

“I Am Still Running the Department” – Sheriff

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Sheriff Charles Cox said he continues to make department decisions while recovering at home from complications from previous surgery and preparing for more surgery this week.

lowing hip replacement surgery that was scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, and an estimated eight weeks of recovery and rehabilitation.

He has been out of the office extensively in recent months and has been in a wheelchair awaiting the most recent

Duchak and other department administrators go to his home to discuss department business and have him sign documents as needed, Duchak said.

“I am still running the department. I have officers assigned to assist me, but they still answer to me,” Cox said in a

His comments came a day after he county commissioners said they wanted a face to face meeting with him as they discuss options for county jail space including one that would cost an estimated \$250,000 to open a third pod at the county Incarceration Facility.

By law, commissioners don’t have any say over how the sheriff runs his office, but they control the budget.

The last any of the three commissioners saw the sheriff was in early August, when Commissioner Richard Cultice met with him about jail issues.

“I think it’s important that we talk to the sheriff, who I understand has been in a couple of times since December,” Commissioner John “Bud” O’Brien said March 17. “Any time an elected official’s office asks for a quarter of a million dollars, I’d like to see the elected official.”

Commissioner Richard Cultice asked Duchak, who made the

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Rum River Blend Flows Through Fans’ Hearts

By Mike Woody

It’s appropriate that Linda Tatarian is the central life stream of Rum River Blend, as the band is named after the Rum River, which runs through her hometown in Minnesota. Her dreams of being a musician were born while growing up in Milaca, MN and are repre-

Earl Scruggs on the radio while milking cows and watching Hee-Haw on television. I knew then than I wanted to play the banjo,” she said.

For a time Tatarian lived in Canada and then California, where she played in a few different bands and also met her husband, Chris. Chris was more accustomed



sented through the mix of traditional bluegrass, folk, Gospel and children songs played by the Troy based band. A favorite of the locals, Rum River Blend has developed a fan base that stretches all across the Miami Valley and beyond.

Tatarian is not only the lead vocalist, but also plays her prized banjo. “I grew up listening to

to classical music, but quickly learned Tatarian’s genre of choice and the duo performed throughout California. They first formed Rum River Blend together in 1989, and have been together with all its current members for 13 years.

The opportunity to name the band was the

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Sheriff’s Records Clerk Investigation Continues

By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County Sheriff’s Office records clerk served a three-day suspension earlier this month for allegedly violating department policies.

Sheriff Charles Cox ordered the suspension of Rene Ingle following an internal investigation.

Ingle was placed on paid administrative leave Dec. 29 and returned to work earlier this month. The results of the internal investigation were released March 18 by the sheriff’s office in response to public records requests.

Cox, in a letter to Ingle dated March 6, said she violated department policy by failing to report important information to supervisors and knowingly releasing proprietary information from the sheriff’s office.

A findings of fact report by hearing officer Aaron Weare of Clemans Nelson management consultants stated the alleged violations centered on sheriff’s deeds she was asked to notarize in early November.

She questioned the signature of Cox, but did not report her concerns to her supervisors or to the county prosecutor, Weare said. She also was accused of violating policy for taking “proprietary information” to

a private attorney.

“Ms. Ingle claimed to be concerned with the legitimacy of the sheriff’s signature on the deeds,” Weare wrote. “Ms. Ingle’s concern indicated that she thought a potential crime had been committed regarding a potential forgery of the sheriff’s signature, and Ms. Ingle did not report such an issue to anyone within the sheriff’s office.”

Weare found Ingle violated policies in those instances but said evidence did not support a third allegation of dishonesty during investigative interviews.

Ingle could have avoided violating both policies, Weare wrote, by taking her concerns about possible illegal activity to a supervisor or the county prosecutor.

Mark Volcheck of the Ohio Police Benevolent Association represented Ingle at the hearing. Weare noted in the report that Volcheck questioned how the notary system in the department was being operated. Volcheck failed to return a phone call.

Cox wrote in his letter that, “All employees of the Miami County Sheriff’s Office must maintain the trust, faith and confidence of the public, superior ranked personnel and/or fellow members of the department.”

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WACO Aerobotics Wins State Title

WACO Aerobotics is a FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology) Tech Challenge robotic team that is sponsored by WACO Learning Center.

This robotics team is comprised of twelve local students: Jaren and Miraya Hinten (home schooled), Matt and Erick Detweiler (home schooled), Shelby Dennhardt (home schooled), Blaise Bouschard (home schooled), Trent Church (Miami East), Jared Hacker (home schooled), Nicolas Rizkallah(Troy HS), Nikos Kladitis (Troy Christian), Nathanael Rice (home schooled), and Andrew Newcomer (Troy Christian). Tate Church volunteers his time as a college mentor. Coach Rich Hinten is assisted by Phil Detweiler and Jeff Newcomer, as well as Amy Rice

as team mom. FTC is a robotics competition for high school students based on a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building and programming their robots to compete as alliances against other teams.

The tournaments begin in January with 4,450 teams worldwide and 44,500 7th-12th grade students comprising those teams. The WACO AEROBOTICS have been meeting at least 2 nights a week for the past seven months. This year’s FTC challenge was released worldwide on September 6th, 2014 and the team promptly got started designing their robot for the season. .

The team’s first regional qualifying event was in Springboro on January 18th and a second qualifier in Cin-

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Troy Grad’s Family On Hand as Jack Nicklaus Receives Congressional Award

By Nancy Bowman

When golf legend Jack Nicklaus received the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington on Tuesday, a young lady with Troy ties was on hand.



Addie McGarry, 8, received an invitation from Congressman John Boehner to attend the ceremony after her parents were notified by Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus that Nicklaus

ens and granddaughter of Jim and Linda McGarry of Troy.

Addie is no stranger to Nationwide Children’s Hospital or Nicklaus and his wife, Barbara.

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BRIEFS

Tuesday, March 17

7:53 p.m. – Traffic stop on Rt. 202 near Rt. 41. The driver was cited for OVI and

11:32 p.m. – Traffic stop on 25A at Stone Circle Dr. The driver was cited for no plate light and for driving under suspension. He and the vehicle were released to a valid driver.

Board of elections OKs pay increase
The Miami County Board of Elections approved a pay increase for staff during its March 19 meeting.
Elections Director Drew Higgins notified the board of the county commission's recent vote to put 2 percent increases in all department wage accounts for distribution to employees. The raises can be effective no sooner than Dec. 20, 2014.

Cox said there have been times during his illness that he was “not in very good shape” and his wife would not allow him to be disturbed. “I don’t apologize for taking care of my health first,” he said.

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1427 FLEET RD	3/5	FULLENKAMP SHELLEY S	VOGEL ADAM	\$111,500.00
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1746 HUNTERS RIDGE DR	3/6	US BANK TRUST NA (TRUSTEE)	SCOTT CHRISTOPHER R & BRITTANY N	\$128,000.00
425 INDIANA AVE	3/9	DAVIS WESLEY E	ANDERSON LOIS E & ROBERT G	\$70,000.00
1120 BUNKER HILL RD	3/9	DIPPEL MICHAEL & SARAH	NEUMANN FRANZISKA	\$103,000.00
941 E MAIN ST	3/9	BILGER CAROLYN	CRICHTON CAROL	\$97,500.00
2341 W MURPHY LN	3/9	PAUL JACOB C	MCCOY BRIAN	\$123,100.00
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1023 FAIRFIELD RD	3/10	SPAYDE THOMAS C	SPAYDE PROPERTIES LLC	\$0.00
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1023 FAIRFIELD RD	3/10	SPAYDE PROPERTIES LLC	SPAYDE THOMAS C	\$0.00
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Hayner Center Wins Award

As part of the Ohio Museums Association's Awards Program, the Awards of Achievement honor deserving institutions and museum professionals that merit statewide recognition. The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center has won the 2014 OMA award for Institution of the Year in the Under \$1 Million budget category for the Hayner Mansion Centennial Celebration."

The presentation of awards will take place during the Annual Awards Ceremony, held in conjunction with the Ohio Museums Association's Asso-

of 2013. "We talked about what the Hayner Center means to the community, what information we wanted to share about its one hundred year history, and how we wanted to celebrate."

Educational pieces included a new brochure, a traveling exhibition, a series of articles, children's activity booklets and an historic exhibition at Hayner. The exhibition, "A Toast to Mrs. Hayner's House and Town," was a collaboration with the Troy Historical Society and included information about Troy's Bicentennial as well.

The celebration



ation's 2015 Annual Conference, March 29-31 in Cleveland, Ohio. The OMA Awards ceremony will be held Sunday, March 29, 2015 during the Annual Awards Dinner at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Conference information and registration is available online at www.ohiomuseums.org. The Awards Dinner is a single event for which tickets are available.

2014 was a banner year for Troy's famous landmark as the house reached its Centennial. "I hope we have thanked everyone enough," says Hayner Director, Linda Lee Jolly. "This was a model of community spirit and support. There were so many volunteers, organizations and businesses involved!"

Planning for the year-long celebration began with a steering committee that met for the first time during the summer

events included a Birthday Ball, Mrs. Hayner Birthday Teas, a film that featured Mrs. Hayner's granddaughter in a supporting role, the 5K Whiskey Run and Kid's Fun Run, a stage presentation of "Mrs. Hayner Goes to Europe" and a Roaring 20s Costume Affair. A community-wide Hayner Days Festival was held on August 9 with a carousel, a car show, three stages for music and a wide variety of activities throughout the day. In the evening a concert was held on West Main Street with The Tom Daugherty Orchestra, followed by a Light Spectacular show on the Hayner facade.

"It was an incredible experience and certainly a highlight of my career," says Jolly. "I am proud of the Troy community and the way they support and use the Hayner. The award is an honor for us all."

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Obituaries

Mildred Williamson

Mildred Williamson went to her Heavenly Home, March 18, 2015 at the age of 106 years, 361 days. She is survived by her son, Gerry and daughter-in-law, Penny Williamson. Also, her precious grandchildren Karen Foster, Linda Bundy, Mark Bundy, Jody Dodd, Kate Williamson, Jim Williamson, Tom Williamson, Susie Anderson, Andrea Anderson, John Williamson, Peggy Burks, Mel Beckner and Angie Hiegel, 23 great grandchildren, 38 great great grandchildren and one great, great, great grandchild. Her youngest sister Fay Tyler also survives and nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Ivin and Maude (Brown) Hart, husband Kenneth, Sisters Ada Folck and Miriam Dohner, brother Charles "Bud" Hart, her daughter and son-in-law, Marietta and Paul Bundy and son and daughter-in-law Kenny "KW" and Peach. Also, grandson, Joe Williamson and great great grandson Thomas Williamson.

Family was important to Mildred. She delighted in telling ones about get-togethers with her family. She found it special that her niece Joy Caden and great great granddaughter Brandi shared her birth date. Living nearly 107

years Mildred had many life experiences. She worked on their farm and had numerous jobs "in town", most involved caring for people. She enjoyed reminiscing about Miami Co. history and was passionate about cooking and gardening (vegetables and flowers). As a resident of Koester Pavilion she made many friends and loved playing BINGO and attending musical performances. Mildred was a favorite diner at K's Hamburgers and celebrated her birthday at K's for many years. Her friend Steve Baker, WHIO TV, documented some of those celebrations.

Her family is grateful for the care that she received by the staff at Koester Pavilion and from Hospice of Miami County.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Chaplain Ed Ellis, Hospice of Miami County, officiating. Burial at Casstown Cemetery will follow. Friend may call from 2-4 PM on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be made to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Maude Alice Baker

Maude Alice Baker, age 82, of Troy, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She was born in Hazard, KY on September 20, 1932 to the late Brack and Dora (Wadkins) Brewer. Her husband of 58 years, Everett G. Baker, survives.

In addition to her husband, Maude is survived by five daughters and sons-in-law: Dora and Brent Rutledge of Troy, Diane (Fiance Wayne Maxwell) Posey of Dayton, Teresa Lantis of Troy, Alice and Nick Gwin of Troy and Brenda and Greg Stewart of Troy; ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was pre-

ceded in death by three brothers, four sisters and one great granddaughter.

Maude retired from A O Smith in 1992.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Lauren Allen as officiant. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Friends may call from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Monday at Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Janet F. Mumford

Janet F. Mumford, age 74 of Troy passed away at 3:30 A.M. on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at Genesis Healthcare, Troy. She was born September 15, 1940 in Bradford, Ohio to the late Harold



and Lucy E. (Hacker) O'Dell. She married her beloved husband Monte K. Mumford on June 6, 1980 and he survives. She is also survived by sister Lillian Shultz of Tipp City, 4 nieces Jackie and Tom Call of West Milton, Rebecca and

John Caplinger of West Milton, Kathy Waymire of Tipp City and Debbie Shultz of Tipp City. She was also preceded in death nephew John Shultz. Janet was a 1959 graduate of Milton-Union High School, retired from Hobart Brothers, Troy after 28 years of service as a supervisor of Mailing and Filing. She was also a member of the West Milton United Church of Christ and Amvets Auxillary 88 of Troy. Graveside service will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at Riverside Cemetery, Troy with Pastor Dale Christian officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Helfrich Featured at YWCA Annual Meeting Luncheon

The 96th annual meeting/monthly luncheon of the YWCA will be held Wednesday, April 8. Featured program for the event will be "Simply Joseph" for an 11 a.m. program which is free and open to the public. A noon luncheon (\$6/person) will follow.

Joseph Helfrich, known simply as "Joseph" is a folk singer, multi-instrumentalist and storyteller who has been performing for over 25 years. Joseph specializes in vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin, recorders and the mountain dulcimer. His programs include a wide variety of musical styles as well as a

healthy dose of humor.

"We are excited to have Joseph here for our annual meeting program," said Leesa Baker, YWCA Executive Director. "He will be very entertaining and a great way to celebrate 96 years for the YWCA."

The program will be followed by lunch and the annual meeting. Reports will be given by committees and volunteers will be honored.

A UVMC nurse will be available from 10:15-11 a.m. for free blood pressure and glucose screenings.

Reservations for the program and luncheon must be made by Monday, April 6. For more information, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

Chamber To Host State of City

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the City on Monday, March 30th. The event will be held at the Concord Room, 845 West Market Street from noon to 1 pm. Registration for the event will begin at 11:45 am.

In this annual address, Mayor Beamish will touch upon the municipal achievements of 2014 and talk about current and future City issues and projects.

Mayor Beamish was first elected to the position of Mayor in November of 2003, took office

on January 1, 2004, and is currently serving his third term of office. Beamish announced in December that he would be seeking re-election for a fourth term in 2015.

Registration and networking begin at 11:45am, with the program and lunch beginning at noon. To make a reservation, call the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce or register at www.troyohiochamber.com though the events calendar. RSVP by Noon on Wednesday, March 25th, 2015. The cost is \$20.

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Downtown Farmers Market To Return

Spring is truly on its way and planning for the 2015 Downtown Troy Farmers Market is well underway. Troy Main Street, Inc. is pleased to announce the return of its successful summer market for a fifth season. The market will begin on Saturday, June 13th and run through September 19th, 2015 on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to noon.

Kelly Snyder is taking the helm as the new market manager for 2015. Kelly was attracted to the position of Market Manager due to the vibrancy and energy that is generated every Saturday morning during market hours. "I'm so thrilled to have many of our most popular vendors returning! And the inquiries from new vendors have been outstanding. I think the community is going to be thrilled with some of the new vendors and the variety they will bring to our market. Saturday mornings downtown have become a real community meeting hub, not just a marketplace."

The Downtown Troy Farmers Market is currently accepting vendor applications and anticipates a packed venue. Troy Main Street director Katherine Hayes states, "The Downtown Farmers Market is just another way to showcase all of the

amazing local vendors and promote shopping locally in our community. The market is all about connecting people with local, seasonable food options. As more people come down for the market on Saturdays, they are also taking advantage of the great shopping and dining opportunities in the downtown businesses."

The market features fresh local produce, breads, artisan cheeses, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, locally-raised meat, artists' booths, live music, other entertainment, and much more. The location on S. Cherry St, just off W. Main Street, is convenient for shoppers with adjacent parking. Vendors are treated to plenty of shade and can sell from their vehicles, making it both convenient and comfortable.

For more information on the market and how to become vendor, visit www.TroyMainStreet.org or call 937-339-5455. The Downtown Troy Farmers Market is made possible through a grant from the General Fund of the Troy Foundation and the support of Alvetro Orthodontics and Unity National Bank. The market is organized, managed, and promoted by Troy Main Street, Inc.

Dayton Youth Orchestra To Hold Auditions

Calling all student musicians! On April 18, May 2, May 3, May 6, and May 7, at the University of Dayton's Music Department, the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings, and Dayton Philharmonic Junior Strings will hold auditions for the 2015-2016 season. To schedule an audition time, applicants must call the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance at (937) 224-3521 ext. 1136 or ext. 1118.

"Each year, our Youth Orchestras offer talented young musicians the opportunity to perform fine orchestral literature and further develop their musical talents," said Gloria Pugh, Director of Education for the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance. "Working with professional musicians, the culmination will be three concert performances by the Youth Orchestra, two concerts by the Youth Strings, and one concert by the

Junior Strings."

The Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is one of the oldest youth orchestras in the country, beginning its astounding 78th season this year. The upcoming 2015-2016 season marks the 33rd year for the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings. The Dayton Philharmonic Junior Strings program is still in its early stages as it begins its second season this fall.

To see a performance of these talented young musicians and learn a little more about the youth orchestra experience with Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, come see the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra's Spring Concert on Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m. in the Schuster Center.

For more information on auditions for these three outstanding youth orchestras, download a web brochure at <http://www.daytonperformingarts.org>.

TLC Blessed with Growth

A scant 17 months after moving into their new building, True Life Community Church is now expanding to two Sunday services.

"If you're creating room, then you're creating vision," said lead Pastor Chris Daum. "That's what this whole thing is about - encountering God and experiencing growth."



Pastor Chris Daum delivers the message at TLC

Daum said that two services will let the community know that TLC is ready to receive any and everybody.

"We want to make as much space as we can for our community," said Daum. "We want to be able to love them and connect with them as quickly as we can."

The church purchased the old Sherwood Bowling Lanes, remodeled it and conducted their first services in November, 2013. Most of the remodeling work was done by church members.

"Our people want to develop a servant's heart, and this is one way to do it," he said. "More people will be serving and more people will be able to take in the worship, too."

TLC is only four years

old. Daum took over as pastor when the church was located on Lincoln Ave. "We lost our lease on Lincoln Ave. and moved to the Motel 6," said Daum. "We had planned on being at Motel 6 for a few weeks, and were there for two years."

"I believe that our church is a church of vision," he said. "You don't wait until you 'have to.'"

You take the vision and follow it through."

The church has acquired more adjacent land anticipating future physical growth. "We have enough property that we can double the size of our facility," said Daum. We want to move into Sports Ministry and we would love to build a Family Life Center with a gymnasium so we can give back to the community."

Daum said that many believe that their side of Troy is dying. "We say, 'No, it's alive and well and we want to be the first catalyst to bring life back to this community.'"

The church is located at 56 Foss Way, and Sunday services are now at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Riverside Board Meets

Board members for Riverside Developmental Disabilities, Miami County's local board of developmental disabilities, met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside.

Superintendent Brian Green presented updates from the state level on the following topics: the phase out of independent providers of services to people with developmental disabilities that has been proposed for the upcoming biennial state budget; the phase out of tangible personal property tax (TPPT) that the Ohio Association of County Boards is lobby-

ing to keep; and updates on conflict-free case management directives coming from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Board approved the resolutions recommended by the Superintendent and Personnel & Finance Committee to establish a Merit Recognition Program for all employees. The Board also heard updates on Riverside's 2015 Strategic Plan, which included progress on building relationships with local healthcare providers to partner in expanding local autism diagnosis capabilities. In addition, two members of the People First self-advocacy group attended the Board Meeting as guests to learn more about the decision-making process for the agency.

Troy Rotary Names Speech Contest Winners

The Four-Way Test of Rotary International was the theme for the annual speech contest hosted by Troy Rotary Club on March 5 at Troy Hayner Cultural Center. Open to students at Troy High School, Troy Christian High School, Miami East High School and homeschooled students, the event requires each contestant to memorize a four-to-six minute speech that addresses the questions of the Four-Way Test: (1) Is it the truth; (2) Is it fair to all concerned; (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships; and (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

virtues of hard work and the Four-Way Test. She was awarded \$150. Both orators delivered their speeches to Rotarians during their weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at the Troy Country Club. They are shown here with the chair of the contest, John Haller.

Stevens has the opportunity to compete at the District 6670 contest on Sunday, March 22 at Wright State University for \$400 in prize money. Members of Troy Rotary wish him all the best as he delivers his inspiring speech. Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support sev-



This year's top prize was awarded to Nathan Stevens, a senior at Troy Christian High School. His speech focused on situational ethics and the Four-Way Test. Stevens won \$250 from Troy Rotary. Second place was awarded to fellow Troy Christian High School senior Kimmy Wideman with her speech on the

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

Nicklaus Award

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The girl was born three months prematurely at Nationwide Children's Hospital, weighing in at 2 pounds, 10 ounces. She was a patient in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as doctors worked to help her overcome medical challenges with breathing, her eyes and other functions.

She later was a poster child for the March of Dimes and in 2013 was selected by Jack and Barbara Nicklaus to receive the Nicklaus Youth Spirit Award at the Legends Luncheon at the annual Memorial Tournament in Dublin.

The selection, her mother Jan said, came after she submitted Addie's story to see if she would be selected as a patient champion for the annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon.

Jan McGarry ran in the marathon for the first time the previous year. She thought the race was "a perfect fit because of Addie's history with the hospital."

Jan McGarry raised funds and ran in honor of her daughter.

"It was an amazing experience and so unbelievably inspiring because there were 'patient champions' at every mile," she said. The champions were patients and families who had overcome the odds thanks to the assistance of the hospital.

Addie was proposed as a patient champion, and

was selected. She not only got to help inspire many of runners, giving high fives to hundreds as they ran by, but also was on hand to see her dad run his first half marathon.

A few months later, the McGarrys received a call about Addie's selection for the Youth Spirit Award.

"We are so excited for this once in a lifetime event for Addie," Jan McGarry said.

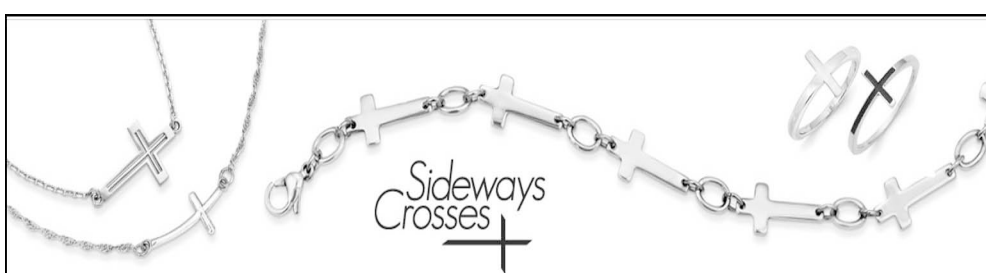
Linda McGarry said her granddaughter was "a feisty little girl from the start and has thrived."

She said as grandparents, she and husband, Jim, couldn't be happier for Addie. "She has had a lot of wonderful things happen," Linda McGarry said. "For us as grandparents, we think she is a very special child. We are just excited for her."

Addie today is a second grader at Morrison-Gordon Elementary School in Athens. She enjoys Irish dancing, basketball, Girl Scouts and 4-H. She is an animal lover and although at one time wanted to be a paleontologist she is thinking she'd like to be a herpetologist and study reptiles around the world.

Her mother is school teacher in Athens and her dad works for the Athens County Health Department.

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Incarceration Facility May Expand

By Nancy Bowman

A recent vote by Miami County correction officers to work 12-hour shifts would make opening a third pod at the Incarceration Facility more feasible although the estimated cost is around \$250,000, the county commissioners heard March 17.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dave Duchak and Sgt. Mike Marion met with the commission to discuss the population of the county jail in downtown Troy and the Incarceration Facility on County Road 25A between Troy and Piqua and possible solutions to a growing number of inmates.

The correction officers voted to make 12-hour shifts permanent after a test period that began in January.

The county since August has been housing up to 15 female inmates a day at the Shelby County Jail under a contract signed because of growing numbers of female inmates. The cost per day is \$55 per inmate.

The growth in population was blamed in early 2014 on more females jailed on heroin and other drug related offenses including probation violations.

The cost to the county for that housing from mid-August through February was \$101,825. Duchak said the average in Shelby County is eight to 12 a day. Projected for a total year, the housing bill would be around \$300,000, according to figures provided commissioners by Duchak and Marion.

After hearing estimated costs for opening a third Incarceration Facility pod to house female inmates, including hiring four additional correction officers, the commissioners asked for more details on costs such as utilities and what is being spent to take inmates to Sidney.

Duchak suggested they also talk with the Municipal Court probation office and judges because many of the female inmates sent to the jail come from that court.

The Incarceration Facility now has two of four 60-inmate pods open.

Both are used to house male offenders. To house females in the facility, the staff would need to ensure there is no interaction between male and female inmates.

Marion said that requires separation by sight, sound and touch. When the facility previously housed females, separation was accomplished by using blinds on doors. Inmates are fed in the pods, cutting down on movement throughout the facility.

The Incarceration Facility opened originally

in 1999 but was closed for about three years beginning in 2010.

The estimated full-year cost for opening a third pod includes: four additional correction officers with starting pay and benefits, \$233,757; an additional sergeant rank, \$3,952; and an additional lieutenant rank, \$8,299. Other costs would include uniforms and equipment for the correction officers, \$3,200; academy training for the correction officers, \$1,800; and two new computers/monitors for the pod, \$2,800.

The estimated added personnel cost for a partial year operation if the third pod opened in May was listed at \$164,000 plus the cost for food and medical expenses.

Each pods holds 60 inmates. The county had 39 females inmates housed in the downtown Troy jail or Shelby County on the day of the meeting.

The commissioners asked if there was any likelihood the county could rent some of the female beds to other counties. After checking with the federal marshal's office, Duchak said, "I wouldn't count on any."

The vast majority of females jailed in Miami County would be housed at the Incarceration Facility, which is minimum security. If a female were arrested for a serious felony such as murder, the county would look at working with another county to house the female, possibly in a trade for use of an Incarceration Facility bed for that county, he said.

Duchak said the goal for opening a third pod would be July if hiring was approved.

Commissioner Richard Cultice said a quick look at numbers indicated 12-14 females in Shelby County a day would be needed to justify opening a third pod. "Obviously, we need to look closer at the numbers," he said.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien agreed. "I think we have a good starting point here," he said, asking Duchak to get back with the commission regarding answers to questions asked during the discussion.

During the discussion, O'Brien said the commission would like to meet with Sheriff Charles Cox because of the amount of money that would be needed to open the third pod. Cox has been out of the office extensively because of surgery and complications from surgery. He was scheduled for hip surgery this week.

Cox said last week he'd be willing to meet with the commissioners following his surgery and recovery, which he was told would take about eight weeks.

Concord Township Trustees Review 10-year Revenue Loss

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Don Pence, Trustee, reported that he had conducted an analysis of the last ten years of revenue. The amount of revenue the township currently receives is substantially lower than it was ten years ago. The primary losses have occurred because of changes made by the state to the estate tax laws, local government funds, and interest income. In 2005, the township had an income of \$305,231. For 2014, that income had dropped to \$121,973. In addition, the road and bridge revenue dropped from \$170,604 in 2005 to \$149,108 in 2014. According to Pence during the same timeframe, the state balanced their budget and increased revenues by \$800 million. The state did distribute \$10 million to the townships. Five million was distributed to the townships evenly and the rest was distributed based on mileage. Since there are 1309 townships in Ohio, the impact on the budget was minimal. The five million dollar allocation gives each township about \$3800. In addition, during this time, the state's rainy day fund reached its maximum and the state has had an increase in funds of \$800 million.

Bill Whidden said, "Since the state is now in a good financial position, it is time to restore to the townships the revenues that were taken to balance the state budget. The townships need to contact their state senators and representative to make their case that the revenues need to be restored."

The trustees passed a resolution supporting the restoration of the revenues to the townships and will contact their state officers.

In other old business, the Lakeshore/Beechwood/Lakewood residents have the paperwork ready to present their case to the Miami County Engineering Department to upgrade the drainage in the area. There is still some discussion as to who and how many residents are affected and assessed for any upgrades. They believe that 700 residents are affected; however, they need these statistics to file the petition. According to Tom Mercer, Trustee, "Dan Baker, County Engineer, has done a fantastic job guiding the residents through the

process and working with all parties involved to make the change."

In new business, Whidden proposed a resolution to pay all vendors by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The initial proposal was for only those vendors the township pays monthly. However, Whidden pointed out, "It will reduce the township costs and ensure that all payments are made in a timely fashion." The trustees approved the resolution.

The trustees also passed a resolution to discontinue use of township-owned cell phones. Currently the road crew uses phones owned by the township; however, they usually forward those calls to their personal cell phones. The trustees agreed to setup a reimbursement plan at the rate of \$50 per month for the road crew to use their personal phones. Mercer requested that the crew provide the front page of their bills as documentation for the reimbursement.

Whidden reported for Neil Rhoades, Road Superintendent, who was attending a Storm Water II Meeting, that the road crew has been busy filling potholes and cleaning catch basins. In addition, Whidden announced that there is a county sponsored tire recycling event scheduled for April 16, 2015 at the Solid Waste and Recycling Plant on 25A. Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer, agreed to send an email notice to residents about the event.

In other new business, Pence reported that The Miami County Board of Elections requested to use the Township Building as a Polling Location on May 5 and November 3, 2015. The trustees agreed; however, since Quillen and Whidden are up for reelection, the trustees may reschedule the regular township meeting to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

In addition, Pence received a call from Baird Funeral home requesting the township pay for an indigent resident who was killed on a Concord Township Road. The trustees approved an \$800 payment to Baird for the cremation and the scattering of the indigent's ashes in Thomas Cemetery.

The next regular meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Concord Township Building.

Commissioners Discuss Rezoning, Eldean Bridge & Annexation

By Nancy Bowman

Petitions seeking a referendum on the Miami County commissioners' vote to rezone 50 acres off Monroe-Concord Road in Concord Twp. from agricultural to single-family residential were filed last week.

The petitions targeting the 18th vote on the Trafalgar property rezoning were filed with the commissioners' office.

The commissioners voted without comment March 19 to send the petitions to the county Board of Elections. The elections staff will review petition signatures to determine if there are enough valid signatures to place the referendum before township voters for the 18th time. The vote would be in November.

The rezoning has been filed, approved and challenged in referendums since 1995.

In other business the commissioners agreed March 19 to set aside \$148,998 as the county's 5 percent share for the replacement of the Eldean Road bridge over the Great Miami River north of Troy.

The project total cost is estimated at \$3.4 million, with 90 percent to be paid using federal money.

County Engineer Paul Huelskamp said the project is an example of tax money coming back for local projects.

Commission President Jack Evans asked if the county's 5 percent share would be paid with money generated by the county bridge levy. The levy, first passed in the early 1950s, now is for 0.45 mills. The levy is before voters every five years.

Also on March 19,

the Staunton Township trustees and their fiscal officer told commissioners of their concerns about a proposed annexation of 34.469 acres from the township to the city of Troy.

Township Fiscal Officer Mike DeWeese said the trustees were not notified of the proposed annexation, filed recently with the county and the city of Troy.

Troy City Council earlier in the week approved a statement of municipal services that would be made available to the property once annexed along with other annexation-related approvals.

The township leaders think they "are being closed out of what is going on," DeWeese. Leigh Williams, the commission's clerk/administrator, said the annexation was filed properly with the county and has met all requirements.

The commissioners suggested the township officials talk with the county prosecutor's office about any options that might be available to the township. Chris Englert, an assistant county prosecutor attending the commission meeting, met briefly with the township officials following their discussion with the commissioners.

The commissioners also agreed March 17 to approve a contract with Dr. Christopher Grove to serve as deputy coroner, as requested by coroner Dr. William Ginn. Grove will cover coroner duties when Ginn is not available. He will be paid \$100 per day for the coverage, effective Feb. 7 and continuing until the agreement is terminated by one of the parties.

Boy Seriously Burned

By Nancy Bowman

An 8-year-old boy was in critical condition late Monday after being burned Sunday evening March 22 when he attempted to add gasoline to a recreational fire in Concord Township just south of Troy, Miami County Sheriff's deputies said.

Bryson Brock was injured in the incident at his home at 1730 S. County Road 25A around 6:50 p.m.

He was listed critical at Shriners' Hospital in Cincinnati after initially being taken to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Sgt. Todd Tennant wrote in his report that he was nearby when the call to 9-1-1 saying a child was on fire was received. Tennant said he found the child on the ground with a towel on him.

Two passersby waiting at the stop sign at Swailes Road and County Road 25A heard the gas can "pop" as it burst into flames and saw the boy in the yard engulfed in flames. They drove into the yard and yelled to him

to drop to the ground. The man took off his jacket, took the boy to the ground and used the jacket to smother the flames, Tennant wrote.

Bryson was talking to him as they waited for the Troy Fire Department ambulance, Tennant said. The boy told him he shouldn't have been playing with gas, according to the report.

CareFlight was called to transport Bryson, who received initial care from the Troy paramedics.

His brother, Rylan Brock, 7, was taken to Upper Valley Medical Center by ambulance for treatment of a burn on his leg, according to the report.

The boys' mother, Jaclyn Brock, told deputies she was outside with them for a recreational fire when she went to the front porch to get her daughter. During the time she was gone, the older boy attempted to add gasoline to the fire, Tennant wrote. The fumes ignited and traveled to the gas can, which was dropped on the ground and threw gasoline onto Bryson, he said.

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GWOC, MBC Honors Local Players

By Jim Dabbelt

Several members of the Troy Trojans earned all-conference honors as the Greater Western Ohio Conference selected their all-league players in boys and girls basketball, bowling and wrestling.

Despite a rough season, the boys basketball team placed Tre Hudson on the first-team GWOC North, joining Colton Bachman of Piqua, Aaron Balsbaugh and Clay Guillozet of Greenville, Storm Cook of Piqua, Andre Foster of Trotwood Madison and Cameron Gallimore of Sidney.

Austin Persinger and Romello Yaqub, both juniors for Troy, also were named to the Special Mention team, as voted on by the coaches.

On the girls' side, Troy junior Sierra Besecker earned a spot on the second-team GWOC North, alongside Abby Grooms of Butler, Chrissy Jewett and Nia Martin of Trotwood Madison, along with Tasha Potts of Piqua.

Named to the girls' Special Mention team were Troy junior Bailey Dornbusch and sophomore Bailey Hess.

Joe Pascale was the lone Troy wrestler honored to the first-team North at 106 pounds on a first team dominated by seven Sidney wrestlers. On the second-team, the Trojans placed six grapplers on the squad. They include 120 Shane Lee, 126 Kobe Scott, 132 Justin Mittelstadt, 152 Frankie Quintero, 170 Brandon Lee, and 220 Christian Nation.

Troy had another solid season on the lanes, as the boys placed several bowlers on the all-conference team. Freshman Aaron Stone earned a spot on the first-team after a solid season for the Trojans.

On the second team were sophomore Hayden Jackson and senior Corey Shiltz, while Jeff Man-

ning also earned a spot on the special mention squad.

It was a clean sweep for the Trojans girls' bowling team, as they took home both the bowler of the year (Jenna Stone) and the coach of the year (Rob Dever).

Also joining Stone on the first team was teammate Rachel Darrow.

On the second team for the Trojans was the trio of Allie Isner, Kirsten McMullen and A'leigha Smith, while Rachel Wagner was on the special mention team.

*The Troy Christian Eagles also had players honored for their success this past season in the Metro Buckeye Conference. After finishing 17-5 overall, including a second place finish in the league, the girls' basketball team placed two players on the all-league team.

Senior Lauren Peters was honored as a first-team player, as the future college soccer player was the lone Eagles player honored.

Landing on the second team was sophomore Hailey Peters, as she continues to progress as a player.

For the league champion boys team, Grant Zawadzki was not only named to the first team, but also named as the Player of the Year. Also on the first team was KC Kamentz and Corde Donald, while on the second team was Isiah Fairley.

Ferraro Takes Over Troy Christian Baseball

By Jim Dabbelt

After a very successful baseball coaching career at Wayne High School, Tony Ferraro will be taking over the baseball program at Troy Christian starting this spring, and the Hall of Fame coach knows that the expectations are high with the Eagles.

"I am very excited about taking over here," Ferraro said. "It is an exciting opportunity and they have great tradition at Troy Christian. I hope to build up the program to match the other schools here at Troy Christian."

Ferraro coached baseball and girls basketball for several years at Wayne, before stepping away from the baseball field in 2011. He continues to coach girls basketball, as he is the varsity coach at Brookville High School.

He said when Troy Christian athletic director Jeff Sakal hired him, Ferraro knew he was ready. He hopes to come to the program ready to have the kids learn and get better.

"The biggest key is to teach fundamentals," he said. "The key is to show steady improvement, and be a competitive baseball team."

As the new season begins next week, Ferraro has basics he wants to instill in the kids and have them ready for the season.

"I am excited with the work ethic of these men," he said. "They want to run them through drills, work on bat speed and

bunting, and I am proud of their progress."

"We play a competitive schedule and am excited about the venue we are going to be playing. I think we can be a force the second half of the year. Early on it could be difficult but I see growth and maturity."

Ferraro is excited about his pitching staff, which includes Cameron Davee, Jacob Williams, Peyton Forrer, Elijah Sims and Scott Douglass.

"They have stepped to the forefront and performed for us so far," Ferraro said. "One of the keys we believe in is location, plus we need to spot the ball and get ahead of the hitters. I believe that have made great strides and made definite progress."

Chase Hayden will handle the catching duties, while the middle infielders include Sims, Davee and Seth Douglass. Forrer and Scott Douglass will split time at third base when not pitching.

The Troy Christian outfield is led by Jacob Brown, Brandon Conley, Sam Kirkpatrick and Jacob Williams, and according to Ferraro, has a lot of speed and us starting to understand gaps and how to stay behind the baseball and throw to the proper bases.

"We have a number of young kids who can develop and hopefully will find a spot in the lineup," Ferraro said.

Ferraro's debut with the Eagles will be March 31 at 5 p.m. at home with Fairlawn.

THS Bowling Teams Honor Players

The Troy High School Bowling Teams held their award ceremony last Thursday.

Their awards were not presented with the rest of the teams because their season had not ended.



(Left to Right) Aaron Stone, First Team North Division; Corey Shiltz and Hayden Jackson, Second Team North Division; Landon Flory, Scholar Athlete; and Jeff Manning, Special Metion, North Divison. Jackson was also recognized as a scholar athlete.



Front Row (L to R) Sierra Brown, Scholar Athlete; Jenna Vent, Scholar Athlete; Rachel Darrow, First Team North Division; and Rachel Wagner, Special Mention North Divisionm, Scholar Athlete and GWOC Academic Achievement Award. Back Row (L to R) A'Leigha Smith, 2nd Team North Division and Scholar Athlete; Jenna Stone, First Team North Division; Kristen McMullen, 2nd Team North Division and Scholar Athlete; Allyson Isner, 2nd Team North Division, Scholar Athlete and GWOC Academic Achievement Award; and Jennica Funderburg, Scholar Athlete. Not pictured - Emily Brinkman, Scholar Athlete

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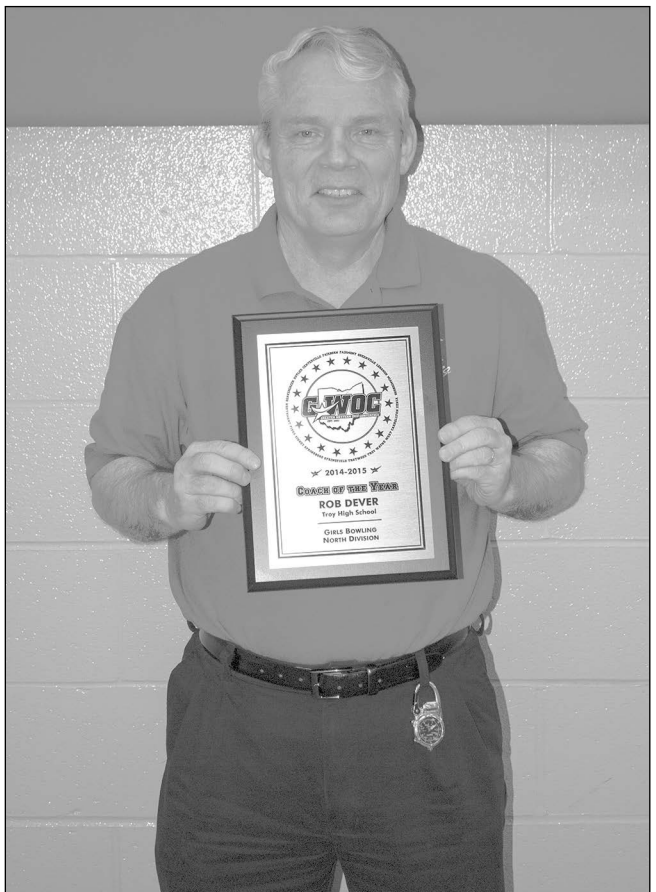
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Jenna Stone, North Division Athlete of the Year



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Gardening Commentary



Winter Damage

Now that spring is here and we are out in our yards it doesn't take long to notice that there can be some damage to plants in our landscapes. This damage, caused by the winter weather, can be found on a number of evergreen shrubs. Plants like Holly, evergreen Viburnum, Euonymus, Alberta Spruce and Rhododendrons are showing brown foliage in some yards from the record cold temperatures and winds that we experienced in February. The big question is, how severe is this damage to the long term health of the plants and is there anything we should be doing about it now?

The best thing we can do now is to just wait, since this is most likely a temporary situation and completely normal, for some plants, when we have severe winter weather. Most of this "winter burn" is from the strong sun and wind we had when it was so cold in February. What happens in the plants is that the leaves continue to release small amounts of moisture when the plant system is frozen. When this condition exists the plants are unable to bring up fluids, quick enough, to the tissue (leaves) that are losing moisture. The parts of the plants that loose excessive amounts of moisture are damaged and the result is brown foliage. All we can do right now is to sit tight, and wait to see what happens when new growth begins to immerge. If we leave the plants alone, new growth will normally cover over the damaged areas and the



Holly winter damage

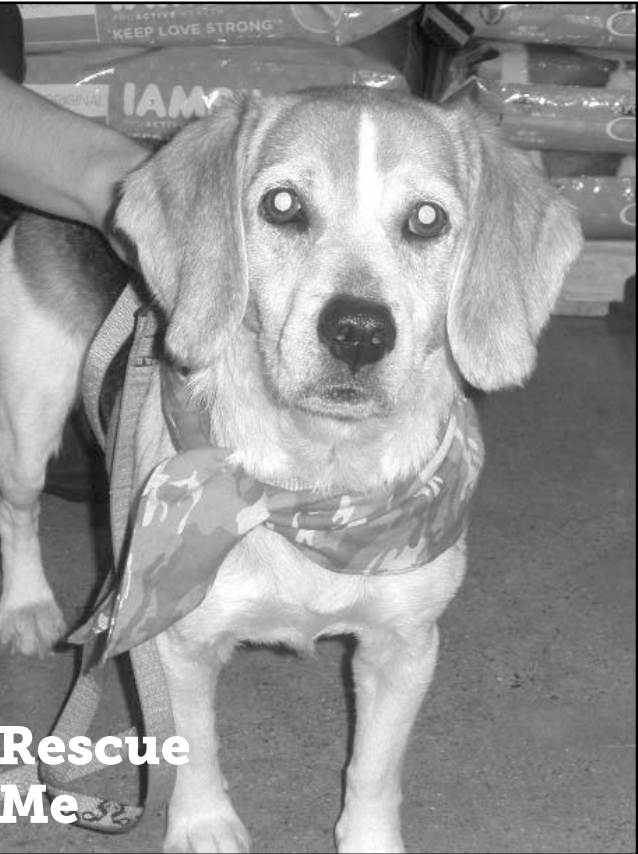
brown leaves will fall off later in the season. If the plants that you see with the brown leaves or needles were planted within the last year they are probably under some kind of warranty. A common mistake is to dig up the plant and return it to the nursery or garden center for replacement before discussing the situation with the supplier. It is best to discuss the condition of the plant(s) with your nursery to determine the best course of action. Since the plants are established and the new roots are already growing, the last thing we want to do is to start over with a new plant and loose a whole year of getting the plant(s) established and forfeit the growth that is going to happen this season.

If you notice something that doesn't look quite right with your plants after this winter give your favorite nursery a call and discuss the situation. It would be a good idea to take a close up picture and send it to them so they can see what is happening with your plants. Take a look at the picture accompanying this article to see an example of what to look for in your landscape. If we can help you, give us a call after checking our website www.meadowview.com for helps that may be there.

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At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Where Are We?

There's plenty of sunshine on this Sunday afternoon. Plenty of people wanting to get out and see the land after so long a winter. Plenty of road to cover. Plenty of cabin fever to break up and dispel with a drive up the pike.

We headed north, then west. A map lay on the truck seat but we weren't too concerned with finding a particular place. More than anything it was there to tell us that, yes, we were out and about on a somewhat familiar excursion. Taking a hint from past road trips into Clark and Champaign counties, we headed into Miami County to get a feel for what will be our go-to



Photo #1

area of exploration this summer.

Photo #1 shows us at a crossroads with a choice to make as to which direction to turn. See if you can tell which way we went by the time photo#2 was taken. As the countryside turned from level to a gentle rolling, we found old farm homes and fields waiting for plow and seed.

The quiet landscape and horizon seemed to be holding still in time. An 1880 history of Miami County sited the first half of our drive as being "a land that is gently rolling, the soil rich and fruitful." It went on to describe the township as one of the "best grain-producing townships in the State,



Photo #2

her soil yields readily and in abundance, to her rich acreage she justly points with pride." It also mentioned a beautiful stream which lead to the township name.

After photo #2, we kept going until photo #3. We stopped in awe of the structure and ancient patina of the wooden barn sides. By the time we reached the northeastern sections of the county we had been reminded that more than one stream made the county a most desirable settling place for pioneers. In all, four waterways became well known: Spring Creek, Lost Creek, Leatherwood Creek and Ramp Run.

Leatherwood was named for the great amount of leatherwood trees found along its banks. The trees were so named because their twigs are very flexible, even withstanding being tied in knots. The bark was used for basket weaving by the local Native Americans as well as bow strings and fishing lines.



Photo #3

Police Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
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Flea Markets

A pet peeve of mine over the years has been thieves who shoplift items from drug stores, grocery and department stores then exchange them for drugs. The drug dealer then turns the merchandise around and sells it to people who sell the items at flea markets.

Not all vendors at flea markets are crooked, but when they stock merchandise like eight bottles of aspirin with a price tag scratched off then a person with ordinary sensibilities would know that it is stolen property.

A \$300 chain saw still in the box and never used selling for \$150 is surely stolen from a Lowes, Menards or Home Depot type of business. Many prisoners tell me how easy it is to just walk out of the business without even being stopped by the teenage cashier.

To me the sellers of this merchandise are just as guilty as those who steal the items to fuel their drug habits. So what does the law say about merchandise at a flea market? Of course if it can be proven who the original owner was, then a charge of receiving stolen property is filed.

Often the stolen merchandise turns up for sale in a flea market far away from the original location of the theft. So the State of Ohio has an ordinance similar to pawn shop laws where the business owner has to keep a record of who the merchandise was purchased from, the date of purchase and so on.

Should the proprietor not be able to prove the necessary information, they can be charged. It is only a minor misdemeanor but perhaps some day the penalty will be increased to the level of RSP and theft. Until then we have to do what we can. So before you purchase what may be stolen merchandise at a flea market, ask to see the records. If the seller cannot produce the records, don't buy it and report it to the local police/sheriff.

Here is the wording for Ohio Revised Code Section 1349.06:

1349.06 Flea market sales record of purchases.

(A) As used in this section, "flea market" has the same meaning as in section 3715.52 of the Revised Code.

(B) (1) Each person that offers new and unused personal property for sale to the general public at a flea market or other location shall maintain, in accordance with division (B) of this section, a record of the person's purchases of that property.

For each purchase transaction, the record shall include at least all of the following:

(a) The date of the transaction;

(b) The name and address of the individual from whom, or the entity from which, the property was purchased;

(c) A full and accurate description of the property purchased, including any identifying letters or marks on the property;

(d) The price paid for the property.

(2) With respect to a single purchase of property for five hundred dollars or more, a bill of sale associated with the purchase that contains the information listed in division (B)(1) of this section is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of that division.

(3) The record of each purchase transaction shall be maintained for at least two years.

(C) No person shall do any of the following:

(1) Knowingly falsify, obliterate, or destroy the record required to be maintained by this section;

(2) Knowingly refuse or otherwise fail, upon the request of a law enforcement officer, to make the record required to be maintained by this section available for inspection within a period of time that is reasonable under the circumstances surrounding the request. Nothing in division (C) (2) of this section requires that a law enforcement officer be given immediate access to the record without reasonable notice.

(3) Fail to comply with this section.

(E) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) The sale of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is required to be registered under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code or for which a certificate of title is required under Chapter 4505. of the Revised Code;

(2) The sale of food products, agricultural products, or forestry products;

(3) Any business conducted at an industry or association trade show;

(4) The sale of handmade or handcrafted items by the individual who produced the items.

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Tax Tips

BY ARROWHEAD TAX SERVICE

Still Time to Contribute to an IRA for 2014

Available in one form or another since the mid-1970s, individual retirement arrangements (IRAs) are designed to enable employees and self-employed people to save for retirement. Contributions to traditional IRAs are often deductible, but distributions, usually after age 59½, are generally taxable. Though contributions to Roth IRAs are not deductible, qualified distributions, usually after age 59½, are tax-free. Those with traditional IRAs must begin receiving distributions by April 1 of the year following the year they turn 70½, but there is no similar requirement for Roth IRAs.

Most taxpayers with qualifying income are either eligible to set up a traditional or Roth IRA or add money to an existing account. To count for 2014, contributions must be made by April 15, 2015. In addition, low- and moderate-income taxpayers making these contributions may also qualify for the saver's

credit when they fill out their 2014 returns.

Eligible taxpayers can contribute up to \$5,500 to an IRA. For someone who was at least age 50 at the end of 2014, the limit is increased to \$6,500. There's no age limit for those contributing to a Roth IRA, but anyone who was at least age 70½ at the end of 2014 is barred from making contributions to a traditional IRA for 2014 and subsequent years.

The deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA is generally phased out for taxpayers covered by a workplace retirement plan whose incomes are above certain levels. For someone covered by a workplace plan during any part of 2014, the deduction is phased out if the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) for that year is between \$60,000 and \$70,000 for singles and heads of household and between \$0 and \$10,000 for married persons filing separately. For married couples filing a joint return where the spouse who makes the IRA contribution is covered by a workplace retirement plan, the income phase-out range for the deduction is \$96,000 to \$116,000. Where the IRA contributor is not covered by a workplace retirement plan but is

married to someone who is covered, the MAGI phase-out range is \$181,000 to \$191,000.

The deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA is claimed on Form 1040 Line 32 or Form 1040A Line 17. Any nondeductible contributions to a traditional IRA must be reported on Form 8606.

Even though contributions to Roth IRAs are not deductible, the maximum permitted amount of these contributions is phased out for taxpayers whose incomes are above certain levels. The MAGI phase-out range is \$181,000 to \$191,000 for married couples filing a joint return, \$114,000 to \$129,000 for singles and heads of household and \$0 to \$10,000 for married persons filing separately. For detailed information on contributing to either Roth or traditional IRAs, including worksheets for determining contribution and deduction amounts, see Publication 590-A, available on IRS.gov.

Also known as the retirement savings contributions credit, the saver's credit is often available to IRA contributors whose adjusted gross income falls below certain levels. For 2014, the income limit is \$30,000 for singles and married persons filing separate returns, \$45,000 for heads of household

and \$60,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Eligible taxpayers get the credit even if they qualify for other retirement-related tax benefits. Like other tax credits, the saver's credit can increase a taxpayer's refund or reduce the tax owed. The amount of the credit is based on a number of factors, including the amount contributed to either a Roth or traditional IRA and other qualifying retirement programs. Form 8880 is used to claim the saver's credit, and its instructions have details on figuring the credit correctly.

If you would like to make a contribution up through April 15, 2015 we would be glad to help you. If you have already filed your return we can do the amended for you. Call or walk in, 113 W Jefferson St. New Carlisle; 937-543-5770.

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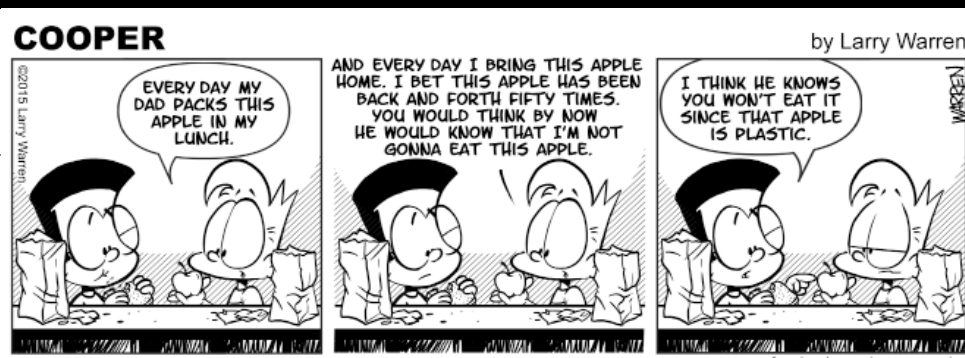
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Last Week's Solutions

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Trivia Challenge

March Current Events Quiz

- 14.) The head of "Save the Children" admitted in March of 2015 that they made a mistake in handing, which figure a "global legacy" award in 2014?

a. George W Bush
b. John Major
c. Tony Blair
d. Barack Obama
- 15.) The Villarrica volcano erupted in which country in March of 2015?

a. Finland
b. Argentina
c. France
d. Chile
- 16.) Misao Okawa, the world's oldest person, turned 117 on March 5th, 2015. Where does she live?

a. Russia
b. Greece
c. China
d. Japan
- 17.) The Los Zetas drug cartel was hit when their leader was arrested on March 4th, 2015. In which country are the Zetas based?

a. Russia
b. South Africa
c. Mexico
d. Peru

- 18.) What is the name of the NASA space probe that entered the orbit of dwarf planet Ceres in March of 2015?

a. Night
b. Morning
c. Day
d. Dawn
- 19.) Which of the following actors crash-landed a single engine jet in Los Angeles in March of 2015?

a. Bruce Willis
b. Russell Crowe
c. Sylvester Stallone
d. Harrison Ford
- 20.) Which band topped charts around the world in March of 2015 with their track "King"?

a. Weeks and Weeks
b. Years and Years
c. Months and Months
d. Days and Days

Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**

1. Kind of driver
4. ___ fraiche
9. Triangular sail
12. Vast amount
13. Monies of Europe
14. Large bird
15. What the elephant said to the mouse?
16. Fits of irritation
17. Go (for)
18. Old Italian money
20. Bird sound
22. Met expectations
24. Gym equipment
26. "Ocean's ___" Clooney film
29. Wilkes-___, Pa.
31. Loose jacket
32. Break apart or in two
33. Range rover
34. Benediction
35. Big zero
36. Handout

38. Stocking material
40. Whisper
43. In vitro items
45. Steer stopper
47. Beauty is in the ___ of the beholder
49. Kind of iron
50. A farewell remark
51. Still a no
52. Envelope that comes back, abbr.
53. Group belief
54. Evidence

DOWN

1. Employ
2. Too much sun result
3. Japanese liquor
4. Surgical birth
5. Hosiery defect
6. "All My Children" vixen
7. Nocturnal insects
8. Being

9. Source of danger
10. Puck
11. On the contrary
19. Stuffed pasta
21. Come out
23. Hampton, for one
25. Trunked plant
26. Subside
27. Rested
28. Preserved fodder
29. Exhausted from long-term stress
30. Blunder
32. Hydromassage facility
36. Forest clearing
37. Varnish ingredient
39. Thin strip of wood
41. Extend credit
42. French silk center
43. Photo ___
44. By the agency of
46. Behold
48. Age

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WACO Aerobotics

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cinnati on January 31st. At these competitions the team did very well, finishing Second place alliance in Springboro and First in Cincinnati. They also received multiple Robot Design Awards, including the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award and the PTC Design Award, the Connect Award, and nominations for the Inspire Award. They also advanced and competed at the Ohio State Championship on February 14th. At this event the Aerobotics team finished in the top ten. WACO Aerobotics then went on to compete in the West Virginia State Championship on March 14th. There were 17 teams from WV, Virginia, Ohio and other surrounding states present to compete for one of three spots to go onto the North Super-Regional in Iowa City, IA March 26 thru 28th. At the state event the team excelled and ended up undefeated after a total of ten matches for the day and finished at the top. The result; WACO Aerobotics were the West Virginia State Championship Alliance Captains and were qualified to go to the North Super-Regional event. On top of that, they also received the Promote Award for their 1 minute promotional video, and the Inspire Award for overall team performance in all areas. The Super-Regional event will be held the last weekend of March

in Des Moines Iowa. They will compete with a total of 72 teams from many different states from the Midwest. The WACO AEROBOTICS are excited to try to advance to the World Championship. The US First FTC World Championship event will be held at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis Missouri on April 22nd - 25th. There the team would compete with the top 128 FTC teams from 16 nations. In addition to the support from WACO, the team was also supported this season by a few local businesses in the area. These organizations shared their knowledge and expertise with the students ranging from laser cutting of metal and plastic, to 3D Cad Design and Printing. The team would like to thank Waco, Hobart Corporation, 3D Vision Technologies, Wright State University, Vectren Energy, the Robinson Fund, the Hartzell Norris Fund, Voelker Controls, DP&L, F&P America, and Cascade Carwash for their encouragement and support this season. Due to the high cost of the competition, the team is seeking additional financial support for their next adventure this season. If you are interested in supporting the team please contact Nancy Royer at WACO Historical Society, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio, 45373. Phone 937-335-9226

Rum River Blend

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pinnacle of Tatarian's childhood dream, as she always thought the Rum River Blend would be a good name. "All the bands I were in already had names. After twenty-years and meeting my husband, I finally got to name my own band," she said. "It fits because all of our styles blend together." In addition to Chris, who plays rhythm guitar and adds back-up vocals, the Rum River Blend also features Bill Benning on bass guitar and Carl Phillis on the fiddle. Phillis turns 93 in July. In 1948, he was the Ohio State Fiddle Champion and has been a part of several bands, including his own orchestra. "Carl is our main attraction, he brings the people," said Tatarian. "Everyone in town is either related to Carl, worked with him at Hobart or has played music with him." The same chemistry that the members of Rum River Blend show on stage is present at all times between them. "We've never had a cross word between us, which is very, very unusual for bands. Only Chris ever gets the husband look once in a while," Tatarian laughed. After years of performing, it's still the audience that keeps Tatarian coming back and the emotional high she gains. No matter the pressures of her personal life, all is cleared away by the positive reaction from the crowd, who often sings along and is usually filled with some familiar faces. The audience provides the

fuel that keeps Tatarian going. The goal of every performance is to entertain and satisfy the crowd, which gives Tatarian much fulfillment. "Nobody goes out to listen to music for a bad time. Everyone is already looking to have fun and all that positive energy from the crowd is a great feeling. It's why it would be hard to ever stop as the feeling from playing music can't be replaced," she said. For the all the community support that Rum River Blend has received through the years, Tatarian is very thankful. She's been made to feel appreciated for more than what her skills are worth. "We're very fortunate that Troy and the entire Miami Valley has wrapped their arms around us and accepted us for who we are. Speaking for myself, I'm not a very talented musician, the others in the band are; but I have fun so therefore the audience has fun," said Tatarian. Rum River Blend played at the Strawberry Festival for several years and perform regularly at the Roller Mill in Tipp City. On the fourth Friday of every month they also play at the Hotel Gallery in Tipp City. On April 25 they will be at the Mayflower Theater. "There's no greater compliment than to be asked back to play an event," said Tatarian, who with the Rum River Blend, flows through the heart of many area music fans.

Sheriff's Clerk

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ment. A breach of those values greatly disrupts this organization and cannot be tolerated." The sheriff said that he took into account Ingle's years of service to the department, where she has worked since 1990, and lack of prior discipline, in ordering the three-day suspension without pay. Ingle subsequently filed a grievance with Cox asking that the suspension be rescinded. The sheriff said he would not rescind the order, Chief Dep-

uty Dave Duchak said March 20. Ingle could take the matter to arbitration because of her loss of wages. The allegations of problems with the signatures on deeds led to the appointment early this year of a special prosecutor at the request of county Prosecutor Tony Kendell. Champaign County Prosecutor Kevin Talebi said March 19 that he continues to review paperwork and has not concluded his work on the investigation.

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Riverside DD Bus Attendant Wins State Award

Frances Parrish of Troy has been a bus attendant for Riverside Developmental Disabilities for 13 years, assisting the bus driver and passengers on trips to and from Riverside and RT Industries. Since her first day on the job, Parrish has been known throughout the agency for her kind demeanor and positive attitude. On Monday night, she made a trip of her own to Columbus to receive the 2015 Rita Rodgers Bus Attendant of the Year Award at a ceremony that recognized excellence in transportation across the state.

From the letter submitted for the award by Riverside Superintendent Brian Green, "Dedication and caring go hand-in-hand for Frances. Her love for the people we serve is easily noticeable. She is eagerly attends to their every need, whether it is making sure their wheelchair isn't parked too close to a windy door as they wait for the bus, or adjusting a coat to make the person more comfort-

able. As she works, one can always hear Frances speaking kindly to each individual, making them feel like the most important person in the world. Frances also takes great pride in her bus. She is known to keep her bus as neat as a pin, ensuring that our riders have the cleanest, most comfortable ride to and from our buildings."



Parrish followed up her award with another celebration, as celebrated her 80th birthday on March 17. Riverside employees note that despite her years, she can run circles around almost anyone.

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Hayner Antiques Seminars Focus on Preserving History

Historians and antiques collectors alike may find interest in the Antiques Seminar Series at the

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center 301 W. Main Street, Troy. The programs begin at 7:30 P.M. and are offered free and open to the public. First in the series is a presentation about the Mt. Vernon Restoration by Frank Farmer Loomis on Thursday, March 26. Loomis explores how President Lincoln safeguarded Mount Vernon during the Civil War. Eleven years later, as

part of the American Centennial, the restored Mt. Vernon was opened to the public while the 1876 Philadelphia Fair displayed a "Colonial Kitchen" from the 1700s. These two trailblazing events led to historic preservation and the beginning of Americans collecting antiques. Mr. Loomis is an antiques and fine arts appraiser, and instructor at the University of Cincinnati and author of Antiques 101 and Secrets to Affordable Antiques. He is the host of "Keep Antiquing!" On WMKV Radio.

Troy Chamber to Host Not For Profit Expo

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce and Tipp City Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2015 Not for Profit Expo. The Expo will be at Hobart Arena on Thursday, March 26 from 5pm to 7 pm.

The purpose of the Expo is to highlight the services provided by the more than fifty not-for-profits that will be participating. Each organization will have information about what they do in the community, as well as information for volunteer opportunities and other ways that participants can get involved in the community.

This is the fourth year for the Not for Profit

Expo. New this year, will be the format. Rather than the traditional Expo held on the weekend, this year will be a Business After Hours format in the evening. Chamber members, as well as non-members are welcome to attend the free event. The public is encouraged to attend to connect with the local not for profits to learn about the various ways they could get involved in the community.

Food will be provided by the Culinary Arts Students from the Upper Valley Career Center. In addition to the food, there will be a cash bar.

For more information, contact the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce at 339-8769

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