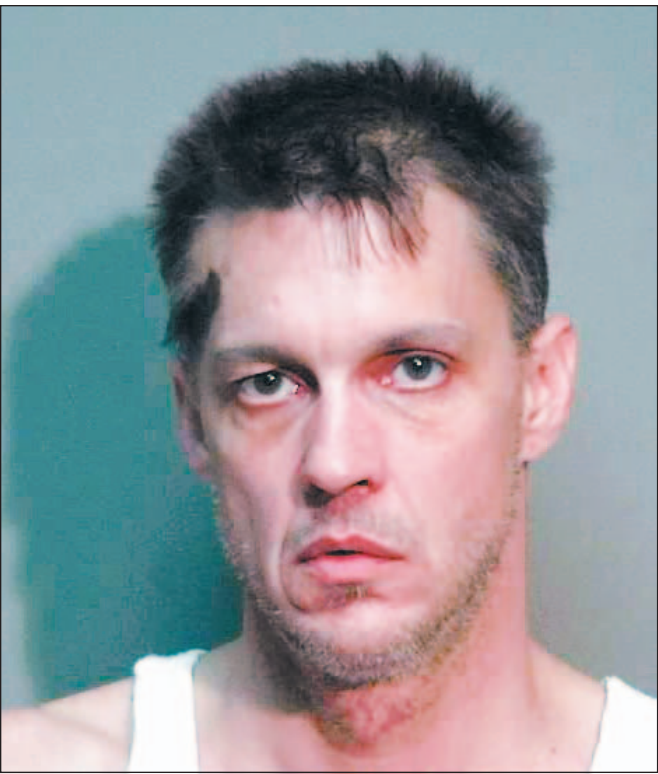
Schwytzer was arrested Nov. 28 outside the Tipp O’ The Town on West Main Street at Interstate 75 after he held up the business but was stopped in the parking lot by an area firearms instructor.

He was accused of walking into the restaurant just before noon and handing a waitress a note saying, “I have a gun. Give me the money fast and quietly.”

The waitress complied, the man put the money in his pocket and told her to “have a nice day” before running out the door, Tipp City police reported.

A restaurant customer who was told what had just happened chased after the robber and stopped him as he started getting into a car. The customer was found by police holding the alleged robber in a headlock behind the business. The customer told police he had a license to carry a concealed weapon and was a weapons course instructor. He had a weapon with him and drew the gun when he saw the alleged robber getting into the vehicle. He ordered the man out of the vehicle and onto the ground, where he held him until police arrived.

Police said \$547 stolen from the business was recovered. The judge said Monday she wanted to recognize the citizen for his “courageous acts” in assisting helping law enforcement.



Schwytzer also was indicted for aggravated robbery in the Nov. 27 hold up of the Pearson House on State Route 48 in downtown West Milton. Police there said a man walked into the business around 9:30 a.m. and handed an employee a note indicating he had a gun and demanding money.

The man took the money and left on foot, police said.

Schwytzer was ordered to pay \$300 restitution to Pearson House for that robbery.

The aggravated robbery charges are first-degree felonies carried possible prison terms of three to 11 years each.

Schwytzer was credited for 115 days served in jail and ordered to pay court costs in addition to restitution.

Miami County Sheriff Reports

MONDAY, MARCH 14

12:57 p.m. To Walnut Ridge Dr. for a peace officer call. A man stated that he was released from the Miami County Jail and needed to pick up his personal belongings. No one answered the door, so they entered the residence. The man took a few days’ worth of clothes, his phone, chargers, laptop and tablet. He left in his vehicle that was in the garage.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:42 p.m. Traffic stop in the 2300 block of S. County Rd. 25A. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and was cited for it, then released from the scene. The seized property was booked into evidence.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

3:51 p.m. To Troy Sidney Rd. at Woodhaven Rd. for a report

of a disturbance. The deputy arrived to find a male with heavy facial injuries. He said he was assaulted by unknown subjects. EMS was called but he refused treatment. He said he had no idea who assaulted him and said that there was no reason for law enforcement to investigate.

8:23 p.m. To I-75 near the 69 mile marker for a report of a wreckless driver. The vehicle was located and the deputy witnessed several traffic violations. The vehicle also reportedly struck a semi trailer. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was incarcerated for OVI.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:11 a.m. To Eldean Rd. and Rt. 41 for a report of a hit-skip accident. The deputy arrived to find a sign knocked down and tire ruts leading up to it. Witnesses were able to get a license number and it came

back to a Covington resident. The owner was contacted and said that he had gone off the road but didn’t think he struck anything. He said that his wheels locked up on him. There was fresh damage to his front bumper. He was found to have a suspended license. He was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and for driving under suspension. He was also advised to have his vehicle inspected and have documentation for his court date.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

2:32 a.m. Traffic stop on Lincoln Ave. at W. Market St. for a stop sign violation. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and was under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody.

2:39 a.m. Traffic stop on Troy Sidney Rd. at Rusk Rd. The driver was arrested for OVI.

Troy Police Reports

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:28 a.m. While stationary on S. Dorset near Main St., the officer heard a vehicle revving its engine. He then saw a Dodge pickup truck traveling south on Dorset at a high rate of speed. He followed the vehicle and clocked it at 52 MPH. At the 4-way stop at McKaig Ave., the driver again revved his engine as he left the intersection. A traffic stop was made at Dorset and Wayne Ave. The driver said that he was going to Waffle House before school and knew that he was driving faster than he should have. He was cited for speed.

8:38 a.m. The officer was at Hook Elementary school zone because two theft suspects were last seen in the area. The suspects were located. They said they spent the night at a home on Trade Square W. and were walking to the soup kitchen for break-

fast. One of the suspects was found to have an outstanding warrant. He was arrested on the warrant and taken to the Incarceration Facility.

9:29 a.m. To Inverness Ct. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her daughter had not gone to school today and that she found a male in her daughter’s bed. The officer arrived to find the two asleep on her bed, fully clothed and on top of the blankets. The mother said that the male came by about 4:30 a.m. to speak with a male subject. She said she told him that the male subject did not live there and told him not to come back. She said when she left for work, the daughter wanted to stay home from school, but she would not allow it. She said while at work, she had a funny feeling and asked her father to check on the home. The father found the two asleep on the bed. The male, who was 18, said that

he had come to the home to talk to the daughter. He said she texted him when her mom left for work and he came by. He said they watched TV and fell asleep. He denied doing anything sexual. The daughter related a similar story. The mother said her daughter was on probation, so the probation officer was called. The probation officer tested the girl for drugs, and she tested positive for amphetamines. She then asked that the girl be charged with probation violation. She was charged with that and with being unruly. The male was charged with contributing.

12:55 p.m. To S. Market at E. Franklin St. for a report of a non-injury accident. A driver failed to put his vehicle in park and it backed across the street striking a city flower box. The driver was cited.

3:24 p.m. Traffic stop on Ridge Ave. at Wayne St. The

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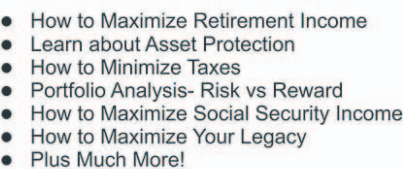
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Athlete of the Week

By Mady Frees
Name: Rachel Darrow
School: Troy High School
Grade: 12
Sport: Bowling
Claim to fame/honors: State Championship Team member and finished 3rd Individually at State Finals
Words to live by: Always have confidence and be strong
Toughest opponent: Centerville
Biggest Influence: My Mom
Favorite home-cooked meal: Cheesy Potatoes
Favorite restaurant: Carrabba's
Whose mind would you like to read: Everyone's
Place where you'd love to travel: Scotland
Something in the world you'd like to change: I would love for the world to finally be happy
Do you want to play in college? Yes, I will be bowling for Youngstown State University.
What sets you apart from your competition? What sets me apart is my drive to be better and to leave knowing I did my best.
What are your strengths? What needs work? My strengths would be my confidence in my ability and my weakness would be that I try too hard.
What are your goals for yourself before you finish high school? To win state, make the principal's list, and to know that I did my best.
What keeps you motivated? My family
What gets you fired up before a game? My team and their crazy antics.
Quote to live by? Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind, the race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.
Other clubs/activities/sports? Orchestra
Most memorable accomplishment? Winning state and placing first in pre GWOC by beating all the girls and boys in individual series.
Advice for aspiring players? Never give up, the pins will fall, you just have to keep sparing.
Who is your role model? My mom

School Precautions Taken Against Dangerous Situations

By Charlie Ryan

With school shootings coming closer and closer to home, the most recent one, being at Madison High School (45 miles away), many parents and students alike have been wondering about the safety of our schools. Having teachers educated in preventing scenarios like this, along with our resource officer makes Troy High School very safe.

With violent situations happening more frequently, people have become more aware of the threat that a school shooting poses. Troy High School is planning to increase students safety, and wants students to report any suspicious activity. These matters are serious, and should be reported to any teacher or staff member.

Officer Fellers, the school's resource officer said, "Everyone needs to understand that it is a sad time that we are in, but we are in a safe environment on a daily basis."

If a violent situation was to happen, we have many teachers dedicated to students safety. "If there was a situation like this at Troy, I would immediately go towards the action and do my best to stop the person's aggression," said Fellers. "Classmates know each other better than anyone else, and if something were to be off. The best way to stop anything like this from happening would be to report it to an adult." We are a Trojan family, working together as one is the best way to stop any violent situations from happening.

Troy High School was the first in our district to have a buzzer system on its doors. Before that the doors were open to anyone that would want to enter.

"When the system was implemented, many were in an uproar that we were restricting their access to the

school," said Mr. Overla.

The safety of the students has always been the top priority of all faculty members. Mr. Overla is one of the attendees of a round table of the higher officials in the school system. These discussions go over possible dangerous situations. The buzzers were the offspring of such meetings. "We are always talking about how to make our schools safer and our systems better," said Overla.

There is a fine line between what can and can't be done do to make the school safer. "If too many policies are put in place the school day will be reduced to two hours. Adding strip searches and pat-downs to our schedule would reduce the amount of instruction time we have during the day, not to mention violate student rights," said Overla, commenting about the fine line we cannot cross when it comes to student safety.

Officer Fellers said that every situation is different and there is no best way to deal with school violence. "If something like this were to happen, the best place to be would be away from the action. If it happens inside, going outside would help," said Fellers. "Listen to your teachers. They have the necessary training."

Policies set by the school will always be a work in progress, and no matter how advanced they get, there will always be room for improvement. "We never want to settle for just enough," said Mr. Overla. "Things like this are personal, and not just because I have children in the system. I care about my students."

Charlie Ryan is a junior who isn't worried about school safety because he is a hockey player.

Student of the Week

Name: Hannah Stickel
Age: 18
Grade: 12
Where are you from: Moved to Troy from California when I was 5
Favorite Class: CCP English
Plan after HS: Attend either Columbia College, Chicago, or Kent State, major in performing arts
Siblings at THS: None
Extracurricular Activities: NHS, band, Latin Club, Tidy, reading buddies, dance, musical, thespians, Hayner Center Volunteer, Victoria Theater Association usher/ team ambassador
Hidden Talents: On pointe for dance
Claim to fame: Tackled a football player during a game in 8th grade
Favorite thing about THS: The clubs and opportunities
Best friend or friends: Mariana Huerta, Hannah Priebe, Lydia Shigley, Casie Duchak, Abby Bertrum
Favorite home cooked meal: Pretzel covered porkchop
Job: I work in the office and library at Temple is Real
Drive?: Yes, love driving
Car, if yes, what year make and model: Honda Accord
Goals in life: Be happy
Something in the world you want to change: Have the human race learn from their mistakes
Favorite HS memory: Going to London with the band

Superior Band with Superior Ratings

By Millie Mayo

This year has offered many successes for the Troy High School bands. The latest accomplishment for Troy High School musicians was at the District Large Group Adjudicated Event March 12. All three bands received superior ratings for the first time since dividing into the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic band , and Concert band five years ago. A superior rating is the equivalent to getting an A on a test.

"Nothing different happened this year, we just worked hard like always," said Mrs. McIntosh, THS Band Instructor.

Once a superior rating is earned, the band moves on to the state event. The Ohio Music Education Association State Competition will be held at THS. The bands are excited to host the OMEA State Competition in their home. Along with the competition, a band-related clinic will be offered to help improve their skills.

Looking back, both the members and the instructors believe that they had a good year. "In the beginning, we went through a rough patch, but I'm proud of how far we've gotten this year," said Pete Sheehan, junior band member. As they progressed through the year, they continually improved, Sheehan added.

Troy is used to superior ratings during marching band season. Their success on the field inspired the band members. "We decide the theme for the next year pretty early," said McIntosh. This year's band theme was "Hail to the Queen," and the upcoming year's theme will be "Where The Sidewalk Ends."

The THS bands will compete at the state level April 29th and 30th and will perform in Toronto, Canada over spring break.

Millie Mayo is a junior staff writer who is excited to see what the THS band brings next.

State Implements New Vaccine Policy for Students

The vaccine debate has been in and out of the news for years. Schools have required certain immunizations for students k-12, such as the T-dap vaccine for whooping cough otherwise known as pertussis. Recently, a notice was posted on the THS Facebook page informing the public that there's a new vaccine regulation.

The eningitis vaccine is recommended for adolescents 11 to 18 years old. "Next year, Ohio law says 7th and 12th graders need to get the vaccine," explained Schoettmer, the school nurse at THS.

Vaccines are available at the health department, a family healthcare provider's office or at clinics such as Kroger's Little Clinic, CVS Minute Clinic (Tipp City), as well as some pharmacies.

Schoettmer stressed that parents should not wait until August to get the vaccine and once students have been vaccinated, vaccination slips should be turned into the clinic at THS.

There are two types of Meningitis, bacterial and viral. While the viral form is not as serious, bacterial meningitis, can cause severe lasting damage or death. Symptoms of meningitis include fever, headache and stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, increased sensitivity to light (photophobia), and altered mental status (confusion). These symptoms may appear quickly or over several days, but they develop within 3-7 days after exposure.

Anyone with questions regarding the vaccine requirements should contact Mrs. Schoettmer at the clinic at: (937) 332-6062, email her at: Schoettmer-S@troy.k12.oh.us.

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Students Take National Latin Exam

By Stacey Hartman

On Thursday, March 10, 2016, Latin students from Troy High School took the National Latin Exam (NLE) for extra credit points for the third quarter. Students earned a point for every question they answered correctly. To be able to participate in the event, students had to pay a fee of \$5 and be at the high school to take the test by 6:55 a.m. Some test takers showed up even earlier to get breakfast provided by Mrs. Limke. Breakfast included donuts from Tim Hortons and choice of milk or juice. At 6:15 a.m., about 60 students out of the 82 who participated showed up for the breakfast before the exam. The students who participated, although tired, came in with a positive attitude and were prepared for the exam.

The exam consisted of 40 questions and allowed students 40 minutes to complete it. There were different test levels for each level of Latin. Troy High School has offered the NLE since the early 2000s. Since the freshman class this year is so big, there were more students taking part in the exam this year.

"The exam was a lot easier than I thought it was going to be. I was done and still had time to spare afterwards," said freshman Hailey (Hecuba) Taylor, a Latin I student who attended a Fall Out Boy concert the previous night and still came in on time.

"The exam itself was pretty

easy if you pay attention in class and have an understanding of the comprehension," said sophomore Ashley (Electra) Smith.

Students who took the National Latin Exam can find out their results in about a month or so to see how many bonus points they earned.

Thespians Head to Annual State Conference

By Dawn Bilpuch

March signals a lot of things such as warmer weather is near and that Easter is around the corner, but March is also the beginning of Theater in Our Schools Month. To kick off spring theater season, the THS thespians attended a much-anticipated state conference Friday March 11.

The conference was held at Dublin Scioto High School, and included activities such as a competition in group musical and auditions for the Bob Fosse Memorial Scholarship. There were also assorted theater-related workshops and various fundraising events including a silent auction of Broadway memorabilia. There were 54 workshops offered featuring such topics as Improv, School of Rock dance, playwriting, Musical Theatre and Five Things No One's Told You about Theatre in College.

Tommy Sebring, a state

thespian officer, taught a workshop this year, and at 3pm on Saturday, the Troy thespians performed "The Audition."

Drama instructor, Mrs. Imboden, shared her thoughts on the conference.

"I like to take as many students as possible because I think it's good to see what other schools are doing. You're going to learn a lot by seeing what other schools are doing," said Imboden. She was particularly proud that the Troy Thespian Troupe earned a gold medal for their efforts this year.

Students were looking forward to the conference. Junior Caroline Conard, started her first term on the thespian board as an officer.

"It's really exciting; I've been a part of the stage crew for a while. It's really cool to be on the leadership side too," said

Conard. Although Conard is excited about becoming an officer, she still has butterflies. "I am a little bit nervous because I'll be working with people that aren't from Troy. So it's people that I don't know," said Conard. "I'm an officer for our thespian troupe, but I'm not used to having as many decisions to make for this type of position."

Senior Travis Keechle was

looking forward to seeing his old friends, and making new ones. "I had positive experiences, attended some cool workshops and met some new friends," said Keechle who is attended his first conference.

The thespians left Troy today at 1:30 p.m. Theater in our Schools month continues throughout March, with the musical, "Into the Woods," March 18-20.



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To the Editor,

On behalf of the Troy City Schools, I would like to thank our community for their continued strong support shown in the recent levy. We are truly blessed to have an outstanding community who understand the importance of good schools. We appreciate the willingness of our parents and community members in giving us the resources to operate our schools. We are committed to make out community proud of our schools. Passing the levy is good for our kids and good for our community.

I am very proud of Troy City Schools and feel fortunate to be part of this outstanding community.

Thanks again for your continued support!!

Eric Herman
Supt. Troy Schools

Stephen Frederick Peters

Stephen Frederick Peters, age 52, of Troy, died as a result of a motorcycle accident in New Carlisle on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. He was born on November 26, 1963 in Huntington, WV to Richard L. and Linda (Watts) Peters of New Carlisle. His wife of 31 years, Angela C. “Angie” (Braun) Peters, survives.

Stephen is also survived by three daughters: Samantha (Levi) Rhoades of Ft. Loramie, Melissa (Fiancé, Scott Billig)

Peters of Greenville and Elizabeth (Joseph) Burt of Troy; one sister: Charlotte V. (Ron) Hoover of New Carlisle; and seven grandchildren: Khole, Chaynece and Bryson Rhoades, Madison and Morgan Billig and Wyatt and Landon Swan.

Stephen was a graduate of Wayne High School in Huber Heights and CTC/formerly Joint Vocational School. He was the owner of P S Construction, LLC. Stephen loved his grandkids and his

William LeRoy Freeling

William LeRoy Freeling age 72 of Troy, passed away Wednesday March 16, 2016 at Heartland of Piqua. He was born March 28, 1943 in Sidney to the late Lawrence C. and Dorothy (Olden) Freeling.

He is survived by daughter Danetta Freeling of Indianapolis, Indiana and son Dimitri Freeling of Oklahoma; as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Sister Frances “Bambi” Freeling of Troy also survives.

William is preceded in death by two brothers Lawrence and Robert Freeling and a sister Lucia Stewart.

He was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Sidney and the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Troy. William was retired from Miami

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driver was cited for speed (42/25).

4:13 p.m. Traffic stop in the 900 block of S. Crawford St. The driver’s license had been suspended, but he said he had driving privileges and that he was just topping by his friend’s home. The officer advised him that his driving privileges did not include that location. He was cited for failure to reinstate and the vehicle was parked.

7:13 p.m. To Henley Rd. for a report of a disturbance. A subject was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

8:33 p.m. To Archer Dr. for a report of drug paraphernalia found in the restroom of a business. The paraphernalia was collected and submitted for destruction.

11:11 p.m. To Crossbow Ln. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A man reported that his son did not return home from school. He said that the boy may not have returned home because he planned on administering a drug test. The boy was entered as missing.

Tuesday, March 15

1:48 a.m. While passing the Speedway station on N. Market St., an officer saw a woman that he had cited on March 13 for no operator’s license. She got into a vehicle and drove south on Market St. and turned onto Miami St. He finally caught up with her at Ohio and Linwood. She said that she had called BMV and they informed her that her license was valid. She had no receipt showing that she had made payments. She was cited for no operator’s license.

As the officer was writing the citation, he learned that the plates belonged to another vehicle. The driver said that she had purchased the vehicle about 6 weeks ago and had not yet transferred the plates. She was advised that she only had 30 days to transfer the registration. She was also cited for fictitious plates and the vehicle was towed.

3:57 p.m. To S. Short St. for a report of a burglary. Suspects were identified and charged with burglary.

8:30 p.m. To Grant St. at McKaig Ave. for a report of a disturbance. One male was charged with open container and another was charged with assault.

Wednesday, March 16

9:36 a.m. To the 100 block of W. Canal St. for a report of a disturbance. Dispatch advised that a male subject was trying to get into a residence, but had left toward S. Market St. The resident advised that he was asleep and heard yelling and screaming from the front porch. He said he recognized the subject, who was yelling that he wanted to fight with the resident. He said he was not going outside because he was recently put on probation and didn’t want to be in any trouble. He said the subject soon left and he went outside to see damage to his door and to the front of the home. He said he would like to press charges. He knew the owner of the vehicle that the subject left in, and she was contacted. She said the subject asked her for a ride from the Canal St. address. She said she picked him up and the subject said

that he went there to confront the resident about the resident messaging the subject’s girlfriend. She said the subject told her that he was going to find some friends and come back to “settle” the problem. She said she didn’t want anything to do with the subject after hearing this. A warrant will be issued against the subject for Criminal Damaging.

1:03 p.m. To the 400 block of Skylark Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that a bicycle was stolen from her residence. There are no suspects.

2:09 p.m. To Troy High School for a report of phone harassment. A student reported receiving text messages from an unknown person threatening him. One of the texts said “I will kill you and your mom, dad and animals.” It also said “I hope you enjoy your last smoke before I get you.” He identified a possible suspect. He said he does smoke marijuana and that is probably what the text is about. The officer asked him who supplied him with marijuana thinking that that might be the sender, but the student refused to identify his supplier. The boy’s father was called and said that he has had problems with his son’s marijuana use and hoped that this is not what the threats were about. The officer asked for permission to download the texts and forward them to a detective for investigation, but the father said that he would rather handle the matter himself before getting police involved. The officer asked the father to take the student home now, fearing

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Jerry L. Rupert

Jerry L. Rupert, age 71, of Piqua, OH passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. Jerry was born on January 7, 1945 in Troy, OH to the late Clarence and Mary (Karmen) Rupert.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 23 years: Sandra K. “Sandy” (Willis) Rupert; son: Sam Rupert of Piqua; stepchildren: Leslie Lewis of Piqua; Wayne Bowser Sr. of Sidney; Angela Bowser of Piqua and Jerry Bowser Jr. of Sidney; grand-

children: Zachary, Taylor, Cody and Chance; eleven stepgrandchildren; numerous stepgreat-grandchildren and sister: JoAnn Watterson of LaRue.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his brothers: Robert and Kenneth Rupert and sister: Alice Purk.

Jerry was a former member of the Troy Moose Lodge and a current member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the Troy Fish and Game. He was a member of Jester’s

men’s pool team. He retired from Brown Bridge Company in Troy. He loved horses and enjoyed horse racing, Brown’s football and Nascar.

Services were held at 1:30PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua, OH. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Todd G. Geuder

Todd G. Geuder, age 48, of Troy, passed away on Sunday, March 13 at The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, OH. He was born on January 17, 1968 in Chicago, Illinois. He is preceded in death by his father, Gerald Geuder, Mother and Step Father Agnes and Harry Geuder.

He is survived by his loving wife Lori (Harshbarger) Geuder of 22 years, son Cozy and daughter Zoey, He is also survived by brothers Michael (Tina) Geuder of Northalke, IL and Derrick Geuder of Hawaii, sister Susi (Mike) Miller of Santa Maria, CA and sister-in-law Leslie Merle of Troy, OH.

He had many wonderful nieces and nephews

Todd was a 1986 graduate of Steinmetz High School in Chicago and earned an Associate Degree at DeVry University in Electronics Engineering. He was a dear and loving husband and a wonderful father to his children.

Todd had a passion for music and spent numerous years playing the drums for many bands and also played guitar performing with his wife, Lori, as the duo - ZoCo. He loved to tell a good story and watch Cincinnati Reds games with his family. He will long be remembered for his outstanding drum

solo performance, “The Lone Ranger “, his many crazy hats, his concert adventures and an extraordinary love for the band “KISS”.

Rock on Theo Stix. We miss and love you.

Funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Tom Walter officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a College Fund Account for Cozy and Zoey Geuder at US Bank, Troy, Ohio. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

problems on the way home, and the father agreed.

3:52 p.m. A woman came to the Police Station to turn in a wallet that she found on a slide at Troy Community Park. The officer contacted the owner and returned the wallet.

4:17 p.m. An officer saw a vehicle run the red light at Dorset Rd. and Rt. 718 and initiated a traffic stop in the 1000 block of S. Dorset Rd. The driver said he did not mean to run the light, but he was in a hurry to get his check. He was cited.

5:07 p.m. Traffic stop on I-75. The driver said that she was not aware that she was doing 85. She said she was just cruising along. She was cited for speed.

Thursday, March 17

2:07 a.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. near Weston Rd. The driver was informed that his license was suspended and seemed unaware. He was cited, switched seats with his passenger and left the scene.

7:55 a.m. To Crossbow Ln. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A man reported that his son did not come home from school yesterday. He said he had called the Junior High to see if his son was in school today. The officer spoke with the son who appeared very tired and lethargic. He said he spent the night with friends and didn’t sleep well because he had not taken his medications. He was charged with being unruly.

7:56 a.m. An officer saw a green Ford Explorer parked on Todd Lane. There was de-

bris around the tires and it appeared that it had not been moved for some time. He marked the tires and stickered the vehicle informing the owner that it had to be moved by 8:00 a.m. March 20 or it would be towed.

8:56 a.m. While monitoring traffic at Concord Elementary, an officer saw a vehicle with an expired registration sticker. He initiated a traffic stop and issued a citation.

12:41 p.m. To Crossbow Ln. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her son, who had been reported as missing and had recently returned home, had left through a window. She said that he had just had lunch and she told him to go upstairs. She checked on him later and found him missing. Officers searched the area but did not find the juvenile.

2:26 p.m. To Stonyridge Ave. for a report of a toddler outside with no supervision. The officer arrived to find the RP playing with a 3-year-old girl. She said the girl was playing with a puppy and had been outside for 15-20 minutes with no supervision. She said a door was open at the neighboring residence andthat she had called out but no one answered. The officer entered the neighboring residence and announced his presence. He found a man asleep on the couch, woke him and asked where his child was. The man jumped up and started looking around. The officer told him that the child was outside with a neighbor. The man said that he wasn’t asleep very long and that the child has been opening the

back door to go out back. He was advised that he needed to put something on the door to prevent her going outside alone. He was advised that if this happens again, he could be charged with Child Endangerment. He said he would take care of the door.

3:49 p.m. Traffic stop on Rt. 55 at Stonyridge Ave. The vehicle was clocked at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he didn’t know he was speeding and was on his way to school. He was cited for speed.

4:57 p.m. Traffic stop on McKaig Ave. The driver was advised that she was clocked at 45 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. She said that she was trying to get to the bank before it closed. She was cited and released.

5:35 p.m. Traffic stop on I-75. The vehicle was clocked at 86 MPH. The driver was advised of his speed and said he thought he was only doing 80. He was advised that the speed limit is 70. He was cited for speed.

7:30 p.m. A Dorset Rd. resident turned in a sheathed, rounded-blade K-Bar knife he found in his front yard. He said that if no one claims the knife, he would like to have it. The knife was submitted into property.

Friday, March 18

12:23 a.m. Troy Fire personnel reported that a vehicle was stopped in the roadway on N. Market St. The officer found the vehicle on Piqua Troy Rd. just north of Troy Urbana Rd. After investigation, the driver was charged with OVI.



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“Cardio” Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

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“Cardio Yoga is vigorous exercise with cardio, strength building, core work, “Asanas” and meditation all wrapped into one. “It’s a great mental workout with more calories burnt,” said Nardechia. “Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga

classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout,” she added.

“Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice,” added Nardechia.

Throughout the class a variety of “asanas,” (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechia, “The

standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older.” Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment. Students should bring a bath towel, sash and mat to class.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 773-6626.

Family Puppet Workshop Coming to Hayner Center

Are you looking for a fun and free family activity? On Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 West Main Street in Troy will host Family Fun Puppet Fair. All the materials and instruction needed for your family to create and perform your own short puppet play will be provided in this free one-day family workshop. Pre-registration by phone at (937) 339-0457 or in person at the Hayner Center is required.

Irene Sheldon Imboden is the instructor for the Family Fun Puppet Fair. Mrs. Imboden, who holds a BS in Theatre Education and an MA in Theatre, has been teaching at Troy High School for 23 years. The morning’s activities begin

at 9:00 a.m. with instruction on creating and performing a puppet play. Each family will then write their play and make their puppets. The Hayner Center will provide drinks for lunch; however, each family is responsible for bringing their own sack lunch. In the afternoon, Troy-Hayner Cultural Center’s ballroom will be transformed into a puppet theatre so groups can share their productions. A cast party celebrating the day’s creative accomplishments will complete this theatrical experience. Participants will take home their play, puppets, and lasting memories.

Please call Leona at (937) 339-0457 or see www.troyhayner.org for further information. Registration must be

completed by March 11th to reserve your place in this free one-day workshop.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner.

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

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The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will be taking a one-day bus trip to Columbus, Ohio on June 1, 2016. We will tour the Columbus Museum of Art with Hayner’s Exhibit Coordinator, Leona Sargent, as she guides us through some of the great permanent collections. Then we are off to enjoy the lunch buffet at Schmidt’s German Village Restaurant. The buffet will include several sausages and side dishes as well as their famous crème puffs for dessert. We will then head to the Franklin Park Conservatory for a docent led tour of the historic building and grounds. The all-inclusive trip cost is only \$65 for in district or Friends of Hayner Members and \$70 for those outside the

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Airport

On Thursday night, April 21st, Danny Mortensen returns as a guest speaker to WACO Air Museum as part of the Aviation Lecture Series. As a continuation from last year, Danny returns to share Part 2 of his topic “Confessions of an Ex-Air Traffic Controller: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Airport.” These humorous stories will come from misadventures over his 48 years of aviation. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. and the lecture will begin at 7 pm.

Danny Mortensen is a pilot, author, airline instructor, and

competitor and world record holder in the air races, former air traffic controller, aircraft builder, and test pilot. He has over 2800 flying hours and 10,000 hours of flight instruction. He is known for a variety of contributions to the aviation world. For example, the AMSOIL Rutan Racer, which set several world speed records and now hangs in the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI, was built by Danny in 1981. In 1990 Danny won the gold at the National Championship Air Races in Reno, Nevada. He currently flies a restored 1940

cabin Waco, VKS-7 and is the president of Fearless Froggy Aviation.

This series is made possible in part by Dayton Power & Lights. There is no charge for the event. Donations can be made to WACO Historical Society in order to support the Lecture Series. WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 S. County Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373. For more information, visit www.wacoairmuseum.org or call 937-335-9226.

Kiwanis Club Pancake Day Coming in April

The Kiwanis Club of Troy will hold their 2016 Pancake Day, Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Staunton Grange, 1530 N. Market St. Troy, OH from 7:00am to 2:00pm featuring all-you-can-eat pancakes with flavored toppings, sausage, applesauce and a variety of drinks. The cost of the tickets is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age six to twelve and free for children under six! All proceeds go to benefit local youth activities.

The Kiwanis Club of Troy is involved in the following projects: St. Patrick’s Soup

Kitchen, Upper Valley Hospital Infant Car Seats, Head Start Reading Program, Miami County Fair Kids Day, BUG (Bringing Up Grades) for 4th & 5th graders at Kyle and Forrest Elementary Schools, Make a Difference Day, National Night Out, Christmas Winter Clothing Program for Troy City Schools, Operation Christmas Child-Samaritans Purse, Strawberry Festival Fund Raising and Fall Fest Fund Raising.

The Kiwanis Club of Troy sponsors the Troy High School Key Club which members work

on many community service projects throughout the year including Special Olympics Basketball, Relay for Life and an annual drive for the needy.

As of 2016 the Kiwanis Club of Troy is sponsoring the AKTION Club which is a new club within the Riverside Community here in Troy.

For additional information or for tickets please contact Allan Ganley 339-2602, email allan@bairdfuneralhome.com or Erskine Caldwell, email caldwellem@aol.com

Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

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“Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual discipline originating in ancient India. The goal of Yoga is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility and the ultimate improvement of one’s

health,” said Nardechia

“Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice,” added Nardechia.

Throughout the class a variety of “asanas,” (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechia, “The standing postures help us with

balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older.” Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment.

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District 9 all-star game tomorrow, Friday

By Jim Dabbelt

The annual District Nine coaches all-star games will be held March 24-25 at Troy High School, which brings together the top seniors from the district as they play one final time.

Thursday, March 24 will open with the Division 1-2-3 girls' game, followed at 8 p.m. with the Division 1-2-3 boys game. The following night, the Division 4 girls tip off at 6:30, followed by the Division 4 boys.

The proceeds from the all-star game will go to Dayton Childrens Medical Center, an annual tradition for the coaches of District Nine. There is an admission charge to get into the game.

Here are the rosters for the games:

Division 1-2-3 Girls Game, 3/24, 6:30 p.m.

North- Kaitlyn Davis (Sidney), Sylvia Hudson (Sidney), Shelby Moses (Butler), Aubrey Cox (Tippecanoe), Abby Grooms (Butler), Avery Bensman (Anna), Megan Thompson (Miami East), Alexis Abner (Arcanum), Lauren Monnin (Versailles), Meagan Lonsway (Bellefontaine), Danielle Franklin (Tecumseh), Lindsey Nartker (Tecumseh).

South- Natalie Drumm (Ben Logan), Macey Hardy (Greenon), Alyssa Garberich (Shawnee), Katy Currnutte (Urbana), Kaitlyn Moore (Northeastern), Jamie Peterson (West Liberty Salem), Kristen Combs (Greeneview), Jenna Ober (Triad), Natalie Seeberg (Urbana),

Caylee Wurster (Indian Lake), Katelyn Partlow (Northwestern), Korynne Berner (Northwestern).

Division 1-2-3 Boys Game, 3/24, 8:00 p.m.

North- Carter Mann (Tippecanoe), Damien Mackesy (Miami East), Brandon Mack (Miami East), Carter Huelskamp (Anna), Blake Stephens (Anna), Clay Guillozet (Greenville), Zach Hyre (Franklin Monroe), Cameron Gallimore (Sidney), Romello Yaqub (Troy), Zach Ledbetter (Butler), Colton Bachman (Piqua), Malik Quisenberry (Tecumseh), Brett McDoldowney (Versailles).

South- Austin Miller (West Liberty Salem), Rocky James (Xenia), Darius Harper (Springfield), Cameron Logwood (Urbana), Jordan Underwood (Urbana), Jacob Rogan (Bellefontaine), Beau Hefner (Indian Lake), Grant Ricketts (Ben Logan), Seth Gray (Shawnee), Nathan Bostick (Shawnee), Jason Biggs (Northmont), Jarell Taylor (Northmont).

Division 4 Girls Game, 3/25, 6:30 p.m.

East- Lexie Perry (Southeastern), Libby Hudson (Southeastern), Jessica Boerger (Fort Loramie), Holly Frey (Fort Loramie), Mollie Rowe (Fairlawn), Nicole Fogt (Jackson Center), Peyton Esser (Jackson Center), Kayla Heuker (Botkins), Sidney Hux (Mechanicsburg), Aubrey Stephens

(Riverside), Lauren Hoendorf (Catholic Central), Alex Sullivan (Catholic Central).

West- Shelby Dowler (Tri Village), Brooke Godown (Tri Village), Brooke Gostomsky (Covington), Jessie Crowell (Covington), Madison Mollette (Newton), Jenna Winner (Houston), Macey Stang (Houston), Mackenzie Weldy (Bradford), Kelly Moore (Bradford), Brooke Neal (Ansonia), Allie Hall (Lehman), Kassie Lee (Lehman).

Division 4 Boys Game, 3/25, 8:00 p.m.

East- Kevin Reep (Emmanuel Christian), Caleb Moore (Emmanuel Christian), Timmy Weeks (Catholic Central), Jordan Maschino (Covington), Jake Bertemes (Southeastern), Drew Sosby (Jackson Center), Ryan Boyd (Triad), Josh Wilson (Cedarville), Chad Bergman (Botkins), Jacob Gannon (Cedarville), Landon Kelsy (Riverside).

West- Josh York (Russia), Brock Jamison (Newton), Brady McBride (Newton), Drew Patty (Bradford), Colyn Nelson (Mississinawa Valley), Zach Freytag (Houston), Dane Wentworth (Ansonia), Drew Wehrman (Fort Loramie), Erik Greve (Botkins), Tyler Van Winkle (Tri Village), Devan Rinderle (Mississinawa Valley), Domyneik Phipps (Houston), Trevor Monnin (Russia).

Our Sports Editor Chosen to Write State Tournament Preview

By Maggie Yowler

KBA News is proud to recognize our Sports Editor Jim Dabbelt for his involvement in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's State Tournament. Having established a nearly four-decade career in sports writing, Dabbelt said it was an honor to be asked to preview the girls' state basketball tournament both in print and over the airwaves.

Thirty years ago, Jim Dabbelt attended his first girls' basketball state tournament. At the time, he was part of the bench personnel of the Tippecanoe High School team that advanced to the state championship game in 1986 up in Akron. Dabbelt said he was asked by the high school girls' basketball coach to assist with stats and records while he was a senior, and his work with the team essentially sparked his passion for sports writing.

Now 30 years later, he is a regular familiar face sitting at press row at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus covering the Ohio High School Athletic Association state tournament.

A current Tipp City resident and 1986 Tippecanoe graduate, Dabbelt added to his im-

pressive resume this year, as he was asked to write the state tournament preview story for the official souvenir program sold at the state tournament.

"I was really honored when the call came in from the OHSAA asking me to write the tournament Preview story, that's a pretty big deal," Dabbelt said. "I felt it would be a great networking opportunity for me, and it would allow me to utilize my knowledge of girls' basketball around the state to help them out."

Dabbelt, who has been active in girls' basketball for the past four decades, assembled the preview after attending the Final Four coaches' meeting at the Schottenstein Center the Sunday prior to the start of the state tournament. By the next day, it was completed and ready for print.

"I've been doing girls' basketball for so long, it's just an honor for them to choose me," he said. "It shows what hard work can do."

For the second consecutive year, Dabbelt also previewed the tournament for the OHSAA Radio Network, which aired on their pregame

show later that week. He said the switch from writing to speaking wasn't much of an adjustment, as he has worked in radio many times before, appearing on weekly basketball shows as well as once having a show of his own.

"I am just happy to be involved with such a great organization such as the OHSAA," he said. "They do a great job running the tournament, and I would find it difficult to believe that any state could have a better event than this one."

Dabbelt runs The Dabbelt Report, which is considered the premier girls basketball online source around the state, and is also the Sports Editor for KBA News, which includes the New Carlisle News, Enon Eagle, Tippecanoe Gazette, and Troy Tribune. He said he really enjoys being a part of a "hometown paper," as he said it gives him the ability to "promote local athletes."

His son is also a member of the Tippecanoe track and field team, keeping him close to home most of the spring until travel ball gears up in the summer.

Senior Heavy Trojans Look For GWOC Title

By Jim Dabbelt

Ty Welker begins his 11th season at the helm of the Troy Trojans baseball program, and he knows what lies in front of him. The Trojans lost several seniors off of last year's squad, but also feels that with the talent they have coming back, they can make a successful run at the top teams in the area.

"We have had some nice success here the past few years, so I think the mentality is in the right place as we start the new season," he said. "They understand what it takes to be successful and I think their work ethic is in place."

"We did lose six or seven starters off of last years' team, including two of our league

pitchers, so inexperience as far as starting guys could be a key for us this year."

"Our goal is to always win the league and go far into the tournament, but we do that not by looking at the big picture, but working on the little things. We go day by day, and we feel we can be successful and compete against the best teams."

Despite losing the talent from last year, the Trojans have 12 seniors on the roster this year, many moving up to the varsity team this year.

Leading the way is three-year varsity letterwinner Jared Bair, as the senior will play first base and will be the only left-handed pitcher on the roster this year.

Bair is also going to attend the Air Force Academy to play football.

"He is a great kid and outstanding student," Welker said. "He will do a lot for us this year, not just as a player but as a leader of the program."

Senior Jordan Peck returns as a third baseman, and pitched some complete games on non-league nights last year.

"Jordan will jump in there and throw for us this year on league nights," Welker said. "His fastball has picked up speed. He can be real effective for us."

Also making his varsity debut will be Austin Barney, who will do some pitching for the Trojans and play right field. Jacob Cur-

cio is also a first-year letterwinner and will play in the outfield.

Returning behind the plate after catching 28 games last season is Tyler Lambert, another senior for the Trojans.

"He stepped in last year when my starting catcher got hurt, and he went through some growing pains," Welker said. "With that behind him, we expect him to take off this year and control the game."

Another senior, Drake McDonagh looks to contribute in the outfield and will cover a lot of ground for the Trojans. Another returning player will be senior Joe McGillivary, as he returns from injury.

After a two-year hiatus, Troy

Moore will be playing for the Trojans this year, who took time off to focus on golf.

Alex Riedel moves up from the JV squad, as the senior will compete for time at third base according to Welker. Another senior to watch is Justin O'Neill, who will see time in the outfield and possibly pitcher on non-league nights for the Trojans.

Senior Noah Roswell is also back after suffering an ACL injury last year.

The lone juniors on the roster will be Hayden Kotwica and Chaz Copas. Kotwica returns after a big sophomore year and is expected to pitch and compete near the top of the order. Copas will challenge for time in

the outfield.

Sophomores who will look to compete will be Brandon Emery, Keiran Williams and Jake Daniel, while freshman Jacob Adams has landed a rare spot on the varsity squad.

"This is the first freshman I have had in ten years and he will push the kids," Welker said.

The Trojans coach feels that the GWOC runs through Vandalia.

"They were strong last year and returns a lot of players, but we don't feel like we are over-matched," Welker said. "We expect competition from everyone in the league."

Eagles Gear Up For Strong Season

By Jim Dabbelt

Entering another season as the baseball coach at Troy Christian High School, Tony Ferraro knows that he has some good leaders back this season. Even early in the pre-season, Ferraro, a longtime baseball coach in the Miami Valley, saw the potential for a solid season, which begins around Ohio this weekend.

"We are excited to get started," Ferraro said. "We have a couple of scrimmages (which are now behind the Eagles), and the schedule becomes hot and heavy right away."

"The young men are playing extremely hard, and working on fundamentals," he added. "On offense, we are working on

getting the ball in play, and limiting our opponents to three outs per inning, instead of making mistakes. The team is headed in the right direction."

Three seniors will lead the way for the Eagles, including pitcher/third baseman Scott Douglass, who opened eyes last year with a shutout in the tournament against Mechanicsburg.

"He does a nice job putting the ball in play on offense," Ferraro said. "He moves the runners along, and on the mound he does a good job. He also has a good glove at third."

Jacob Williams returns to play centerfield and as a pitcher.

"He is a hard throwing right

hand, and a student of the game," Ferraro said. "He has good speed and can run things down well in the outfield."

The final senior is catcher Chase Hayden, who according to Ferraro, is another coach on the field.

"He has a good arm and good mechanics behind the plate," the Eagles coach said. "He is also a great bunter and always looks to move runners up when he is at the plate."

"Those three seniors are not only leaders, but they are the first to come to the park, and the last to leave," Ferraro said. "They always lead by example. They are also the types of play-

ers who are great leaders for the freshman and sophomores, both verbally and they make them understand how Troy Christian Eagles baseball is supposed to be run."

Five more upperclassmen expect to be major contributors for the Eagles, including junior shortstop/centerfielder Jacob Brown.

"He is one of the leading hitters in the league," Ferraro said. "He has a chance to be one of the best overall players in the MBC, and we are counting on him in the middle of the order."

Also junior Peyton Forrer returns as a strong right-handed pitcher and first baseman,

who is being counted on for big things as a power hitter.

John Slone will mad the middle infield, who hopes to follow in the footsteps of his all-conference brother, a former Eagle. Ferraro stated he has good speed and gets on base with a very good glove.

Cameron Davee is also back who will pitch and play first base.

"He is a tall rangy leftie, who has a strong bat and a good glove at first base," Ferraro said. He also stated Sam Kirkpatrick will contribute to the team as the junior is very versatile.

"He can play all outfield spots, and will also pitch and catch

for us," he said. "He has a very strong arm and is a student of the game. He is improving his game everyday."

Several underclassmen also are on the Eagles roster this year, including Loudon Sauldeamer (outfield) and Andrew Strait, both sophomores. Also watch for freshman Caleb Twiss, Caron Kindred and Jackson Kremer.

"The conference will be strong again this year," Ferraro said. "Last year we were runner up as Dayton Christian beat us in the last game. We want to reverse the fortunes this year. The conference has some really good athletes."

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Columns & Opinion

At Home

by **Connie Moore**

Off on a Tangent

If the laundry has piled up; if our evening meals are a little sparse; if this column doesn't get finished, blame it on Maggie Yowler, editor of the Enon Eagle. She wrote a most engaging article a couple of weeks ago entitled "Social Media Exposes Lost and Forgotten Clark County Towns."

Her style of writing that piece grabbed me by the bifocals and thrust me into a search mode for past people. Like her, I am always wondering how our ancestors lived, their daily lives no doubt less stressful but none-the-less full of work, family and a few peaceful moments. If only they had left notes, perhaps a journal.

I was intrigued by the little map that accompanied the article. From there, it was obvious I had research to do if I was going to find a particular name on that map-Thomas Albin. What started out as an innocent few minutes in the office with my copies of Beers 1888 Clark County History and Rockel's 1908 History of Springfield and Clark County has turned into a marathon outing into the wilds of all historic avenues available to this writer.

I had no trouble finding Thomas Albin. The mystery began when his name fell under the town of Hopewell. Two towns by that name show up in the DeLorme Atlas & Gazetteer but both are in other counties. Here in Clark County, Hopewell is "on the northern border of Green Township", according to the Springfield Globe-Republic newspaper of 1885. As a place with noteworthy news, it is listed right there with Enon, Selma, Lawrenceville, Pitchin, Moorefield, New Carlisle, Catawba and Dolly Varden.

All of the above mentioned names except Hopewell are listed in the 2005 Clark County Map Run Database of Clark County Ghost Towns sent me by Richard Helwig, Director of The Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio, Sunbury, Ohio. That doesn't mean that Hopewell did not really exist. Helwig and his researchers just hadn't found it yet.

For a place to exist and have news, there has to be people involved-either by going there and reporting or by living there and being reported about. That line took me back to the Library of Congress Newspaper Archives. As reported on by the Springfield Globe-Republic and the Springfield Daily Republic, Hopewell did exist and actually had a thriving community.

For January, 1885, the news from Hopewell included the following: "A prayer meeting will be held at Nathan Wilkes's next Sunday evening. Mrs. John Taylor is quite sick again. Miss Mintie Knott, who has been teaching music, gave her last instructions to her class last Saturday. As a teacher she is much liked. (The Knott family was reported on last year in the Enon Eagle.) John Gram is sick. Miss Ella Green's health is improving. The surprise on Mr. Heistand (His land is included on the little map in Maggie's article.) was quite a pleasant affair. The old folks surprised him in the day-time, and the young called at evening, and they thought it good to be there. It is reported that some of our best citizens are about to move to the city."

"R. T. Kelley is now prepared to repair all kinds of plow work in the smith line, at living prices. We hear that James Hatfield will return to his farm in the spring. Mr. Joe Waddle, while driving cattle, was thrown by his horse, which struck him in the head, cutting it badly."

A week later, in the same newspaper, more news of Hopewell residents emerged. "Let us have a farmer's institute in this township (Green), as we have good and practical farmers and every facility to carry on one successfully. What say you?" On a

From the Pulpit

By **Pastor Frey**

Easter as Presented by the Bible

Easter is one of the most widely celebrated festivals in the Christian Church. It has been celebrated for about 2,000 years. It has a prominent place in the Christian church year. Even those who don't go to church very often, come to church on Easter to worship. Easter has inspired some of the greatest sacred music.

It seems unnecessary to point out what is behind all of this. Even little children can tell you that we celebrate Easter as the anniversary of Jesus rising from the dead. But fewer and fewer children seem to be able to tell you why we celebrate Easter. Even at Easter time, it seems that less and less is being said about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. That may be because people don't believe that Jesus really rose from the dead or they don't think it matters. Maybe they don't believe what the Bible says or perhaps they don't even know what the Bible says.

The Bible describes the resurrection in all four of the books of the Bible devoted to the history of the life of Jesus. The Bible makes hundreds of references to it. It is the very heart of the preaching of the apostles. And you find that in every case where the resurrection of Jesus is described or referred to, it is

presented as a literal fact and a very significant truth.

When we look at the account of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, in the Bible it tells how Mary Magdalene and another Mary, came to the tomb of Jesus as it began to dawn on Sunday morning. There were other women with them. They had watched the death and burial of Jesus very closely because they intended to return after the Sabbath Day had passed to anoint the dead body of Jesus according to their Jewish burial customs.

Now at dawn on Sunday morning they came to the tomb. There was one thing they were wondering about, the entrance to the tomb had been closed with a huge stone. It was too heavy for them to move by themselves. But when they arrived at the tomb, they saw that the stone was already rolled away and that the tomb was open.

Another very strange thing was that the soldiers who had been stationed around the tomb to guard it were no longer there. The guard had been ordered by the Roman Governor so that no one could come and take the body of Jesus.

As the women came to the tomb, an angel spoke to them. They, of course, were frightened. But the angel told them not to be afraid. The angel told them that he knew they were looking for Jesus but he wasn't there because he had risen from the dead. The women could look into the tomb and see for themselves that the body of Jesus was not there. The angel told the women to go and tell the disciples.

As if that were not enough, Jesus himself appeared to them and spoke to them. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead according to

the Bible is a literal fact. To say that Easter means only that Jesus lives on among us in spirit is not even worth considering. There is no doubt that the Bible literally means that Jesus rose from the dead.

As we study the facts, we find Jesus did literally rise from the dead. The tomb was sealed with a heavy stone and guarded by Romans soldiers. How did the women get in if the angel did not appear and roll the stone away? The soldiers were bribed by the chief priests to say that the disciples came and stole the body while they were sleeping. That is a very weak explanation in view of the fact that these were professional soldiers assigned to guard a tomb and under no circumstances would they have gone to sleep with the threat of execution if they failed.

The women came expecting to find a dead body. It wasn't a case of wishful thinking. They weren't looking for a resurrected Jesus. They were grieving. But they left full of joy. There is also the fact the Jesus himself appeared to them. And they were not the only ones to see Jesus alive after his death on the cross. Jesus appeared to many different people for 40 days. At one time Jesus appeared to more than 500 people at the same time. All the disciples saw him and all were eventually convinced that Jesus rose from the dead.

The resurrection of the body of Jesus from the dead is a literal fact. That is how the Bible presents it. We are not speaking figuratively or passing on a legend when we say that Jesus rose from the dead. The same Jesus who was laid in the grave, dead, came back to life. That is Easter according to the Bible.

What difference does it make? The resurrection of Jesus from the dead means something very important for us. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead proved something to those who saw him. It proved to them that he really was the Son of God. He was not just a human being but the Son of God. No mere man could rise from the dead.

It also proves that the teachings of Jesus are true. Jesus said before he died that he would rise from the dead. And he did just what he said he would do. That proves that what Jesus says is true, all his teachings are true.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that he is the Savior and our sins have been paid for. If he died and did not rise from the dead, he is not the Savior. Jesus would be a liar. But Jesus did rise from the dead. The disciples believed it. There is no other way to be saved.

The resurrection of Jesus also means something to us because it means we who believe in him will also rise from the dead to be with him in heaven. If Jesus rose from the dead, he can raise us from the dead. And that is what Jesus has promised to do. If Jesus had not risen, we would have no hope after death.

This is not all that can be said about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But it is enough to show that the resurrection of Jesus is not some meaningless fact. It means as much to us as it did to the women at the tomb. Jesus is alive. What he said is true. We will rise from the dead.

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Gardening Commentary

from **MVG**

Don't RUSH THE SEASON....but be ready!

Spring sure is here! We are all ready to get into the garden and start "working the soil" and planting. This is all good but remember, there is a time for everything and getting an early jump on the season must be tempered with some good judgement. REMEMBER..... we can start too early and pay the penalty for a major portion of this gardening season when we get going too soon. The recent warm temperatures can get us excited but it is necessary to do things in the right sequence. Wet soils can be a spoiler.

There normally is a "break" when it stays mild without a lot of rain which allows soils to dry out. This early break normally occurs in mid to late March and if we are ready

we can take advantage of this and get the soil worked so we can get some of the early plantings done from seed; things like lettuce, carrots, radishes and beets. Then we can plant the Cole crops like cabbage, broccoli, kale, cauliflower, rhubarb and asparagus from young transplants or bareroot plants. Pansies and perennials can be planted now. Just keep in mind that this early break only lasts a day or so and we MUST be ready or we'll have to wait for another week or two to get back in the soil.

What happens when we work the soil when it is too wet here in the Miami Valley or anywhere there are clay soils? (This is especially true if we haven't been add-

ing good amounts of compost and other organic matter to the soil on a regular basis.) Do you remember those chunks of hardened soil that resulted when we tried to rotate-till the soil when it was a little wet? Those "clods" that result from "working" the soil when it is wet will be with us most of the summer if not all the way until next spring, yes I mean until spring 2017! So either be ready when the soil and temps are right or be ready to wait a while until the conditions are good. If we don't pay attention to, what seem to be small details, we pay the penalty as we move forward in the season. Just remember, there is a "season" for everything and when we understand these seemingly small details we will begin to enjoy gardening because of our success and it will not be as hard as some people experience. This wet soil thing is largely avoid-

ed when we have "raised beds", a very popular method of gardening today.

One of the things many of us like to have is the first tomato of the season, and that includes me. But remember, if the soil is still cold many of the warm weather crops just don't take off growing and they can even be set back and have nutritional problems that can cause misshaped fruit. Peppers and tomatoes can be affected and actually be delayed in their development due to this one thing. So don't rush the season but rather be "READY" when the time is right.

If we can help you with your gardening questions let us know and we'll share our experience with you.

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Tip of the Week

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

Rules For Turns At Intersections

I have another rant about driver's not understanding the rules of the road. Or perhaps they just don't think the rules apply to them. This if for all those who make turns at an intersection and believe they can use two lanes for their vehicle to make the turn. Some of them think that because they intend to turn again down the road it is okay for them to turn into the lane they want and not the lane the law maintains the turn is to be made in.

Perhaps the first paragraph is not clear enough. Then you may be

one of those violators I am talking about. Let me give you a graphic picture.

You are in the right lane of a four lane road approaching another four lane road intersection. Each road has two lanes going in opposite directions. The street you are on is Cross Street and the Street you are approaching is Main St.

Cross St. has a red light and you are in the right (curb) lane and want to turn right onto Main St. There is no sign indicating "RIGHT TURN PROHIBITED ON RED". As required by law you stop completely, see that there is no traffic in the right (curb) of Main St. so you make your right hand turn. However you have brand new tires on your Mini Cooper so you make a wide right turn using both lanes of Main St. You just broke the law and if you

strike a vehicle in the left (closest to the center line) then you will be cited for Failure to yield the right of way.

Your right hand turn must be as close to the curb as possible. By using both lanes, you violate this law.

Now what about when turning left? The same rule applies. Your left hand turn onto Main St. must be as close to the center line as possible. Those of you who turn left directly into the curb lane have just violated the same law.

Both turns must be made in the proper lane then with a directional signal indicating a lane change, you should move over into the lane you want. Before you start arguing with me and claim the old sergeant is getting senile, read the Ohio Revised Code Section dealing with the turns at intersections.

4511.36 Rules for turns at intersections.

(A) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall be governed by the following rules:

(1) Approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(2) At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of such center line where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the roadway being entered.

To violate this section is a minor misdemeanor. However if you are cited for this section, you will catch two points on your license which insurance companies use to raise your rates. Of course if you follow the law, be a defensive driver and watch out for those who turn into the wrong lane and want to pass you, this can cause road rage with a road hog.

social note we find: "Evening parties do prevail but the last one was a new line-calling on all young ones to come on butchering day to help stuff sausages."

"Mr. Finney Stewart is about to retire from farming and lead a city life either in Xenia or Springfield. He is one of our oldest settlers and has rented his farm to Oliver Garlough." "Miss Martha Hall was surprised by family and friends, it being her birthday." "The Hopewell School is the largest it has been for some time."

By February, 1885, just one month later, the school report read, "The Hopewell School is now so large

that it looks like they will have to put an addition to the house. Sixty-eight scholars are too many for one teacher, so we hear taxpayers say." (The school, located on Old Clifton Road, was in a "Special District" with no superintendent. Teachers in different years included Miss Alice Patton and Miss Swartzbaugh who boarded at one of the Knott homes.)

Citizen's activities included: John Weller who reported on seeing two fine gray eagles around his place. William Dellinger was selling his personal property. Charles Hall and his wife entertained neighbors who were kind enough to bring supper

of oysters and crackers. Miss Emma Mellinger traveled to Cincinnati at attend musical school.

H. Shafer moved his sawmill to W. Stewart's barn near the Enon railroad crossing. Later he moved it to his new home in Kentucky. Charles Kame sold his personal property, heading west to Indiana. Ed Kame built an embroidery business. Ed Gram and J. F. Stewart both held sales. Miss Nellie Shafer and Mrs. A. Printz were both is poor health. Chris Zeigler, the butcher was to attend a Butchers' Picnic at Dayton. In May of 1885, Chris Zeigler the butcher acquired fine cattle.

Much more news was found. But

to get back to the name that took me on the tangent- Thomas Albin. Born and raised right here in Green Township, Mr. Albin married Caroline Adams on the 9th day of January, 1840. He died April 1, 1885 and his funeral was held at the Ebenezer Church. Numerous citizens were present to pay their last respects to "our honorable citizen-a devout husband who said to those that stood by his beside, 'Fear not, all is well.'"

Once you find the people, their daily lives, their words, even a lost town can come alive again.

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Financial Focus

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Are your savings accounts hurting your retirement?

Don't let low interest rates interfere with your goals for retirement savings

Do you have a significant amount of money in conservative savings accounts? Conservative savers often want to avoid volatility in the market, so they may be willing to accept low interest rate offerings. However, with today's low interest rate environment, they may be missing out on potential growth opportunities in the market. Saving money is one of the best

things you can do for yourself and your family. Insuring against a catastrophe or major issue is a critical part of a healthy financial picture. However, you may want to have a little of both – protection of principal and potential for growth.

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If you're someone with lots of assets in conservative savings accounts, exploring options like fixed indexed annuities might help you realize some market growth while maintaining asset protection.

This article was prepared by Thrivent Financial for use by Tipp City representative Matt Buehrer. He has an office at 29 W Main Street in Tipp City and can also be reached at 937-667-8270.

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What To Do in Troy

Troy Streets Alive! – Downtown Troy Fashion Show

March 25, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Troy Rec

Lights, camera, fashion! The Troy Rec is the place to be Friday, March 25th for a sneak peek at the latest fashion trends and styles adorning the amazing boutiques in downtown Troy! Seven of our downtown shops will be showcasing their spring lines for guests during our March Troy Streets Alive event. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to view the hottest new women's, men's, and children's fashions along with a variety of eclectic accessories and unique jewelry from The Blue Bow Boutique, Ark & Echo, Elizabeth Marie Fashions, Samozrejme, Pachamama Market, David Fair on the Square, and Stafford's Uniquely Sports! The M. Lynn Barnes Studio will showcase an original designer piece at each show as well.

There will be two fashion shows on Friday, March 25th, one starting at 5:30 p.m., lasting one hour, and the second show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Troy Community Radio's morning show personalities, Clint Myers and Lori Burch will MC the event and David Denoyer with TCTV will video the shows.

Tickets for the shows will cost \$10, with a reduced rate provided to those that bring an article of clothing to donate to the Family Abuse Shelter. Tickets are available for purchase at the door the day of the show. All proceeds go to support Troy Main Street

and The Troy Rec.

If you are interested in modeling in the show, please contact the stores directly for information on the schedule leading up to the event. Models of all ages, genders, and sizes are encouraged to contact stores as soon as possible for consideration. Downtown Troy is always a great destination for family fun, shopping, and excellent dining! For additional details and a list of upcoming events, visit www.TroyMainStreet.org or call 937-339-5455.

Drawing Room Chamber Concert

March 29, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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Decorating With Antiques...Is it Vintage or Antique?

March 31, 7:30 a.m.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center

"Decorating With Antiques...Is it Vintage or Antique?" Antiques Seminar presented by David Fair on Thursday, March 31 at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center 301 W. Main Street in Troy, Ohio. The program begins at 7:30 P.M. and is free and open to the public. Fair is an Interior Designer and the proprietor of David Fair on the Square, a household consignment shop in downtown Troy.

Antiques Seminar presented by

David Fair on Thursday, March 31 at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center 301 W. Main Street in Troy, Ohio. The program begins at 7:30 P.M. and is free and open to the public. Fair is an Interior Designer and the proprietor of David Fair on the Square, a household consignment shop in downtown Troy.

This seminar provides insight as to when vintage pieces become antiques. Fair offers advice on how to determine the value of furniture and when it might be most appropriate to paint it, refinish it or leave it alone. David Fair discusses the furniture entering the antiques market today and offers creative ideas for incorporating vintage pieces into your décor. David brings almost thirty years of experience with design, consignment and antiques collection and sales to this seminar.

The Hayner Center is Troy's Community Cultural Center and offers a wide variety of programs throughout the year. Visit the website, TroyHayner.org for more information about this program and other upcoming events.

Women's Untold Stories

April 1, 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Mayflower Arts Center

Music, dance, art, and theater are coming to the Mayflower Arts Center in Troy on April 1, 2016, at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Edison State Community College and the center as a benefit for the Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, the program will feature 17 women from the col-

lege and the community displaying their talents as they salute girls and women.

During the reception, which is from 5 until 7 p.m., musicians Nancy Shuler, Kathryn Ellicott, Mindy Bach, and Shannon Cothran will entertain guests with classic and contemporary musical selections.

The gallery at the center will feature the work of Troy artist Nancy Shuler and Piqua artist Linda Hamilton. Both women are painters and enjoy the reputation of producing works that speak to the hearts and minds of those who view them. Hamilton will display a painting of her daughter, Erika Hamilton Loubek, at age three, and her latest work, a painting of her mother-in-law, Mary F. Hamilton, age 91.

Shuler's work depicts a teenager on the levy at Troy and a self-portrait done in a studio at Wright State University. Shuler says that she employs "a direct approach using oils and modulating colors based on observation, perspective, light, and color relationships."

The art of Shuler and Hamilton along with others depicting girls and women will be in the gallery at the Mayflower Arts Center throughout the month of April.

At 7 p.m., the show will begin with a lyrical dance by Troy native Savannah Harvey followed by a viola solo by Shannon Cothran, also a Troy native and a senior at Troy High School.

For the evening's main event, 13 area college students/employees

and community leaders will take the stage and deliver monologues in answer to poet Muriel Rukeyser's question "What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life?" Dr. Vivian Blevins and students in her Women in Theatre class at Edison State, Mindy Bach, Savannah Harvey, and Rachel Darrow wrote the monologues. Stories in the monologues feature diverse themes from sex trafficking to emotional and physical poverty to communication lapses.

The final act of the evening will feature Dayton musician Brenda Cobbs-Allen in a mini concert presenting songs from the repertoires of Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin.

Audience members who desire to do so can dialogue with the cast at the conclusion of the evening and share their own stories.

The basic price of admission is \$10, and those who would like to make additional contributions to the Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County are encouraged to do so. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.mayflowerartscenter.com.

For further information, contact Dr. Vivian Blevins at vblevins@edisonohio.edu or (937) 778-3815.

To publicize your club or organization's events, email the information at least two weeks in advance to editor@troytrib.com. You can also mail the information to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

Rotarians Help Sponsor Lincoln Center Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will bring lots of treats to the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Ash Street in Troy, on Saturday, March 26, 2016 when the center hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Troy Rotary Club helps sponsor the event and will have volunteers there to help children ages 2-12 find lots of candy and surprises.

The fun begins at 12 noon and will finish up by 2 PM. Easter eggs will be scattered throughout the property, and every child may gather up eggs in a basket or bag they bring to the event. There will be plenty of prizes for the participants

and grand prizes for the top two hunters in the 2-7 age group and the 8-12 age group.

The event is open to area families and is free-of-charge. Please be at Lincoln Community Center by 11:45 AM to get in on the fun. If the weather is inclement, the hunt will be moved inside the center. If you need more information on the event, contact the Lincoln Community Center on (937) 335-2715 or visit their Web site at www.lcctroy.com.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually.

In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom, scholarships, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyhiorotary.org.

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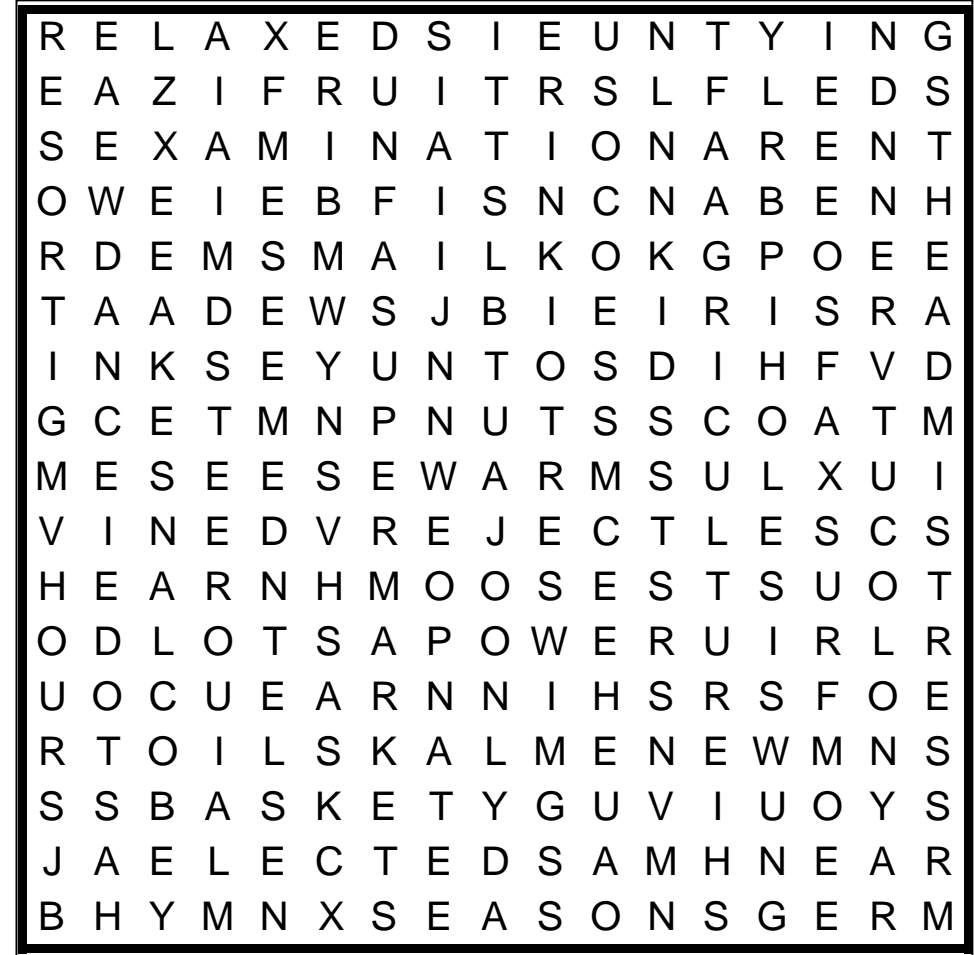
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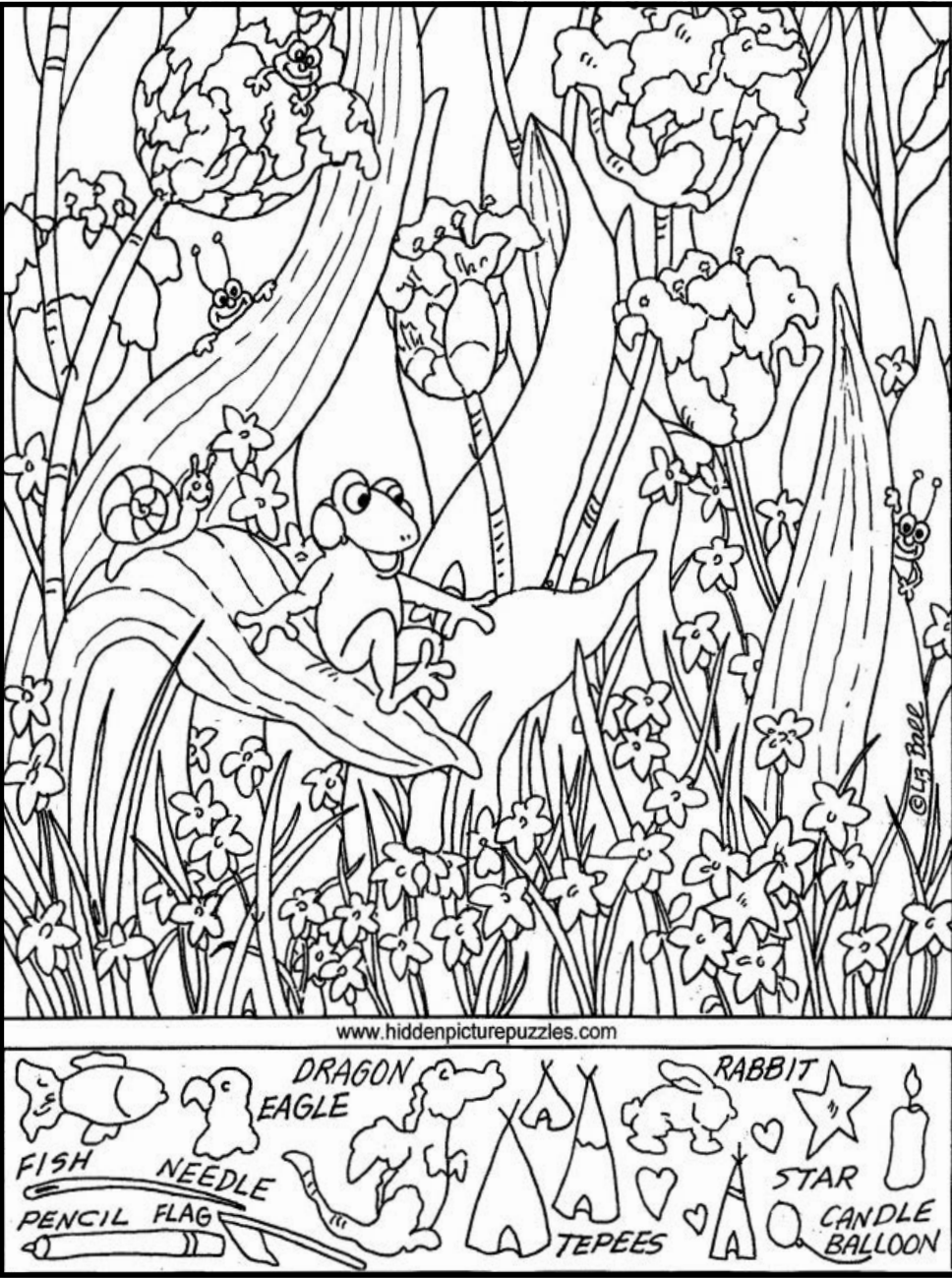
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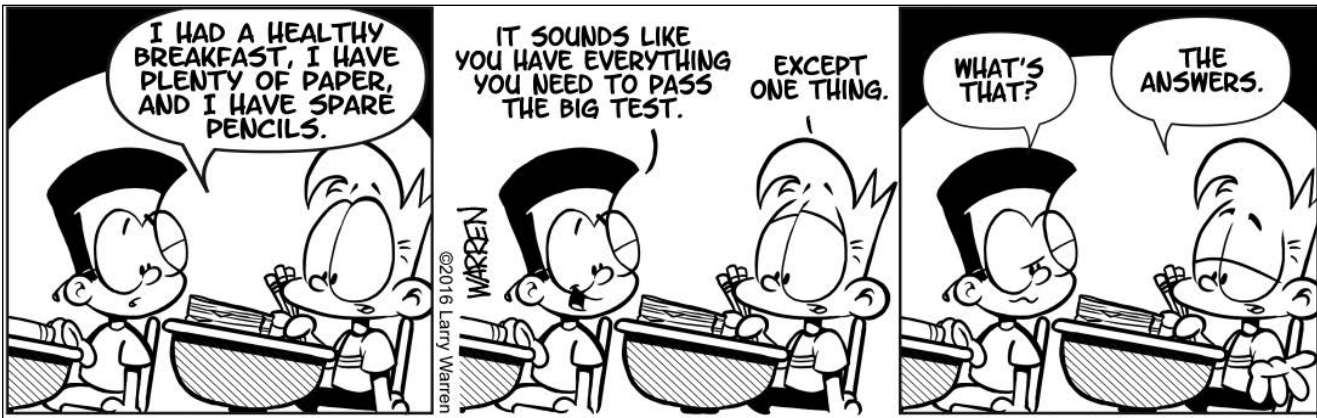
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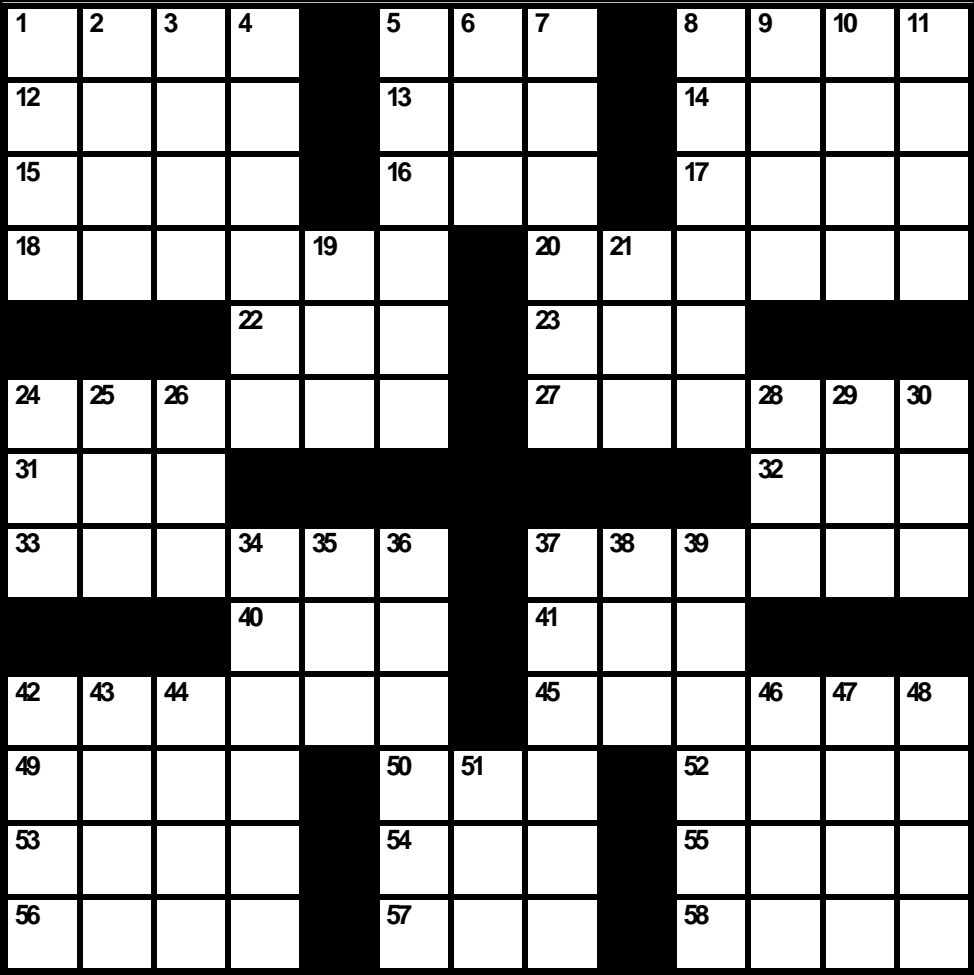
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Crossword Puzzle

#226



- Across**

1. Emerald city visitor

5. Sequence

8. Stay under the stars

12. Italian volcano

13. In the past

14. Claim

15. Money

16. Beer ingredient

17. Nozzle

18. Turkish port

20. Sleepy

22. Your and my

23. Saudi export

24. European capital

27. Polish seaport

31. Mr. Gershwin

32. Food fish of Japan
33. Fusion

37. Like some passageways

40. Small guitar

41. Neither's alternative

42. Spice

45. Stupidity

49. Bohr's study

50. Banking robot

52. Give a hoot

53. Leaf

54. Meadow, Brit.

55. Bollywood superstar actor, last name

56. Cousin of a herring

57. Snakelike fish

58. Temps
- Down**

1. Race divisions

2. Tabloid twosome

3. Nothing but

4. Sodium carbonate

5. Desert bigger than the US

6. Idea of oneself

7. Head honcho

8. Oil source

9. Acknowledge

10. Snafu

11. Victim

19. Whoopi Goldberg character

21. Unburdened

24. Animation

25. Dander

26. Listening device

28. Max.

29. Postal abbr.

30. "Here's lookin' at you, ____."

34. Sticky

35. Get by

36. Entertain

37. 20 Questions category

38. Curtain holder

39. Painful muscle spasms

42. Forty winks

43. Park City locale

44. Loose garment

46. Hawaiian island

47. King is one

48. Passions

51. Golf drive location

Trivia Challenge

Pop Culture Trivia Questions #69

- 1.) An enormous success for Pat Boone, topping the Billboard Hot 100 chart for ten consecutive weeks, what song won the Grammy for "Song of the Year" in 1977?

a. Yesterday Once More

b. You Needed Me

c. You Light Up My Life

d. Torn between Two Lovers
- 2.) Created by Gene Roddenberry and running for three seasons, how many episodes were there in the original Star Trek series?

a. 45

b. 55

c. 65

d. 75
- 3.) Which of the following weapons is not found in the original game of Clue?

a. Candlestick

b. Rifle

c. Rope

d. Knife
- 4.) What 1972 landmark film, that tells the story of an ill-fated canoe trip, was based on a James Dickey novel?

a. Southern Comfort

b. Wild River

c. Into The Wild

d. Deliverance
- 5.) I was the first pitcher to pitch a perfect nine inning baseball game outing 27 batters in a row. Who am I?

a. Lefty Grove

b. John Lee Richmond

c. Tom Seaver

d. Sandy Koufax
- 6.) With songs like "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever," what band recorded the soundtrack to the popular 1977 movie "Saturday Night Fever"?

a. KC and the Sunshine Band

b. ABBA

c. The Beach Boys

d. The Bee Gees
- 7.) What planet gave birth to the fictional superhero "Superman"?

a. Korugar

b. Rojira

c. Krypton

d. Maltus
- 8.) What fictional character from J. R. R. Tolkien lost his precious to a hobbit?

a. Bregor

b. Balrog

c. Shadowfax

d. Gollum
- 9.) Irish author Bram Stoker is best-known for creating which infamous character?

a. The Mummy

b. Dracula

c. Frankenstein Monster

d. The Wolf Man
- 10.) Making his appearance in 1968, thirteen years after the comic strip itself, what is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?

a. Tramp

b. Snoopy

c. Gnasher

d. Droopy
- 11.) What was the name of the Tate's sharp-witted butler in the classic comedy TV series "Soap"?

a. Edmund Blackadder

b. Angus Hudson

c. Benson DuBois

d. Geoffrey Butler
- 12.) Released on the album Help! in 1965, which Beatles' hit song is the most covered by other artists?

a. Yesterday

b. Love Me Do

c. Hey Jude

d. Something
- 13.) Starring Adam West and Burt Ward, what 1960s TV series featured the Joker, the Penguin and the Riddler?

a. Spider-man

b. Batman

c. The Incredible Hulk

d. Captain America
- 14.) In what 1960 horror thriller film do we see Marion Crane stabbed to death at the Bate's Motel?

a. Psycho

b. Marnie

c. Topaz

d. Homicidal

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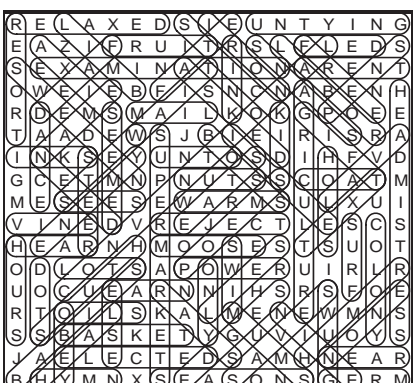
- 1.) You Light Up My Life - You Light Up My Life was originally recorded by Kasey Cisyk in 1977.
- 2.) 75 - Star Trek ran from September 8, 1966 to June 3, 1969.
- 3.) Rifle - The English country house featured on Clue's game board is called Tudor Mansion.
- 4.) Deliverance - Most of the stunts in the movie were done by the actors themselves.
- 5.) John Lee Richmond - Richmond played MLB from 1879 to 1886.
- 6.) The Bee Gees - The Saturday Night Fever soundtrack is one of the best-selling soundtracks of all time.
- 7.) Krypton - Superman made his debut in Action Comics #1 in June of 1938.
- 8.) Gollum - Precious, a magical ring,

- extended Gollum's life far beyond natural limits.
- 9.) Dracula - Published in 1897, Dracula was not a bestseller upon its release and did not make much money for Stoker who died poor.
- 10.) Gnasher - The G on the beginning of Gnasher is not pronounced.
- 11.) Benson DuBois - Soap originally aired from September 13, 1977 to April 20, 1981.
- 12.) Yesterday - McCartney is the only member of the Beatles to appear on the original recording.
- 13.) Batman - Batman ran for three seasons from January 1966 to March 1968.
- 14.) Psycho - Based on a 1959 novel of the same name by Robert Bloch, Janet Leigh played the role of Marion Crane.

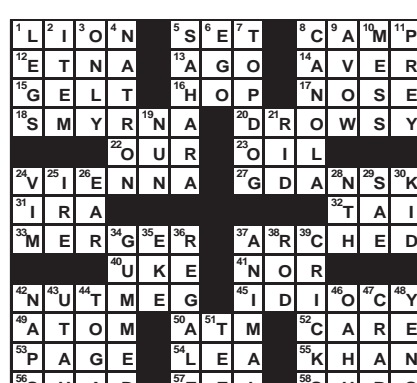
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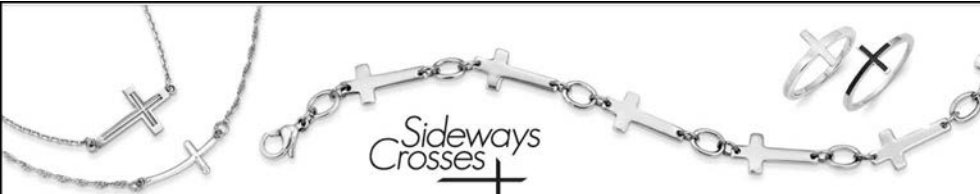


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