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SHERIFF REPORTS

Friday, March 20

4:17 p.m. – To Peters Rd. for a report of a fraud. A man reported that his accountant contacted him and said that someone had already filed a tax return using his information. He said that his accountant has already contacted the IRS and filed the necessary paperwork, and that all they needed was a police report.

Saturday, March 21

9:04 a.m. – To Troy-Sidney Rd. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man reported that he and his girlfriend had been arguing over her health, money and number of other issues. He said that the argument did not become physical, but he did break a vase. The girlfriend related a similar story. The home looked in order and it did not appear that any disturbance occurred. The man said he was moving out and asked the deputy to stand by while he gathered his belongings.

Tuesday, March 24

11:51 a.m. – To Rockingham Dr. A woman reported that she received a letter asking her to go online to confirm that she filed her taxes. She said that she has not done so, and contacted the State of Ohio. She said that they requested a police report. The deputy contacted the State and learned that this has been an ongoing problem, and that they put the survey in place to stop people from getting refunds that were not theirs.

3:57 p.m. – Traffic stop in the 1800 block of S. County Rd. 25A. During the course of the investigation, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located in possession of the passenger. The passenger was incarcerated at the Miami County Jail.

Wednesday, March 25

1:13 p.m. – To Fox Run for a report of identity theft. A man reported that he and his wife tried to file their tax return and were informed that someone had already used their information to file a return. He said the IRS requested a police report.

Thursday, March 26

8:32 a.m. – A W. St. Rt. 55 resident called to report that overnight someone took items from her vehicle. She said her son went out at 7:10 to warm up the vehicle, and that when he went back at 7:20 he found the back hatch open. She said the spare tire and her daughter's book

bag were missing. There are no suspects or leads.

3:07 p.m. – A deputy saw a suspicious vehicle in Treasure Island Park. The driver said that he had pulled into the park to make a phone call. The deputy noticed that the passenger smelled of an alcoholic beverage and saw an open can of beer in the back seat. The driver was cited for having an open container and both were released.

5:54 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of an unruly patient. Several hospital employees said that a female patient hit one of the employees and spit in the face of another after she stated that she had Hepatitis C. After talking with the patient, it was apparent that her mental state was not normal. She was charged with two counts of assault.

Friday, March 27

2:54 a.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 near mile marker 74. The driver was cited for no operator's license and for marked lanes.

1:41 p.m. – To Eldean Rd. A man reported that his sidearm accidentally discharged, striking him in the lower hip area.

Saturday, March 28

8:32 p.m. – To Dogwood Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that her boyfriend had kicked her and her children out of his home after they had been living there for several months. She said he was refusing to let them back inside. The boyfriend said that he told her that she had to move out after they had an argument. He was advised that since she had established residence there, he could not kick her out. The RP decided to stay with her parents until further arrangements could be made.

Sunday, March 29

5:59 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 north of exit 74. A motorcyclist was cited for failure to comply, failure to control and speed.

Monday, March 16

7:40 p.m. – To Dogwood Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that she was verbally arguing with her boyfriend over property and that he grabbed her arm as she was trying to move her belongings out of the residence. After conversing with deputies, both agreed to keep to themselves as she was moving her belongings out.

Attorney General Warns of Spring Scams

As spring officially begins, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is warning Ohioans to be wary of solicitors who offer roofing, driveway paving, or tree trimming services and demand upfront payment.

"Spring is a good time to make home repairs, but it's also a time to watch for scams," DeWine said. "If someone comes to your door offering goods or services, ask for references and take time to think about it. If they pressure you or demand large upfront payments, it could be a scam. Be very careful before handing over your money."

In 2014, the Ohio Attorney General's Office received more than 2,500 complaints about household goods or property improvement. The office also filed 14 civil lawsuits and pursued several criminal cases involving home improvement.

To help Ohioans protect themselves, DeWine encouraged consumers to look for signs of a potential home repair scam, including:

- Requests for a large down payment. If you have to pay half or more of the total price in advance, be skeptical. Scam artists often try to pressure consumers to make large down payments before any work is started.
- Requests for cash payment. Be wary

if you are told you must pay in cash versus other forms of payment. If something goes wrong, it will be difficult to recover cash payments.

- No notice of your right to cancel. In Ohio, consumers generally have a three-day right to cancel a contract that results from a door-to-door sale. Under the Home Solicitation Sales Act, sellers are required to notify consumers about this right.

- Work that will begin immediately. If someone offers to perform work on your home right away, be skeptical. Some traveling scam artists claim they have leftover materials or that they "just happened to be in the neighborhood," but after taking consumers' payments, they leave without doing any work or after doing a poor job.

- No written contract or references. If a contractor won't provide you with a written contract detailing the costs, the work to be done, and the starting and end dates, consider doing business with someone else. Also be skeptical if a contractor refuses to provide references of past customers.

Consumers who suspect a scam should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or 800-282-0515.

Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Teen off to prison for robberies.

A Troy teen who was held in the Miami County Jail for nearly a year following his 2014 sentencing for the robberies of two businesses while he was a juvenile was sent to the penitentiary March 23 after a hearing in Common Pleas Court.

Austin Abdon, now 19, was accused of robbing the Waffle House and a Valero gas station in Troy in September 2013 when he was 17. He later pleaded no contest and was found guilty of two counts of aggravated robbery in the adult court. Firearm specifications were dropped because a BB gun was used.

Abdon was sentenced last summer to five years in prison on each of the charges with the sentences to be served concurrently. Judge Robert Lindeman stayed the sentence until further proceedings were held in the Juvenile Court.

Abdon remained in the county jail following sentencing. Late last year, prosecutors filed a motion for release of the stay and imposition of the prison term. Abdon's defense lawyer John Cotner of Troy responded, asking for the case to remain in the juvenile court. He also had asked for a reduction in the prison time for Abdon.

The case was sent back to the adult court by Judge W. McGregor Dixon of county Juvenile/Probate Court.

Last week, Abdon was ordered by Common Pleas Judge Jeannine Pratt to serve the two five-year terms and to serve them consecutively. He was given credit for more than 500 days spent in jail since his arrest in 2013.

Man sentenced for spitting, vandalism

A Troy man pleaded guilty Monday, March 30, to felony indictments for damaging a sheriff's cruiser and spitting on deputies after his arrest for domestic violence.



Dustin Bennett

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

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

Bennett's guilty pleas were accepted by Judge Christopher Gee, who sentenced him to 11 months in prison.

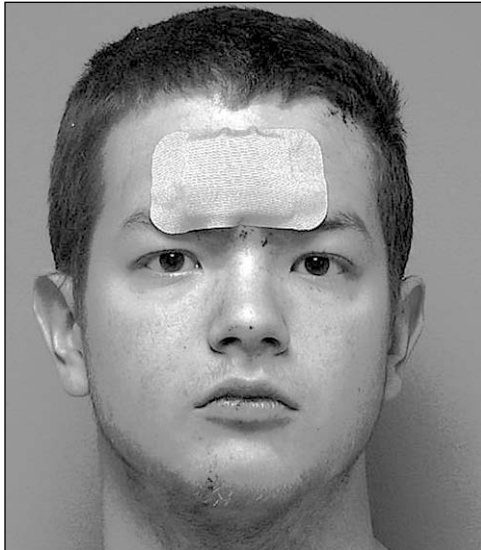
Man pleads to attempted rape

A Troy man accused of raping a female acquaintance and holding her against her will at his apartment in December pleaded guilty to amended charges March 24 in Miami County Common Pleas Court. He will be sentenced May 4.

Stefan Kuntz, 20, was indicted on felony charges of rape and kidnapping and a misdemeanor of resisting arrest.

Troy police said they went to his Todd

Lane apartment in December after receiving a call of a disturbance. When officers were unable to get anyone to answer the door, they eventually entered through an unlocked door. Kuntz came down the stairs, saying nothing was wrong, but the woman following behind him was mouthing the words "help me" to an officer, police said.



Stefan Kunz

As part of a plea deal, Kunz pleaded guilty to felony attempted rape and attempted kidnapping. Prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of six years in prison and to dismiss the resisting arrest charge.

Judge Christopher Gee said Kunz he will be designated a Tier III sex offender. The designation will require him, following prison release, to register his address every 90 days at the sheriff's office in the county where he lives for the rest of his life.

Gee ordered a presentence investigation.

Center under accreditation review

Miami County's Communication Center was under a microscope of sorts last week as assessors from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) visited as part of the center's bid for accreditation for the first time.

One of the assessors, Bill Bleyle of Syracuse, N.Y., area, spoke briefly to the center's board of directors during its March 25 meeting.

Bleyle, a law enforcement professional, said the assessors spent time looking at paperwork as well as the county's system and talking with employees to check their knowledge of policies and procedures. A public input session was offered and discussions with held with leaders of emergency service agencies as part of the review process, Bleyle said.

"It takes a lot to open your doors," he said. "I find the agencies that are accredited are top notch and they continue to grow."

Planning commission on rezoning

A requested rezoning of land for a proposed senior living community near Interstate 75 was recommended for approval March 25 by the Troy Planning Commission.

The commission at two previous meetings tabled the request to rezone 15 acres west of Interstate 75 off Troy Towne Drive from B-2 general business to Planned Development. Commission members requested more information on the development's proposed covenants and restrictions and details of traffic impact associated with the development.

The commission in February heard a presentation on the proposed community that would offer housing choices from independent living to assisted living.

The commission last week reviewed the proposed covenants and restrictions and heard from traffic consultant Richard Oaks. He said the amount of traffic projected to increase due to development "is nothing in the scheme of things."

Area Property Transfers

PropertyAddress	TransferDate	Buyer	Seller	Price
1321 MAPLECREST DR	3/11	SHILLING EVELYN M & TERESA L SHILLING	SHILLING EVELYN M & @ (3)	\$0.00
9 E MAIN ST	3/11	ZHOU JIANXUN	T & M TROY PROPERTY LLC	\$193,000.00
19 MOREHEAD ST	3/11	MINARD LINDA G	SCHIELTZ JERRY E & DIANNA L	\$71,500.00
608 E CANAL ST	3/11	DONERIC PROPERTIES LLC	FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION	\$0.00
1141 DICKERSON DR	3/12	TRADER DIANA R & HAROLD TRADER	TRADER DIANA R (LE/ 1/2RM) & HAROLD TRADER (1/2RM)	\$0.00
631 LOCUST LN	3/12	HAROLD E TRADER	HAROLD E TRADER LLC (TOD)	\$0.00
2520 GLENMORE CT	3/12	BANK OF AMERICA NA	ZUBER THOMAS M	\$70,000.00
345 W ROSS ST	3/12	SELF HELP VENTURES FUND	SWABB RODNEY E & ANGELA S	\$50,000.00
1035 MAPLECREST DR	3/13	PHILLIPS RICHARD WILBUR & BEVERLY JEAN	PHILLIPS RICHARD WILBUR & BEVERLY JEAN TRUSTEES	\$0.00
FOSSWAY	3/13	TRUE LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	CITY OF TROY	\$0.00
558 KIRK LN	3/13	SCHIELY PATRICIA A	SCHIELY GEORGE R & PATRICIA A	\$0.00
314 ARMAND DR	3/13	MAINSOURCE BANK	BROWN CHRISTOPHER J & JEANNE A	\$53,334.00
ARMAND DR	3/13	MAINSOURCE BANK	BROWN CHRISTOPHER J & JEANNE A	\$53,334.00
604 MAPLECREST DR	3/13	COUCH MARCUS & @ (3)	DILTS DONALD M & THERESA M	\$43,750.00
1901 W MAIN ST	3/13	NLDC LLC	O ICE LLC	\$975,000.00
604 MAPLECREST DR	3/13	COUCH MARCUS & DANIELLE M HARTZELL	COUCH MARCUS & @ (3)	\$43,750.00
1380 SURREY RD	3/16	CUPP JENNIFER L	CUPP JOEL C & JENNIFER L	\$0.00
2341 W MURPHY LN	3/16	PAUL JACOB C & CEENA PHILIPOSE	PAUL JACOB C	\$0.00
1580 BANBURY RD	3/17	ROUNDS JUSTIN A	HONZAK REINARD L & INGEBORG E	\$162,500.00
14337 GOLDEN EAGLE DR	3/17	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$29,900.00
1436 GOLDEN EAGLE DR	3/17	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$37,400.00
314 SOUTHVIEW DR	3/23	HICKS JESSICA E	HICKS JARED T & JESSICA E	\$0.00
540 S DORSET RD	3/23	ROBINSON CYNTHIA L	DOMIGAN LOWELL H	\$0.00
1511 NORTH RD	3/23	WEIKERT GAYLE S	WEIKERT DOUGLAS C & GAYLE S	\$0.00
832 GOVERNORS RD	3/23	SCOTT INVESTMENTS OF TROY LLC	NOTTINGHAM DEVELOPMENT	\$36,900.00
314 SOUTHVIEW DR	3/23	CAIN RONALD E & PAMELA J	HICKS JESSICA E	\$59,643.00

Nominations Sought for Educator Award

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Advisory to Education Committee is seeking nominations for its 2015 Outstanding Educator of the Year Award. To qualify, the Nominee must be a professionally certified Educator residing or working within the Troy Area, who has made a significant contribution to the Troy community and the field of education.

The "Educator of the Year" Award will be presented at the Troy Area Chamber's annual Recognition Banquet on November 19th, 2015. At the banquet, The Troy Foundation will also present an award of \$1,000.00 to the recipient. \$500.00 will be

given to the teacher to use for classroom materials or field trips, and \$500.00 being placed in the Principal's Fund at the building in which the teacher teaches, to be used as the School see fit. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber and on the chamber website www.troyohiochamber.com. To place a name for nomination, please complete the Nomination Form, include a brief synopsis of the nominee's qualifications and mail, email, fax or deliver it to the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce by May 29, 2015.

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce's offices are at 405 SW Public Square, Suite 330.

Vets Museum

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It was founded in Troy in 2009 by local resident Stephen Larck. The museum first opened in 2010 at the Stouder Hospital building before moving downtown in 2010.

Volunteers are key to the museum's success. Fogle mentioned volunteer staff/trustees including Rick Egbert, Terry Purke, Linda Shuman, Larry Boze, Mel Shane, Gary Sergeant and Deb Fitzpatrick.

Efforts are ongoing to spread the word about the museum to local veterans and those in the area beyond. The museum uses traditional media to attempt to spread the word along with social media.

"Trying to get young

veterans here is very difficult," Fogle said. "We have had a few through here, and (they) are impressed. It is their museum. We want them to enjoy it," he said of veterans.

The museum receives donations of items weekly. "We will get things donated that people don't know much about and will do research on them," Fogle said.

Anyone with an item or items to donate is asked to stop by the museum during open hours.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Tours can be arranged for other times. For more information, visit www.theyshallnotbeforgotten.org or call 937-332-8852.

Ostomy Support Group to Meet

The Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group will meet Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at Conference Room A in the lower level of Upper Valley Medical Center, 3130 N. County Road 25A.

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

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

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

Free Clinic to host Healing Jar event

A major fundraising event supporting Health Partners Free Clinic here has been set for May 6. The Sixth Annual Healing Jar Gala dinner and art auction will be held at the Crystal Room in Troy. Funds raised from the event will provide continued support for the sole free clinic having served Miami County for 16 years.

Also, clinic leaders are joining with the Piqua Arts Council to expand the number of artistic pieces for the auction over previous years. Several local artists have donated items to the clinic for the event.

The gala begins with a Happy Hour at 6 p.m. A

These funds helped provide medical care valued at \$3 million for the uninsured and under insured residents of Miami County in 2014.

Need for free clinics continue to rise
"Growth is something all too common at Health Partners, even as the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to unfold nationwide. We have not experienced a decrease in our client population over the past year. While the ACA has improved health care coverage for a number of people, we are finding there is still a need for our services and will be for some time to come," said



Health Partners Free Clinic

buffet-style dinner will be served, followed by a presentation on health-care for the underserved provided by David Besecker, DC, and key-note speaker Becky Rice, CEO of UVMC; and silent and live auctions. The Crystal Room is located at 845 W. Market St.

Justin Coby, Health Partners Executive Director, said the evening affair will provide a giving avenue for local leaders committed to giving back to their community. The gala's planning committee continues to take a county-wide approach to highlight the event and to inform the public of clinic services. The auction moves back to Troy this year after being held in Piqua last year. Alternate sites will be considered for future years.

Coby reported previous Healing Jar galas have raised money to provide clinic projects and programming. Last year, auction contributions from local organizations totaled \$13,000, which was a 116 percent increase over 2013.

Coby.
In 2014, the clinic treated 1,137 unduplicated patients, which equated to 4,263 physician appointments. Coby also noted the clinic provided some 3,037 patient lab/diagnosis; and 13,730 clinic-dispensed free prescriptions valued at more than \$2 million. Overall, the clinic provided \$7.70 in medical services for every \$1 spent.

"Someone walks into our clinic nearly every day that doesn't qualify for Medicaid, or is unable to pay their premiums to remain insured. These people need our help and that's why we need this support," Coby said.

Individual tickets are \$75 each with a table of eight tickets being \$550. For ticket information, contact the clinic at (937) 332-0894 x208, or by email at Justin@healthpartnersclinic.org.

The clinic website is www.healthpartnersclinic.org; and can be found on Facebook at www/facebook.com/healthpartners-freeclinic.



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Community Events

Checkmate Chess Club

Challenge your friends or learn a new skill at the Checkmate Chess Club at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at the Troy-Miami County Public Library; you'll be amazed at how your game will improve.

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

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

CO Safety Program Set

The Troy Fire Prevention Department will present a free program on carbon monoxide safety at 7 p.m. April 7 at Troy-Miami County Public Library, 419 W. Main St. The program will include information on the sources of carbon monoxide as well as ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. There will also be a demonstration of carbon monoxide detectors. Registration is not required for this event. For additional information, call 339-0502 ext. 120.

Knitting for Cancer

Suzie Hawkes will coordinate a knitting activity for cancer patients on Thursday, April 2, at 10 a.m. at the YWCA Piqua. Participants will be knitting or crocheting hats and other items to donate to cancer patients at UVMC. Individuals coming to help with this project are asked to bring their own yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks.

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

"One community member has already donated a large amount of hats that she has done at home. We were thrilled with her donation," added Hawkes. "Anyone can donate yarn or items they have made at home if they are unable to attend the April 2 get together," she said. "We plan to do this each month on the first Thursday and encourage others to come and join in this very special project," said Hawkes.

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

MCHGS April Meeting

The Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society invites you to its April program meeting, "Home History 101". Rebecca Torsell will discuss available resources and recommended procedures for determining likely dates of construction, changes and alterations, how to identify type or style and how to discover the original owners or builders of historic homes. Ms. Torsell is currently serving her second year in the Historic Preservation Corps (Americorps Program), which is performing architectural surveys in Piqua. This year her new survey project will be the south end of Piqua, with a focus on houses built by early German immigrants and later industrial buildings and associated worker housing. The program is free and open to the public. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Piqua Public Library, Louis Room, 116 W. High St., Piqua, OH. For more information contact Stephanie Winchester at 937-307-7142 or stefalx@msn.com. Please visit our Facebook page and our website rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmchgs/

Post 43 Baseball to Hold Spaghetti Dinner

Troy Post 43 Baseball will hold an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 4 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, 622 S. Market St.

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad bar, desert and drink. Adult dinners are \$7, children under 12 are \$4.



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Meet the Candidates Night April 15

Leadership Troy Alumni will hold a Meet the Candidates night on Wednesday, April 15 at the Troy Jr. High School, 5556 N. Adams St. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will last 60 minutes.

The event will feature issues and candidates with opposition facing the voters in Troy and Concord Township in the primary election including candidates for Mayor of the City of Troy and the renewal levy for the Troy City Schools.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Doors to the Troy Jr. High open at 7:00 p.m. Written questions from the audience will be accepted and presented by a media

panel including David Fong of Troy Daily News, Scott Hornberger of WTJN, and Matt Bayman of MyMiamiCounty.com.

Tom Dunn, LT '96 will be emcee and Mark Puthoff, LT'06 will be the timekeeper.

Leadership Troy Alumni includes residents of the Troy area who, since 1984, have successfully completed an extensive program designed to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in community organizations.

The event will be broadcast live on Troy Community Radio (107.1) and on WPTW (98.1 FM & 1570 AM).

Rotary Installs New President

During their meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, the Troy Rotary Club installed Andrew H. Johnston (pictured) as the 2015-16 President when he received the gavel from 2014-15 President, Donald Willis. A native of Troy, Johnston is an associate attorney at the firm of Shipman, Dixon & Livingston Co., LPA and is a member of the Miami County and the Ohio State Bar Association.

His passion for law led him to complete an undergraduate degree in Business Management and Business Pre-law at Ohio University. Johnston received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Claude W. Petit College of Law at Ohio Northern University with distinction. Believing it is important to give back to the community, he serves on several nonprofit boards within Miami County, including the Lincoln Community Center, The Future Begins Today, Trojan Athletic Hall of

Fame and the Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club and is affiliated with Rotary International. During the 2013-14 year,



Rotarians supported multiple programs in the Troy area, and the Troy Rotary Foundation distributed more than \$11,000 in scholarships and community aid. To learn more about Rotary and how to become a member, visit their Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org. You can also follow the club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

Lincoln Center Holds Easter Egg Hunt This Saturday

The snow is gone and Daylight Savings Time has begun. That means the Easter Bunny is about to arrive in town to fill baskets with candy and treats. The staff at Lincoln Community Center and Troy Rotary volunteers are ready to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-12 on Saturday, April 4, 2015 rain or shine. The fun begins at 12 noon for the younger hunters, ages 2-7. At 12:30 PM, 8-12 year olds get to look for the hidden eggs scattered throughout the property. Each child will be allowed to gather up to 10 eggs in a basket or bag they bring to the event. Grand prizes will be given out to the top two hunters in each age group.

The event is open to area families and is free-of-charge. Please make sure to be at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Ash Street in Troy, by 11:45 AM to get in on the fun. If the weather is inclement, the hunt will be moved indoors at the center. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance and the kids can have their picture taken with him. 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.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lincoln Community Center is one of many community programs supported by Troy Rotary. To learn more about

Virginia Manning Hoover

Virginia Manning Hoover, age 90, of Cass-town, OH passed away on March 27, 2015, at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. She was born on February 25, 1925 in Casstown to the late Frank and Ethel Miller.

She was married to Ray F. Manning who preceded her in death in 1974 and Nelson L. Hoover who preceded her in 1999.

Virginia is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: David and Janet Manning of Fripp Island, SC; Mike and Mary Manning of Troy, OH; Ronda Manning of Monrovia, IN; daughter and son-in-law: Sue and Ron Phillis of Troy; stepson and daughter-in-law Larry and Mary Hoover of Tipp City and 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her spouses, Virginia was also preceded in death by her son, Tom;

sisters Hildreth Miller and Edythe Stevens; and brothers Merle and Carlton Miller.

Virginia was a graduate of Lostcreek Township and Wittenberg University. She taught at Tipp City and Miami East Schools, worked at Miami County Human Services, and enjoyed an in-home craft shop, "Jinny's House of Crafts". She enjoyed shopping, gardening, and numerous family celebrations. She was a longtime active member of the First United Methodist Church, Troy.

A private family service will be held at a later date when all grandchildren can attend to celebrate her life. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or donor's favorite charity. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Betty L. Etherington

Betty L. Etherington, age 85, of Tipp City, OH passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the Genesis Center in Troy. She was born on May 29, 1929 in Troy, OH to the late Carmen and Pauline (Shaw) Gray. She was married to her husband of 52 years, William E. Etherington and he preceded her in death on April 28, 1999.

Betty is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Scott and Barbara Etherington of Tipp City; David and Pam Etherington of Piqua and Donald and Jamie Etherington of Piqua; son-in-law, Ronald Loughman of Casstown; 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren; and sisters: Janice Hartley of Troy and Ruth McElfresh of ID. In addition to her parents and her husband, Betty was preceded in

death by her son, Robin in 2009; her daughter, Cindy Loughman in 2012; sister, Gloria Albright; and cousin, Bill Fox.

Betty was a member of the Nashville United Church of Christ. She was a graduate of Lost Creek Schools. Betty retired from A. O. Smith after 34 years of service.

Services will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, April 3, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment will follow in the Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Vandalia, OH. The family will receive friends from 9:30-10:30 AM on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami Valley, 46 N Detroit St # B, Xenia, OH 45385. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

James B. Favorite

James B. Favorite, age 81, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. He was born on October 24, 1933 in Troy, Ohio to the late Leonard and Launa (Ford) Favorite. He married Wanda Cromes and they shared 59 years of marriage and she survives.

James is survived by two sons: Randy Favorite of Fayetteville, TN and James Dean (Jennifer) Favorite of Paris, KY; two daughters: Julie (Bob) Pogue of Troy and Mary Yingst of Covington; one sister: Doris Brown of Euless, TX; three brothers: Larry Favorite of Fletcher, Bill Favorite of Pleasant Hill, and Mark Favorite of Troy; eight grandchildren: Michele, Amy, Zach, Sam, Vicky, Cortney, Megan, and Macy; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded

in death by a sister: Nancy Favorite and a brother: Gaylord Favorite.

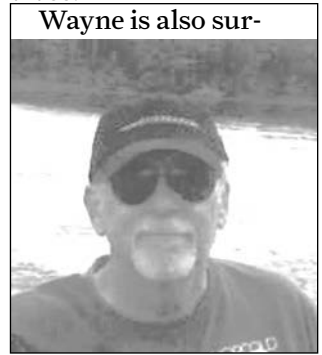
James was a graduate of Newton High School in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. He was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Troy and attended the Central Baptist Church in Piqua. He was a lifetime member of the Quarter Horse Association and was a member of the Pleasant Hill Fish and Game. James was a longtime area farmer.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Reverend Randy Satchwell officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

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.

Wayne P. Lorek

Wayne P. Lorek, age 61, of Troy, OH passed away unexpectedly on March 27, 2015. He was born on February 15, 1954 in Berwyn, Illinois to the late Raymond and Lillian (Paulus) Lorek. He was married to Donna (Parkhurst) Lorek for 33 years and she survives.



Wayne is also survived by his son: Tim (Stephanie) Lorek of New Haven Connecticut; two daughters: Anne (Danny) Reiman of Silver Lake, Ohio and Emily Lorek of Troy; one sister: Pat (John) Hagney of Spokane, Washington; and one brother: Scott (Shelley) Lorek of

Maryville, Missouri; father-in-law: Richard Parkhurst of Hebron, IN; two sisters-in-law: Ruth Parkhurst of Hammond, IN and Patti (Stan) Baker of Schererville, IN and several nieces and nephews.

Wayne received his MBA from West Virginia University and has worked in manufacturing operations for more than 40 years. He was Executive VP of Operations at Norcold in Sidney since 2001. He attended First United Methodist Church in Troy. Wayne was an avid fisherman and loved spending time with his family at the lake in Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Troy with Reverend Dave Leckrone officiating. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Wanda Lee Napier

Wanda Lee Napier, age 78, of Troy passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She was born in Hazard, KY on September 15, 1936 to the late Irvin and Mabel (Fultz) Blanton. Her husband, Elbert Napier, preceded her in death in 2001.

Wanda is survived by one daughter and son-in-law: Patricia and William Smith of Troy; one son: Kerry Napier of Dayton; three sisters: Jackie Thompson of Troy, Vanessa Belamy of Troy and Betty Jo Malone of Centerville; grandchildren: Jacob Cabay, Crystal

Napier and Jason Napier; and two great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Wanda was preceded in death by one son: Elbert Napier.

Wanda formerly worked for Economy Lins in Dayton and Elder Beerman in Dayton.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial was in Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Vandalia.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Troy Rec After School Holds Open House

The Troy Rec will hold an Open House for the Before and After School Program and the Smart Start Preschool on April 2 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Rec has been state licensed to provide affordable, high quality care for children since 1994.

The Before and After School Program cares for K-5th grade students in those crucial hours before and after the school day. Busing is provided to and from Heywood, Hook, Kyle and Forest Elementary Schools.

Smart Start Preschool provides a part-day enrichment program to help prepare children for success in Kindergarten. Students who attend

Smart Start Preschool are guaranteed admission in the Before and After School Program when they enter Kindergarten. Classes are held 2 days per week and parents will have a choice between morning and afternoon classes as space is available.

Parents who are interested in registering their child for either of these programs are encouraged to use this time to visit the recently remodeled center, talk to teachers and pick up registration materials. Spaces are limited and will fill quickly. Registration for both programs opens on May 1 at 7:15am.

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Commissioners Make Tech Improvements

By Nancy Bowman

Faster Internet connection is coming to the Miami County Courthouse, Safety Building and other buildings under an agreement signed by county commissioners with a new provider.

The commission voted March 26 to approve the agreement with Level 3 Communications, formerly TW Telecom, to provide the business class internet services to the two main county buildings downtown along with the Hobart Center for County Government on Water Street and the county buildings on County Road 25A, north of Troy.

Matt Watkins, county IT manager, said the three-year agreement would replace the existing "hodgepodge" of connections including up to a half dozen going into the Safety Building alone.

The agreement calls for the county to pay \$3,131 per month plus a \$2,825 one-time installation fee.

Watkins said Level 3 services came to town thanks to Hobart Corp./ITW. The provider has agreed to bring its system of fiber optic Internet up Market Street to the area of the county buildings located near downtown Troy, he said.

Among functions that would be available to the county offices would be video conferencing opportunities.

"It's a long overdue system, but basically it hasn't been available before," Watkins said.

In other business the commissioners renewed the county's local and long distance telephone services with Level 3

Communications. The county currently is doing phone business with the provider and will receive upgraded services that will allow functions such as automatic outage detection, Watkins said.

The phone service contract also is for three years with a \$1,582 per month charge and initial set up fee of \$1,065.

In other business last week the commission awarded the contract to put a new roof on the county Highway Garage to Cotterman and Company Inc. of Minster. The company submitted the low bid of \$549,856. The building's existing roof is original to the building, which was built in the 1960s, Paul Huelskamp, county engineer, said.

Also approved were legal documents associated with plans by Merrimont Development Corporation for construction of nine lots in the Merrimont subdivision in Concord Twp.

The documents included a sub dividers agreement, escrow agreement and record plat.

The commission also held a public hearing on the fiscal year 2015 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) application. Representatives of the county and Piqua spoke in support of a joint application by the county and Piqua for \$850,000 in funding. Dollars from a CHIP award would go to owner home repair; rental rehabilitation and rental home repair; acquisition; rehab and resale; and administration.

Information on who will receive the CHIP dollars will be made in August.

City Council Appropriations

Continued from Page 1

with the Ohio Department Services Agency for procedures to administer the economic development revolving loan fund.

- Authorized an agreement with the Ohio Benefits Cooperative relating to changing group benefits to a self-insured plan.

- Approved hiring RA Consultants of Cincinnati to conduct a sewer regionalization and rate study at a maximum cost of \$50,000.

- Accepted a recommendation from the Assessment Equalization Board hearing appeals from the estimated assessments for this year's streetscape project. The project area is along a portion of East Main Street.

The special meeting was called, in part, because of deadlines for the city to submit agreements to ODOT and the Services Agency.

Councilman Brock Heath did not attend the meeting.

Troy Foundation Awards Grants

At their March meeting the Distribution Committee of The Troy Foundation reviewed twenty-five grant applications. The grants were awarded through the General Fund, David B. and Helen N. Meeker Fund, Clyde and Kathryn Marr Fund, Hollinger-Dungan Fund, Kathryn Marr Fund, Lafferty Family Fund and the Fifth Third Fund for Arts and Culture of The Troy Foundation. In the end, The Troy Foundation is pleased to announce twenty organizations were chosen to receive \$150,019 in grants.

- Troy City Schools - \$955
- Forest Elementary Girls on the Run Team
- Miami County Educational Service Center - \$1,300
- Excellence in Education
- Troy Police Department - \$1,499
- R.A.D. Instructor Suit Replacement
- New Creation Counseling Center - \$1,900
- Workstations and Charging Stations
- Overfield Tavern Museum - \$2,000
- Progressive Publicity for Our Local Library
- T.L. Baseball Boosters, Inc. - \$1,638
- Bench Project at Duke Park
- Troy Main Street, Inc. - \$2,302
- 2015 Downtown Planter Program
- Troy City Schools - \$2,500
- Student Grief Support
- Troy REC - \$3,000
- 2015 Summer Lunch Buddies

- Troy Community Works - \$5,000
- 2015 Day of Caring
- Troy Civic Band - \$6,000
- 2015 Summer Concert Season
- Troy Christian Schools - \$5,880
- New Volleyball Equipment
- Troy City Schools - \$9,000
- Jr. High Chrome-books in the Classroom Project
- Troy-Miami County Public Library - \$10,000
- Handicapped Accessible Restroom
- Troy-Miami County Public Library - \$12,000
- Imagination Library
- Miami Valley Veteran's Museum - \$12,150
- Veterans Timeline Murals
- Troy Civic Theatre - \$13,120
- Lighting Equipment
- Corinn's Way, Inc. - \$10,000
- Corinn's Girls and Parenting Program
- Miami County Dental Clinic - \$20,000
- Traveling Smiles Transportation Vehicle
- Troy Development Council - \$25,000
- Troy Career Connection/ Troy Career Day
- Carbon Monoxide Fund - \$3,700
- Purchase of CO Detectors

For more information about the foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit www.thetroyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Friday, May 15th by 4pm for review at the June meeting.

What To Do in Troy

Kids' Easter Painting Party — Hippity Hop!

Friday, April 3, 2015; 6:30-8:00PM

Mayflower Arts Center Studio

Easter is just around the corner and you know what that means? We get to paint cute Mr. Easter Bunny on a 11x14 canvas! Guided instruction walks you through this project, so it is perfect for anyone ages 5+. Light refreshments will be served.

Ages: 5+
Cost: \$25/child (includes all materials, cookies and punch; payable by cash or check at the door)
Space is limited to 16 guests and **pre-registration is required.**

Adult Exploration Hike

April 7, 9:00 a.m.
Maple Ridge Reserve
The Miami County Park District will hold an Adult Exploration Hike on April 7 at 9 a.m. at Maple Ridge Reserve, 10430 State Route 185 north of Covington. Join park district naturalist Sassafras Susan for a ramble along the trails observing and exploring all that can be found. It is a great opportunity to get out and learn together while connecting with nature. Walks last about two hours and are

not strenuous or fast-paced. Due to weather, trails may be wet—wear appropriate shoes. Meet in parking lot. Meet in parking lot. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Commissioners Meet with Judge on Jail Population

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Municipal Court officials will collect detailed data on female offenders to possibly help the county commissioners decide what direction to take in dealing with lack of jail space.

The commissioners met March 26 with Judge Gary Nasal and Court Administrator Tony Blakely to gather more information on the number of females being seen by the court.

In early 2014, Nasal told the commission the number of females being seen on criminal offenses or probation violations was increasing rapidly. Many of the offenses were related to drugs, particularly heroin, the commission was told.

Last week's meeting followed a discussion March 17 with sheriff's Chief Deputy Dave Duchak on cost estimates to open a third 60-inmate pod at the county Incarceration Facility (IF). The pod would be for female prisoners. The IF has two of its four pods open, both used for male prisoners.

Females incarcerated now are held either at the downtown Troy jail or at the Shelby County Jail under an agreement signed last summer. The agreement allows the county to house up to 15 females in Sidney for \$55 per day per prisoner.

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.

The estimated cost to open the third pod at the IF was around \$250,000 a year. Duchak said the

soonest the IF likely would open would be July.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien told Nasal and Blakely the meeting was at Duchak's suggestion. O'Brien said commissioners were interested in more information on the females being sentenced and what they thought the future might hold.

"We are interested in it as well," Nasal said. He said there is no "reliable statistical methodology" on consequential use of jail space. He said there wasn't time before the meeting to review statistics on topics such as how frequently the 15 maximum prisoner level is being pushed in Shelby County.

During the past year, the rate of growth in the number of females being seen has slowed but it does continue to increase, Nasal said.

"Anecdotally we can say the growth ... has slowed but there is still growth. I don't have any idea what the pace of that growth is going to continue to be," Nasal said.

However, he added that, during the past two weeks the county is moving close to "maximizing on a consistent basis" the space available for women locally and in Shelby County.

More time would be needed to do research on more specific answers, which the commissioners said would be fine. They were told more information could be available in a couple of weeks.

Blakely said around 850 people are on some form of probation or supervision by the Municipal Court.

The court staff works with the sheriff's office on trying to control the jail population, and will continue to do so, Blakely said.


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Eagles Softball Under New Coach

By Jim Dabbelt

Dan Cain is no stranger to success. For years he assisted at Covington, one of the strongest softball programs in the area. After coaching at Northridge last year, Cain has taken over the Troy Christian Eagles softball team, as they prepare to open their season on Saturday.

"After (Troy Christian AD) Jeff Sakal called me a couple of times, I decided that I really would like to get back closer to home and coach," Cain said. "Early on we have struggled a little bit with numbers, with the kids going on their mission trip and now spring break, but I think we will have a good season."

Cain knows that despite some low numbers, the chance will be there for improvement this season, and a shot at a potential league title. "I have kids who are juniors who have never played before, but I have seen some good improvement in them," he said. "That enjoyment is why I am in it. It's easy to say that when you aren't winning, but I am competitive and when a kid puts the bat on a ball for the first time in a week, I get true enjoyment out of it."

Three seniors lead the way for the Eagles, including catcher/first baseman Shauna Davee, who hit close to .500 last season.

"Shauna is an athletic player who runs and throws well," Cain said. "She is our top returning hitter."

Jessica Keifer also returns at third base, a player who the Eagles will count on this season. "She has one of the strongest arms on the team, and is a good fielder," the coach said. "She is working hard on her decision making where to

throw the ball, but I think she will do good things for us this year."

The final senior is outfielder Natalie Krueger, who has a great work ethic according to Cain.

Three juniors also look to produce for the Eagles this year, including Abby Evaniuk, Mara Campbell and Taylor Madison.

Evaniuk plays second base, and is a solid defender, while Campbell will play both infield and outfield, while Madison will handle the outfield.

"She is potentially a strong hitter who can hit in the middle of our lineup," Cain said.

The rest of the lineup are all underclassmen, including four sophomores. Leading the way in that class is Kallie Browning, who is the top returning pitcher in the Metro Buckeye Conference.

"She can play multiple positions, but is our number one pitcher. She will also hit near the top of the lineup.

Olivia Glaser is in her first year of high school softball, but has played travel ball according to Cain. She will rotate between catching, shortstop and outfield. Two more players are in their first season, including Rebekah Anderson and Ketley Miller.

A pair of freshman rounds out the roster, including the number two pitcher Allison Salyer, who is around the plate with her pitches. Also on the roster is Amy Evaniuk, who has never played softball before and is working hard to get there according to Cain.

"We have a good chance to win the league this year," Cain said. "We have also strengthened our non league schedule as well, with games like Troy, Arcanum, Russia, Lehman and Tri County North."

District 9 Senior Games This Week

The District 9 all-star basketball games will be held this week, as the top seniors from area teams will be honored for their successful seasons. The girls' games will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 and 8:00, while the boys' games will be the same times on Friday night. All games will be held at Troy High School.

In the girls' game tomorrow night, several area kids will be playing. On the North team in the Division 1-2-3 game, Tecumseh's Ali Lee will be playing, along with Greenon's duo of Taylor Burson and Brittany Kozak.

On the South team, Halee Printz was scheduled to play, but is out of town on Spring Break.

No players from Troy,

Troy Christian, Northwestern or Bethel will be participating in the girls' games.

On Friday, their male counterparts also will play in their final games as seniors. In the Division 1-2-3 game, Tecumseh's Donte Clark will suit up for the final time, and will be on the same team with Northwestern's Andy Elliott. On the North team, Troy senior Trey Hudson will be playing, as will Greenon's Jacob Whetsel.

In the Division Four game, Troy Christian will be having two players in the game for the East team, as Chris Landrum and Isiah Fairley are scheduled to participate. Eagles coach Ray Zawadzki is also scheduled to be the coach on that team.

Sports Schedules

Wednesday, April 1

4:00 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Tennis at Stebbins

Thursday, April 2

4:30 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. Tecumseh

5:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys Baseball at Arcanum

Saturday, April 4

TBA - Troy HS Track - Lima Spartan Invitational at Lima HS

10:00 a.m. - Troy Christian Boys Baseball at North-eastern

10:00 a.m. - Troy Christian Boys/Girls Track at Tipp Invitational

11:00 a.m. - Troy Christian Girls Softball vs. Dunbar

12:00 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Baseball vs. Centerville

Monday, April 6

1:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys Baseball vs Bethel at Xenia Christian

4:00 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Tennis at OTCA Tournament at home

5:00 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Baseball vs. Greenville

5:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Girls Softball at Lehman Catholic

Tuesday, April 7

4:30 p.m. - Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. West Carrollton

5:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys Baseball vs. Middletown Christian

5:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Girls Softball at Middletown Christian

St. Patrick School Announces 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

St. Patrick Catholic School is pleased to announce the following students earned First Honors. These students earned all A's in the 3rd quarter of the 2014-2015 school year:

Fourth Grade- Alexandra Hamilton, Sarah Lins, Connor Moeller, Lilly Williams

Fifth Grade- Sarah Castaneda, Briana Lavender

Sixth Grade- Noelle Dexter, Aaron Johnson, Natalie Rossy

Seventh Grade- Danny Lins

Eighth Grade- Ann Pannapara

The following students earned Second Honors. These students earned all A's and B's

in the 3rd Quarter of the 2014-2015 school year:

Fourth Grade- Alicia Cavanaugh, Katie Huelskamp, Allyson Kyle, Joseph Pannapara, Caroline Wesner

Fifth Grade- Brock Bostick, Mary Lins, Andrea Prenger, Taylor Reineke

Sixth Grade- Lauren Adkins, Tag Bender, Kendall Brown, Ryan Dowling, Noah George, Caden Lombardo, Lucas Nguyen, Carianne Rindler, Pyper Sharkins, Paola Vazquez, John Wesner

Seventh Grade- Nathan Locke

Eighth Grade- Aidan Snyder, Cole Gilardi, Elliott Gilardi

Cookson School Announces 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Fourth Grade - James Branscomb, Nickolas Buechter, Brooke Elliott, Chelsea Evilsizor, Elle Freisthler, Leah Hogston, Trinity Hurd, TaMeka Lawrence, Jonathan Lewis, Orion McKee, Rabeckah Meiring, Makenzi Metz, Kaylie Miller, Brianna Montoya, Jonathon Rudy, Samuel Stormer, Dana Stradling, Aries White, Kadynce Williams, Cory Winter

Fifth Grade - Athena Abner, Nicholas Anderson, Xander Covington, Laura Craft, Lauren Fonner, Connor Francis, Corinne Grunden,

Lilly James, Evan Joins, Elijah Kimble, Landen Kimble, Ryen Marsh, Kayleigh McMullen, Andrew Oates, Kaitlyn Roop, Makenzie Smith, Julia Studebaker, Caeli Updike, Kayleigh Via, Andrew Wasouf, Amelia Watson, Lillian Wick

Straight A's

Fourth Grade - Tara Chaney, Olondo Dillard, Leah Harnish, Andrew Helman, Ethan Horn, Alex Wheeler

Fifth Grade - Audrey Clagett, Grace Cole, Molly Montgomery, Tyler Moser, Wyatt Smith, Jacey Meek

New Sports Bar To Open

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While the vast variety of alcohol is a nice feature, Breaan's main emphasis is on the food. "You can go anywhere and get a drink, but you can't go anywhere else and get the food that is served here," she said. "I think the drinks are really just to entertain people while they eat."

The Underground also has a large patio, ideal for the summer, but with inside panels and heaters it can be used almost

year round. The patio, which includes a stage, was a major factor in

the Horn's wanting the building. Plans are made to bring back the Biker's



Xtine Breaan inspects the patio. "The mural goes."

Night on Thursdays, which were popular. In the future some pool tables and dartboards will be added for dart leagues.

The insides of the building have been totally renovated to have a new look from the previous ownership. "Basically the only thing that's the same from when it was the Filling Station is the address," said Breaan.

With a background in Human Resources, Breaan knows the importance of treating people right, which is the same

philosophy she's bringing to the restaurant industry. Equally as important as the food is a high quality staff which she will maintain. "You have to have good food and a good staff. If the food is not consistently good every time then the customer won't come back. And if the staff isn't happy with their job, they won't provide good service," she said.

The hours of the Underground are currently 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday - Wednesday, though the hours could possibly be changed

until midnight for nearby workers who work second shift. Thursdays-Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Consideration is also being given to opening on Sunday's to serve brunch.

A grand opening will be scheduled for May, which promises to be an event that can't be missed. Until then, guests are welcome to try out the Underground beginning April. "We look forward to seeing everybody for good food, good beer, and good music," said Breaan.




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Gardening Commentary



Early Start Mishaps

Most of us have been in the garden by now or at least are trying to get outside as soon as the weather cooperates. One of the latest spring snows we have had in recent years was the first week in April. It is just the last stroke of winter trying to stay around for just a little longer. All this snow or rain does is to postpone our activity in the garden and landscape because it makes everything so soggy. We should have already sent in our soil samples to the lab, if this is the year that we are planning to get a read on where our nutrients and pH are in the garden. If we are going to try and have a bumper harvest of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and maybe some broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and kalettes we need to have the nutrients in the soil available to the plants in the right balance. The only real way to do that is to have a lab, which specializes in this type of analysis, to give us the answers. Soil test kits are available in our store so you can deal directly with the lab.

One thing we want to remember is the condition of our garden soils. Adding compost to our clay soils is like adding "magic". Ample amounts of organic matter or compost improves the performance and ease of managing the soil early in the spring and in the heat of the summer. Our

soils normally are clay type and about neutral on the pH scale. Slightly acidic is preferred. When clay soils are handled by plowing, rototilling, cultivating when they are wet the result is severe clodding. These clods occur when the wet soil dries out leaving hard clumps that will likely take months to return to normal. Compost will help reduce this problem and aid the soil in returning to a condition that is ready to "work". So the message here is to avoid handling your garden soil when it is too wet and keep adding compost every year. Composted garden and kitchen waste are ideal or use some of the commercially available soil conditioners like sphagnum peat moss.

The temptation, especially after a cold winter like we have had, is to get outside and get the garden going. You can do that by planting peas, potatoes, Cole crops, radishes, lettuce, spinach and carrots. When the soils are cold some plants don't like this condition and they demonstrate their displeasure by not growing and sometimes they just give up and never recover. The take home here is don't rush the season, let the soil warm up before planting warm season varieties like tomatoes, beans, peppers, melons, cucumbers and corn.

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At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Who Am I?

The other day I answered the telephone by saying, "Moore's residence, this is the gardener speaking, how can I help you?"

Needless to say, the caller was startled into a moment of silence. Finally laughter came over the line and a familiar voice said, "Hi Connie, are you trying to pull my leg?"

I referred to the fact that I had been outside with my hands in the dirt pulling weeds when the phone rang and I answered it. Therefore, I was the gardener.

At other times I could just as well answered "this is the cook" or "this is the housekeeper". All of which would have been correct, taken either as single jobs or as accumulated work.

The reason I bring this up is that sometimes the older we get, the more we tend to minimize what we've done with our lives. Regrets seep into thoughts like

rainwater seeping slowly into a room. Sooner or later it builds up to a destructive force that threatens to tear apart walls and possessions.

Well, in old age it is best to look, not at the whole picture, but at jobs held. By breaking down a life's work into specific jobs one can tally up a grand total that is more than years lived.

I give as an example Frank A. Hardy. In 1912 he was a 94-year old worker living in Washington Township, Miami County. By that year he had held public office for 109 years.

Yes, that is correct-109 years. He decided to give up the office of justice of the peace to reduce his work load. His key to success was to hold more than one office at a time. Here is his job break down:

- Justice of Peace: 25 years
- Township Clerk: 5 years
- City Clerk of Piqua: 10 years
- Waterworks Clerk: 7 years
- Board of Education Clerk: 20 years
- Ward Assessor: 14 years
- Board of Equalization: 24 years
- Member of Tax Equalization Board: 2 years
- Appraiser of Real Estate: 2 years
- Total: 109 years

He is further credited with serving 56 years as a volunteer fireman.

Now that is what I consider a good perspective of a life full of usefulness. So, in order to gain a better perspective of my own 64 years, I reminisced my own list of jobs, or offices if you will, that I have held and/or am still holding.

- Cook: 42 years
- Housekeeper: 42 years
- Daycare Teacher: 7 years
- Chauffeur: 16 years
- Janitor: 42 years
- Certified Mental Health Technician: 3 years
- Family Psychologist: 42 years
- Laundress: 42 years
- Gardener: 37 years
- Seamstress: 32 years
- Freelance writer: 20 years
- Total years: 325 years

A further credit of serving 15 years as a volunteer member of County Fair workers could be added.

Well, that's what I've been doing, packing a lot of jobs into a few years. Sometime when you're feeling down and not worth much, take a minute, count up your "office of" years and I guarantee you'll feel a lot better about taking some time off to relax.

Now, I just have to decide which office I'll resign for a while so I have time to bake me a retirement cake.

Send Comments to Connie at dormoore@att.net or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

Easy Oatmeal Walnut Cake

- 1 cup oats
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- ¼ cup butter, cut into pieces
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped English walnuts

In large mixing bowl, place oats, sugar and butter pieces. Pour boiling water over all and let set until till cool.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8 or 9 inch square cake pan or a 9-inch deep-dish Pyrex pie plate.

Beat eggs and blend into oats. Sift flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Mix into oats well. Stir in walnuts. Pour batter into prepared pan or dish.

Bake for about 25 minutes or until tested done with a toothpick. Cool in pan or dish. Dust top heavily with confectioners' sugar.

Recipe Source: family cookbook.

From the Pulpit

BY PASTOR MARC FREY

The Effect of Easter

With the possible exception of Christmas, there is no day on the Christian calendar that creates so much excitement in churches as Easter. The attendance at most Christian churches on Easter is greater than usual. People are excited by the Easter account. They are happy to hear again about the friends of Jesus going out to the tomb early in the morning to anoint the dead body of Jesus. But instead, they found the tomb empty and an angel announced, "He is risen."

But the excitement of people today seems to die down very quickly. It's like Easter lilies. They are beautiful while they last, but they don't last very long. People soon forget about Easter. But that is not what happened in the first months and years after Jesus rose from the dead. The

resurrection of Jesus had an effect on them and their lives. It will have the same effect on us if we see it as they saw it.

As you read about the early Christian church in the Bible, especially in the book of Acts, you notice that when the apostles preached, their sermons always led up to the resurrection. They said that Jesus had risen from the dead even when they were laughed at, and even when they knew they would be thrown in jail for saying it. When they were scattered because of persecution, they spoke about the death of Jesus for the sins of the world and his resurrection from the dead.

The effect of the resurrection did not wear off of the early Christians. They did not just celebrate it once a year and then forget about it. It was the heart and soul of their faith. They felt that they had to tell people about it.

The resurrection of Jesus proved to them that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. When Jesus died, his followers were

depressed. But when he rose from the dead, it showed clearly that he was the Son of God. The authorities realized that too, that is why they forbid the disciples to tell about the resurrection. The resurrection proved that Jesus is the Son of God.

It also proved something else. Their sins had been paid for. People are sinners. Sinners are condemned by God. We can't pay for our sins. But Jesus said that he would pay for the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead proved that he was what he said he was – our Savior.

Best of all, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gave them hope. Jesus conquered death. He promises to raise us from the dead. We have hope. Those early Christians did not live for money or pleasure. They were looking forward to eternal life with Christ.

What would life be like without the resurrection of Jesus? We would just be heading for death. That is what is ahead for all of us.

Without the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the best you could hope for is to have a good time while you are alive. Live it up. Get out of life all that you can because you won't be here long.

That is a terrible way to live. But that is the way most people live today. There is something better - the grace of God. Grace in the knowledge that God loves you, that Christ died for you, that your sins are completely forgiven, and eternal life is ahead for you. Many turn their backs on this grace. They live for this life and die without hope.

Why should we want to be like them? Why should we ignore the grace of God in Christ? Why should we live our lives being afraid to die?

Jesus has paid for our sins. We have the promise of eternal life. The proof is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

(Pastor Marc Frey is the pastor at Peace of Our Savior Lutheran Church (WELS) New Carlisle, OH www.peaceofoursavior.net)



Rescue Me

Born on July 5, 2014, Paul is a neutered, male, Black Labrador Retriever mix dog. He is crate trained, but not quite housebroken as of yet.

Paul is a high energy dog who gets along well with other dogs, and loves children. There is still a lot of puppy in this dog, and so a fenced in yard is a must for Paul. He loves to play

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Police Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Ransomware

Do you have a computer or cell phone with internet capability? Both are now targets of low life criminals in our society who are using technology to victimize the public. Ransomware is a term used to describe how the criminals hold your electronic device software hostage until a ransom is paid. So instead of abducting your child or loved one for ransom, they are taking your computer or cell phone hostage.

What the cybercriminals are doing is sending malware through your computer/phones email account which attacks your software, causing the computer to freeze up. Often a popup message will carry the malware and when the unsuspecting victim opens the message it attacks

the system and embeds itself.

The victim will be told to purchase a prepaid card the same as used to get the elderly to send money by giving the criminal the number off the back of the card. The card is then drained of the money and you may or may not be given back the use of your computer. The criminals also demand ransom be paid with bitcoins.

The FBI has been working more and more of these types of crimes and gives the following information on a ransomware variant called CryptoWall:

A fairly new ransomware variant making the rounds lately called CryptoWall (and CryptoWall 2.0, its newer version), this virus encrypts files on a computer's hard drive and any external or shared drives to which the computer has access. It directs the user to a personalized victim ransom page that contains the initial ransom

amount (anywhere from \$200 to \$5,000), detailed instructions about how to purchase Bitcoins, and typically a countdown clock to notify victims how much time they have before the ransom doubles. Victims are infected with CryptoWall by clicking on links in malicious e-mails that appear to be from legitimate businesses and through compromised advertisements on popular websites. These infections can be devastating and recovery can be a difficult process that may require the services of a reputable data recovery specialist.

Protect Your Computer from Ransomware in particular and malware in general by following the following protections and precautions.

- Make sure you have updated antivirus software on your computer.
- Enable automated patches for your operating system and web browser.
- Have strong passwords, and don't use

the same passwords for everything.

- Use a pop-up blocker.
- Only download software—especially free software—from sites you know and trust (malware can also come in downloadable games, file-sharing programs, and customized toolbars).
- Don't open attachments in unsolicited e-mails, even if they come from people in your contact list, and never click on a URL contained in an unsolicited e-mail, even if you think it looks safe. Instead, close out the e-mail and go to the organization's website directly.
- Use the same precautions on your mobile phone as you would on your computer when using the Internet.
- To prevent the loss of essential files due to a ransomware infection, it's recommended that individuals and businesses always conduct regular system back-ups and store the backed-up data offline.

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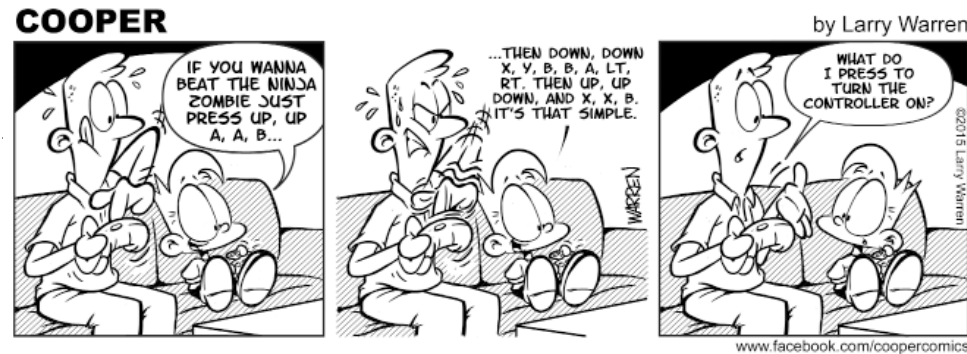
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Trivia Challenge

- 1.) Pug, Alaskan Malamute, Akita, Griffon Bruxellois and Shiba Inu are all examples of what?
a. Horses
b. Sharks
c. Dogs
d. Cats
- 2.) Which airline claims to have served the first hot in flight meal?
a. Pan America
b. West Jet
c. Air Japan
d. British Airways
- 3.) Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins and Scott Glenn all play a role in this movie that is based on a novel by Thomas Harris.
a. The Silence of the Lambs
b. Manhunter
c. Hannibal Rising
d. Red Dragon
- 4.) In volving a 400 meter long orange coloured cloth, which artist created the "Valley Curtain" in 1970?
a. Biggs
b. Christo
c. Quinn
d. Finer
- 5.) What television broadcast made history when it aired on the 20th of July 1969?
a. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth
b. The opening of the Suez Canal
c. The first FIFA World Cup
d. The moon landing
- 6.) The following extraterrestrial lyric is from which 1969 hit song "Am I sitting in a tin can far above the world. Planet Earth is blue...?"
a. Rocket Man
b. Space Oddity
c. Mr. Spaceman
d. Calling Occupants of Interplanetary Craft

General Knowledge

- 7.) Which of these Broadway hits was based on Puccini's "La Boheme"?
a. A Chorus Line
b. Rent
c. Guys and Dolls
d. Cats
- 8.) According to a poll (by the British Film Institute) in 2000, what was the most popular British television show?
a. Fawley Towers
b. Doctor Who
c. Doctor on the Go
d. 100 Huntley Street
- 9.) Originally, believed to be a "common criminal" and "not a reluctant participant," who did Jimmy Carter release from prison on March 20th, 1977?
a. Charles Manson
b. Phil Spector
c. Ja Rule
d. Patty Hearst
- 10.) Which star accidentally started the tradition of having footprints placed in cement?
a. Norma Talmadge
b. Buster Keaton
c. Gene Rodenberry
d. Charlie Chaplin
- 11.) Who is quoted as saying to his wife, "Honey, I forgot to duck"?
a. Ronald Reagan
b. Mohammad Ali
c. Mike Tyson
d. John F. Kennedy
- 12.) Constructed by the German Democratic Republic, in what year was the Berlin Wall erected?
a. 1953
b. 1947
c. 1936
d. 1961

Last Week's Trivia Solutions

- 14.) Tony Blair – 'Save the Children' promotes children's rights and provides relief to children in developing countries.
- 15.) Chile – Villarrica is one of Chile's most active volcanoes.
- 16.) Japan – Misao was born in Osaka, Japan, on March 5, 1898.
- 17.) Mexico – The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration offered a \$5 million reward for his capture and arrest.
- 18.) Dawn – Dawn is the first spacecraft to orbit a dwarf planet.
- 19.) Harrison Ford – Starring in several Hollywood blockbusters, Ford's career has spanned six decades.
- 20.) Years and Years – Making its debut at number one, King was released in the United Kingdom as a digital download on March 1st, 2015.

Crossword Puzzle

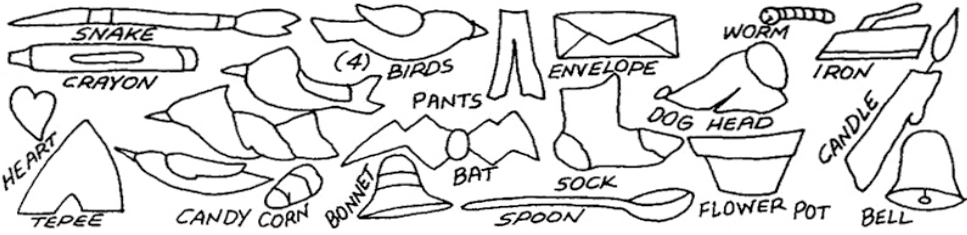
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11. Little bison
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14. Stratagem
15. Human physiques (slang)
16. "Wheel of Fortune" buy
17. 60's apartments
18. Fiend
19. Corleone group
20. Plant served like potato
21. Clarinet need
22. Conviction
24. Janet Jackson album "Start ___"
25. Re-___ to his earlier position
27. Tiny payment
29. Onomatopoeic
32. Long green
33. Remorse
34. Cool, in the 80's
36. Foreboding sign
37. Opposing
38. Jedi first name
39. Enlivens (with "up")
40. Takes a turn
41. '60s hot spot
42. "Chances ___"
43. Kind of oak
44. Off one's feed
45. Masefield play "The Tragedy of ___"
46. "___ Time at All," Beatle tune
47. Small island
- Down
1. Best part
2. Associate
3. Drink
4. Unties
5. Welcome words
6. "Airplane!" actor Robert
7. Highest point
8. Created the outline again
9. Scoped out
11. Nominate
15. 3rd largest island in the world
23. Department store section
24. Non-believer creed
26. Sagaciously
27. Picture taker
28. Number on a football team
30. Dry
31. Teachings of rabbinical origin
32. Religious text
35. Murkily
37. Muslim bigwig

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm sure you are well aware of the city's decision to update the sidewalks of the 100 block of East Main Street of the downtown, as to match the others. Not only do they plan on updating the sidewalks but also buy all electrical lines and remove all trees. How's that for a green friendly city? Now I suspect that the city thinks they're doing the small businesses a big favor. That's a laugh - the city helping small businesses. What they don't realize is that not only are they robbing the businesses of their hard earned money but also causing great amounts of grief. And they failed to give the people a proper chance to fight this horrendous idea, seeing as they pushed the vote through on a so-called "emergency" ordinance. Now I doubt that many people in the city government understand what it's like to run a small business. I feel they

think that all small business owners are plenty wealthy. I can't speak for all, but they're dead wrong. I understand that it's not only the businesses that are affected by this but also the police station. While every other slab of sidewalk is being paid for by independent people, the police station's sidewalk is most likely being paid for out of the pockets of every taxpayer in the city. Isn't that just dandy that the police update all their cruisers, not to mention the nice new meter man's ridiculous upgrade to a full-sized vehicle, but now they get a nice new sidewalk! It's disgusting to see a city profligate like some millionaire playboy.

Now all that I've written hopefully gives the people something to think about, especially with elections right around the corner, but the most disheartening thing about this came after one of the planners of the great makeover said that most people clean their sidewalks off. If only that

was true. Sadly this isn't true. Luckily the police station pays to have theirs done, while the rest of them break their backs shoveling snow. Concrete is hard enough but brick is by far worse. I grew up with a brick driveway and let me tell you it is and awful job. Not only does ice become almost indestructible but any real attempt at taking a proper crack at it results in chipped bricks. This not only gives you shoddy looking bricks, but the next time you go to shovel you'll end up with a serious case of rock-gut.

I hope this letter reaches your readers so that they can become more informed with the happenings in their fair city. So next time you're in need of a haircut, or something to eat, remember those businesses on East Main Street, for they need the extra profits to pay for their new sidewalks.


A Concerned Business Owner

in its tone.

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Visit their island retreat at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015, to read in our relaxing reading area and make a craft.

Go on a "world tour" right from the children's department, 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015; travel through books,

crafts and activities.

Join the Library for the movie "The Lorax" at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015; the movie is rated PG and will run for 93 minutes.

Stop in and listen to stories by the "campfire", make a trail mix snack and a paper lantern at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2015.

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Mayor Addresses State of the City

By Nancy Bowman

Troy Mayor Mike Beamish turned to a popular spring activity – college basketball's NCAA tournament – as the theme for discussing what city leaders hope is a winning strategy for Miami County's largest community.

Beamish was the featured speaker during the March 30 annual State of the City report hosted by the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor's remarks took a look at the past, the present and the future.



Referring several times to the national college basketball tournament now under way, Beamish said his NCAA Final Four is comprised of: economic development, financial stability, quality of life and vision with a commitment for the future.

Economic development remains the city's number one priority, he said. "There is competition for economic development opportunities. We know there is a need for a qualified skilled workforce, both locally and regionally ... We need to have the necessary tools in our economic development toolbox to compete," he

said.

Among those tools mentioned were quality schools, available housing across socio-economic boundaries, job opportunities and training and quality of life amenities.

Beamish again focused on the Great Miami River while discussing what the city has to offer. He pointed to debate and discussion during the past year of the city's riverfront development project, particularly the Treasure Island marina and park component.

The \$10 million project also includes renovations/expansion of the Hobart Arena.

Turning to the bottom line, the mayor said the city is financially sound. Revenues are up more than 2 percent over 2014 budgeted levels. "We continue to watch closely our expenses with an emphasis on cost-effective, efficient services," Beamish said. Despite providing what he called "a good bang for the buck," the mayor said the city needs to remain cautious with spending.

Turning to the future, Beamish touched on the former ITW/Hobart Brothers plant site between West Street and West Main streets.

"New businesses, condos and professional offices. They can all complement our historic area on Water Street," he said. "The eventual green space at the ...site offers all these many possibilities for development."

Beamish has been mayor for 12 years. He is seeking another term in the May 5 primary again Republican challenger Patty Rose, a local businesswoman.



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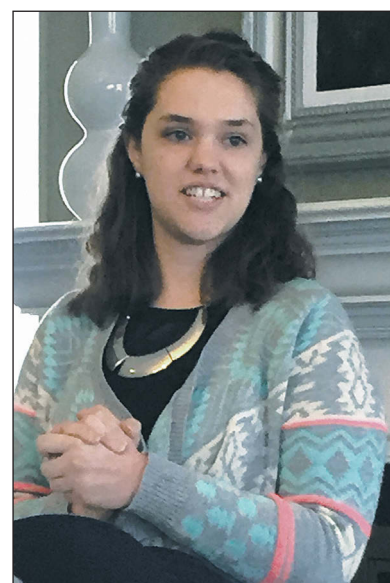
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Troy Main St. Topic of Troy Rotary Meeting

Downtown Troy has membership in a rather exclusive club, thanks to Main Street, a nationally certified organization that consists of 1,600 communities. Formed in the 1970s in Chicago, Main Street was established to combat the outflow of retailers and customers who migrated to suburban shopping malls. This shift in buying behavior left many eclectic and iconic structures vacant and rotting, despite their historical significance to the city. Main Street created standard criteria, best practices and a certification program to help revive businesses. Cities that join Main Street are those whose civic leaders want local businesses to survive and thrive through investment and economic revitalization efforts.

advocates for Troy's downtown businesses while focusing on marketing, first floor occupancy rates, advising and screening potential new businesses, and serving as communication liaison between tenants and property owners. Additionally, it promotes downtown designs and property maintenance standards, along with historic and beautification commission efforts.

As a member of Main Street, Troy's organization supports "Shop Small Saturday" on the day after Black Friday and other nationally promoted events. It also coordinates many programs in the downtown area, including the Farmers Market, Taste of Troy, Final Fridays and the summer concert series. Annual funding for Troy Main Street is provided by the City of Troy, merchant memberships, event income, private fundraising, grants and scholarships.



Established in 1990, Troy Main Street is a non-profit organization that promotes the economic welfare of downtown Troy. Managing business recruitment and retention programs, improving the visual image of downtown and organizing community events are all part of its efforts under the leadership of Executive Director, Katherine Hayes (pictured). In her role, Hayes works closely with the City of Troy, and other entities, to build partnerships, engage in local business interactions and do strategic planning. The nonprofit

All these activities serve to remind Trojans, and visitors, that Troy's historic downtown truly is, to quote Mayor Michael Beamish, the living room of the community. For more information on Troy Main Street, visit www.troymainstreet.org.

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



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