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Troy Foundation Continues Tradition of Giving to Honor Flight Dayton



By Maggie E. Yowler

Nearly 90 veterans experienced Washington, D.C. in high style on Saturday, April 2 as they toured the nation’s capital with Honor Flight Dayton. This weekend’s flight—the first of the 2016 season—was co-sponsored by The Troy Foundation, which has given more than \$50,000 to the non-profit veterans’ organization in the past decade.

Lisa Reynolds, a Program Officer at The Troy Foundation, was lucky enough to travel with the nation’s finest this weekend as they toured the nation’s capital, acting as a

“Guardian” to accompany her assigned veterans while they took in the sights.

She spent the day escorting a Springfield father and son to the memorials and other attractions the group of 89 veterans visited on Honor Flight Dayton trips. The group packs an entire week’s worth of site-seeing in just one day, meaning that most of the travelers are awake for a 24-hour period by the time they arrive back home in Dayton on Saturday night. Veterans and guardians are required to show up at the airport around

3 o’clock on Saturday morning in order to check in, prepare for the flight, and have breakfast. Their flight into the capital usually lasts about an hour, and once the landing gear touches down in D.C., the travelers are on the go non-stop—embarking on a whirlwind tour of the nation’s war memorials and other significant historic sites.

They visited the World War Two Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Marines Memorial, and Arlington National Cem-

etry to see the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and Reynolds remarked on how much respect was shown to the vets at each stop.

“It’s something everyone should get to experience,” Reynolds said of the trip. “I had goosebumps all day,” Reynolds said, noting how much she was touched by the number of strangers who approached the veterans at each location and rushed to shake their hands and thank them for their service.

Reynolds said The Troy

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High Winds Wreak Havoc



Residents removing fallen tree limbs from W. Main St. and their driveway

The Miami County Sheriff’s Office reported receiving over 30 calls within a period of a few hours Saturday as a result of the wind storm.

Winds as high as 65 MPH were reported in Miami County. The snow that fell created near-blizzard conditions in some areas.

MCSO Chief Deputy Dave Duchak said that the county suffered toppled trees, downed power lines and accidents as a result of the

storm.

Power lines were downed on Experiment Farm Rd. between Farrington and Eldean Roads, closing that section of the road. Shortly before 6:00 p.m., three vehicles were trapped by downed power lines in the 4000 block of Experiment Farm Rd.

DP&L reported that nearly 7000 residents were without power at the height of the storm.



A tree uprooted by the wind in the 1300 block of W. Main St.

City to Ban Drones at Festival

By Nancy Bowman

A proposed annual agreement with the Troy Strawberry Festival includes a smaller payment for services to the city than in the past and adds a prohibition of drones on the festival site.

City Council’s recreation and parks committee recommended the proposed agreement after reviewing it with Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, March 29.

Other council committees the same evening recommended the paving program for this year and other proposals.

The Strawberry Festival committee again is planning for an event on a split venue of downtown and part of the Great Miami River levee.

The proposed payment to the city is \$7,500, about half of what was paid last year to cover city expenses beyond the yearly city donation to the festival, Titterington said. The amount is less in part due to economies and to the cancel-

lation this year of a car show.

The agreement also includes past prohibitions such as no writing, painting, chalking or marking on streets, sidewalks, alleys or other public areas in the event area during the festival.

An addition this year is the prohibition of drones, which Titterington said are becoming increasingly popular.

“We are concerned that with the proliferation of particularly privately owned drones that might be an issue,” he said. The prohibition is planned for other agreements the city has for events, he said.

The prohibition does not rule out the city working with the festival or activity if a drone is desired for marketing work or similar purposes, Titterington said. The concern is having drones buzzing people and creating a privacy issue, although none have been experienced so far, he said.

Councilman Brock Heath asked if the city owned the air space above the festival

grounds. Titterington said higher flying drones would fall under the FAA.

“I am really worried about the low flying drones that might impede people, get too close or become hazardous,” he said.

Also recommended for council approval March 29 were the paving program and an agreement with Miami County for sharing the cost of paving McKaig Road from South Dorset Road to State Route 718. Parts of the road lie within the city while others are in the county. The estimated cost of the paving project is \$275,000.

Other parts of the paving program are the annual street paving at \$800,000; park department paving, \$15,000; and cemetery road paving, \$15,000.

The roads proposed for inclusion in this year’s paving program are:

Leedes Road, from North Dorset to the cul de sac

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TC Jazz Band Performs in Nashville

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Troy Christian High School Jazz Band had a unique opportunity provided by Logan’s Roadhouse to visit, perform, and record in Nashville, Tennessee last week. 14 students and 3 chaperones left on Monday, March 28 and spent 3 days experiencing a private concert at the Grand Ole Opry, a tour of the city, a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a recording session at Studio B where Elvis recorded his music. Logan’s Roadhouse School Music Grant Program selected Troy Christian as one of 25 winners nationwide.

Back in December, under the supervision of Band Director Christina Roberts, students created a video humorously depicting the woeful state of their second-hand drum set. In response to their request, Logan’s supplied \$1,200 toward a new Yama-



ha drum set in February and students had the opportunity to play it at the Logan’s Roadhouse Annual GM Conference at Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee. According to Roberts, the atmosphere at the GM Conference on March 29 was “electric.” The TC Jazz Band was the only group performing. Their story and performance so touched Logan’s associates that the students received an enthusiastic and

tearful standing ovation after the students concluded with a “thank you” song they had prepared for the event.

In correspondence with Troy Christian, Logan’s Roadhouse CEO Sam Borgese said, “We want to make a difference for young musicians and encourage their creativity. We are proud to be partners with this vibrant music program and help so many deserving students.” Accord-

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Father Sentenced to Five Years for Abuse of Son

By Nancy Bowman

Five years in prison was ordered Monday, April 4, for a Troy man convicted of child endangering after he struck his five month old son’s head on a mirror and shook him, causing injuries whose extent prosecutors said won’t be known for years.

Dillon Spade, 23, was charged after Troy police were called early Sept. 29 to Dayton Children’s Hospital on a report of the child having several skull fractures that appeared to be nonaccidental. The boy initially was taken from a Troy motel where he was staying with his dad, mother and a three-year-old girl to Upper Valley Medical Center, and then transferred to Children’s.

Police said during questioning they learned Spade was caring for the two children while their mother was at work. He at first said nothing happened but after added questioning “admitted to shaking (the child) and hitting his head on the wall mirror” after he would not stop crying.

Police said the child’s mother then admitted that her husband told her what had happened earlier. She added that after the child’s head hit the mirror, Spade said he “threw (the child) on the bed and he bounced off the bed and onto the floor on top of (the other child),” police reported.

Spade pleaded no contest and was found guilty Feb. 17 in Miami County Common Pleas Court, where he was

sentenced Monday by Judge Christopher Gee.

Defense lawyer Steve Layman said Spade “realized what he did is wrong” and said he believed “he acted more out of frustration and didn’t have the parenting tools.”

“I’m sorry for what I did to my son. I know I am going to pay the price” Spade said.

County Prosecutor Tony Kendell said Spade violated his responsibility as a parent “in a despicable way.”

It will take years before the full impact of the abuse on the child will be known, Kendell said. He added that Spade was on probation at the time the child was injured.

Gee said Spade had prior convictions for disorderly conduct, a charge amended from assault, and a second disorderly conduct from a charge amended from domestic violence against the child’s mother. The second charge was the one for which Spade was serving probation at the time of the child endangering offense.

“This was a very serious series of thing that occurred in this case. This was more than just a lack of parenting skills,” Gee said. “Mr. Spade has some history of violence. He had no business watching a child, even his own child, because he doesn’t have the mindset of a parent.”

Spade was given credit for 189 days served in the county jail.

Troy HS Students Charged with Sign Thefts

By Seth Gecko

On March 17, a Troy High School employee reported the theft of a “No Trespassing” sign from a fence around the stadium. The fence appeared to have been cut with bolt cutters.

The next day, the officer spoke with a coach at the school who was asking around after noticing that the sign was stolen. He said that several students identified two male students as the possible suspects stating that they had taken pictures of signs and were sending them over the internet. The officer said that he wanted to talk to the boys’ parents, and they were called and responded to the school.

One of the suspect students was interviewed and for over an hour maintained that he did not steal the sign from the stadium. Then he started changing his story and finally admitted to the theft. He said that he and the other suspect student borrowed bolt cutters from another student and stole the sign. He was advised that other signs were reported stolen but denied knowledge

of those thefts.

Arriving at the student’s home, his father said that his son had also stolen a CSX Emergency Reporting sign. The student then admitted to stealing the CSX sign with help from the second suspect student.

On March 21, the officer spoke with the second suspect student, who admitted to stealing the “No Trespassing” sign, the CSX sign, a 3-way sign, a CSX No Trespassing sign, a neighborhood watch sign and a “No Firearms” sign. The officer followed the student to his home to pick up the stolen signs.

The student who supplied the bolt cutters was also interviewed, but he denied participating in the thefts.

On March 25, the officer called the owners of the signs and made a theft complaint from each location where signs were stolen.

Both students were charged with multiple counts of theft and ordered into Juvenile Court.

Troy Police Reports

MONDAY 3/28

11:28 a.m. To Peters Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that guns were stolen from his home. The case is pending.

12:25 p.m. To Linwood St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man reported that he was involved in a physical argument with another man who had left in the direction of Cookson school. The other man was charged with domestic violence.

3:52 p.m. A woman came to the Police Department to report a violation of a protection order. She said that a man, against whom she has a protection order, sent her a Facebook message. She said that she did not respond to the message. She said she has no contact information for the man and believes he might be homeless. Attempts to contact the man were unsuccessful. A warrant was issued for violating a protection order.

5:56 p.m. Traffic stop on Maplecrest at Staunton Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 54 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said that he did not realize that he was speeding and did not see the 35 MPH sign. He was cited for speed.

TUESDAY 3/29

1:04 a.m. To Royal Inn for a report of a disturbance. Two subjects were found to have active warrants. They were arrested and transported to the County Jail.

1:21 p.m. To Laurel Tree Lane for a report of telephone harassment. A woman reported that she received Facebook messages from a homeless man that she was trying to help. She said that he had sent threatening messages eluding to causing harm to her or her family or her car. The messages were confusing and spoke in rhyme or song lyrics and skirted around direct threats. The officer was able to contact the man who said that he was just angry and had no intention of harming her. He was warned not to contact her again and that he was trespassing from her property.

1:27 p.m. An officer ran the plate on a vehicle traveling east on Canal St. near Monroe St. The owner’s license was suspended. He followed the vehicle to a driveway on S. Clay St. As the driver was exiting the vehicle, he asked her name. She asked why. He asked if she owned the vehicle and she said she did not. He again asked her name. Then a man came from the home and was yelling at the officer and was commenting on the legalities of the officer’s talking to the woman. He was warned for interfering with the traffic stop and told to go back into the house. He complied. The

officer was able to identify the driver as the owner and cited her for no operator’s license. She was polite and cooperative and apologized for the behavior of the man in the home.

2:05 p.m. To Minster Bank for a fraudulent check complaint. Employees stated that two men came in and tried to cash two fraudulent checks. When they were denied, they left the bank.

8:41 p.m. To the area of Walgreen’s for a report of a reckless driver. When the officer arrived, a woman flagged him down and pointed out a black pickup that was the suspect vehicle. A man soon exited the store, got into the suspect truck and left. The officer initiated a traffic stop in the 1000 block of S. Mulberry St. The driver had a suspended license, and said that he just got a ticket for the same offense earlier in the day. He was cited for expired registration and driving under suspension and was told that he is not allowed to drive.

WEDNESDAY 3/30

11:53 a.m. An officer saw a vehicle stopped at the light at W. Main St. and Adams St., then proceed through the intersection while the light was still red. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a citation.

1:03 p.m. Traffic stop on Foss Way. The plates had expired last July. The driver said that she was recently divorced and her husband always took care of the vehicle. She was cited for expired plates and told that the vehicle could not be on the street until properly registered.

2:13 p.m. A St. Paris resident came to the Police station to request a welfare check on his son. He said that the mother texted him and said “I’m going to kill our son,” explaining that he was in trouble at school. He said he didn’t take her literally it was just a figure of speech to express how much trouble the son was in. He asked for a welfare check on the son, but did not know the mother’s address. He said that he would find her address and come back.

7:29 p.m. Police had made a controlled buy of Percocet tablets on Fleet Rd. Directly after the buy, officers tried to contact the suspect, but he would not answer the door. Officers were finally allowed in by his mother, also a resident at the Fleet Rd. address. The suspect was located, taken into custody and booked into the Miami County Jail on a drug trafficking charge, which is a 2nd degree felony since it was in the vicinity of Hook school. Additional charges are pending completion of the investigation.

7:44 p.m. To S. Dorset Rd. to assist a squad. The officer

arrived to find a woman doing CPR on a male subject. The officer took over CPR until medics arrived. The wife said that the subject was at UVMC yesterday and was sent home. She said she called 911 when he said he wasn’t feeling well. She said she heard a sound from the bedroom and went back to find the subject lying on the floor. A visitor started CPR. Medics reported that the subject had expired.

11:26 p.m. While on W. Main St. stopped for the light at I-75, an officer ran a check on the vehicle in front of him and found that the registered owner’s license was suspended. The driver matched the physical description of the owner, so he stopped the vehicle. The driver was, in fact, the owner. The driver said he had paid his fine and was told that it could take a couple of days for his license to clear. He was cited for driving under suspension and his passenger, a valid driver, took control of the vehicle.

11:43 p.m. Traffic stop on E. Main St. near Clay St. for multiple equipment violations. The driver was found to have multiple active warrants and was incarcerated at the Miami County Jail.

THURSDAY 3/31

12:00 p.m. To Kroger’s for a report of an accident. A driver had pulled onto Rt. 718 from Kroger’s and struck another vehicle. The driver was charged with failure to yield and driving under suspension.

3:37 p.m. To Ash St. for a report of a man not breathing. The officer found that he had overdosed on heroin. His wife tried to take more heroin out of his pocket and hide it. She was arrested. The man was transported to UVMC. When he was released from the hospital, he was taken to jail.

4:14 p.m. To Brookfield Lane for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

4:23 p.m. To Commerce Center Blvd. for a report of a private property crash. One of the drivers was found to have an expired license. He said he knew his license was expired, but he was just going to pick up his wife from work. He was cited for driving under suspension and warned not to drive until he has a valid license.

FRIDAY 4/1

4:18 a.m. To E. Main St. for a suspicious complaint. The officer arrived to find the business’ glass door had been broken out. Officers searched the building but found no one inside. The owner was contacted and responded. There are no suspects.

11:20 a.m. To S. Union St.

for a report of a missing juvenile. The juvenile was located and incarcerated at the West Central Juvenile Facility.

2:42 p.m. To the 1400 block of W. Main St. for a report of a hit/skip accident. It was found to be a case of a car door hitting another vehicle. The parties exchanged information and were informed that it is a civil matter.

4:30 p.m. To Troy Towne Dr. for a report of a private property accident. Two vehicles struck as they were backing out of parking spaces. Each vehicle sustained rear damage. The parties exchanged information.

8:58 p.m. Traffic stop on Union St. at Racer Dr. The vehicle was clocked at 39 MPH while northbound on Union St. The driver was cited for speed.

10:26 p.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. at Elm St. The driver had run a red light at W. Main and Ridge Ave. He was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

SATURDAY 4/2

12:29 a.m. An officer saw a vehicle in Troy City Park after hours. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for OVI and transported to Troy PD.

11:03 a.m. To E. Main St. for a report of a burglary. A man reported that someone entered his home overnight and stole some tools. There are no suspects.

11:21 a.m. An officer saw two individuals in Treasure Island Park. Both had passed a “Park Closed” sign to get where they were. They were cited for criminal trespass.


3:40 p.m. To W. Simpson St. for a report of a theft from a vehicle. The victim reported that the vehicle was parked on the street overnight and some items were stolen from it. There are no suspects.

10:25 p.m. To Stephenson Dr. for a report of a male not breathing. Officers arrived to find a man lying on the bathroom floor unresponsive. Troy medics administered two doses of Narcan and he became responsive. He was transported to Upper Valley Medical Center for treatment.

SUNDAY 4/3

9:29 a.m. Traffic stop on S. Market St. The vehicle was clocked at 44 MPH at the Post Office. The driver admitted to doing 44 MPH, but thought she was in a 35 MPH zone. She was cited for speed.

12:47 p.m. To S. Crawford St. for a report of an overdose. Upon the officer’s arrival, Troy Fire Dept. Medics had administered Narcan and was revived. The victim admitted to using two caps of heroin

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

MONDAY 3/28

2:23 p.m. To Hickory Hollow Rd. for a report of menacing. A woman reported that her father was threatening her husband. She said that he made comments about shooting and killing her husband, and has done so in front of their 8-year-old daughter. She said he owns guns and wanted the incident documented in case there are further issues.

2:58 p.m. To Woodridge Dr. for a report of a fraud. A woman stated that someone had used her and her husband’s credit card numbers to purchase items in California and in Troy.

4:55 p.m. To Laurel Creek Dr. for a report of a fraud. A man reported that he received a call from Verizon indicating

that someone had opened a new account in his name. He said Verizon requested a police report to start their fraud process.

5:31 p.m. While stationary at County Rd. 25A and Eldean Rd., the deputy saw a silver Ford Ranger do a burnout when the light turned green. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver immediately apologized and said what he did was stupid. The driver was found to be under suspension and was so cited. He made arrangements to have his vehicle picked up. The deputy noted that the driver was polite and cooperative.

TUESDAY 3/29

6:31 p.m. To Normandy Lane for a report of a theft. No

further details were given.

WEDNESDAY 3/30

5:00 p.m. Traffic stop on Archer Dr. The driver was cited for driving under suspension. The male passenger was taken into custody for possession of crack and possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence will be sent to the crime lab for further confirmation analysis.

THURSDAY 3/31

1:40 a.m. To I-75 for a report of a reckless driver. The deputy entered the highway at the W. Market St. exit and saw a Ford Explorer traveling northbound. He watched the Explorer commit several lane violations and initiated a traffic stop at the 75 mile marker.

The driver had no license but had several out-of-county warrants. The warrants were confirmed and the driver was taken into custody and charged with marked lanes and no operator’s license. The vehicle was towed.

FRIDAY 4/1

2:24 a.m. Traffic stop in the 3100 block of N. County Rd. 25A. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

3:47 p.m. To the area of Rt. 202 and Staunton Rd. for a report of a reckless driver. The vehicle was located and upon further investigation, a male was arrested for OVI and incarcerated in the Miami County Jail.

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County Approves Truck Hauling Route

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners approved a required designation of truck hauling route for a proposed surfacing mining operation by Piqua Materials on Farrington Road, west of County Road 25A between Troy and Piqua. The vote on whether the project will be approved lies with the county Board of Zoning Appeals.

State law requires the county engineer's office to make a recommendation to the commissioners on the preferred haul routes for a proposed operation before an application for a conditional use permit is filed with the appeals board.

The proposed primary haul route was outlined by Paul Huelskamp, county engineer, and approved by commissioners March 29.

The commissioners while discussing the truck route heard comments from two nearby property owners with concerns about the proposed project.

A permit application has not been filed, but is expected soon, said Dan

Suerdieck, county planning and zoning manager. The zoning appeals board decision could be challenged in the county Common Pleas Court.

The primary ingress and egress from the proposed surface mining site would be on the west side of Experiment Farm Road, about 650 feet south of Farrington Road. The primary route to and from the proposed site was identified as Experiment Farm Road to Farrington Road to County Road 25A and on to Interstate 75.

Huelskamp explained that access to the site from Experiment Farm Road was preferred to off Farrington Road because of concerns about the speed of traffic on Farrington Road and trucks entering and leaving the site.

"The quickest, shortest possible route is this one," Huelskamp said.

The commissioners also heard comments from Phillip Neal and Thomas H. Hartzell, both who own properties nearby.

Neal said existing truck traffic is

breaking down the roads, including Experiment Farm.

"I'm not really excited about having more trucks moving up and down that road," he said, noting his family has farmed in that area of the county since 1920.

Hartzell said he, too, owns a farm on Experiment Farm Road near the proposed gravel pit. Among his concerns, he said, would be the potential negative impact of the operation on area groundwater.

"I am highly opposed to this ... It is going to have a tremendous negative impact on property values, both home and agriculture, within at least a two-mile radius," he said. "It is also going to inhibit the orderly development of Experiment Farm Road and that environ over the ...foreseeable future."

Hartzell asked anyone who didn't know the impact of a gravel pit on the area to visit the quarry near Piqua. "I do not believe putting a pit out there is the right usage for that property," he

said.

Commission President Richard Cullice said the commission's role in the issue was limited to the truck route.

Commissioner Jack Evans said because the code requires the commission to accept the recommended route or with modifications, the route outlined by Huelskamp appeared to be the best.

"It is something you would think the county commission would have some say, but they don't" Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said.

Information submitted to the engineer's office on behalf of Piqua Materials states the proposal is for 93 acres in Washington Township. The mining operation would be for extracting, crushing, screening and stockpiling limestone and related mineral products. The materials would be delivered to construction project sites via trucks.

Staunton Township Trustees Prep for Bi-Annual Audit

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At their April 4 meeting, the Staunton Township Trustees reviewed the notification from State Auditor Dave Yost that the township books will be audited the last week of April. Fiscal Officer Sarah Fine will arrange for a conference room in city hall for the auditors to use. According to the document from Yost, the audit will take approximately a week and will cost the township around \$1800. The auditors will look at income and expenses for the years 2014 and 2015.

In other business, Fine announced that she will attend a training class on April 21 and 22 to train on the new the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) software and hardware. The new system will support the accounting, payroll and financial management activities for the township. After the training class, Fine expects to be given an installation date to start using the new system.

Trustee Jeff Cron reported that a truckload of building materials was dumped on Rusk Rd. According to Cron, the Sheriff's Department cannot cite illegal dumpers unless they see the dumping of the material. However, the Sheriff's Department can talk to the violators and encourage them to clean up the site. Trustee Levi Long and Cron will pick up the debris and take it to the dump.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

County Engineer Issues Road Report

By Nancy Bowman

Of the variety of projects undertaken by the Miami County Engineer's Office in 2015, one of the highest profile removed the low clearance railroad overpass on Eldean Road that snagged more than a few trucks over the years.

The reconstructed CSX spur line overpass just west of the County Road 25A intersection north of Troy cost around \$3.5 million and was completed late last year. The county's share was around \$700,000 with the balance paid by federal funds.

The project was one of several highlighted by county Engineer Paul Huelskamp in outlining his annual report March 29 for the county commission.

"Due to this project we hope that the various and asundry hittings of the structure will no longer happen," Huelskamp said.

The overpass previously at 9 feet 8

inches now has a 14-foot clearance.

The department in 2015 spent \$13,257,744 for road and bridge construction and maintenance, administration, road salt, fuel and ditch maintenance.

Funding sources included the county bridge levy at \$780,991; gasoline excise tax, \$2,356,713; state and federal grants, \$4,489,977; motor vehicle registration fees, \$3,361,281; and ditch revenues, \$84,857, among others.

While the Eldean overpass project was under way, so was the replacement nearby of the Eldean Road Bridge over the Great Miami River. That project was done with 95 percent federal funds.

In addition to those and other bridge projects, the department contracted with JR Jurgensen Co. to conduct the county's road paving program cover-

ing 10.72 miles for \$766,255. The county maintains 424 miles of road, and has another 10 miles scheduled for paving this year under the annual program.

Work also is ongoing to address threats to the roads and right of way including removal of invasive plants like the Japanese Honeysuckle, which can interfere with sight distance along roads, and removal of dead ash trees. The number of ash trees impacted by the deadly Emerald Ash Borer and needing removed is in the hundreds in close proximity to roads across the county, Huelskamp said.

The removal programs will continue as time and finances allow, he said.

The department last year also replaced 331 county and township signs to comply with new retro reflectivity requirements. The changes are required for better sign visibility 24

hours a day.

The department also:

- Continued with the culvert replacement program by replacing 41 structures,
- Continued with the ditch maintenance program,
- Worked with the sheriff's department on collection of data from accident reports (more than 850 in 2015). Starting this year, deputies will enter information into a countywide database. This will allow the engineer's staff to access the database to research specific roads, intersections, bridges instead of going through each report filed, Huelskamp said.
- Applied 1,110 tons of salt during the 2015-16 winter season. The department's total cost for the season for labor, materials and equipment was \$160,780.

Sells Asks for DNA Testing of Evidence

By Nancy Bowman

Mark D. Sells, who continues to maintain he's innocent while serving 29 years to life in the 2003 murder of Sharid Gantz of Tipp City, is asking a Miami County court to approve DNA testing of the aluminum baseball bat prosecutors said was used in the killing.

An application filed in county Common Pleas Court Friday, April 1, requests post-conviction DNA testing of the baseball bat's handle.

Testing now available was not in use at the time of Sells' trial, Donald R. Caster of the Ohio Innocence Project at the University of Cincinnati College of Law wrote in a memorandum supporting the testing.

"Scientific advances since then, however, create a strong likelihood that DNA-testing of the baseball bat used to kill Mr. Gantz would identify the perpetrator," Caster wrote.

The memorandum speci-

fies the testing of leather tape from the handle of the bat, which was located in a creek and had hair and blood of the victim on the barrel.

County Prosecutor Tony Kendell was an assistant prosecutor during the prosecution of Sells. Kendell said he will file a written response to the request.

"I think it is frivolous and will respond accordingly," he said.

Caster said in the memo-

randum that the Sells case meets all requirements for the post-conviction DNA testing including the continued existence of evidence from the crime and a question at trial regarding who was the perpetrator. He also notes that there was "no physical evidence linking Mark to the crime."

Sells was arrested in January 2003 in the Jan. 5 beating death of Sharid Gantz, 65, inside his home.

Sells at age 20 was convicted

by a jury of aggravated murder and aggravated robbery in Common Pleas Court on March 3, 2005, and sentenced the same month to 29 years to life in prison.

Two other young men, 14 and 17 at the time, testified the three smoke marijuana and drank vodka before going to the house so Sells allegedly could get money. The two testified they served as lookouts while Sells went inside and emerged a short time later af-

ter they heard yelling.

"Mark Sells has been incarcerated for 12 years for a crime for which he maintains his innocence. Post conviction DNA testing can once and for all conclusively establish whether he attacked Sharid Gantz, or whether, indeed, Mark has been wrongfully convicted of this grave offense," Caster said.

Third Jail Pod Opening Delayed

By Nancy Bowman

The opening of a third pod at the Miami County Incarceration Facility (IF) to house female prisoners will come later rather than sooner because of difficulties in hiring enough correction officers.

The county commission in November gave the sheriff's office the go ahead to open a third, 60-person pod at the Incarceration Facility (IF) between Troy and Piqua instead of housing up to 15 excess fe-

male prisoners a day at the Shelby County Jail.

The commission was told then that another pod could be opened in a day or two but the department first needed to hire and train four more correction officers.

Chief Deputy Dave Duchak said turnover in the correction officer positions will delay opening a third pod. He didn't give a specific time-frame for opening.

"We are still in the process of hiring. We have lost COs through attrition," he said.

Those leaving are hired by other police agencies for jobs such as police officers or are taking higher paying jobs, Duchak said.

"We will not have the personnel in place by this spring to open the third pod," he said. "I am hopeful that we will have personnel in place sometime in the next several

months to open the pod."

The correction officers staff both the Incarceration Facility located between Troy and Piqua, which now holds up to 120 men, and the downtown Troy jail that houses females and violent, felony male offenders. The state wants the downtown jail population to total 48 combined.

As of late last week, 15 females were being housed in Shelby County along with

23 females in the downtown jail. The IF, now housing only men, had 74 male prisoners and another 48 men were in the downtown jail.

The IF cannot be used to house violent offenders.

Because of the growing number of female offenders in the past couple of years, the county in August 2014 began housing up to 15 females at day at the Shelby County Jail for \$55 each.

The most recent numbers reviewed by the commission in the fall showed an approximate cost of opening a third pod with an average 45 prisoners at \$285,000. The estimated cost to continue outsourcing up to 15 females a day was \$301,000 for a year without the cost to transport prisoners.

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Hundreds Attend Lincoln Center Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny was working overtime during the March 26th Easter Egg Hunt at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Ash Street in Troy. The staff at the center, together with volunteers from Troy Rotary Club, helped an estimated 250 children, ages 2-12, look for candy, toys and eggs scattered strategically throughout the property. Prizes were awarded to the top treasure hunters in the 2-7 age group and 8-12 age group. Shane Carter, executive director of the center, said the event has grown every year and this was the largest group they've hosted to date.

This is one of many programs offered to area children through the partnership between Lincoln Community Center and Troy Rotary. In the past year, Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation have supported the center's Back to School Bash with notebooks, pens, glue and other supplies the children needed to be ready to learn on the first day of the new academic year. In addition, Rotary was a proud sponsor of the center's annual Thanksgiving meal in November, where a full feast was offered to anyone who stopped by to share fellowship with friends and area residents. Lincoln Community Center and Troy Rotary Club continue to find ways to help provide area families with safe activities and support educational goals. To learn more about programs offered at Lincoln Community Center, visit their Web site at www.lcctroy.org.

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



St. Patrick Students Help Present “The King and I”

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The children of St. Patrick's Elementary School and a couple of high school students from Troy had the opportunity to participate in Lehman Catholic High School's production of "The King and I" from March 31 to April 2 in Sidney. The King was played by Senior Nick Neumeier, son of Sam and Mary Neumeier of Troy, opposite Anna Leonowens played by Senior Claudia Fatone from Sidney. The other major role in the production, Tuptim, was played by freshman Sara Gibson of Tipp City.

The musical was a collaborative production involving students from a few area Catholic schools, including Lehman High School, and even some local homeschooled students. Out of a total cast of 73 participants, 14 students from Troy brought the love and support of their community to their performances. The dazzling set and scintillating drama had theatergoers amazed at the skill of local, young talent. Costumes were borrowed from Sidney high school. Betsy Moorman and Bill Zimmerman directed Lehman's 38th annual musical and told students, "If we do this well, your performance could even make people cry."

Emotional moments were felt by all throughout the musical but the proof of the audience's sentiment was demonstrated by a standing ovation opening night, Thursday, March 31. Bill Zimmerman told students to maintain the energy and continue growing and improving throughout the weekend. "I definitely feel like the more time they had in front of an audience, the better the students became



at communicating their lines," Moorman said.

Producer Betsy Moorman is in her second year as an educator at Lehman High School. She said her intention for the annual spring musical was to build on the tradition begun by Gail Brandewie and Elaine Schweller-Schneider. They started auditions and early organization for the musical in October with the counsel of Brandewie and Schweller-Schneider. Practices were rigorous and there are always challenges when students from multiple schools come together for a collaborative production. According to Moorman, however, the biggest challenge

was simply the time commitment and drive for most families. "The kids really got along. I was so pleased with how well the older students handled the younger kids," Moorman said. "We definitely saw some nurturing relationships develop." Moorman sees the musical as a healthy way for students from schools like St. Pat to become familiar with a high school they may attend after elementary school.

Mark and Jen Puthoff of Troy had three of their children in the musical, Jordyn Puthoff, Milan Puthoff, and Hunter Puthoff. "It really is great that Lehman opened its arms to the kids from St. Pats, Piqua Catholic,

and Holy Angels," Mark Puthoff said. "The kids have put so much time and work into this and the high school kids have been so sweet to them." Puthoff helped significantly with the set design and aided the crew backstage during the performances. "I know that my kids have had a great experience with this production," Puthoff said. Other actors from Troy included Megan Neumeier, John Meyer, Leah Peoples, Aiden Snyder, Caitlyn Swallow, Ruth Grace Perry, Brianna Laverder, Clara Bogan, and Grace Anderson.

Rotarians Host Miami County Wildlife Officer

The State of Ohio takes protecting wildlife seriously. So much so that Wildlife Officer Jasmine Grossnickle had to complete a nine-week outdoor wildlife management training course as part of the education process to do her job as the only wildlife officer in Miami County. Grossnickle shared details of her responsibilities with the members of the Troy Rotary Club during their March 29th meeting.

A graduate of The Ohio State University's wildlife management program, she did not think she'd be in law enforcement. When she applied for the job, she had to complete that nine-week course, along with other studies,

as part of Ohio's specialized law enforcement program so as to be able to handle nearly every aspect of criminal and wildlife enforcement. It's an outdoor job she loves. Though she is the only officer in the county, there are covert officers who move between regions of Ohio to enforce poaching and other crimes. If necessary, Grossnickle works with local, county and state law enforcement organizations to coordinate multi-jurisdictional efforts related to criminal activity.

Her most important role is enforcing the laws related to hunting, fishing and trapping. That includes verifying permits and licenses, patrolling for traffic,

drug, and other criminal acts on state property, as well as general enforcement. She investigates acts of negligence, such as the destruction of wildlife habitats and populations, while monitoring wildlife patterns, including surveying bird behaviors, migration and populations. A fun part of her job is educating the public on river recreation, archery, hunting and proper respect for Ohio's unique wildlife. To learn more, visit <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov>.

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the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom and support for summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. Club members are always looking for new 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.troyohiorotary.org and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

Rotarians Honored as Paul Harris Fellows

Troy Rotarians are dedicated to supporting the advancement of young people through community programs, leadership opportunities and academic endowment. During their March 29 meeting, three longstanding members were recognized by the District Governor, Bill Shula, as "Paul Harris Fellows." Carol Baer, Joan Heidelberg, John Haller and his wife, Tracy, received the recognition in thanks to their contributions to the The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Established in 1957, the Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. These funds are used for Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships each year to encourage graduate-level studies at universities around the world and Rotary's global campaign

to eradicate polio in this lifetime. Baer, Heidelberg and the Hallers join the more than one million other generous donors around the world whose donations to The Rotary Foundation have provided funds for these global programs.

Baer's passion and vocation is education. Currently a supervisor in the Office of Partnership and Field Experiences at Wright State University, she is responsible for the evaluation of teacher candidates as well as acting as a liaison between the college and participating schools. She is a past president of the Troy Rotary Club and continues to support the current slate of officers with her enthusiasm and counsel. Heidelberg is the retired director of Brukner Nature Center. Through her world travels, she saw an opportunity to take Brukner's mission of promot-

ing wildlife conservation through preservation, education and rehabilitation to other parts of the globe. Thanks to her leadership, the Troy Rotary Club helps sponsor the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center in Kangundo, Kenya. This project was recently highlighted in the global magazine, The Rotarian, as a notable worldwide program. Haller, a financial advisor with Wright-Patt Credit Union in Troy, has been a member of Rotary for 20 years. During this time, he has served as club president for both the Greenville and Troy organizations. Currently, Haller serves as an Assistant District Governor, working with area Rotary clubs on their programs and project goals. He is a member of the Paul Harris Society and dedicated this recent recognition to honor his wife for her invaluable support of his involvement with Rotary

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

UVMC to Host Baby Fair & Open House April 9

Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) will host a baby fair and open house, Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the hospital lower level conference rooms. The event is free and is aimed at anyone thinking about having a baby, or those who are already expecting. New parents and grandparents are also welcome.

Baby fair guests will have the opportunity to tour the UVMC birthing cen-

ter and maternity suites; meet and talk with physicians, nurses, and childbirth educators; gain valuable information on infant and child safety; and browse through vendor booths featuring products and services related to baby and child care.

Refreshments, neck/hand massages and door prizes will be offered. Featured door prizes will include a car seat and pac 'n play provided by the

UVMC Foundation.

Among the community partners and vendors participating are the Miami County Health District, Edison Community College, Troy/Miami County Library, Miami County Parks District, Miami County Dental Clinic, Childcare Choices, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Miami County, Miami County AAA, Balance Yoga, Winans Coffees and Chocolates, and Fidelity Health

Care.

UVMC offers a full range of birthing options, a Level II Special Care Nursery, and access to a Premier Health Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Information on these and other related services will be available at the Baby Fair and Open House. For more information, visit PremierHealth.com/maternity.

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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Election vote certified

Miami County’s Board of Elections certified the results of the March 15 election during its meeting March 30. There were no changes in race outcome and no races close enough for a recount. The final votes in the major races in the county were: Republican primary for sheriff: Dave Duchak, 7,933; Paul Reece, 6,965; Chris Anderson, 5,741; Steve Cooper, 2,860. Joe Mahan has filed as an independent candidate and will face Duchak in November in the race for sheriff. Sheriff Charles Cox is retiring at year’s end. Republican race for prosecuting attorney: Tony Kendell, 13,411; Mel Kemmer, 8,201. Republican race, county commission: Greg Simmons, 12,145; Richard Cultice, 8,297. Republican race, county commission: Jack Evans, 11,646; Cindy Lillcrap, 10,202. In the race for the Republican nomination for the 8th District seat in the U.S. Congress, State Sen. Bill Beagle of Tipp City, received the most votes in the county with 9,466 followed by Warren Davidson of Troy with 8,617. Davidson was the nominee according to the vote across the district. The vote for the Troy schools renewal levy was 5,955 for and 3,433 against.

Scholarship drive under way

Troy’s Dollars for College program hopes to reach a couple of milestones during its 50th year in 2016. The program, previously known as Troy Dollars for Scholars, has awarded more than \$950,000 in scholarships to high school seniors over the years. This year, the organization hopes to raise \$50,000 to award and surpass the \$1 million mark in scholarships awarded to students living in the Troy School District and graduating from Troy High School or Troy Christian High School. The community’s generosity has made that happen, said Jennifer Walters, Dollars for College Board president. Dollars for College last year awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to 33 graduating seniors. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,500 each. Those eligible for scholarships are graduating seniors who plan to attend two- or four-year colleges. Applications are scored anonymously with points received for a variety of factors such as financial need, GPA, activities, work and ACT/SAT scores. Troy Dollars for College operates under The Troy Foundation as a 501(c)(3). It holds an annual mail campaign each spring and awards scholarships at graduation. The amount of scholarships awarded to students attending four-year col-

leges will depend on the funds raised in the annual campaign and the number of students who apply. Typically, the one-time awards range from \$300 to \$1,000. Any donations of \$300 or greater will receive special recognition through a scholarship awarded in the name of the donor’s choice. Donations for this year’s scholarships are being accepted. Checks should be made to Dollars For College and mailed to P.O. Box 373, Troy OH 45373.

Electronic poll books coming

The Miami County Board of Elections will be receiving the long talked about electronic poll books. The county commission March 29 approved the purchase and agreed to pay upfront for the 100 Express Poll Tablets for \$169,665. The county will be reimbursed by the state for \$119,013. The electronic poll books are designed to replace the paper poll books now used at each voting site. The electronic versions are intended to reduce the number of errors on Election Day and allow for more efficiencies. For example, the electronic books will reconcile election files with updates on who voted in the most recent election in about 20 minutes as opposed to the task that now takes two weeks by hand. Bev Kendall, elections director, told commissioners 85 poll books would

be placed in voting precincts while the others will be in the elections office. Poll workers will receive training on using the poll books, which will be used in the June election. The poll books will allow the elections office to use three instead of four precinct workers at the June election but plans are to return to the traditional four workers at each precinct for the November presidential election. Commissioner John “Bud” O’Brien asked Kendall to provide the commission with updates on the arrival of the poll books, worker training and the implementation.

Trucker sentenced in road rage

A Kentucky man will serve 30 months in prison as a result of a Dec. 9 road rage incident near Tipp City in which he fired a gun at another semi. Harold Baker Jr., 51, of Middlesboro, Ky., pleaded guilty Feb. 23 in Miami County Common Pleas Court to felony attempted felonious assault and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. Baker was arrested Dec. 9 following what state troopers called a road rage incident on Interstate 75. Troopers said the shooting took place while both semis were southbound. The second semi was driven by a Michigan man, who was not injured. Baker was sentenced by Judge Jeanine Pratt.

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recently but didn’t remember where. He also admitted to shooting the heroin with a syringe. The resident said that the victim came to visit on Sundays on a regular basis. He said the subject came in, went into the bathroom, then came out and fell over in the kitchen. The victim’s girlfriend said that he was fine when he left home. There was no evidence of drug usage in the residence. The victim was transported to UVMC. No charges were filed at that time.

5:01 p.m. Traffic stop on Adams St. near Staunton Rd. The plate expired last September and was registered to a Ford pickup truck but was on a Nissan truck. The driver was aware that the plates were expired but said that he had not gotten around to switching the registration yet. He was cited and released.

6:14 p.m. Traffic stop on W. Main St. at Adams St. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone on Adams St. The driver was cited for speed.

Miami Valley’s Most Wanted

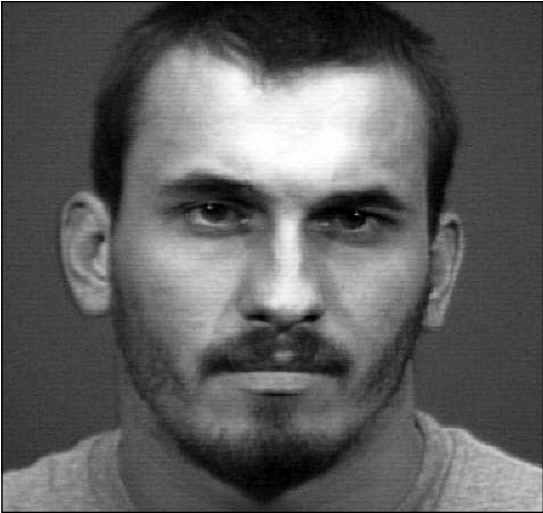
The Miami County Sheriff’s Office has released their list of most wanted. If you know any of these people, please contact the Sheriff’s office at 440-6085.



Anthony Greer
Last known address – Troy
DOB – April 1, 1982
5’ 7”, 130 lbs, blue eyes, blond hair
Wanted for unauthorized use of a vehicle



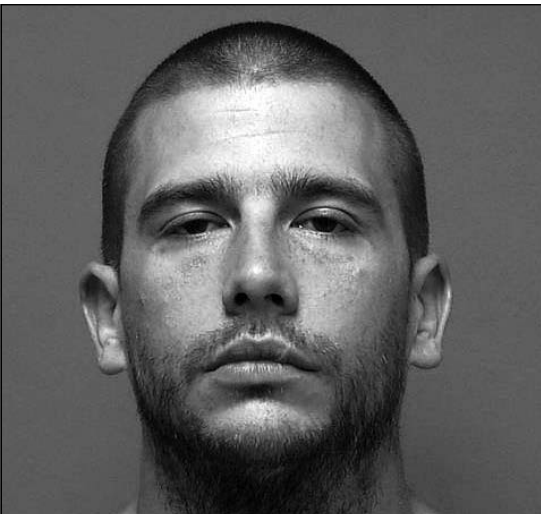
James Fleming
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – Feb 12, 1987
5’ 7”, 165 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair
Wanted for drug trafficking



Joshua Shannon
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – Nov 12, 1986
6’ 5”, 230 lbs, hazel eyes, brown hair
Wanted for forgery, theft



Lisa Hannah
Last known address – Troy
DOB – August 19, 1965
5’ 4”, 135 lbs, blue eyes, blonde hair
Wanted for obstruction of justice



Newell Williams
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – July 15, 1984
6’ 1”, 185 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair
Wanted for forgery, receiving stolen property



Shandon Morris
Last known address – Middletown
DOB – June 25, 1987
5’, 160 lbs, green eyes, brown hair
Wanted for theft, identity fraud, misuse of credit card



Stephanie Jones
Last known address – Troy
DOB – Nov 9, 1988
5’ 6”, 145 lbs, brown eyes, black hair
Wanted for drug possession



Tameika Harris
Last known address – Dayton
DOB – March 24, 1979
5’, 185 lbs, brown eyes, black hair
Wanted for identity theft, forgery & theft



Taylor Spencer
Last known address – Dayton
DOB – June 25, 1993
5’ 9”, 110 lbs, green eyes, brown hair
Wanted for complicity to aggravated robbery

8:56 p.m. A woman flagged down an officer in front of Cookson School to report phone harassment. She said she has received threatening telephone calls and Facebook messages from two individuals. She played several voice mail messages in which the caller was calling her profane names. While the officer was talking with her, one of the individuals called her. The officer answered the phone and warned the caller for telecommunications harassment. The other individual was with her, and the officer warned him as well. The individual said that the RP started calling them first, and wanted her warned as well. The RP was also warned not to call the individuals again.

10:06 p.m. To Stonyridge Ave. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a female friend had posted nude photos of her on Facebook. She said that she had logged onto Facebook on the friend’s phone and sent the nude pictures from one account to another. She said she may not have logged off of Facebook. The friend was contacted and said that the RP used her phone to access her Facebook account about two months ago. She said that her phone automatically saves pictures and said that she deleted them and did not send them to anyone.

11:53 p.m. To Wendy’s on W. Main St. for a report of an abandoned bicycle. The officer found the bicycle, a Mongoose brand Terrex model 27½” mountain bike against the fence. There was no one around it, and none of the employees knew anything about it. The bike was submitted into property.

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Troy Shines At Tipp Invitational

By Jim Dabbelt

With Spring Break taking several athletes away from their teams, the Tippecanoe Invitational track meet took place on Saturday. The Troy girls’ team dominated the meet to score 127 points, near 40 points ahead of their closest competitor Vandalia Butler. Greenon placed seventh with 34 points, Tippecanoe ninth (26) and Troy Christian 15th (6.5).

On the boys side, Troy finished a comfortable second, nearly 80 points behind the champions from Dunbar. Tippecanoe placed 15th overall with 8.5 points.

In the girls’ events, the Troy 3200 meter team of Studebaker, Pence, Tyre and Shigley placed third overall with a time of 10:32.16, while Greenon placed seventh overall, and earned two points for their team score.

Tipp (Livesay, Dietz, Rowland and Vissoc) placed fifth in the 1600 relay with a time of 4:39.16. In the 800 relay, the Troy team of Miller, Walters, Courts and Barr placed second overall at 1:51.02, with Tipp coming in sixth (Vlsoc, Livesay, Mason, Rowland) with a time of 1:57.21. Greenon was also seventh overall at 1:57.62.

Waters, Barr, Hemm and Courts came back for Troy and took second in the 400 relay with a time of 53:01. The second team from Troy ran to a third-place finish also in that race.

In the long distance races, Kate Pence was second in the 3200 run (12:21.93) with teammate Olivia Tyre finishing third (12:29.24).

As expected, Troy sophomore Morgan Gigandet cruised to the easy win in the 1600, finishing in 5:17.37, 20 seconds ahead of her closest competitor. Teammate Emma Shigley was fourth (5:42.79), with Tipp’s Caley Dehass finishing seventh and Rhiannon Morlock from Greenon finish-

ing 14th overall.

Gigandet came back and had a tough race in the 800, but won with a time of 2:29.06. Makenzie Dietz from Tippecanoe was fourth (2:39.18) and Megan Studebaker from Troy placed 11th. Lianna Gabriel was 14th for Greenon, and her teammate Olivia Blevins was 15th.

Greenon’s Rachel Stute won the 400 dash with a time of 1:00.94. Troy freshman Ciena Miller was seventh and Tipp’s Sammie Rowland finished tenth.

The 200 dash was also won by Stute of Greenon, with a time of 28.27. Ashley Barr from Troy was fifth, Kayla Hemm (Troy) finished eighth and Delani Ortiz (Greenon) placed ninth.

Stute nearly made it a hat-trick as she nearly won the 100 dash as well. She placed second with a 13.49, just .05 seconds behind the winner. Celina Courts from Troy was fourth, teammate Kelsey Walters fifth.

Caitlyn Cusick from Troy placed sixth in the 100 hurdles with Tipp’s Lydia Stueve placing tenth. Cusick came back in the 300 hurdles and placed second overall, less than one second off the winning time. Tori Livesay placed seventh.

In the field events, Dasia Cole from Troy won the high jump, Rowland from Tipp took second overall in the long jump, while several girls placed in the top eight for the discus. Kylee Brooks from Troy was fourth, Amanda Setser from Troy seventh, and Emily Sloan of Troy Christian was eighth.

Waters won the shot put with a toss of 38’3.5”, while second overall was her Troy teammate Alaura Holycross. Kari Norton of Greenon was seventh. Finally in the pole vault, Lora Current from Troy Christian was fourth and Jaclyn Bashore of Tipp seventh.

*BOYS- In the 3200 me-

ter relay, the Tipp team of Durcan, Stearns, Spencer and Dix placed seventh overall with a time of 9:22.05 and was the only local team to earn team points by placing in the top eight. Tipp also finished eighth in the 1600 relay and Greenon finished ninth.

In the 400 relay, Troy captured fourth overall with Browder, Culp-Bishop, Moody and Robinson running a 46.97.

Stephen Jones has an easy win in the 1600 run, completing the event in 4:29.87. Jones came back in the 800 run and finished second overall with a 2:06.31.

In the 400 run, Hayata Nagata finished fifth overall, as the Troy junior ran 56.06, and his Trojan teammate Timmy Farrier was sixth at 56.07. Tipp’s Adam Grieshop finished 13th.

Running in the 200 dash was Troy’s Josh Browder who placed third overall with a 24.76, then came back in the 100 dash and placed third with an 11.87.

Frankie Hoening of Troy placed seventh overall in the 110 hurdles (20.38), then just missed placing in the 300 hurdles, finishing ninth overall.

The field events saw some local athletes also place in the top eight. In the high jump, both Tippecanoe’s Ben Jans and Troy’s Luke Robinson tied for seventh with 5’6”.

In the long jump, Troy junior Hayden Jackson finished eighth with a distance of 17’11.25”, and Nagata was 11th. Travis Hall of Troy also finished fifth in the discus (119’7”), while Tippecanoe’s Isaac Haas was sixth (115’9”).

In the shot put, Troy’s Travis Hall won the event with a throw of 46’9.75”, with Tipp’s Haas finishing eighth at 38’5”. Greenon’s Ty Rickmon finished tenth.

Troy, Tennis Squads Enjoy Opening Week

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy opened the tennis season last week with a 3-2 victory over Fairmont, as both doubles teams were victorious for the Trojans, along with their third singles player.

At first singles, Troy’s Shane Essick lost to Murad Mawaz 6-0, 6-2 while Elijah Sadler for Troy fell shot at second doubles, as he lost to Daniel Bendel 6-4, 6-0.

The rest of the match belonged to the Trojans. At third singles, Matt Schmitt earned a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Nick Fantari to get the Trojans on the board.

Needing both doubles matches to get the win, Troy delivered.

At first doubles, Troy’s Andrew Magoteaux and Nick Prais defeated Jake Haas and Nute Powers 6-1, 6-1 and in the game-deciding match, the Troy second doubles team of Jack Johnston and Anoop Patel was victorious over Matt MacNealy and Aidan Robillard 6-2, 6-3.

*Tecumseh- The Arrows

opened their season with a 3-2 victory over Greeneview. At first singles, Allen Eben defeated Josh Jenkins 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, while the Arrows also won at second singles as Michael Green defeated Evan Rinehart 6-2, 6-1.

The Arrows also won at first doubles as Will Sims and Tyler Adams was victorious over Marcus Gollmer and Will Irvin 6-0, 7-5.

Falling short at third singles was Tecumseh’s Sam Mulkey who lost 6-1, 6-2, and at second doubles, Ben Guisinger and Caleb Linder lost 6-2, 6-3.

*Troy came back last week with a big road win at Tecumseh, knocking off the defending CBC champions 4-1 to remain unbeaten on the young season. It was the first loss of the year for the Arrows.

At first singles, Essick earned an easy win against Green, who moved up to number one singles. The Trojans number one was victorious 6-1, 6-1.

Sadler had an identical score against Christian Hunt, as

Troy took the number two singles spot 6-1, 6-1. At third singles, Schmitt knocked off Linder 6-0, 6-0 to sweep the three singles matches.

In the first doubles match, the Troy team of Magoteaux and Prais won the opening set 6-4 against Tecumseh’s Sims and Eben, then took the second set 7-5 with a super tiebreaker 10-5. The Trojans finished off the sweep of Tecumseh at second doubles with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) as Johnston and Patel defeated Adams and Mulkey.

*Greenon was victorious last week against London 5-0 in a non-league match.

Riley Farrell won his first singles match 8-3, while Brady Whittaker was also victorious at second singles 8-6. Michael Deering captured the third singles match by forfeit.

At first doubles, Ryan McNeil and Owen Leathley won their match 8-2, while it was another forfeit at second doubles for Cole McNeil and Colin Campbell.

Walkoff Homerun Caps Northwestern Win Over Eagles

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a solid start for the Troy Christian baseball team on Friday, as they put two quick runs on the board against Northwestern on a cold, blustery day in Springfield.

Northwestern however, dominated the next three innings, exploding for five runs in the fourth, and ending the game on a run-rule when Spencer Rinaldi blasted a three-run walk-off homerun over the left field fence, giving the host Warriors a 15-4 victory over the Eagles in a non-league contest.

Northwestern threatened in the first inning when Cole Baldwin led off with a walk, and when Gage Vorhees reached on an error, Baldwin tried to make it to third but was thrown out.

In the top of the second, Chase Hayden was hit by a pitch, Jacob Williams singled and John Slone loaded the bases with a hit. With one out, Andrew Strait lined a single to score Hayden and Williams, and gave Troy Christian a 2-0

lead.

Northwestern came back and tied the game an inning later. A one out double from Derek Whip was followed one out later by another double from Evan Crew to make it 2-1.

A base hit from Brendan Huber tied the game at two heading to the third.

A leadoff walk for Troy Christian was erased by a fielders choice, but with two outs, Brown came around to score when Williams singled, giving the Eagles a 3-2 lead.

Back came the Warriors in their half of the third, when Rinaldi singled and Cole Brewer lined a shot which landed him at third, allowing Rinaldi to score, and tying the game at three. The next batter Christian Highfield launched a sacrifice fly to score Brewer, and the Warriors had their first lead of the game at 4-3 after three.

Again, Troy Christian didn’t go away, as they fought back to tie the game at four when Douglas doubled in Strait to

tie the game 4-4. That is when the flood gated opened for the Warriors.

In their half of the fourth, Northwestern scored five times to open the game. Tanner White opened with a double, stole third and scored on a ground out from Crew. After the Warriors loaded the bases, two runs scored on wild pitches, and a sacrifice fly by Rinaldi scored Baldwin, and later a hit from Highfield plated another run, as the host Warriors led 9-4 heading to the fifth.

With the 10-run rule after five innings in the minds of the Warriors, they came out ready to do damage. Whip led off with a walk, White singled and Crew loaded the bases on an error. Dalton Lee was hit by a pitch to score one run, a walk scored another, and a sacrifice fly by Vorhees make it 12-4.

On the first pitch seen by Rinaldi, he deposited it over the wall in left, and the three runs ended the game on a forfeit.

Troy Survives Late Comeback Attempt From Tipp

By Jim Dabbelt

If last week’s season opener for Tippecanoe was any indication of what’s to come, the Red Devils are in for an exciting season.

Trailing by four runs late, the Red Devils saw their rally fall just short in the bottom of the seventh inning, as Troy escaped with a 9-8 victory. It was the second time that Troy had built a lead, as they also led 5-2 early before Tipp came back and tied the game in the fourth inning.

“We had a few errors, but the way the wind was blowing today, they hit the ball,” Troy coach Cain said. “Cameron (Moeller) was off a little bit today on the mound, but she will come back and do fine.”

“Hitting wise, we were a little impatient and off of our back foot,” he added. “When we were patient and sat back, we hit the ball better.”

Troy scored first as Lauryn Rutan had a one out single in the opening inning, and an error allowed her to advance to third. Moeller helped herself with a single to give Troy the early lead.

They added to their lead in the second when Savannah Nelson crushed a homerun to left center off of Sierra Sutton, giving the Trojans a 2-0 lead. The Red Devils answered with two runs in the second to tie the game at two.

Taylor Haggerty reached on a one-out walk, and after a walk to Meghan Kauffman, Sutton drove in a run with a

base hit, and Kauffman also scored on the wild throw.

In the third, Troy opened the lead with a three spot. Lainee Poling reached on a leadoff single, and one out later Moeller added a hit and Natalie Henson scored Poling with a hit. Nelson then delivered again with a two-run single to give Troy a 5-2 lead.

Tipp chipped back into the deficit in the third when Maddie Gibler blasted the first of two homeruns on the day to centerfield. Kaitlyn Stocker then lined a double to the gap, but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a triple. The next two reached but Tipp could not answer.

The Red Devils tied the game in the fourth, as Taylor Yeager singled with one out, Rachel Rusk then reached on an infield hit and Hailee Varvel sacrificed both runners up. Gibler reached on an error to score one run, and Rusk scored on a passed ball making it 5-5.

Over the next two innings, the Trojans scored four more times, highlighted by a run scoring hit from Kearston Riley and RBIs from Rutan, Henson. Troy led 9-5 with two more at bats for the Red Devils.

In the sixth, Rusk had a one out single and Gibler hit her second homerun of the season to make it 9-7, then in the seventh, Tipp loaded the bases with one out, and Rusk singled in a run to keep the bases loaded with one out, and the



Josie Rohlf looks for the right pitch to hit.

winning runs in scoring position.

The next two batters were retired, and the Trojans headed home with the victory.

“It was a tough game,” said Tippecanoe coach Scott Sutton. “We had good hitting tonight, and was pleasantly surprised with Maddie.”

“What hurt us tonight was the errors,” he said. “Take those away, plus my coaching error sending Katy to third on her double. She would have scored on the next hit.”

“It was a loss, but it was our first game out and what I liked was how we battled back and had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh.”


Troy came back on Friday with a 10-9 nine inning win over Fairmont after the Firebirds sent the game to extra innings with two runs in the bottom of the seventh.




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Flying is fascinating! What makes a huge airplane stay up in the sky? Can I fly? How is an airplane different from a helicopter? A child can learn the basic forces of flight, parts of an airplane, as well as a few concepts of how the plane moves in the sky. Reach for the skies with this program from WACO Air Museum.

For more information, or to register call 937-339-0502 ext. 121. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

Toastmasters to Hold Charter Ceremony

The Miami County Toastmasters cordially invite you to their Charter Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on April 11 at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main St. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This ceremony culminates a six-month journey of linking people, the community, and area Toastmasters for guidance, direction and involvement. Even more, it highlights the drive of all with the belief that Troy was capable of bringing Toastmasters here again.

The steadfastness of a few and the dogged determination of many has brought us this far. We're eager for you to come celebrate with us, talk up toastmasters and have a good time!

Prospective members are always welcome

Welcome Returning Vets From April 30 Honor Flight

No, it isn't World War II, Korea or Vietnam all over again. If you want to experience the honor and privilege of attending one of the most patriotic events of your life, come to the Dayton International Airport by 9:45 PM to welcome home and cheer for 90 veterans, those wonderful people who fought for our freedom. The next Honor Flight Dayton will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016. This Honor Flight will be gigantic. "The Dayton International Airport is proud to be the host Airport and work with Honor Flight of Dayton in this great patriotic event to honor our veterans," says Terrence G. Slaybaugh, Director of Aviation for the City of Dayton.

The veterans arrive at 3:30 AM to prepare to board an aircraft at 6:00 AM. They then fly to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln

Memorial, USMC War Memorial, USAF Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard at the Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers and other sites. It is an exciting day for them and this FREE once-in-a-lifetime tour is a "thank you" for the service they rendered and the freedoms they secured for all of us, when they served in the U.S. military so many decades ago.

Upon arrival back at the Dayton Airport around 10:30 PM, the veterans may think their day is over. Not so!! As they deplane, a Military Guard of about 200 USAF personnel welcome the veterans and form a symbolic Honor March to accompany the veterans from the arrival gate to the Honor Corridor for their final special welcome. The Honor Corridor is lined by the Color Guards of the United States Air Force, Air Force Junior ROTC, and the Miami Valley Young Marines. The entire

corridor is lined by additional military groups, Vietnam Veterans of America, Boy Scouts of America, Patriot Pin-Up Girls, Knights of Columbus, members of Police and Fire departments and of course, a large multitude of the veterans' loved ones. It is always very patriotic, moving, and heart-warming.

Join the cheers of the waiting families, friends and grateful citizens. See the smiles and tears of the veterans as they pass through the Honor Corridor under the colorful U.S. and Military Service Flags. Join in the singing of the National Anthem and the cheering. All of these assure a singularly memorable event for the returning veterans and those who honor them. For many veterans it is the welcome home they never received and a small tribute for those who gave so much.

Honor Flight Dayton is inviting ALL who wish to attend this event. Please

help to welcome home the returning veterans. Patriotic attire and signs are encouraged. Present and former military and public safety personnel are encouraged to come in uniform. It's free, no charge and no reservations needed. PARK-N-GO in Vandalia offers free parking to anyone who comes to the Honor Flight. Just show up, stand up and cheer from the heart.

The Dayton International Airport supplies complementary water, beverages, fruits, and pastries to the outbound veterans as they make their way to their departure gate in the morning. Additional Airport staff, Police, and Fire Fighters are on hand to assist the group in their departure and return to the Dayton International Airport.

For questions contact: Ray Girard at (937) 657-7813 or raygirard@earthlink.net

What to Do in Troy

Friday Night Movies

April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Hayner Cultural Center

Everyone needs something to do on a Friday night. Why not go to the movies? Friday Night Movies at the Hayner Center feature classic movies with an introduction to the film, café style seating, and popcorn and soft drinks. All films begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

This week's movie is The Whales of August, featuring Bette Davis and Lillian Gish.

VIP Kreature Kite Fly

April 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Stillwater Prairie Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its annual "Kreature Kite Fly" sponsored by the Park District VIPs on April 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, 9750 St. Rt. 185 in Covington. Participants are invited to test their kit flying skills at this fun program. There will be a kite building workshop for kids of all ages throughout the course of the event. Awards will

be given in a variety of categories and the VIPs will provide light refreshments. This is an event for the entire family. Judging will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. Pre-register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Nature Connection

April 9, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Lost Creek Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its new Nature Connection program on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 East State Route 41 east of Troy. Participants are invited to relieve stress and increase overall sense of wellbeing by connecting with nature. Relax and unwind into the present moment with nature observation, journaling and meditative techniques. Bring a journal and a pen/pencil. For adults only. Weather permitting. There is a \$5 fee for each class due at the time of registration.. Class size limited to 10. Must be registered to attend. Register for the program by sending

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition Coming

Troy Football, Lincoln Community Center, and Troy-Miami County Public Library will be hosting a Punt, Pass, and Kick competition at 10 a.m. May 7 at Ferguson Field. This free competition includes instruction from Troy Varsity Football players on proper throwing, kicking, and punting mechanics. Participants who pre-register will receive a free T-shirt and giveaways from sponsors. There will be four age groups, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each age group. Registration forms can be turned in at the Troy library or Lincoln Community Center between April 1-22. The competition is part of a year-long list of activities sponsored by The Troy Foundation.

MCHGS to Meet

The Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society invites you to it's April, 2016 program meeting. Johnston Farm & Indian Agency Historic Site Manager, Andy Hite, will be presenting, "Pickawillany,Where the World Will Collide". Mr. Hite will not only tell the story of the events that took place, but will also place those same events on the world stage against the backdrop of the waning years of the Hundred Years War and the struggle between England and France for world dominance. The program is Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 6:30pm at the Piqua Public Library, Louis Room, 116 W. High St. Piqua, OH., and is free and open to the public. For more information contact Stephanie Winchester at 937-307-7142 or stefalx@msn.com. Also, visit our website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmchgs/ and like us on Face Book.

“Party for the Birds” at the Library

Join the Troy-Miami County Public Library for a “Party for the Birds” at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016, presented by John DeBoer of the Miami County Parks District.

This program is based on the book “Dinner Party for the Birds,” a book about bird songs. Talking about mnemonic’s “Do You Speak Bird?” DeBoer will also talk about bird feeders and how easy they are to make, and what birds eat. This program, for all ages, is fun for the kids and informative for the adults.

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

TC Jazz Band Performs in Nashville

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ing to a Borgese, the Troy Christian Jazz Band was selected from 850 entries across 23 states. The honor was not lost on the students or the school's administration. "Winning a national grant like this is a real accomplishment for us," said Shelly Calvert, communications director and grant writer for TC. "It's the first time in our school's history that our music department has been awarded a national grant."

At first Calvert and Roberts saw the grant as a company's marketing device. After interacting with Logan's GM team, they felt like the company exemplified a depth of regard and connection with

the Jazz Band students that went beyond advertising. "They went above and beyond to take care of us and be relational with us," Roberts said. According to Roberts, she sees schools across the country cutting funding to their music programs or making music optional rather than requiring it for graduation. "For Logan's to step up and say 'we value music education,' they're putting that in front of other things they could do or other programs they could support," Roberts said.

Jazz Band student, Anna McElwee said that she sees athletics getting the spotlight more often than music in most schools

but that she sees tremendous value in her music education. "I've heard people say that sports are important because of the discipline and teamwork it takes to play well but as you get older your body breaks down and you can't play anymore," McElwee said. "In Nashville, we saw people still playing their instruments together when they're 80." The students all agreed that music performance requires a great deal of diligence and teamwork. Their experience in Nashville inspired them in that effort. 7th grade trombone player, Carson Dickey said, "It was one of those once in a lifetime trips we'll never forget."



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Columns & Opinion

Pet of the Week



By the Humane Society Serving Clark County

We have two feature pets this week and these ladies are more than ready to leave the shelter. Princess has been at the shelter for over a month. She weighs in at 44 pounds of pure love. She is looking for a home with no other dogs. Yes, a Princess always wants to be your one and only. She enjoys treats and has a playful side. She just is not able to have any other dogs in her home. With an understanding owner who is willing to work with her, she could be your walking partner or running partner this summer.

Daisy is a short in stature mix breed who can be shy. If the right person comes up to her kennel, she is all wiggles and ready to be your next furever friend. We think it would be best if she doesn't have any cats at her new home. She would also like to be an only child as she is shy and needs attention. She is a sweet girl who needs to get out of the shelter and into a home.

Both dogs are just \$45 as our feature pets. They have been spayed and vaccinated. They also are heartworm negative and have been microchipped. This price includes their dog license for 2016 too.

Come out and meet these beautiful ladies at The Humane Society Serving Clark County located at 5901 Urbana Road. All pets featured are available Noon to 5 Monday - Saturday if not adopted prior to press time.



At Home

by Connie Moore

Scent of Spring

Perhaps it's just my imagination but the air around my home has taken on a most intoxicating odor. There along the west side, peonies are poking their reddish-green buds up to catch the sunlight. Same is true for the rhubarb and asparagus in a neighbor's yard. Green tips just above the indented soil where last year's crop was gathered are even now giving off a crisp green scent, like freshly gathered lettuces.

Scents of spring are ever so complex. Those rhubarb and asparagus tips release a tiny amount of vegetable-like aroma; a peppery yet sweet scent that mingles with the bursting lilacs and pansies, they with their own lavender smell.

A foundation scent of growing grass mingles with rain-washed woody aroma of trees whose canopies are already filling out. Pollen of pines and tulips mingle on

soft breezes; their scents are distinct-stringent like fresh soil mixed in an old apothecary jar.

Using my hand to scoop some garden soil releases essences of centuries' worth of plants, decayed into a sweet, warm blanket. Letting the soil sift through my fingers and drop back to earth intensifies the deep heart-of-the-earth smell. Wild onions nearby, broken off at the green tips provide the savory hint of a fine stew.

Sometimes we just plain forget to take in life through our sense of smell. The eye takes in colors of flowers, movement of birds and insects; the ears gather in sounds from the birds and neighborhood pets that are so happy to be out in their own spaces. But the nose is usually only payed attention to if there is something of a negative odor. Even the word odor is viewed as the go-to word for foul smells. However, the word odor can be either good or bad. The original

Skewer Desserts

- Cubed pound cake
- Cubed solid fruit such as apples or grapes
- Cubed French bread (day old)
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Coconut

After coals have died down, make dessert using wooden skewers that have been soaked in water for 15 minutes or metal ones. Thread cake, bread, fruit cubes onto skewers. Brush with milk and sprinkle or roll in coconut. Grill until coconut is brown and milk bubbly. Cool a few minutes-the sweetened condensed milk can get very hot. Adapted from above Betty Crocker cook book.

Grilled Meal on a Skewer

- 1 ½ lbs. sirloin steak
- ½ lb. whole white "button" mushrooms
- 1 green pepper
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes
- ½ fresh pineapple
- 1 large sweet onion
- Marinade:
- 2 cups canned tomato juice
- ½ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Mix marinade ingredients together in bowl. Cut steak into 1-inch cubes. Place meat into marinade for about 2 hours.

Wash mushrooms, pepper, tomatoes, pineapple and onion. Rinse and pat dry. Remove seeds, cut pepper into wedges; peel and cube pineapple; peel and cut onion into wedges. Place meat, fruit and vegetables on wooden skewers that have been soaked in water for 15 minutes or use metal. Discard marinade liquid.

Prepare grill with medium hot coals. Grill about 15 minutes at 5 inches from coals. Turn often, basting with your favorite barbecue sauce if desired. Makes 6-8 skewers. Recipe is adapted from Betty Crocker's Outdoor Cook Book, circa 1960.

The above recipe can be adapted to use hotdog and pineapple only. You'll need:

- One package favorite hot dogs
- 1 fresh pineapple
- Vegetable oil

Cut hotdogs into four or five chunks each. Wash, pat dry, peel and cut pineapple into chunks about the same size as the hot dogs. Alternate dogs and fruit on skewers. Brush lightly with vegetable oil. Grill over hot coals, turning often until browned and hot. Serve on toasted buns with your favorite condiments.

Gardening Commentary

by MVG

General Spring Clean-up

Spring is here early and many of us are busy in the yard. This spring is looking like it is going to be an early one but we must exercise caution when we are going to plant realizing that our last killing frost for annuals like geraniums, impatiens, marigold, etc. is 5 weeks away, May 15th.

Do you have your weed preventer applied to the flower beds and the mulch in place, where you are not going to be disturbing the soil again this spring? This is a good time to get this completed while it is still cool and too early to plant those plants that need the warmer weather. Before you get going to strenuously be sure to get into the

yard work slowly. The exercise is good but if you have not been too active for the winter months, like many of us, start off slowly and don't overdo it.

This is a great time to plant the cold tolerant plants like pansies, perennials, dianthus, snapdragons and the Cole crops in the garden plus all the seed grown veggies like carrots, radishes, lettuce, beets and more.

Pruning is another item that some of us need to do this spring and now is a good time to get this done. Evergreen shrubs like Taxus or Yews can be trimmed severely at this time of year. Euonymus and boxwood are some other evergreens that can be pruned 'hard' and will respond very well to this treatment. Be careful with severe

pruning of junipers as some may not regrow very well but this is the best time of year to prune them. Early spring blooming shrubs like forsythia, bridal wreath (Spiirea), Rose of Sharon (Althea) and mock orange should be pruned immediately after flowering or you will you will not have flowers until next year. Here is a website that may help you determine when to prune various flowering trees and shrubs- <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/ho-4.pdf> Be sure that any pruning leaves cuts close to the main stem or trunk of the plant. We do not want to leave any "stubs" that may cause infection to enter the tree or shrub you are pruning. On smaller branches be sure to prune back to a bud. Proper pruning techniques to

maintain healthy plants.

Lawns

If you have some bare spots in your lawn and you plan to do some reseeded this should be done without delay. It is critical to have good seed contact with the soil. Just keep in mind that late summer/early fall is the best time to establish a lawn but some patching can be done in early spring if completed before the end of April. Weeds will take over the spring seeded areas if poor soil contact of the seed or if seeding is too late in the spring. The 2 most important fertilizer applications a year are March/April and then in the September/October period.

Enjoy the warmer weather and let's get the yard in shape in the next week or so.

Pay It Forward

by Karen Martin

Unsettling Times

It seems like our community has been in the news quite a few times in the last couple of weeks. A lot of us have been asking ourselves what is going on!!!! Well, things do seem out of control, and we are in disbelief that our small community is having all these issues. Well in most of all bad situations, there are good things to be grateful for.

Why do people do these things? There can be bad in most good things, and good in most bad. Even

in the most beautiful well kept gardens, there are weeds that appear. In the most sweetest of fruit, there can be a bad seed. There are cold rainy days that make us appreciate the beautiful sunny ones. There are sufferings of great loss to appreciate the blessings. There are bad storms that create the most beautiful rainbows.

There are truly evil ways and evil people, and good people that make bad choices. Unfortunately, sometimes, their bad choices can affect many people.

So, we have to look around and find all the good that we have in our small community. We have so many people and things in our community that truly make it a great one to live in. So in closing, we have had some unsettling things lately, but we need to keep in mind the families of those who have caused these times. They too are suffering.

They can not control what their family members decide to do, but yet suffer the shame and embarrassment of the incident. We all

have had things happen in our families that have caused hurt and embarrassment.

So with all said, and all that has happened, take the time to go outside on those beautiful days and let the sun warm your face, and count your blessings. And in the bad stormy times, wait for that beautiful rainbow. And if by chance you don't see a rainbow, make your own. And in all that you do, take time to pay some of your good forward to those in those stormy times, you will be glad you did.

Financial Focus

Provided by David Trimmer, your local Edward Jones Representative

Should You Change Your Investment Mix Over Time?

To be successful at investing, some people think they need to "get in on the ground floor" of the next "big thing." However, instead of waiting for that one "hot" stock that may never come along, consider creating an asset allocation - a mix of investments - that's appropriate for your needs, goals and risk tolerance.

But once you have such a mix, should you keep it intact forever, or will you need to make some changes? And if so, when?

To begin with, why is asset

allocation important? Different types of investments - growth stocks, income-producing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities, real estate investment trusts, and so on - have unique characteristics, so they rarely rise or fall at the same time. Thus, owning a mix of investments can help reduce the forces of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that allocation does not ensure a profit or protect against loss.) Your particular mix will depend on your investment time horizon, comfort with risk, and financial goals.

When you are young, and starting out in your career, you may want your asset allocation to be more heavily

weighted toward stocks and stock-based investments. Stock investments historically have provided the greatest returns over the long term - although, as you've probably heard, past performance can't guarantee future results - and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Stocks also carry a greater degree of investment risk, including the risk of losing principal, but when you have many years to invest, you have time to potentially overcome the inevitable short-term declines.

Once you reach the middle-to-later stages of your career, you may have achieved some of your goals

that required wealth accumulation, such as sending your children to college. However, what is likely your biggest long-term goal - retirement - still awaits you, so you may not want to scale back too much on your stocks and other growth-oriented investments. Nonetheless, including an allocation to bonds can help to reduce some of the volatility of the stock portion of your portfolio.

Now, fast forward to just a few years before you retire. At this point, you may want to lower your overall risk level, because, with retirement looming, you don't have much time to bounce back from downturns - and you don't want to start with

drawing from your retirement accounts when your portfolio is already going down. So, now may be the time to add bonds and other fixed-income investments. Again, though, you still need some growth opportunities from your investments - after all, you could be retired for two, or even three decades.

Finally, you're retired. At this point, you should adjust your asset allocation to include enough income-producing investments - bonds, certificates of deposit, perhaps dividend-paying stocks - to help you enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. Yet, you can't forget that the cost of living will likely rise throughout

your retirement. In fact, at a modest 3% inflation rate, the price of goods will more than double after 25 years. So even during retirement, you need your portfolio to provide some growth potential to help you avoid losing purchasing power.

By being aware of your asset allocation, and by making timely adjustments as necessary, you can provide yourself with the opportunities for growth and income that you will need throughout your life.

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Mrs. Greengate's Almanac

April, 2016

Modern Moons

April is the month to look heavens for clouds of change. Cirrus clouds are high and appear as locks of hair or thin feathers. Cirrostratus clouds are thin, like a white veil or shower curtain.

Clouds that seem to bring a smile and sigh of contentment are Cirrocumulus—those small, white, cottony patches that drift across the blue sky, whispering calm.

More serious in the cloud formations are Stratus clouds. Gray in appearance and shaped the same across the sky, they bring drizzles of rain. Cumulonimbus clouds are large, unstable and dense with rain, thunder and lightning.

The old saying, April showers bring May flowers, depends on those clouds that burst forth with hard or soft rains. Flowers aren't the only things that follow showers though. Old Native American full moons were called Grass Moon or Wild Goose Moon or Egg Moon. As grass greens up and becomes nourishing, geese and water fowl come into their summer breeding grounds and nests hold clutch-

es of eggs. They know the greener the grass, whether in yards or pastures or along streams, the more likely insects and worms will be available.

Perhaps today's modern moon would be appropriately named Mowing Moon, for as sure as it rains, the yard will need mowing. Another possibility is Watercress Moon. Ohio streams and creeks are filled with a tasty green blanket of the plant; both water fowl and humans enjoy it.

Fishing/Gardening

Our master fisherman is gone. He decided not to forsake April 1-5, the best five days of the month for crappies and other assorted small frying fish. His local buddies convinced him to join them for a week's worth of early morning casting across their favorite lake. As one who is herself a bit cabin weary, I could only sigh and help him pack enough blankets and food to stave off any freezing winds and hunger pangs.

In the meantime, in order to sooth my own tortured nerves, I spend most of each day outside.

Perhaps it is no more than walking my lines with the resident robins trailing me in case I stir up worms. They stand nearby as I work in the cold frames, stirring up the soil, planting tomato and pepper seeds. As I close the glass roofs for the day, they tilt their heads in disbelief that I would lock them out. They, too, seem to want to get on with summer, even before the best of spring is upon us.

Outside the Yard

A number of fields in nearby farms are almost under water with the late rains. Puddle ducks including green heads and mallards are drawn to these temporary ponds where they feed and pair-off for coming mating. Take a drive and search for these birds of shallow marshes, low areas where rain accumulates and streams. Even roadside ditches hold enough water to be a swim hole for them. Another term for these puddle ducks is dabbling ducks. They tip their head below the water to feed. They eat smartweed, wild rice, coon tail, wild millet, aquatic invertebrates, small fish and snails.

Larger bodies of water attract diving ducks, ones that push their entire bodies below the surface. While diving ducks migrate, puddle ducks are here in Ohio year round.

Kiser Lake State Park is a good place to search for duck life. Besides the large lake, there is a diverse wetlands. Located at 4370 Kiser Lake Road, St. Paris, Ohio, call 937-362-3565 for more info on the marina and camping.

To the south is John Bryan State Park, 3790 State Route 370, Yellow Springs, Ohio where miles of hiking trails travel over gently rolling hills. It has a day lodge available beginning April 1 that accommodates 50 people with kitchen/restrooms/covered porch. Call 1-866-644-6727 for more info.

Word of the Month
Mizzly: Adjective form of mizzle. Mizzle is rain in fine droplets, a misty rain or drizzle. Puddle ducks relish a mizzly day.

Quote of the Month

"The best thing we can do when it is raining is to let it rain."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Tipp Of The Week

By Sgt. J J Mauro

Tipp City Police Retired

Visitation

Want to see a hardened criminal cry? Watch a 13 year prison veteran melt all over the floor. See a man standing trial for his third armed robbery fly off the handle and try to fight everybody in sight. Come to visitation at the County Jail and it is a common sight.

Once a week, Sunday through Thursday the jail has prisoner visitation. A jail inmate can have one visit for a half hour per week. The first person on the inmate's visitor list who calls to set up a visit is given the time slot. If an inmate's mother sets up a visit for Sunday, the inmate's wife cannot visit that week unless she arranges with the mother for both to come at the same time.

We are careful not to tell anyone calling in who has already scheduled a visit because a wife may find out a girlfriend has a visit and then the inmate has all his family and friends mad at him. An inmate may have family in from out

of town, but if their name is not on his visitation list, they cannot visit it.

So what gets the inmates upset over visits? When a family member has scheduled a visit and the inmate sits in visitation but nobody show's up. All the other inmates are ogling their little ones, telling their wives and girlfriends how much they love them and miss them. But here sits the inmate whose visit did not show for whatever reason. That begins to work into a guy's head and he has to wait another week and hope someone shows. The female inmates also have that mothering instinct that cannot be nurtured when they are kept away from their little ones.

Through the week an inmate can do something that puts him on discipline. When an inmate gets discipline they lose certain privileges. Recreation is given for only one hour per week. All ping pong, card or chess games are forbidden for that inmate and the biggie,

only immediate family can visit it. Immediate family does not include girlfriends, cousins or other friends. If no family will come visit, they have nothing to look forward to except a night of watching Family Guy on tv for the thirteenth time this week.

The man awaiting trial on an armed robbery who has never held his newborn child can only look through thick glass and make funny faces at the baby. Yes they are now sober but they are still suffering the consequences of their actions while high on drugs or alcohol or simple rage and stupidity.

When a visit does not go well the inmate's baby momma is doing all she can do to keep from being evicted, buy baby food and have heat in the winter. There is little money left over for putting cash on the books so the inmate can buy a candy bar or thermal underwear through commissary.

Tonight a gorgeous 10 month old came in to visit her uncle and daddy, with her mother of course. She

had a little bow in her hair, a pink dress flared out with sparkles all over it. Her smile was very infectious. Luckily she made everybody in the area happy because she was happy.

But when a family member refuses to come or bring a child, the inmates can work themselves into a rage and then we can have major problems. 95% of the time visits go well. But those incidents when it turns bad, it turns real bad.

That is not to say that we are without feelings. Well I may me but most of the other CO's here still have a heart. We can offer an inmate to go to solitary confinement for the time being until they regain their composure. The inmates have access to call crisis/mental health to talk the situation over. A CO may even sit down and talk the inmate through it.

When you have over 200 people locked up, even a family visit can go wrong. Of course nobody on the outside ever has a family fight during the holiday dinner either.

Glenna A. Babcock

Glenna A. Babcock, age 87, of Greenville, formerly of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville. She was born in Piqua on November 4, 1928 to the late William R. and Nellie Lucinda (Pittsenbarger) Deubner, Sr. Her husband, Wallace D. Babcock, Sr., preceded her in death on April 2, 2011.

Glenna is survived by one son: Wallace D. (Vicky) Babcock, Jr. of Greenville; two sisters: Lilly Mae Huber of Wapakoneta and Mary Lou (Burns) Wren of St. Marys; one brother Jacob R. (Thelma) Deubner of St. Paris; and good friends: Skip and Carolyn Remy and Barb Edmonson. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother: William Raymond Deubner, Jr.

Glenna was a former member of Troy Baptist Temple in Troy. She was committed to Veteran's organizations and animal welfare.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 4, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. David Thomasson officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Humane Society, 1190 N. Co. Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Kevin K. Jacobs

Kevin K. Jacobs, age 58, of Troy, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. He was born in Troy on February 15, 1958 to Norma (Hoke) Jacobs of Troy and the late Marvin Jacobs. His wife, Debi (Davis) Jacobs, survives.

Kevin is also survived by one daughter: Abby Jacobs of Troy; and two brothers: Steven Jacobs of Orlando, FL and Dale Jacobs of Troy.

Kevin was a 1976 graduate of Troy High School. He attended the Troy Church of the Nazarene. Kevin retired from Troy City Schools

Jane M. "Janie" Blevins

Jane M. "Janie" Blevins, age 58, of St. Paris, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2016 at her residence. She was born in Oak Hill, OH on December 19, 1957 to Mary Ruth (Brown) Perry of St. Paris and the late Al Ray Perry. Her husband of 17 years of marriage, Mark Blevins, survives.

Janie is also survived by five children: Lee (Micci) Gibson of Bradford, Charo (Scot) Partin of Troy, Seth (Gyna) Gibson of Gettysburg, William Blevins of Piqua and Zack Gibson of Troy; three sisters: Tammy (Ron) Nichols of Apopka, FL, Dora Ganins of Mt. Dora, FL and Leah Perez of Mt. Dora, FL; and grandchildren: Taylor Gibson, Austin Gibson, Hunter Gibson, Adyson Gibson, Kaeden Marshall, Remington Partin, Kalynn Gibson, Brook Gibson and Dylan Gibson.

Janie had a special love for her family and gardening. She was employed at F & P America in Troy for 20 years.

Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

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

after 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking, cooking, NASCAR, telling jokes and making people laugh. Kevin was a loving husband and father.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Troy Church of the Nazarene at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

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

Patricia Alice Brandenburg

Patricia Alice Brandenburg, age 83, of Troy, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Genesis Healthcare, Troy. She was born February 20, 1933 in Richmond, Indiana to the late John Wayne and Margarite (Muckridge) Weber.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 57 years Dewey Carl Brandenburg; one daughter: Charlotte Brandenburg of Casstown; one son: David Brandenburg of Bellefontaine and one son and daughter-in-law: Douglas and Rhonda Brandenburg of Warren, Michigan; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Patricia is preceded in death by two brothers: James Weber and John Weber and one sister: Sharon Higgins.

Patricia was a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Ludlow Falls. She was a missionary nurse in New Mexico and attended Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada. She was active in the Child Evangelism Fellowship and she served with her husband as Children's Evangelists for over 30 years. She loved clowning and was a volunteer clown in various hospitals. Patricia was a LPN obtaining her nursing certificate in Indianapolis, Indiana and worked for over 40 years as a nurse. She was employed with various nursing homes in the area before retiring.

Funeral services were held at 11:00AM Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio with Pastor Douglas Brandenburg officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery Troy, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church 2500 S. State Rt. 48, Ludlow Falls, Ohio 45339. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Troy CIC Hears Update from City and TDC

By Nancy Bowman

Leaders of the city and the Troy Development Council told Troy's Community Improvement Corp. board of successful efforts in 2015 and plans for the future during the board's annual meeting Monday, April 4.

The CIC board is made up of business and government leaders.

Patrick Titterington, city safety and security director, reported the city ended 2015 "in good shape" and has numerous projects in the works for this year and beyond.

J.C. Wallace of the Troy Development Council said that organization also had a successful 2015 with much of the year "consumed" by work on the America's Best Communities (ABC) project.

Among the city's major projects this year is the \$9.6 million Hobart Arena expansion and renovation project and \$1.1 million in road paving. Of the paving, around \$300,000 will be paid by the city and Miami County in a joint project to pave McKaig Road from South Dorset to State Route 718.

In the downtown area, the city has purchased and removed three properties east of the police department and south of Main Street for added parking. It also will conduct a study of the "parking hodgepodge" downtown and of traffic in the area of the square, including the traffic light/pedestrian crossing areas at the four entrances to the square.

As it looks to the future and Ohio Department of Transportation plans to pave West Main Street from Cherry Street west to the interstate, the city will have an engineer draw up options for improving traffic flow along the street, including possibly widening lanes "a little bit," Titterington said.

Wallace said the America's Best Communities project brought the community together. "We learned a lot and came up with some good strategies for the future," he said.

In 2016, the TDC will be in the final year of its five-year Partners in Progress initiative focusing on workforce development programs. Those efforts included the Troy career connection web site to help with recruitment and updated professional recruitment videos on why people would want to move here using drone footage of the community, Wallace said.

Workforce development continues on several fronts with one focus on apprenticeships. The apprenticeship concept in Europe will be among areas emphasized in an upcoming TDC trip to Germany, he said.

The TDC this year also will be developing a new five-year initiative to be introduced in 2017. Part of the new initiative will come from the connected community effort in the ABC project, with focus on areas such as river and downtown redevelopment.

"We also will go back out to the business community and re-engage them as we did five years ago to find out their biggest challenges. They are evolving all of the time," Wallace said.

Charles B. Schulz

Charles B. Schulz, age 55, of Piqua, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit, Troy. He was born May 31, 1960 in Troy to the late Oscar Henry and Darlene May (Neves) Schulz.

Charles is survived by his wife Jennie L. (Jess) Schulz; children: Chelsie Schulz and Bryan Schulz both of Piqua and Ashley Schulz of Florida; brother: Vaughn Schulz of Piqua; sister and brother-in-law: Myrtle and Kenneth Baker of Piqua; four grandchildren.

Charles was a truck driver for various companies in the area.

Memorial services will be held 11:00AM Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Full Gospel Community Church, 212 S. Mulberry St. Troy, Ohio with Rev. Mike Jess officiating.

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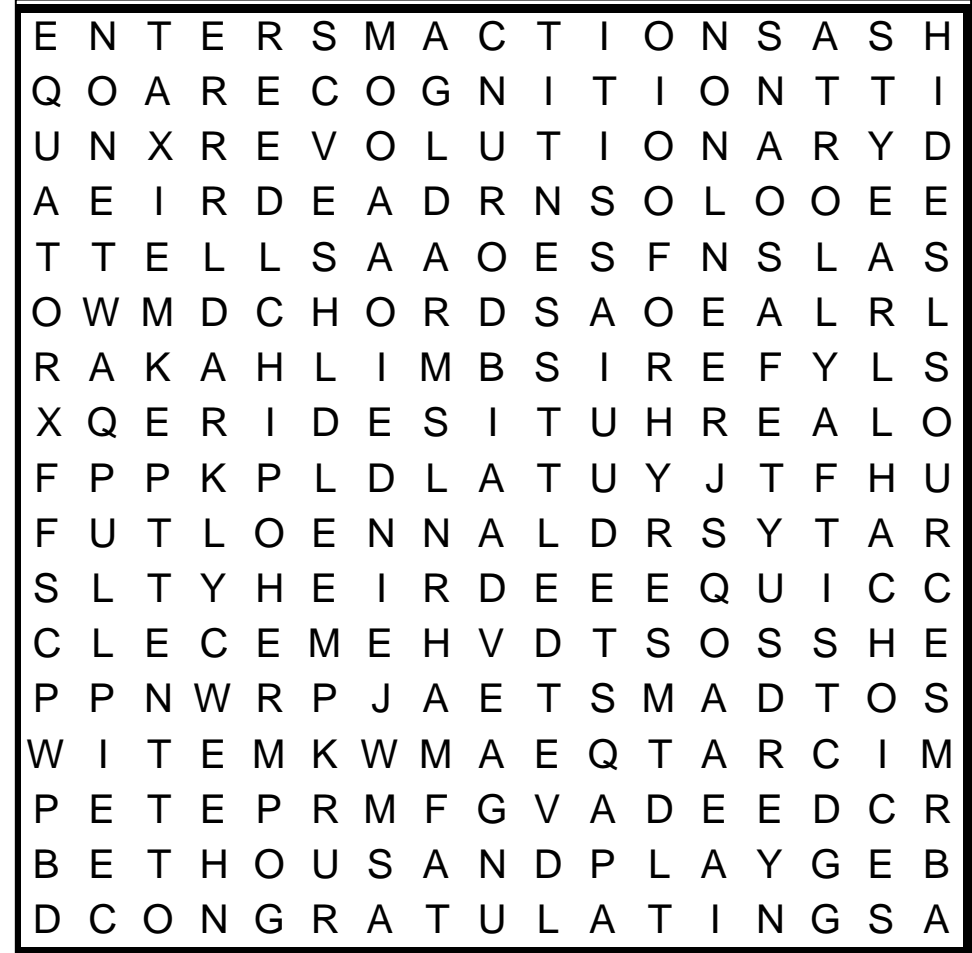
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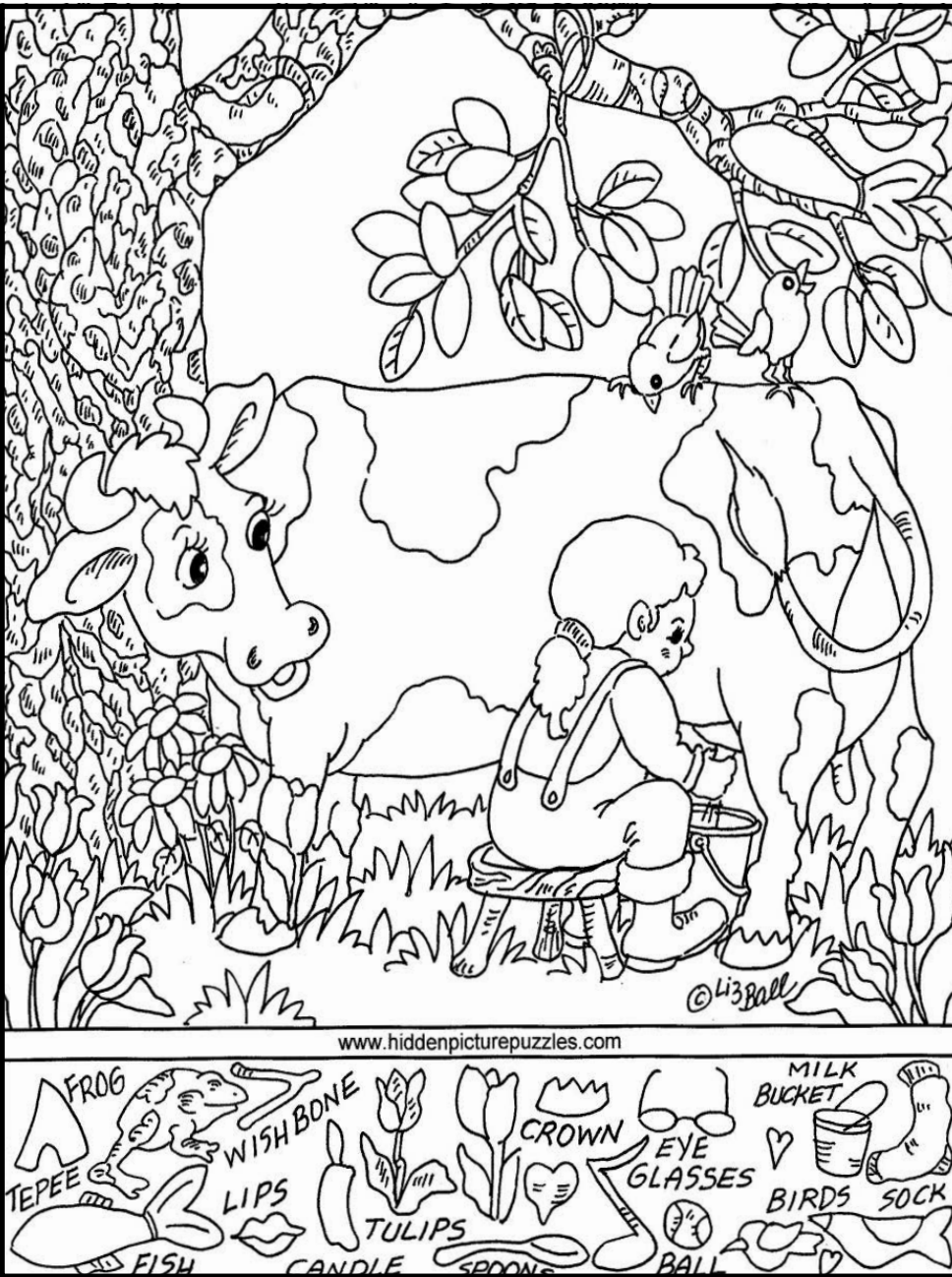
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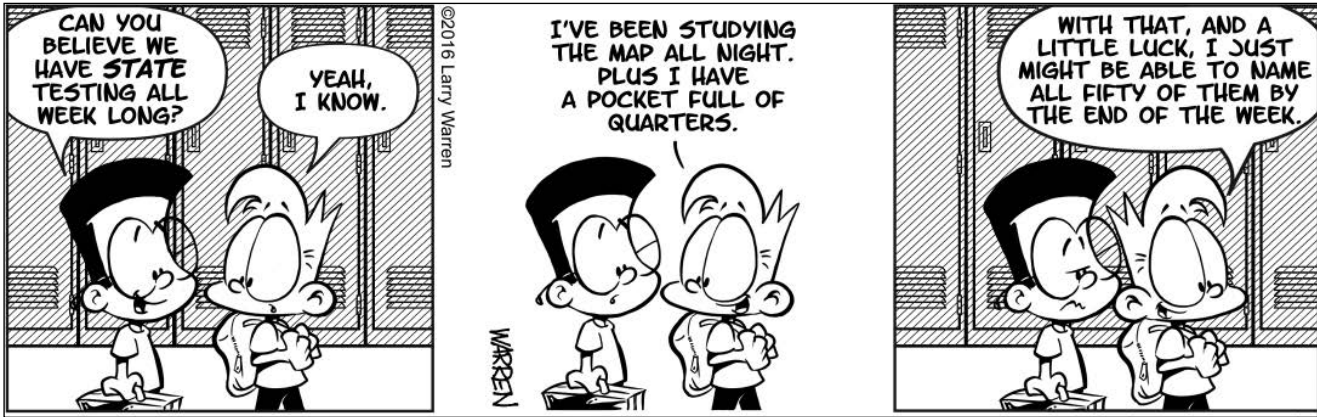
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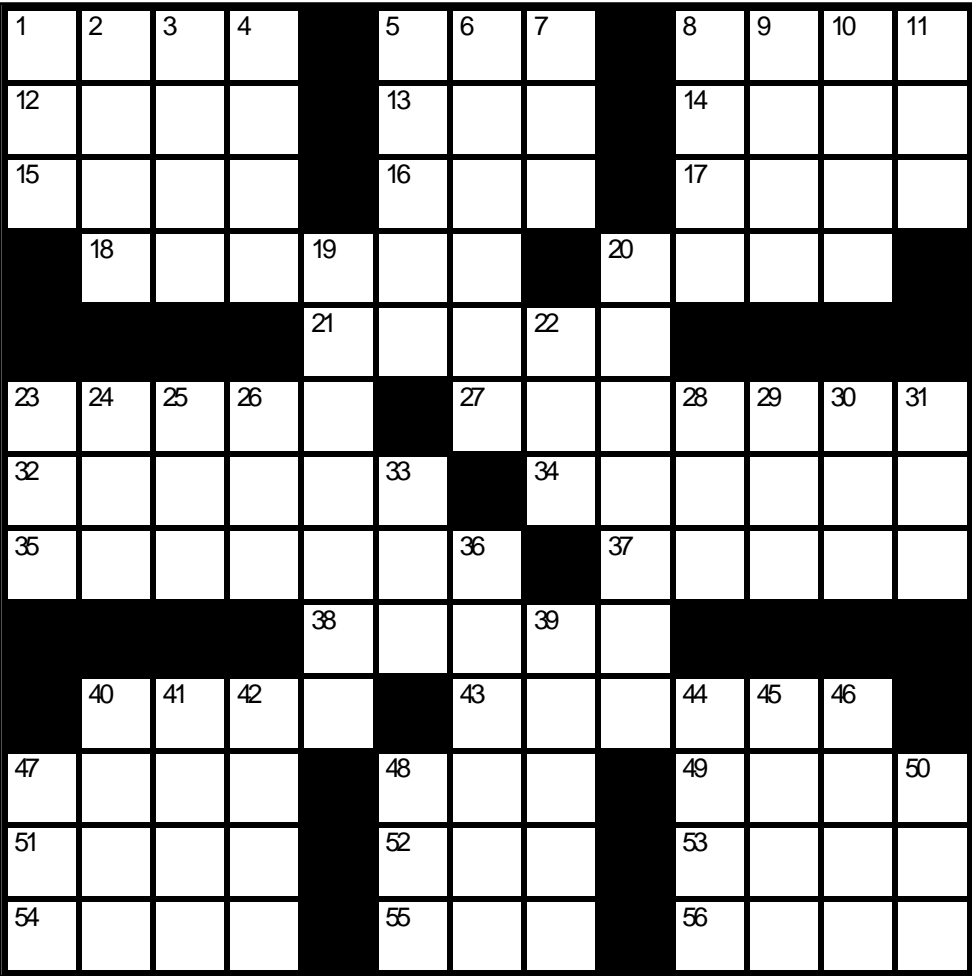


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By Larry Warren



Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS

1 Birthstone after sapphire

5 Mil. rank

8 Killer whale

12 Sandwich shop

13 Imitate

14 Cancel

15 To have a opinion

16 Part of RPM

17 Consumes

18 Top QB, Manning

20 Military corps

21 Edit

23 Primp

27 Send out again

32 Except

34 Sleep inducer

35 Three-masted
- sailing ship

37 Court call

38 Military groups

40 Field ____

43 Razz

47 Hopper

48 Pronoun

49 Republic of China coin

51 Seed cover

52 And all that jazz

53 Taj Mahal site

54 Nothing but

55 Golf course builder Pete ____

56 Say no to
- 2 Slight sound

3 Away from wind

4 Type of soil

5 Ricochet

6 First act

7 Bulgarian coin

8 Done with

9 Gallivant around

10 Metropolis

11 Infomercials for example

19 Get nervous

20 Relating to fat

22 Opposite of paleo-

23 Dog

24 Cell consituent

25 Home extension

26 Wiggler

28 "To ____ with Love" LuLu song
- 29 Dispirited

30 Service vehicle, for short

31 Always poetic

33 Royal wish

36 One before ten, times ten

39 9:00am prayer time

40 Severed

41 Track

42 Futilely

44 Group of two

45 Olympic sport

46 Bring in

47 Philosophy of hu-man conduct

48 Contraction

50 Roll-call call

Sudoku

#222

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

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Trivia Challenge

Famous Movie Quotes

- 1.) From which popular western film comes the following quote - "The way I figure, there's really not too much future with a sawed-off runt like you"?
a. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
b. Rio Grande
c. Fistful of Dollars
d. For a Few Dollars More

2.) In which movie does Humphrey Bogart say "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship"?
a. Midnight Cowboy
b. Casablanca
c.All About Eve
d. Gone With the Wind

3.) The quote "Now I wanna dance, I wanna win. I want that trophy, so dance good." begins a famous scene in which film?
a. Reservoir Dogs
b. Pulp Fiction
c.The Godfather
d. Taxi Driver

4.) Warren Beatty spoke the line "We rob banks" in which film?
a. Dillinger
b. Bloody Mama
c.The Godfather
d. Bonnie and Clyde

5.) Which actor utters the line "My mother thanks you, my father thanks you, my sister thanks you, and I thank you." in the film Yankee Doodle Dandy?
a. John Wayne
b. James Cagney
c.James Stewart
d. Paul Newman

6.) Who utters the line "Love means never having to say you're sorry" in the 1970 film "Love Story"?
a. Katherine Hepburn
b. Elizabeth Taylor
c.Ali McGraw
d. Natalie Wood

7.) In which spooky movie would you find the quote "I see dead people."?
a. Ring
b. The Blair Witch Project
c.The Sixth Sense
d. The Shining
- 8.) "You had me at hello." is a famous quote from a character called Dorothy Boyd in what film?
a. Sleepless in Seattle
b. Jerry Maguire
c. Addicted to Love
d. Pretty Woman

9.) "Yippee-kay-yay" is most associated with which film series?
a. Die Hard
b. Robocop
c.Terminator
d. Predator

10.) "These prison walls are funny. First you hate'em, then you get used to 'em". Name the film.
a. The Last Castle
b. Birdman of Alcatraz
c.Escape from Alcatraz
d. The Shawshank Redemption

11.) "I'm not the Messiah! Will you please listen? I am not the Messiah, do you understand? Honestly!" comes from which Monty Python film?
a. The Last Castle
b. Birdman of Alcatraz
c.Escape from Alcatraz
d. The Shawshank Redemption

12.) "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse." is a quote from which Oscar winning film?
a. Taxi Driver
b. The Godfather
c. Rocky
d. Mean Streets

13.) "I was with the only brothers that I have left and that there's no way I was gonna desert them". Name the film.
a. A Few Good Men
b. Born on the Fourth of July
c.Saving Private Ryan
d. Platoon

14.) The quote "I must've started off to Mardi Gras six or seven times. Never got further than the state line." comes from which classic movie?
a. Thelma and Louise
b. Easy Rider
c.Wild Hogs
d. Kings of the Road

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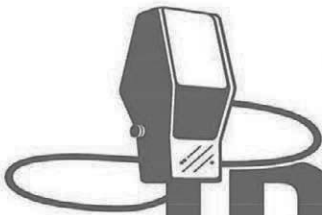
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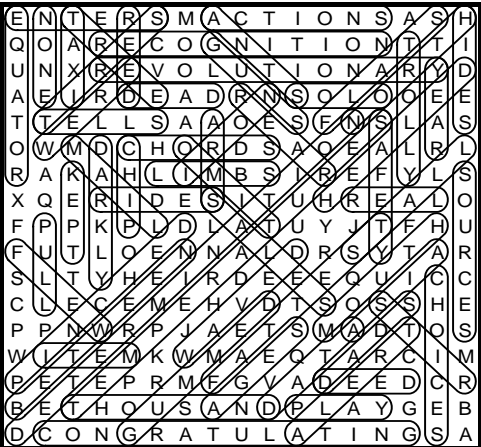
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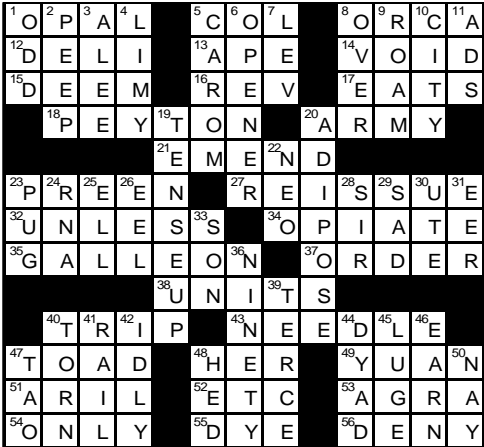
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8	5	3	4	9	1	2	6	7
7	4	2	9	3	6	1	8	5
5	3	8	2	1	4	6	7	9
1	9	6	5	8	7	3	2	4

Word Search



Crossword



Trivia

- 1.) The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - Released in 1966, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly is the third and final installment in the Dollars Trilogy.
- 2.) Casablanca - Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Paul Henreid, Casablanca was released in 1942.
- 3.) Pulp Fiction - Released in 1994, Pulp Fiction won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.
- 4.) Bonnie and Clyde - Starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, Bonnie and Clyde made its debut in 1967.
- 5.) James Cagney - Released in 1942, Yankee Doodle Dandy is a biographical film about the late entertainer George M. Cohan.
- 6.) Ali McGraw - Love Story is one of the highest grossing films of all time in the U.S. and Canada.
- 7.) The Sixth Sense - Released in 1999, the Sixth Sense was nominated for six Academy Awards but won none.
- 8.) Jerry Maguire - Cuba Gooding, Jr. won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.
- 9.) Die Hard - Based on a novel by Roderick Thorp, the first movie in the film series was released in 1988.
- 10.) The Shawshank Redemption - The Shawshank Redemption is considered by many to be one of the greatest films of all time.
- 11.) Life of Brian - Released in 1979, Life of Brian contains themes of religious satire that were very controversial when it was released.
- 12.) The Godfather - Making its debut in 1972, The Godfather won three Academy Awards including Best Picture.
- 13.) Saving Private Ryan - Released in 1998, Spielberg won a second Academy Award for Best Director.
- 14.) Easy Rider - Released in 1969, real drugs were used in scenes showing the use of marijuana and other substances.

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