

MIAMI COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

Tuesday, March 31

12:11 a.m. – Traffic stop on County Rd. 25A just south of Swailes Rd. The driver said that her license had been suspended. She was cited for driving under suspension and no license plate light. The driver, passenger and vehicle were released to a valid driver.

2:10 p.m. – While sitting in on a child support hearing, a deputy was informed that one of the individuals involved had an active warrant from Montgomery County. The subject was arrested on the warrant and taken to the Miami County Jail without incident.

Wednesday, April 1

1:49 a.m. – Traffic stop on the I-75 exit 73 off ramp. The driver was found to be under suspension and was cited for that and for no license plate light. During the stop, the deputy found an open can of beer in the vehicle. It was poured out at the scene and the driver was also cited for open container.

3:58 p.m. – Traffic stop on Piqua Troy Rd. at the city limits. The driver was found to have a suspended license. He was so cited and given a warning for a stop sign violation. Since the passengers were also under suspension, a valid driver was called to pick up the occupants. The vehicle was parked on the side of the road until a valid driver could retrieve it.

9:40 a.m. – To Swailes Rd. for a report of a fraud. A man reported that his accountant told him that when they tried to file his tax return, they were advised that the IRS had already received a return in his name. He said the fraudulent return was filed March 26. He said that he has already filled out a form for the IRS, and all he needed was a police report.

11:43 p.m. – While patrolling the Safety Building parking lot, the deputy saw a man urinating in the lot. The subject

smelled of an alcoholic beverage, his eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred. He said he was going to the Submarine House to meet a friend. He was charged with disorderly conduct and released.

Friday, April 3

9:12 a.m. – A man came to the Sheriff's Office to report a fraud. He said that when he checked his bank balance this morning, he noticed some debit card transactions totaling \$798.28 that he did not authorize. He said he has contacted his bank and they have cancelled his card. He said that the card was not stolen, and that the bank requested a police report.

10:41 a.m. – To Rusk Rd. for a report of an individual driving through fields. The offender was located and was charged with criminal trespass.

Saturday, April 4

2:40 a.m. – Traffic stop on Lytle Rd. at County Rd. 25A. The driver was arrested for OVI.

2:00 p.m. – Traffic stop on Farver Rd. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and was so charged.

9:55 p.m. – To Rockingham Dr. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman reported that she was arguing with her boyfriend because he came home intoxicated. The boyfriend agreed to return for the evening and said he would return in the morning to talk out their issues. Since he is not a valid driver, he was picked up by a friend.

Monday, April 5

4:36 p.m. – To Troy-Sidney Rd. for a report of a burglary. A woman reported that someone forced entry to her home through the garage and took about \$5000 from a safe in the residence.

Miami Co. Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
1291 Archer Dr	3/30	\$0	Denlinger Bart E & Teresa S	3 Gen D Llc
2615 Amberly Ct	3/30	\$227,000	Asoro Franco G & Ruby Lynn	SColeman Barry L
1039 S Nutmeg Sq	3/30	\$85,500	Dilts Donald M	Emrick Brandon E
Indiana Ave	3/30	\$16,000	Bayview Loan Services Llc	Wiseman Mark A
617 Indiana Ave	3/30	\$16,000	Bayview Loan Services Llc	Wiseman Mark A
242 Robinhood Ln	3/30	\$170,000	Wildman Pansy B	Lombardo Courtney L & Anthony R
530 Lincoln Ave	3/30	\$59,900	Johnson James S & Agnes E	Pierce Bradford T
1527 Sussex Rd	3/30	\$107,500	Artz Nicole L	Weaver Patrick R
1275 Hilltop	3/30	\$0	Blair Randy F	Sbs Investments Llc
1 Pearson Ct	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
3 Pearson Ct	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
5 Pearson Ct	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
7 Pearson Ct	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
9 Pearson Ct	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
21 E Water St	3/30	\$0	Sbs Investments	Sbs Investments Llc
1007 Wheeler St	3/31	\$116,900	Groshek Jacob A & Robyn A	Weaver Alena N
434 Mulberry	St 3/31	\$25,000	Pnc Bank Na	Duling Alan C
130 Elmwood Ave	3/31	\$0	Campbell Mary Jane Trustee	Mcconnell F Joseph
460 Mumford Dr	3/31	\$81,500	Pelayo Ruben M	Rose-Alcauter Jennifer
1018 Curzon Cr	4/1	\$0	Dilworth John Frederick & @ (7)	Dilworth John Frederick & @ (7)
2306 Cara Dr	4/1	\$0	Yates James E & Sharon	Yates Sharon
2730 Forest Hill Rd	4/1	\$218,900	Elkins Linda D	Hunolt Jason E & Carla L
2518 St Andrews Dr	4/1	\$137,000	Osborne Michael R	Allen Austin E
Mccurdy Rd	4/1	\$100,000	3 Gen D Llc	Buschur Brian J & Amber N
1405 Golden Eagle Dr	4/1	\$29,900	Stonebridge Meadows Llc	Nvr Inc
2755 Silver Maple Ct	4/2	\$180,000	Przybelski Mitchell J & Angela L	Almeida Derek L & Julie M
690 Brookwood Dr	4/2	\$187,900	Zunke Alan Thomas & Deborah Kay	Elkins Linda D

Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Police investigate hostage hoax

Troy police are investigating as a hoax a series of calls made Saturday evening, April 4, to the Miami County Communication Center claiming acts of violence including holding four hostages with two stabbed.

Police closed off the Public Square as calls were being received. The first call was received at 10:06 p.m. followed by others with the last at 10:22 p.m., according to police records.

During the calls the person told dispatchers he had hostages at a building on the Public Square, had a M-16 weapon, had pipe bombs he'd trigger if police didn't retreat and he would like \$100,000 in a bag.

Police were able to gain entry to the building and found no one inside. They were on the scene for about one hour.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Troy Police Department at 339-7525.

Man pleads not guilty to sex offenses

A Union man pleaded not guilty March 23 in Miami County Common Pleas Court to four felony counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Carnell Harris, 32, is accused of sexual conduct with a person 13 years or older but less than 16 years old between Oct. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2014.

The alleged offenses occurred in Troy, according to police. Bail for Harris was set at \$150,000 cash or surety.

Experts sought to explore land's fate

The Troy Development Council plans to issue a request for proposals this week for a redevelopment study and marketing plan to help identify the best use of the former Hobart Brothers/ITW manufacturing plant site.

The around eight acres lies north of

Main Street between Adams and Elm streets.

J.C. Wallace, TDC president, said the purpose of the study is "to identify the highest and best use of the property from the community's perspective."

Proposals will be sought from regional and national consultants specializing in site selection, Wallace said.

The city is partnering with the development council on the study. They are working with ITW/Hobart Brothers, which continues to own the site, on determining the future of the property, which lies near the Great Miami River and the downtown.

Wallace said hopes are the study will be completed mid-summer. "The TDC will then expand our marketing to targeted business sectors and will work with our development partners who will assist with the attraction of businesses and jobs," he said.

The city council is being asked to approve \$35,000 as part of a budget reappropriations ordinance to pay for the city's half of the consultant's fee.

Health Department recognizing CVS

Miami County Public Health will recognize CVS stores across the county Thursday, April 9, for the company's campaign to promote health through non-sale of tobacco products.

Dennis Propes, county health commissioner, will recognize managers from the CVS stores in Tipp City, Troy and Piqua. The policy to not sell tobacco products was a corporate decision implemented nationwide.

A resolution approved by the county Public Health board earlier this year stated the board wanted to commend the CVS stores in the county and "acknowledge their organization's commitment to saving lives by advocating for public policies that prevent kids from smoking, help smokers quit and protect everyone from second hand smoke."

Attorney General Warns of Ticket Scams

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is warning consumers to watch for scams as they search for tickets to upcoming events.

"Some scam artists use popular events to rip off consumers," DeWine said. "With Opening Day and other big-ticket events coming up, we're encouraging people to be careful, especially with individual sellers they meet online. If someone says you have to pay using a prepaid card or wire transfer, it's likely a scam."

In the past year, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received dozens of complaints involving tickets. At least nine consumers have reported losing hundreds of dollars to online ticket scams involving sporting events or concerts.

The most recent reports involved the 2015 Ohio State/Alabama Sugar Bowl, when two Ohioans lost \$800 each when trying to buy tickets to the game. Other reports involved phony ticket offers to see the Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Cavaliers, or concerts.

With high demand for upcoming events such as the Cleveland Indians home opener (April 10), NBA playoffs (starting April 18), and Rolling Stones concerts (May 30 in Columbus), additional ticket scams are likely.

Signs of a ticket scam include:
Offers that seem too good to be true. Sellers, especially on Craigslist or other online marketplaces, may offer tickets at face value (or below) for events that are sold out or highly in demand, but these offers may turn out to be scams.

Demands for payment via wire transfer or prepaid card. These are preferred payment methods for scam artists, because once payment is provided it is very difficult to recover.

Excuses for selling tickets at a low price. Some ticket scammers falsely claim to be in the military or traveling due to a death in the family to explain why they are selling tickets for a good price. In reality, the tickets do not exist.

To avoid scams, DeWine offered consumers the following tips:

Check with the event organizer, promoter, or

venue to learn how and when tickets are being sold. Be careful when dealing with individual third-party sellers who are not associated with the event.

Read what others say about a seller. Search online using the seller's name, username, email address, and/or telephone number along with words like "scam," "fake tickets," or "counterfeit tickets." To protect yourself, only buy from legitimate businesses and websites, not individual sellers you do not know.

Ask to see the front and back of a ticket. Make sure both sides appear real. Be aware that some ticket scammers use falsified photos, logos, or trademarks to make their offers appear legitimate.

Consider using a credit card to make the purchase. If a problem arises, federal regulations may limit your liability. Also, your credit card company may have a buyer protection program. Other payment methods might not have these kinds of protections.

The Attorney General's Economic Crimes Unit, a division of the Consumer Protection Section, has pursued several ticket scam cases, including one that led to the incarceration of a Coshocton husband and wife who took more than \$200,000 from hundreds of victims throughout the U.S. and Canada by falsely advertising tickets on Craigslist.

Ohioans can report suspicious Craigslist ads to the Ohio Attorney General's Office directly from Craigslist at <https://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>. They also can report potential scams by calling the Ohio Attorney General's Office at 800-282-0515 or visiting www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

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Mayflower to Host Baseball Events

The Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy, Ohio is excited to announce three exciting special events celebrating spring and a new season of the great American pastime...baseball!

On Saturday, April 18 from 7pm to 8:30 pm, bestselling baseball author Mike Shannon and fine art sports painter, Chris Felix will present their newly released book, *Cincinnati Reds Legends*. The book features many of Felix's original paintings, which will be on exhibit in The Mayflower Art Center's Lobby Gallery April 15 - May 23. "We are so proud to premiere the exhibit in Troy, before it goes on tour this summer to the Reds Hall of Fame Museum in Cincinnati and the Louisville Slugger Museum in Kentucky," says Lisa Bauer, the Center's owner and director. Gallery hours are Wednesday, 10-3pm and Friday-Saturday, 10-6pm.

In the book *Cincinnati Reds Legends*, author Mike Shannon profiles the 40 Reds who best fit the definition of legend down through the colorful history of the players who have worn the Reds uniform. What truly sets this book apart is the stunning original artwork by three of today's most gifted baseball artists, Chris Felix, Donnie Pollard, and Scott Han-

nig. The author and artist reception and book signing will be on Saturday, April 18, 7:00-8:30pm. On Thursday, April 23 from 7-9pm, Hal McCoy, Dayton's own legendary baseball writer and 2003 National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, will present his new book *The Real McCoy: My Half-Century with the Cincinnati Reds*.

In an unprecedented sports writing career, McCoy crowns his own Hall of Fame career with a memoir of the Reds that is brash, hilarious, and behind-the-scenes unusual. McCoy gives us an inside-the-dugout look that never made the daily press and classic ballpark happenings known only to those on the field.

Hal McCoy has covered the Reds since 1972. He has been honored with 43 Ohio and National writing awards. The Real McCoy is the complete scoop from a sportswriter who led a charmed life and, even when faced with failing eyesight, managed to still see more than the rest of us. Hal will present his book, answer questions, and have books available for purchase and signing. The event is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited, so it is recommended to call

ahead 937-552-5848 to reserve your spot. Doors open at 6:30pm.

On Saturday May 2, at 7:30 pm there will be a special screening of the 2013 baseball documentary film, *I'll Knock a Homer for You: The Timeless Story of Johnny Sylvester and Babe Ruth*. The film, directed and produced by Andrew Lilley, chronicles the story of the promise made by Babe Ruth that became a legend. During the World Series of 1926, The Babe, at the height of his popularity, promises a very ill boy, Johnny Sylvester, to hit a homer for him during Game 4. Shrouded in mystique for almost 90 years, the story has become one of baseball's most enduring legends. The award-winning documentary was selected by the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY for a screening at its own baseball film festival in 2013. The limited theatrical screening at The Mayflower Arts Center in Troy marks the Ohio premiere of the film.

Chris Felix Fine Art Exhibit: *Cincinnati Reds Legends*
Exhibit Dates: April 15 - May 25, 2015; Wednesday, 10-3pm and Friday-Saturday, 10-6pm
Artist's Reception & Book Signing with author, Mike Shannon: Saturday, April 18 at 7:00-8:30pm

Hal McCoy Guest Lecture & Book Signing: *The Real McCoy: My Half-Century with the Cincinnati Reds*
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2015, 7:00pm
Ohio Film Premiere: *I'll Knock a Homer for You: The Timeless Story of Johnny Sylvester & Babe Ruth*

Dates: May 2, 2015, 7:30pm
Tickets: All seats \$8.00. Seniors/Military/Students (ID)/Child <12 \$6.50

For more information on the Mayflower Arts Center, visit www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com or LIKE "Mayflower Arts Center" on Facebook and @MayflowerArts on Twitter.

The Mayflower Arts Center provides a community-friendly environment to create art, and enlighten and inspire a deeper appreciation of art among artists and patrons. Located prominently on the vibrant downtown square of Troy, Ohio—in the historic 1928 Mayflower Theater building—the Mayflower Arts Center offers gallery and exhibit spaces, fine art retail, classes and workshops, art lectures, indie movies, concerts, and variety of other special events.

Hayner Center Presents Friday Night Movie

Need something to do Friday Night? Why not go to the movies? On Friday, April 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will present the 1944 American drama, *To Have and Have Not*. This free and open to the public showing includes an introduction to the film, café style seating, popcorn and soft drinks.

for mature viewers and may not be appropriate for children under 13.

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

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301



To Have and Have Not, which is directed by Howard Hawks, stars Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan and 19-year-old Lauren Bacall in her film debut. This classic is set in Fort-de-France, in the French colony of Martinique, in the summer of 1940, shortly after the fall of France. The film is based on the novel by Ernest Hemingway. This film is intended

West Main Street, Troy. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays.

For more information, please visit our website at www.troyhayner.org or call (937) 339-0457.

Red Cross to Offer Lifesaving Courses

The weather is getting nicer, which means it's time to start the spring-time activities such as mowing the lawn, gardening, grilling and kids playing on the playground. But consider this:

- 70,000 people are injured annually mowing their lawn
- 200,000 children are injured annually on playgrounds
- 30,000 people are injured annually falling off ladders

Spring can be dangerous! Who knew? Fortunately, The American Red Cross has the answer. Adult and pediatric first aid, CPR and AED courses are being offered in Troy on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Northern Miami Valley Chapter at 1314

Barnhart Rd.

Signing up is easy—just go to RedCross.org—and then you can rest easy knowing you will be able to help your neighbor who is firing up his grill for the first time, or the child who is bleeding from falling off the monkey bars. This spring, you will be more than ready for the nice weather; you'll be trained for safety.

In addition to the classroom lessons, the course includes a pre-class learning component. Rather than the standard "read and take a multiple-choice quiz" formula, the Red Cross took a page from the Xbox and Wii generation and students now use an interactive, animated, virtual learning formula. In short, they learn the basics of saving a life by playing a game in which they must respond to a real-life emergency. This is the first course using the simulation learning.

The courses result in a two-year Red Cross certification. The prices for the courses range from \$55 to \$85, depending on the courses chosen. Advanced registration is required. To register for a class or find more information, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org/take-a-class.

Camp Invention Coming to St. Patrick School

Camp Invention, the nation's premier summer enrichment day camp program that is supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), is coming to St. Patrick School the week of June 8 - 12, 2015. The weeklong day camp for students entering grades one through six fosters innovation and creativity while also building self-esteem, teamwork, persistence and goal-setting skills.

Selection of the right summer camp for children can be intimidating and overwhelming as the options continue to grow and become more niche. Camp Invention not only encourages inventive young minds through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun and creative atmosphere, it also incorporates outdoor activities as part of its curriculum.

Camp Invention students experience winning, success and victory, along with an adrenaline rush that comes with competition among students and successful completion of challenging projects. Camp Invention provides a great opportunity for inventive young minds to exercise their creativity and use their imagination in ways they don't normally get to -- through real-world problem-solving challenges, they build things, take things apart, explore different types of technology and so much more. Many times, the students are having so much fun, they don't even realize they are learning and developing

new skills.

"We are thrilled to be offering Camp Invention to students in our community and developing skills that ensure bright futures for our participants," said Nancy Lenihan, Camp Invention Director in Sumner, Washington and Highly Capable Classroom Teacher. "We are molding inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs and instilling creative problem-solving, which sets this camp apart from the rest."

This year's Camp Invention curriculum is called *Illuminate™* and was inspired by some of our nation's most brilliant minds including experienced educators, Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and members of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. *Illuminate™* will encourage children to explore their inventiveness in the Design Studio: *Illuminate* module, investigating circuits and taking on a nature-inspired design challenge. As they dream, build and make discoveries, children will have a chance to build a prototype from scratch and explore math from a new angle when they create origami flight models during team-building exercises.

Local programs are facilitated and taught by educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves more than 87,000 students every year through more than 1,300 camps across the nation. For additional information, or to find the nearest location for registration, visit www.campinvention.org.

YWCA to Offer Needle Tatting Class

Naomi Russell will instruct a 3 week class in Needle Tatting at the YWCA Piqua beginning on Wednesday, April 15, from either 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. The three week session will help participants learn the age-old art of creating lace-like designs with a crochet hook.

"This is a fun class and we will create some very unique items," said Russell. "The class is limited to 5 persons so it is important to sign up early," she added.

All students should

bring a #10 crochet hook. Beginner students will receive a tatting needle and complete instructional book. Those students who are returning for the Tatting class should bring their kit and tatting needle from a previous class.

Deadline to register is Monday, March 30, in order for supplies to be ordered.

For more information on class fees or to register for the class, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

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Troy Streets Alive Returns

The streets of downtown Troy will come alive on Friday, May 29th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM as Troy Main Street once again presents

Troy Streets Alive. The historic downtown will be teeming with artists, musicians, street sales, dancers, and other entertainment as shopkeepers and restaurateurs stay open late and offer great deals.

Each year's event draws an estimated 3,000 people for the eight-block extravaganza. Troy Main Street is currently looking for participating artists and musicians to line the sidewalks with their offerings.

If you are interested in participating, please call 937.339.5455 or email Troy Main Street at info@troymainstreet.org.

"This is a great event to kick-off the summer season in downtown Troy and to celebrate all of the amazing, creative businesses, artists, and musicians we have in this community" notes Katherine Hayes, Director of Troy Main Street.

Troy Main Street is supported by the City of Troy and Troy Community Radio to bring this free public event downtown. Troy Streets Alive is modeled after Dayton's Urban Nights, as well as other communities' events. The concept has been highly successfully in many Ohio cities and towns, and throughout the US.

For additional information, visit www.troymainstreet.org or call 937.339.5455.

DAR/CAR to Commemorate Civil War Anniversary

The Piqua-Lewis Boyer Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Fort Pickawillany Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) will meet on Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Troy. Built in 1859, the church's large sanctuary was the site of community Civil War religious services including a memorial service

The program and church tour will be presented by Teri Okrutny, past Clerk of Session. Hostesses are Jo Hermes, Betty Brown, and Annette Stewart. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children.



for President Abraham Lincoln. A tunnel running beneath the church was a hiding place for fugitive slaves traveling north to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000

Library Offers Wireless Printing

Wireless printing from laptops, tablets, and smart phones is now available at Troy-Miami County Public Library, 419 W. Main St.

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chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org.

The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. Membership is open to anyone who is under the age of 22 and who is a lineal descendant of a person who rendered aid to the cause of American independence. For further information, visit www.nscar.org

Be Prepared: Tornado Season is Already Here

By Sarah Anne Carter

While it may feel like the snow has just finally melted away, tornado season is here and it is time to take some time to be prepared.

An EF-0 tornado touched down for two-tenths of a mile 3 miles north of New Carlisle Thursday evening, according to the National Weather Service. Damage was limited to doors being blow off a barn and damaged trees with winds reaching up to 80 mph. The tornado touched down around 9:31 p.m. The tornado warning was issued at 9:30 p.m.

It was this time of year when the EF5 tornado hit Xenia during the

do warning means that a tornado has been sighted or radar indicates a tornado. Immediate action is needed at this alert to get to a safe place.

Sirens are most often targeted for people who are outdoors to be alerted to a tornado warning. People indoors should be monitoring radio or television news.

"I encourage everyone to take every warning seriously as conditions could change very rapidly," Phillips said. "Also, during the monthly siren tests, the public should use that opportunity to practice there severe weather plan so they are ready for when severe weather strikes."

Have a shelter and plan



largest tornado outbreak on record – 148 deadly tornadoes on April 3-4, 1974. More than 330 people were killed, with 32 killed in Xenia.

"Some key thing for everyone to remember is that they need to take cover in the event of a siren activation," said New Carlisle Fire Chief Brad Phillips. "In this age of cell phone video and the 'eye witness' weather reporter, people want to be able to capture the storm as it happens. We cannot stress enough how dangerous that is. They must take cover when the warning sounds. For lack of a better explanation, it is not that the wind is blowing, it is what the wind is blowing around. They could get hit by debris, falling objects or simply be injured from the wind blowing them into objects."

Pay attention

When the weather is severe, pay attention to local radio and television stations for updates on the threat of tornadoes. A tornado watch means there is a possibility that tornadoes can form. When this alert is sent out, it is time to prepare to get to safety. A torna-

The American Red Cross recommends having a place in your home as a safe room. It should be in the basement, storm cellar or interior room with no windows. Consider having supplies in the room, such as flashlights, blankets, shoes, water and food. A crank or battery-powered radio should also be kept in the safe room. If small children will need to take shelter, consider having some comfort items for them, such as books, coloring books and crayons, portable DVD player and candy.

Do not wait until a tornado warning to test out the safe room. Do practice drills as a family during the day and night. This is the easiest way to make sure you have the supplies in the safe room that are needed.

The American Red Cross recommends that people in mobile homes seek shelter elsewhere, or even in their vehicles, rather than their mobile homes.

People who are outdoors, need to seek shelter immediately by walking or driving. If caught in a vehicle, people should either stay

in the car with their seatbelts on and head down, covered with hands, or safely leave the vehicle to get to an area lower than the roadway, covering head with hands.

"Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances," the American Red Cross Web site says.

Preparing before the storm

Besides making sure the safe room is ready, make sure the outside of the home is ready, too, when severe weather is likely. Bring in or secure outdoor furniture and toys. Secure hanging plants, trash cans and remove debris. Charge cell phones and make sure to have the gas and electric utility numbers on hand in case of damage. If you have children, talk things over with them so they feel prepared.

Warning signs

Sometimes you have to trust your own gut and eyes and take cover even if there is no warning. According to the American Red Cross, tornado danger signs are dark, often greenish clouds due to hail, wall clouds, cloud debris, large hail, visible rotation of clouds, roaring noise, pressure changes and a funnel cloud.

After a tornado

Once the storm has passed, continue to listen to the news to stay updated with information and instructions. Contact people who will be concerned about you and let them know you are safe. If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so. Be careful when removing debris and watch for fallen power lines or broken gas lines. They should be reported immediately. Stay out of damaged buildings. Use battery-powered flashlights when examining buildings – do not use candles. Take pictures of any damage for insurance purposes.

If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well web site at www.redcross.org/find-help/contact-family/register-safe-listing to let your family and friends know you are safe. You may also call (866) GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

If the community does suffer damage, be careful of scams after a storm. Check licenses and credentials of anyone you hire to do any repair work.

For more information or safety checklists, visit www.redcross.org or www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/TornadoFacts.aspx.

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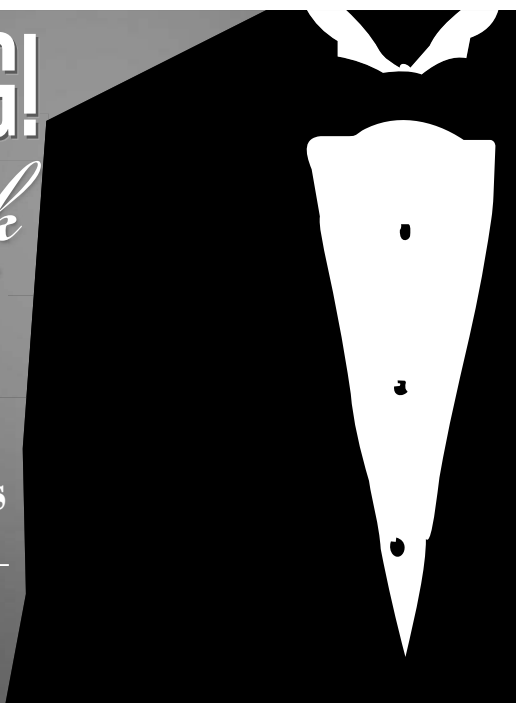
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Staunton Twp. Trustees Hire Attorney to Oppose Annexation

By Bonnie L. McHenry

In a special session on April 1, 2015, the Staunton Township Trustees passed a resolution to authorize the hiring of Attorney Wanda Clark to represent Staunton Township on the pending annexation of 34.469 acres at the corner of Troy-Urbana and DeWeese Roads. Bill Gearhart, Trustee submitted the appropriate documents to the Miami Clerk of Courts on April 2, 2015. A public hearing date has not been set.

The County Engineer's Office estimated that the annexation would negatively affect the township's income by 5.3%, which for a small township such as Staunton has serious repercussions.

Jeff Cron updated the trustees on the noxious weeds on Demmitt Farm Properties. According to Cron, The Miami Parks Department plans to send a letter expressing their concern over the weeds to the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEF-FA). The more letters sent to the Environmental Protect Agency, OEF-FA, and the Soil and Water Conservation District, the more likely action will be taken.

In preparation for the summer road paving projects, the trustees approved a resolution to participate with the Miami County Engineers Office for bidding on pavement repair. Cron said, "We really need to repave Sayers between SR 55 and Cathcart. It is about a mile and a half and will cost about

\$70,000 per mile, but it is really bad."

Gearhart will also remind the County Engineer's Department that they need to repair the hole at the intersection of Troy-Urbana and Cathcart.

The trustees will check all of the township roads to determine any addition repaving work and chip and seal needed. Once they have gathered the information, Gearhart will turn in the required forms to the Engineer's Office. According to Michael DeWeese, Fiscal Officer, "The cost for paving should be down from last year because of the drop in petroleum prices."

In the Sheriff's report, Deputy Andy Walker asked the trustees how his department could support the township. Cron asked, "Have they cited anyone for ripping up the farmers fields with a vehicle? It happens in my fields about every other week. Right now it isn't horrible, but once the crops are in, it gets really bad."

Walker replied, "I'm not aware of any citations, but will check to see where it stands."

Cron also requested that the deputies monitor the intersection of Polecat and DeWeese. He said, "With Troy-Urbana closed, the high school students will be rolling right through those stop signs."

The next regular meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2015 at the township building.

County Won't Release Prisoners to Save Space

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County commissioners won't create a situation in which female prisoners would be released because of lack of jail space, commission President Jack Evans said Friday, April 3.

The possibility of release of female prisoners was mentioned by Sheriff Charles Cox in a letter to each county commissioner following last month's meeting with Chief Deputy Dave Duchak and Sgt. Mike Marion on female housing and potential solutions.

"There will need to be additional monies placed into my budget to cover the funding for the Shelby County contract," Cox wrote in the letter. "I have directed to my staff that the contract will terminate if funding does not occur and I will be forced to release female inmates due to lack of funding/space."

Options being discussed include opening a third pod dedicated to female prisoners at the county Incarceration Facility (IF) and continuing to house up to 15 female prisoners a day at the Shelby County Jail. An agreement for that housing started in mid-August and was extended through the end of March.

The commission is reviewing options for housing a growing number of female prisoners blamed on heroin and other drug-related offenses. The females now are held at the downtown Troy jail, whose beds are limited by state jail regulations. The downtown jail also is the maximum-security facility for male prisoners.

Evans said Friday the commission would extend the Shelby County contract until a resolution to the female housing problem is found.

The commission wouldn't withhold funds and create a situation involving release of prisoners, Evans said. "That's not going to happen. These people will be off the street," he said.

Evans said he and anyone who knows the sheriff wouldn't consider Cox's remarks about releasing prisoners a threat. "I didn't take it as a threat," he said.

Work on a six-month extension continues, Duchak said Friday. Until it is signed, the housing is being covered by verbal agreement.

Duchak said the department has enough money for the jail contract through May.

"After that, the sheriff will have to consult with the commissioners and learn how they want to proceed with the continued funding of female inmates in Shelby County," Duchak said.

Leigh Williams, the commissioners' clerk/administrator, said via email Friday that additional funds have not been approved for the sheriff's office. Commissioner Richard Cultice would meet periodically with Rena Gumerlock, the sheriff's administrative assistant, to monitor the department budget. Additional money would be addressed after those meetings, Williams said.

During the March 17 discussion, commissioners asked Duchak for a face to face meeting with Cox to discuss cost estimates of around \$250,000 to open a third pod. Cox, who has been out of the office for several months following surgery,

complications and an additional surgery in late March, said afterward he would meet after he recovers from the most recent surgery.

In the letter to commissioners, Cox said, "the figures are what the figures are to open a 3rd pod and there is no other lower cost open to open the 3rd pod. As you are aware, you fund jail operations and I administer jail operations and I and my staff will continue to operate the jail within the budget the commission provides me."

The sheriff's department has taken steps to control the number of females jailed.

For more than a year, the jail protocol has permitted staff to not take females with misdemeanor or nonviolent warrants. Officers with a female meeting those criteria issue a summons for the female to appear in court the next court day. If they don't show up, the warrant remains active with a notation they failed to appear.

"The next time law enforcement encounters that person they are then incarcerated on the warrant. We had to keep that process in place as even with Shelby County housing up to 15 we would not have the space available," Duchak said. "That process seems to be working well. Of course many don't appear. They are incarcerated when they are picked up again the next time, which always happens."

Staunton Twp. Trustees Express Annexation Concerns

By Nancy Bowman

The Staunton Twp. trustees, who told Miami County commissioners in March they had concerns about a proposed annexation of 34.469 acres from the township to the city of Troy, delivered a resolution outlining their opposition to the commission office Thursday, April 2.

The trustees and their fiscal officer Mike DeWeese told commissioners March 19 they were not notified of the proposed annexation filed recently with the county and the city of Troy.

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

The land owned by Harold Trader is located north of Troy-Urbana Road and east of DeWeese Road.

The township leaders feel they "are being closed out of what is going on," DeWeese told commissioners.

The trustees last week voted to approve the resolution of objection stating that all requirements had not been met by the annexation petition.

Trustees Levi Long, Jeff Cron and Bill Gearhart signed the resolution. The board of trustees said it "urges the board of county commissioners to deny the pending petition for the annexation of 34.469 acres."

At the commission meeting April 2, Troy resident Lester Conard asked commissioners about the annexation petition.

Commissioner Richard Cultice said the commission couldn't comment. "We have no information at all at this point," he said. The trustees' petition was delivered to the commission office that afternoon.

Commission President Jack Evans told Conard if the petition was "within procedure, there is nothing we can do to stop it."

Commission Clerk Leigh Williams explained that there are different types of annexations that can be filed under Ohio law. The expedited process chosen by Trader does not require a public hearing.

"Why did it have to be rushed?" Conard asked.

"I don't think anything is being rushed," County Prosecutor Tony Kendall said. He said he was at the commission meeting at the commission's request after there were reports the trustees would deliver the resolution at the meeting.

The required waiting period following the annexation filing ended Friday Aug. 3.

The petitions will be checked to see if they meet all Ohio Revised Code requirements, Williams said. Once the check is done, the commissioners will consider a resolution to approve or deny the petition.

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Tipp Hosts Invitational; Troy Christian 14th Overall

By Jim Dabbelt

With the weather cooperating after last week's frigid season opener, the Tippecanoe track squad held their annual Invitational on Saturday. The Red Devils finished eighth overall in the girls' meet, while Troy Christian finished 14th overall. In the boys' meet, the Red Devils placed fourth overall.



The girls' 100 hurdles saw Nicole Lange from Tippecanoe finish 13th overall with a time of 20.47, while teammate Caroline Senseman was 17th overall. Anastasia Muzart finished ninth overall in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.92, missing out on the top eight by .03 seconds. The top eight earn team points. Tippecanoe's Taylor Jobe finished 13th.

In the 800 Relay, the Tippecanoe team of Visso, Brumfield, Livesay and Jobe finished tenth with a time of 2:10.23.

Hailey Brumfield earned the Red Devils points in the 1600, placing fifth overall with a time of 5:47.14, while teammate Katherine Wincher was seventh, also earning points with her finish of 5:58.87. Not placing but finishing with an 8:23.57 was Troy Christian's Hyla Pitsenbarger.

Livesay came back and finished ninth in the 300 hurdles, the only area runner to finish.

Battling for the 400 dash title was Troy Christian Meredith Haddad, as she ran a 1:03.89, good enough for second place overall. Anna Klepinger was 16th for the Red Devils. In the 800 run, Tipp's Emily Wolfe was 12th with a 2:56.40.

In the 3200 meter run, Abbi Halsey finished second for the Red Devils with a time of 12:07.26, with teammate Laura Fink fourth (12:19.86) and Megan Fletcher from Troy Christian was fifth (13:12.76).

The Troy Christian 1600 relay team of Strait, Goodison, Toms and King was tenth overall, while I the 3200 relay, the Tippecanoe team of Wilcher, Brumfield, Wolfe and Livesay finished third overall with a time of 11:03.00. Also in the 400 relay, neither team could score, but Troy Christian finished 11th and Tipp 12th overall.

In the field events, Klepinger won the pole vault

with a leap of 8-feet, while Haddad finished eighth with a leap of 6-feet. Lacey Loges finished fifth in the high jump (4-6), while in the long jump, Haddad placed third overall with a jump of 14-4.75. Finally in the discus, Troy Christian's Emily Sloan was 13th overall, and in the shot put, Sloan was tenth (27-1.5) and Loges 12th (26-25), with Melissa Garber of Tipp 15th.

Over on the boys side, the 3200 meter relay team of Chaney, Stillwagon, Andrew and Brumfield was third overall (9:05.34). Nick Graybill also was seventh in the 110 hurdles earning Tipp some team points, with a time of 18.24.

Thomas Chaney placed fourth in the 1600 meter run (4:53.87) with Jordan Brown sixth (5:04.39). In the 300 hurdles, Nick Graybill was eleventh.

Casey Abney from Tippecanoe was 14th in the 400 with a time of 58.12, while in the 800 run, Jacob Stillwagon was fifth at 2:14.11, and Tim Andrew seventh (2:17.73).

Winning the 3200 meter run was Mitchell Poynter who finished with a time of 9:37.84, comfortably in front of his closest competitor. Josh May was tenth for Tipp.

Running in the 1600 re-



lay was the Tipp team of Abney, Hamberg, Fallon and Grieshop, who finished seventh with a time of 3:56.26. Also, the 400 relay team of Gingerichm Garber, Fallon and Gibbs was ninth, while their 800 team of Abney, Hamberg, Grieshop and Fallon was ninth.

In the high jump, Troy Christian's Samuel LaVielle was ninth with a leap of 5-feet. Grieshop was tenth in the long jump with 17-feet, 8.50 inches.

Chris Garber was ninth overall in the discus, with a toss of 110-feet, 4-inches, with teammate Matt Garber tenth (109-feet, 4-inches). In the shot put, Montana Dabbelt was eighth overall at 37-feet, 10.75 inches, and Matt Garber eleventh (36-feet, 8.25-inches). Zach Bonner finished fifth overall in the pole vault for Tipp, with Tyler Hopper seventh.

Troy Christian Cruises Past Bees

By Jim Dabbelt

After the two teams battled through the first four innings to a close contest, the Troy Christian Eagles baseball team plated six runs in the fifth inning, opening a close game against the Bethel Bees, and rolled to an easy 17-6 win on Monday afternoon at Athletes in Action field in Xenia.

"We had our hitting shoes on today," said first year Eagles coach Tony Ferraro. "We executed well and knocked people in when we had the opportunity. I was pleased with our production today."

Jordan Sloan led off the first inning for the Eagles with a single, Chase Hayden then walked, and sophomore Jacob Brown drove in a run with a double. After a wild pitch plated a second run, it was Elijah Sims with a fielders choice to make it 3-0 before the Bees could get to the plate.

Bethel came storming back in their half of the second inning, when they scored four times on three hits, all singles. The Bees enjoyed a 4-3 lead heading to the third.

Troy Christian came back with their own offense and regained the lead. Brandon Conley led off with a walk, Slone then singled and Hayden dropped a bunt single to lead the bases for the Eagles as they tried to get

the advantage. Brown ripped a base hit to score two more runs for Troy Christian and the Eagles enjoyed a 5-4 lead.

The added to their lead in the fourth, when Conley led off with a single, Slone walked and Hayden singled with a throwing error allowing two runs to score. Sims then drove in another run for the Eagles to make it 8-4 in the middle of the fourth.

Bethel came back in the bottom of the fourth with three singles to put another run on the board cutting their deficit to 8-5, but then came the explosive fifth inning.

Cameron Davee was hit by a pitch to open the inning, Douglas singled and Conley loaded the bases with a single. After all three runners were replaced, Slone hit a sacrifice to drive in one run, Hayden knocked in another run with a hit, followed by an RBI walk from Brown. Sims drove in two more runs with a double, and following a wild pitch which allowed the sixth run of the inning to score, the Eagles led 14-5.

Three more runs were plated in the sixth for the Eagles before the Bees capped the scoring with a run in the sixth.

Davee pitched the first four innings for the win. Hayden led with four hits, while Brown added three.

Spring Sports Wrapup

Troy baseball has opened the 2015 on a strong note, with two solid wins last week, and a 2-0 start to the new season.

Troy opened the week with a 13-2 win over a traditionally strong Shawnee team on opening day. The Trojans, then came back with a 13-5 victory over Centerville. Troy returns to action this week at Northmont Friday night at 5 p.m., then heads to Oakwood on Saturday morning for a double-header starting at 11 a.m.

As for the Troy softball team, they also started out quickly to the new season, with a 12-6 win over Fairborn last Wednesday night. The Trojans come back at Northmont on Friday

night at 5 p.m., then heads to Trotwood next Monday and hosts the Rams the following day.

A 5-0 sweep of Stebbins gave the Troy Tennis team a 1-0 record on the season, as the weather postponed their other scheduled match with Tecumseh last week.

Troy hosts Miamisburg tonight, then heads to Springboro tomorrow night.

*Over at Troy Christian, the Eagles softball team opened the regular season on Saturday with an impressive 12-0 win over Dunbar.

They are at Middletown Christian tomorrow night and hosts Arcanum next Monday at 5 p.m.

Trojans Cruise In Host Invite

By Jim Dabbelt

The Troy Trojans track team held the Up and Running Invitational last week, and both the Trojans and the crosstown Troy Christian Eagles were part of this event. Both the Trojans boys' and girls' track teams won their respective divisions.

In the mens' 100 hurdles, Levi Smith of the Trojans placed third overall with a time of 18.56, while in the 100 yard dash, Troy dominated the top four spots. Trojan Brandon Lee won the event with a time of 11.76, while Trenton Michael finished third (11.778) and teammate Josh Williams was fourth with a time of 11.842. Andrew Strait of Troy Christian was 12th overall with a time of 12.22.

The 1600 was also controlled by the Trojans, as Troy Schultz won the event with a 4:38.29, while Stephen Jones was second at 4:38.43. In the 400, Austin Jacobs finished fourth for Troy at 57.09, while Timmy Farrier was seventh (59.17).

In the 300 hurdles, Smith placed fourth (45.68), while in the 200, Demarcus Moody from Troy was third overall with a time of 24.79, with Strait sixth (25.07) and Troy's Andre Baumann seventh (25.11).

In the final running event, Parker Hench from Troy was fifth in the 3200 meter run, as he finished the event in 11:32.51. Teammate Carsen Clouser was eighth.

Michael came back for Troy and finished fifth in the high jump at 5-6, with Zach Boyer tenth at 5-3. The long jump saw Hayata Nagata place fourth for Troy as he leaped 17-11. Hayden Jackson also finished eighth for the Trojans.

In the discus, Kameron Block from Troy was third at 124-0, while teammate Isaiah Purvis was fifth (115-7). In the shot, Purvis tossed it 42-feet, 1.25-inches good enough for second, while Christopher Linville was sixth at 39-4.5. Finally in the pole vault, Troy's Joe Dippold was second with a leap of 12-feet.

In the womens' race,

the Trojans came out strong in the 100 hurdles, as Alex Merle ran an 18.82 and Caitlyn Cusick was seventh at 19.05. In the 100 dash, Gracie Huffman was victorious for the Trojans, running a 12.85. Teammate Ashley Barr and Kelsey Walters were fifth and sixth respectively in that event.

Morgan Gigandet finished third overall in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:37.20, while Abby Pence was seventh at 6:01.38. In the 400 dash, Huffman came through with a second place finish with a time of 1:02.88, while Troy Christian's Meredith Haddad was third at 1:04.44. Barr came in fifth.

Cusick came back in the 300 hurdles and finished third with a time of 53.57, while in the 800 run, Gigandet finished third with a time of 2:33.29. Sarah Hartley was sixth with a time of 2:39.54.

Back came Huffman again, as she won the 200 meter dash, finishing in 26.94. Barr was fourth with a time of 28.49 for the Trojans. Finally in the 3200 meter run, Emma Shigley was second overall for the Trojans with a time of 12:24.32, while Megan Falknor placed fourth for Troy, teammate Rachel Davidson was sixth and Troy Christian's Megan Fletcher was eighth.

In the field events, Troy dominated the high jump, as Ashlin Colclasure was first with a leap of 4-11, Dasia Cole was second (4-9) and Valena Robinson third (4-6).

Haddad earned Troy Christian some points by winning the long jump, with a leap of 17-feet, 0.75-inches. Troy's Kayla Hemm was fifth. In the discus, Kylee Brooks was third at 92-9, while her Troy teammate Amanda Setser was fourth (90-11). Troy Christian's Emily Sloan finished tenth. Walters came back and was first in the shot put (35-4) and Brooks was fourth (29-9).

In the pole vault, Haddad was second overall with a jump of 6-6, and Eagles teammate Kyran Goodson was third at 5-6.

Sports Schedule

Wednesday, April 8
4:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. Miamisburg

Thursday, April 9
4:30 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Tennis at Springboro
5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Baseball at Middletown Christian
5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Softball at Middletown Christian

Friday, April 10
4:30 p.m. – Troy HS Track vs. Springfield

Saturday, April 11
9:30 a.m. – Troy Christian Boys & Girls Track at Ft. Loramie Invitational

Monday, April 13
4:30 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. Beavercreek
5:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Baseball at Trotwood

Madison
5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Baseball vs. Tri-Village
5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Softball vs. Tri-Village

Tuesday, April 14
4:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. Greenville
4:30 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys & Girls Track at Tippecanoe 8 Meet

5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Boys Baseball vs. Xenia Christian
5:00 p.m. – Troy Christian Girls Softball at Russia

Wednesday, April 15
4:00 p.m. – Troy HS Boys Tennis vs. Chaminade Julianne

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Nancy Jane (Van Ausdal) Fulker

Nancy Jane (Van Ausdal) Fulker, 85, of Troy, Ohio, died April 4, 2015, at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit at Upper Valley Medical Center, after complications from her long battle with COPD.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 64 years, John Edward Fulker; son William Jackson Fulker and daughter-in-law Kim (Graham) Fulker; daughter Cameron Van Ausdal (Fulker) Armstrong and son-in-law Mark T. Armstrong, (all of Troy); seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, her sister, Gretchen (Van Ausdal) Allen and brother-in-law, Fred Allen; and brother-in-law Roger Fulker and sister-in-law Kay (Hahn) Fulker. Nancy was preceded in death by their son, J. Andrew Fulker, in December of 1989, and a sister, Laura (Van Ausdal) Ketcham.

Daughter of Troy natives Norman (William) Van Ausdal and Lucille (Walker) Van Ausdal, Nancy was born in Sydney, Australia, on August 18, 1929. Bill Van Ausdal was a troubleshooter for Frigidaire Corporation, and traveled the world. As a result, Nancy lived in Australia and Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America, and learned to speak Spanish before learning English, and before returning to Troy for her education.

She spent summertime days reading books out with her horse in the fields of the farm they lived on, eating vegetables from the crops, and her mother never understanding why she wasn't hungry at dinnertime. Her father knew. She practiced her piano



in a steel Hobart home on Westgate Circle, where the walls would echo from the sound.

Prior to graduating from Troy High School in 1947, Nancy and John had their first formal date on April 13, 1945, and never looked at any other. Upon their graduation, Nancy was enrolled in the Cincinnati Conservatory for Music, as she was a very talented singer, and John had been offered a football scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. She later changed her plans when John instead accepted an academic scholarship at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, for pre-law. She instead attended what was then Western College - a women's college in very close proximity to Miami. Western College later merged with Miami University.

At Western, Nancy was in the Delta Delta Delta sorority, and was selected by John's fraternity as the Phi Kappa Tau Dream Girl, something that John has always been extremely proud of. Upon John's graduation from Miami in 1950, Nancy returned to Troy to work for a law firm while John attended law school at Columbia University in New York City and drove a cab, before returning to Troy to marry Nancy on June 2, 1951. Both then went to New York while John completed law school, then returned to Troy, where John began his legal practice in 1953, the same year as the birth of their first son, Andy.

Nancy dedicated her life to her husband, her family, and her interests,

which were widely varied. She had a lifelong love of animals and nature, and she and John took annual week-long canoe and camping trips down many different rivers in Michigan. She volunteered her time at Brukner Nature Center, and she, John, and her family loved spending every spring, summer, and fall weekend at the cottage that John and his father built, enjoying the tranquility of the lake and the wildlife and waterfowl. Their own residence in Troy was filled with loud boisterous noise as the home was a welcome haven for all sorts and varieties of strays, both animal and human, both wild and domesticated.

Nancy spent decades volunteering for Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, where she served on both the House Committee and the Exhibit Committee since the early 1980s. She was the Chair of the Exhibit Committee from 1993-1998 and then again from 2000-2010. She received special recognition for her leadership of this committee in 1999. Nancy was instrumental in acquiring many notable exhibitions for the Hayner, as well as one particular exhibit that struck a chord with her own personal interest: an exhibit on the very collectible antique duck decoys with her own meticulously researched, detailed, and informational educational booklet in 1992.

Her service to Hayner also included years of coordinating mini exhibitions of antiques and collectibles, as well as coordinating the second series of Antiques Seminars, held at the Hayner beginning in 2000.

Nancy served on the Hayner Board of Governors from 1988-1994, and held the office of Vice President in 1990 and of President for two years, from 1991-93. She has served on every levy committee since 1990.

She and John were Charter members of Friends of Hayner. Nancy served as a Friends Trustee from 1995-2000 and served as Vice President from 1997 to the end of her term.

Nancy served on various projects and committees of the Board and was on the committee that acquired and developed the Hayner Distillery Exhibition. She volunteered for over a decade as the greeter for children visiting Santa at Hayner's Holiday Open House. Nancy was a desk receptionist volunteer from 2012-2014. Twice she has helped to take the Hayner's team to victory at the Altrusa Spelling Bee, and was on the spelling team for at least six years.

She adored Irish setters for their rollicking personalities and their sweet temperments, and raised many over a fifty year span, the perfect complement to John's black Labradors.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 pm on Thursday, April 9, at Riverside Cemetery in Troy. A memorial service celebrating Nancy's life will begin at 4:00 pm at Troy Hayner Cultural Center, with the Rev. Doctor Diana Vogt presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be sent to either Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main Street, Troy, OH 45373, or Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit, P.O. Box 502, Troy, Ohio 45373. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Russell Bryant, age 61 of Troy passed away at 10:25 P.M. on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit at UVMC. He was born March 20, 1954 in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late John L. and Mary Jane (Mullins) Bryant.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law Todd and Diane Adams of Troy, Russell McBride of Troy, daughter Alishia Bryant of Troy, also Alishia's mother, former wife Robbin Bryant of Troy, grandchildren Trevor, Taylor, Tarian and Tallyssa Adams of Troy, London Bryant of Troy, Michael Shawn Jr., Josh, Cloie and Riley McBride of Troy and Shane and Anthony Staten of Cincinnati, brothers and sisters-in-law Hatler and Rene'e Bryant of Troy,

Ferdie Murphy Jr.

Ferdie Murphy Jr. of Troy Ohio, age 81, passed away April 5th, 2015 with his loving family by his side at Miami Valley Hospital. Ferdie is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edith (Lavy) Murphy, two daughters, a son in law and 3 grandchildren. Kimberly (Murphy)



Hurley and Will Hurley of Dunwoody, GA, Kellie Murphy Borden of Mason, Ohio, Savannah Hurley, Joseph Borden and Daniel Borden. Born in Piqua, Ohio to the late Charles Ferdie Murphy and Arlene (Dorman) Murphy. Ferdie was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Charles Fry, Richard Murphy, Paul Murphy, and one sister: Mary Louise Arthur. He is a graduate of Troy High School, attended Ohio University and proudly served in the United States Navy. Ferdie worked for the United States Post office for over 35 years and retired as Postmaster of

Cancer Society to Hold Bark for Life

The American Cancer Society's Bark For Life™ of Miami County is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer, with an emphasis on our canine friends and how they support us

The American Cancer Society's Bark For Life™ of Miami County is a fun way for you and your BFF (best furry friend) to help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Former and current cancer patients, those who have lost a human or canine loved one to cancer, families, businesses, faith-based and civic organizations, and anyone wanting to make a difference in the fight against cancer are invited to take part in this exciting event. The American Cancer Society's Bark For Life™ of Miami County takes

John Lee Bryant of Detroit, Mi., Toby and Linda Bryant of Detroit, Mi., Clifford Bryant of Detroit, MI., sisters and brothers-in-law Jackie Lois and Douglas Belcher of Jenkins, KY., Hannah Louise and Manford Elkins of Jenkins, KY., and Mary Stewart of Jenkins, KY.

He is also preceded in death by brothers Joe, Eddie and Bud Bryant and sister Faye Wallace.

Russell was formerly employed by Harbor Scrap Metal Yard, Troy and enjoyed watching NASCAR races.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Arcanum, Ohio, along with owning real estate, building, and appraising companies throughout his lifetime. He also loved refereeing high school and mid-America football and basketball. He was a member of the Miami County Home Builders Association, Franklin Lodge #14 F & AM, Antioch Shriners, Eastern Star Chapter #256, Ohio State Buckeye Club, Elks Lodge, and First United Church of Christ. Ferdie was a generous man with a contagious laughter, whose passion for football, and love for The Ohio State Buckeyes will live on in memory with his friends and family. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donation be made in memory of Ferdie Murphy Jr. to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3229 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229. Visitation will be held at Baird Funeral Home, Troy Ohio, Friday April 10, 2015 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM with an 8:00 PM Masonic Service. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday April 11, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home with Rev. Pat McKinney officiating, burial will follow at Miami Memorial Park in Covington Ohio. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Irma Olson

Irma Olson, age 87, of Troy, passed away on Friday, April 03, 2015 at her son's residence in Springboro. She was born in Strangford, PA on April 29, 1927 to the late Albert Arthur and Grace (Forsha) Libengood. Her husband, Ronald G. Olson, preceded her in death on June 6, 1980. Irma is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Eric and Jisook Olson and William and Holly Olson, all of Springboro, OH; sisters: Doris Ingram of Grand Prairie, TX, Sara (Robert) Gabelli of Blairsville, PA, LaDonna (Robert) McCrea of Blairsville, PA and Marilyn (Larry) Parisi of Butler, PA; and two grandchildren: Daniel and Rachael Olson. In addition to her parents and husband, Irma was preceded in death by three brothers; Dale Libengood, Wayne Libengood and Albert Arthur Libengood Jr.; and two sisters: Ruth Eileen Minick and Mary Libengood.

Irma was a graduate of Blairsville High School in Pennsylvania. She was a member of Sugar Grove Bible Church in Tipp City, where she was a former pianist. Irma enjoyed volunteering at WEEC Radio Station and was a former volunteer of Operation Rebirth. She was formerly employed with OHART Corporation in Troy, OH. Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Shoemaker Funeral Home, 49 N. Walnut Street, Blairsville, PA. Burial will follow in Blairsville Cemetery in Blairsville, PA. Friends may call from 9:00AM-11:00AM on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Shoemaker Funeral Home in Blairsville, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to Operation Rebirth, 1638 Apple Road, St. Paris, OH 43072. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Esther E. Patterson

Esther E. Patterson, age 96 of Troy passed away at 10:24 P.M. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Koester Pavilion, Troy. She was born June 7, 1918 in Darke County to the late Elmer D. and Mae (Smith) Pearson. She was preceded in death by her husband Samuel D. Patterson October 13, 1983.

She is survived by daughters Joan Trader of West Milton and Pamela Futral of Waskom, TX., 5 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son Paul Patterson, brother Del-

bert Pearson and sister Norma Jean Smith.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Troy.

Funeral service will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Interment to follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Vandalia. Visitation will be held on Wednesday one hour prior to the service (10:30-11:30) A.M. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Walk MS: Miami County Coming

Walk MS: Miami County 2015 will return to Troy Memorial Stadium. On Saturday, April 18, 2015 we will again walk to create a world free of MS. This year we are expecting over 400 participants to join this exciting event and become a part of the powerful movement that will end MS forever.

Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. and the walk starts at 10:00. The 1 and 3-mile walk is followed by food.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring extra cash as raffle drawing for many special prizes. Raffle tickets are available from committee members and at the stadium prior to the start of the walk. Raffle tickets are \$1 or

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Walk brochures with registration information are available at area businesses throughout the county or by calling 1-800-FIGHTMS or Connie Veach at 524-3181 or Charline Werts at 654-3030.



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Troy High School Honor Roll

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average of 3.75 or better the third nine week grading period and have been named to the Principal's List.

Freshmen: Nana Adachi, , Laura Barth, Emily Becker, Adam Bilitzke, Julia Black, - James Boezi, Kylee Brooks, Krishna Brucia, Meredith Co-vault, Rase Darrow, - Joseph Dutton, Adam Falknor, Andrew Flamm, Jacqueline Fulker, Morgan Gigan-det, Sydney Hafer, Da-kotha Hamman, Hannah Hargrove, Megan Hart-ley, Michael Hess, Abigail Innes, Jacob Jergens, Me-aghann Joseph, Em-ma Kazmaier, Brooke Klopfenstein, Aislinn Klosterman, Kyra Leckrone, Nathaniel Leembruggen, Ken-dra Magnuson, Cam-rynn Moeller, Stephen Moore, Christine Mos-er, Megan Myers, To-moaki Nakayama, Sa-vannah Nelson, Joshua Niemi, Haylie Nul-ph, Anoop Patel, Dip-ssha Patel, Elizabeth Pedler, Zachary Reichel-derfer, Kearston Ri-ley, Christopher Robbins, - Madison Rougier, Elijah Sadler, Emma Shigley, - Anthony Simon, An-drew Smith, Carly Smith, Jaclyn Smith, Mi-randa Smith, Charlotte Snee, Hallie Snyder, - Cynthia Stanley, Jacob Sweeney, Camille Thomp-son, McKayla Travis, Des-tiny Tubbs, Sophia Virgallito, Chiharu Watanabe, Shana Weid-ner, Cody Wells, Jacob Wheeler, Hannah Widen-er, Dana Wynkoop, Lau-ren Zaylskie,

Sophomores: Jacob Anderson, Micha-la Andrade, Jackson Armstrong, Nathaniel Balok, Ashley Bar-er, Jessica Bigley, Troy Breisch, William Brum-field, Lauren Cardinal, - Caitlyn Cusick, Zoyie Davidson, Ally Deck-er, Katie Demeo, Mar-shall Dunlap, Meghan Fiessinger, Jennica Funderburg, Anish Gol-lamudi, Collin Goltzene, - Lillian Grogean, Maggie Hennessy, Kathryn Jack-son, Sarah Jergens, Luke Johnson, Chloe John-son, Rachel Kinder, Erin Kirner, Nikita Krish-nan, Holland Lively, Sri-vidhya Madiredy, Su-nao Masunaga, Carlene McGuirk, Kirsten Mc-Mullen, Alexandria Merle, Katherine Mi-nesinger, Justin Mittel-stadt, Rachel Morgan, Ha-yata Nagata, Connor Oaks, Madeline Pelt-ier, Keaton Pfeiffer, Austin Rank, Lydia Reedstrom, - Cassandra Roache, Stacy Rutschilling, Matthew Sanders, Derrec Sandif-

er, Brennin Scherpf, Marc Scordia, Amanda Setser, - Kymberlee Seyfried, I-siah Shannon, Miranda Silcott, Zane Small, Terrell Sprowl, Megan Stude-baker, Allison Tyre, Jenna Vent, Trey Wiley, Haylee Wright,

Juniors: Christian Alexander, Kevin An-derson, Hope Ash, Mindy Bach, Brooke Beeler, Ab-igail Bertram, Leeann Black, Jillian Blount, Hena Brucia, Court-neey Carmack, Holly Clagett, Spencer Co-vault, Rachel Culp, Dan-iel Davenport, Bailey Dornbusch, Dominique Drake, Lisa Dziko, Zenta Enomoto, Katherine Fet-ter, Collin Fleischer, Clara Guerra, Brooke Harlow, - Carter Hench, Melanie Henson, Megan Hes-s, Angela Hess, Mariana Huerta, Madeline Innes, - Caleb Jergens, Zachary Kiss, Phebe Kuo, Caleb Leibold, Cameron Mac-Ritchie, Hannah Mun-day, Minori Nakada, Kay-la Niswonger, Justin O'Neill, Megan Osman, - Jordan Peck, Hannah Priebe, McKenzie Pruit-t, Alexander Riedel, Jared Sherrick, Lydia Shig-ley, Mitchell Silcott, Con-nor Stradling, Megan Sweeney, Kelsey Walters,

Seniors: Lauren An-derson, Rachel Bailey, A-manda Bowman, Andrew Bricker, Macen Canci-no, Aleecia Christian, Gil-lianne Coleman, Mudra Dave, Alec Demore, Cris-tina Dennison, Caroline Elsass-Smith Megan Falknor, Abigail Flam-m, Meredith Flory, Joseph Fryman, Abigail Gohr-band, Drew Henn, Mary Grace Huffman, Connor Huth, Isaiah Johnson, - Madeline Kleptz, Stephen Kolber, Danielle Lade, Jon-athan Liew, Angel Lu-is, Dylan Magoto, Court-neey Mazzulla, Bridget McCormick, Melissa Men-gos, Allyson Miller, Collin Moeller, Olivia Mull-ins, Rachel Murray, Jason Myers, Sachin Nagara-jan, Akari Nagata, Tianna Newton, Luke Oaks, Lind-sey Orozco, Kiersten Owens, Shiv Patel, Daniel Powell, Hannah Roth, Na-than Salm, Emily Savard, - John Scordia, Katherine Sebring, Kinari Sekito-, Lindsay Smith, Katelyn Snee, Shelby Snider, Whit-ney Snider, Desmond Sprowl, Celia Stanley, Brit-tney Sullivan, Maria Tiamzon, Maria Ver-milya, MacKenzie Ver-non, Taryn Vest, Jael Via, Shaina Weyher, Tren-ton Wood, Leslie Wyn-koop, Michelle Zelnick, Zi-han Zhang

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average between 3.5 and 3.74 the third nine week grading period and have been named to the Honor Roll.

Freshman, Joel Blount, Sierra Brown, Emily Clawson, Samuel Cole-man, Elizabeth Freshour, Myisha Gales, Austin Glover, Hunter Greer, La-nie Hagen, Melanie Har-vey, Maddison Heffner, Kaylee Hermann, Alyse Holter, Madison Inman, Megan Kavalauskas, Bingliang Liu, Andrew Magoteaux, Danielle Mc-Donagh, Molly Miller, Al-exandra Mozer, Victoria Noon, Nicolas Rizkallah, Sydney Short, Hannah Simister, Megan Strader, Jessica Sutherly, Derek Szklany, Eric Trimble, Anna Walker, Benjamin Walkup, Evan Walkup, Weaver Walton, Keiran Williams,

Sophomores, : Nicholas Alexander, Alexandria Bricker, Emily Brinkman, Alexandria Bristow, Ash-ley Bruns, Chaz Copas, Samantha Crotinger, Al-exa Dankworth, Camron Earick, Taylor Entingh, Monique Gagel, Connor Goltzene, Kacey Gonza-lez, Kyrianne Griffitheth, Peyton Hampton, Vic-toria Holland, Jackson Johnston, Hannah Kirk, Conner Klawon, Joshua Kraynek, Mariah Lacey, Brandon Lewis, Connor Lewis, Logan Magoto, Caitlin Mellieon, Say-aka Nakada, Katelyn Overla, Morgan Peltier, Caroline Pratt, Nicholas Prus, Madeline Ramsey, Lauryn Rutan, Taylor Schmitz, Hannah Severt, Henry Shaneyfelt, Cassie Sharits, Abby Smith, Da-vin Snyder, Jerika Svajda, Zion Taylor Juniors:

John Alexander, Jared Bair, Hallie Brubaker, Zachary Burleson, Carsen Clouser, Kayla Coate, Ja-cob Curcio, Scott Demeo, Alexander Dyke, Sarah Hartley, Parker Hench, Natalie Henson, Jordan Hoffman, Haley Huels-man, Abbey Jacobs, Cait-lynn Klawon, Alexander Kohler, Shane Love, Alexander Noll, Abigail Pence, Zoey Scancarello, Madilynn Schlarman, Lukas Schroeder, Nich-olas Simon, Drezanee Smith, Zavaughn Smith, Lane Stewart, Hannah Stickel, Lauren Swank, Austin Ullery, John Yenney, Seniors, :

Margaret Caughell, Lauren Dankworth, Olivia Dankworth, Chloe Donnan, Valeri Gibson, Jeffery Hayworth, Bran-don Hess, Jared Hill, Al-exander Holter, Brandon Lee, Madison Lemmon, Amanda Martin, Dan-iel Miller, Austin Naas, Madison Olberding, Aleksander Prus, Colleen Rhea, Raiann Rohlfs, Megan Schreiber, Troy Schultz, Colin Smith, Joshua Spayde, Jacob Uhlenbrock, Rachel Wag-ner, Marina Wehrkamp, Hayden Willis, Alexan-dra Wilt

Troy Jr. High Honor Roll & Principals List

Grade 7 Principal's List -3.75 +

Morgan Baber, Riley Becker, Connor Bell, Laura Borchers, Tan-ner Brandenburg, Mol-lie Bretland, Audrey Brumfield, Autumn Bruns, Ellen Cain, Riley Coleman, Nevaeh Collier, Sean Dippold, Delaineey Dodson, Olivia Duaso, Conner Earick, Sara Edwards, Mitchell Francis, Samantha Francis, Allison Freisthler, Luis Fuentes, Ella Furlong, Maricait Gillespie, Anthony Gonzalez, Ian Gonzalez, Jackson Goodall, Jacob Gray, Jenna Gross, Shawn Harris, Juliana Hatton, Lily Hemm, Taylor Henn, Hannah Hen-nessy, Aaron Heuker, Emily Huber, Jaiden Hunt, Allison Irely, Valencia James, Alayna Jones, Christian Jones, Sean Keenan, Madison Kelly, Makayla Kindell, Hailey Kinstle, Chloe Klawon, Jordan Klemt, Nathan Kleptz, Hallie Klosterman, Caleigh Lavelle, Mari Logan, Madelynn Long, Kait-lyn Lord, Lily Mago-teaux, Emily Maloney, Angelica Manzano, Samantha Mascarella, Gage McCann, Erin McKinney, Isabelle Minesinger, Tristan Murphy, MacKen-zie Nosker, Mallery Nosker, Abigail Ober-beck, Shoma Okazaki, Kathryn Orban, Tyler Owens, Sarah Pascale, Blaine Peltier, Carly Pfeiffer, Jonathan Post, Meredith Post, Samuel Reed, Angeline Rice, Lydia Ryan, Lauren Schmitz, Elena Schro-eder, Dale Sentman, Reece Sherman, Jack-son Shuman, Brayden Siler, Mitchell Simon, Brianna Slusher, Vic-toria Solomon, Caleb Stinson, Breann Stith, Brooke Stockslager, Jenna Stockslager, Emily Stoeckmann, Suzuna Taira, Aries Targett, Mariana Trim-be, Nicklas Truong, Zachariah Uhlenbrock, Elijah Vance, Brayden Ward, Narumi Wata-nabe, Colleen Watkins, Maggie Welker, Abigail Westfall, Elijah Wil-liams, Julia Williams, Rhys Williams, Madi-son Wilmoth, Kathryn

Wolke, Austin Zonner

Honor Roll - 3.5-3.749

Tala Barnes, Alli-son Barnthouse, Jus-tyn Bowman, Phoebe Brown, Adrianna Burghardt, Andrew Cade, Aaron Carmack, Megan Coate, Chloe Coleman, Courtney Craig, Elizabeth Daniel, Carson Dehart, Jaiden Flory, Raegan Flowers, Ashley Grooms, Sid-ney Hampton, Lauren Hemmelgarn, Kaitlynn Hines, Frida Hoen-ing, Riley Hubbard, Caitlyn Hutson, Emily Jackson, Alexis Jette, Abigail Kidder, Ryan Lobdell, Noah Lucas, Nolan Lucas, Adara Myers, Alexandra Myers, Mitchell Ol-berding, Sydney Paul, Autumn Rich, Peyton Ross, Preston Schatz, Quenton Shepherd, Danielle Sloan, Briana Soto, Weston Smith, Austin Stanaford, Paige Thompson, Layla Thongvylay, Adam Tibbitts, Mallary Travis, Kevin Walters, Brilynn Wehunt

Grade 8 Principal's List -3.75 +

Taylor Abdon, Josalyn Abrams, Kiyha Adkins, Fatima Al-Ja-rani, Rachel Anderson, Matthew Bigley, Tiyan-na Boyd, Alex Bridge, Cole Brogan, Emily Burleson, , Katherine Castaneda, Anya Cole-man, Zackary Collin, Lillian Cusick, Taylor Dankworth, Christo-pher Demeo, Mikayla Dixon, , Mackenzie Evans, , Haley Free, Lauren Garlow, Sarah Geer, Colleen Gilfoyle, Gabrielle Glander, Jessica Goodwin, Grace Hartman, Kalee Heitbrink, Kayleigh Hill, Irene Hinojosa Porras, Alexa Holland, Sydney Hooker, Jor-dan Horstman, Logan Huth, Samuel Iverson, Abby Johnson, Riley Johnson, Garrett Jones, Daniel Katwyk, , Han-nah Lindimore, Olivia Love, Megan Malott, Kaitlyn McClure, David McGraw, Leonardo Me-del, Ciena Miller, Blake Morgan, Mackenzie Morgan, Lilly Morris, Laura Murray, Zach-

ary Niswonger, Cayla O'Neill, Mitchell Oroz-co, Kasheen Perdue, Keegan Potts, Caroline Rhea, Jenna Rice, Pay-ton Riley, Katie Robin-son, Josephine Rohlfs, Gavin Ruzicka, Macie Sadler, Molly Sanders, Luke Severt, Samuel Shaneyfelt, Joseph Sheehan, Kaitlyn Sher-rick, , Emily Shurtz, Reina Tanaka, Hailey Taylor, Bryanna Thobe Brandon Thompson, Isabella Tsurkan, Ni-cole Usserman, Yuito Usui, Mikayla Vernon, Grace Walling, Jessie Welker, Dominic Wen-rick, Ethan West, Jessie Westmeyer, Megan Wheeler, Blake Whit-ford, Abigail Zielsdorf

Honor Roll - 3.5-3.749

Jacob Adams, Azalia Ali, Grace Avey, Ga-brielle Behr, Travis Bertram, James Boggs, Baylee Boltin, Tyler Brandenburg, Nicho-las Brown, Matthew Brush, Blake Burton, Brodey Carman, Blair Carroll, Maritza Cat-alan, Lillian Clouser, Zachary Collett, Kiera Collins, Erin Cothran, Jalissa Darner, Na-talie Dudte, Katherine Dunne, Ethan Dyke, Grace Dynes, Sean England, Zachariah Erwin, Novalee Farris, Megan Frederick, Na-thaniel Garber, Trevor Griffitheth, Amanda Grif-fith, Allison Hemmel-garn, Brandon Hicks, Miranda Houshel, Erika Innes, Bree'Anna Jackson, Cade John-son, Gabrielle John-son, Austin Kendall, Skylar Kline, Spencer Klopfenstein, Matthew Klosterman, Ian Kuntz, Sydney Langenkamp, Cassidy McMullen, Cyrus Meeks, Rees Melton, Christopher Mobelini, Hayato Nakamura, Kaleb Nelson, Collier O'Con-nor, Alexis Olberding, Abigail Otten, Caitlin Palivec, Katherine Pence, Seth Plantz, Ya-kira Reynolds, Chalea Ross, Davis Ruzicka, Tassis Santos, Hannah Setser, Jordan Shetterly, Margaret Snurr, Cam-ryn Spencer, Olivia Tyre, Bailey Webb, Steven Weyher, Tiarra Womble

Open Enrollment Deadline Nears

Open Enrollment is a statewide program that allows students to request a transfer to a school or district other than the one in which they are assigned. Troy City Schools offers two types of open enroll-ment to parents.

Inter-district Open Enrollment allows student from adjacent districts only to attend Troy City Schools with-out tuition cost.

Intra-district Open Enrollment allows par-ents of Troy students to choose an elementary school in the district that is outside the stu-dent's area of residence.

Requesting open enrollment does not ensure approval, since class size is considered.

Parents may obtain an application for open enrollment from the Troy Board of Educa-tion at 500 N. Market

St in Troy, or from your child's school building.

Note: Kindergarten students are to register at the building where they would attend as determined by the Troy City Schools district map.

Open Enrollment applications for Kin-dergarten Students are available in the elemen-tary buildings at the time of Kindergarten Registration.


Heywood Honor Roll

4th grade: Lucas Buschur, Kaiya Godin, Jaemison Kemper, Astryd Littlejohn, Elise McCann Jaden Mayse, Araya Osornio, Mackenzie Per-kins, Molly Pawlaczyk, Cate Rehmer, Harmony

Rolf, Travis Ross, Sa-vannah Sharett, Charlie Wyatt

5th grade: Alexandra Beckner, Joseph Brower, Nicholas Daffner, Anna Davis, Isabel Duaso, Gabrielle Ellis, Sophia

Fong, Amanda Goodwin, Gage Goodwin, Kylie King, Amaya Jackson, Zoe Jackson, Kaylee King, Madailein Logan, Sophia Matthies, Johnny Mich-aelos, Izaiah Texter, Marah Westcott, Lydia Witters



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Gardening Commentary



Cool Spring

The cool weather we have been experiencing, is an advantage because it gives us more time to make some of the applications that will make taking care of our landscape and gardens easier later in the year. Mother Nature is causing plant development to start a little slower, so far, but this can change quickly. The cool temperatures have been delaying the development of flowers and growth and this means we have more time to get dormant oil spray on our plants to safely control many insects that can plague us later in the season. This cool weather will also cause our fruiting plants to bloom later and therefore be less likely to be damaged by a late frost. Another favorable thing is we have a little longer to apply the pre-emergence weed preventers, like Preen, on our flower beds and Crabgrass Control on our lawns. So no more procrastinating, get these helpful tools working so your gardening is easier this year. Remember, however, this situation can change quickly, all we need is a few days of very warm weather and the season will quickly be ahead of schedule. Another favorable thing this cool weather provides is that when flowers do appear they

stay with us longer. Flowers will last for several days longer and many times the spring color is spread over a longer period of time, when the weather remains cool, instead of just about everything seemingly blooming all at once. So what can we be doing now? There are a few things that we can do before planting season is here. 1) Freshen up the mulch on your flower beds, 2) Be ready with your tiller when the soil conditions are right for working the soil, there is always a break in the weather, be looking for this opportunity. Have your OM on hand so you can get it incorporated and be ready to plant later, 3) It is the perfect time to plant perennials, shrubs and trees, 4) Once our early blooming shrubs have finished flowering we can prune them, if they need some touching up. If we do this pruning as soon as they are finished blooming we will improve flowering next year, 5) Get your Preen on the flower beds once you have the spring clean-up completed, applying it before mulching works well. Take a deep breath and enjoy the season, you deserve it after our cold winter! Your gardening team, Meadow View Growers Growing the best varieties for over 30 years

At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Lesson of the Toad

A friend stood by as we admired the latest rock addition to the flower garden. She reminisced about other rocks and stones she had known in her lifetime. She told this story. "Eighty-five year old Lizabeth Morris wanted a toad in her garden. Her grandfather had insisted on setting toad stones along a path in his garden to attract the creatures which he believed would be good luck for the garden and himself. Lizabeth didn't believe in luck, but she wanted the garden to be as she remembered her grandfather's. So, she put a long row of flat, round stones in her garden and designated them off limits to anyone or anything except toads. At an age when most elderly were downsizing and becoming Florida residents, Lizabeth took on house payments in order to get the yard. It was her motivation for getting up each morning. She looked forward to the prospect of weeding out all the noxious growth in her yard, much like she weeded out the noxious husband and television and other negative aspects of her life. She was not prepared for the shock of toads falling in her backyard pond. Armed with pond rake and net, Lizabeth stood vigil for two days, trying to save the errant amphibians. Her thin shrunken frame, slightly bent with the ravages of osteoporosis, stood by the pond, viewing the chaos with growing anger. The toads seemed to lack all sense of space and depth, leaping back in as quickly as she lifted them out. Her angry, irritable voice haunted her daughter Ellie every time the phone rang. "Ellie, get over here. I think they're crazy. They will all drown in there. What's the matter with them? Are they blind?" Nothing in high school science class or mental health 101 in college had prepared Ellie for the biological invasion or how her mother reacted to it. Usually when her mother called, Ellie came up with a solution, dropping everything to smooth out her mother's life as quickly as possible. It didn't make Ellie's life easier with her own family but it meant a guilt-free relationship with her mother. Ellie had no answers for this problem. When her mother called, Ellie wondered why she just didn't let nature take its course. But for her mother, always in control of every aspect of life, this was unacceptable behavior and she wasn't going to take it calmly.

After researching toad behavior, Ellie understood their predicament. They really wanted to jump in the pond. It was part of their natural life. There was a person though, standing in their way. A strong-willed, forceful person who could change the course of family history just by saying, "I will not have it." Her mother was only convinced that the foolish things were on a lemming's march. Tiny black spots appeared in the water. Lizabeth didn't see them. She was too busy stirring up the pond, netting toads, mumbling to herself. On Wednesday when Ellie came to check on her mother, she didn't mention the black spots swimming along the edges; or the fact that in her research she found this was natural behavior for April toad mating season. Soon there would be hundreds of tiny toads. She thought it best not to mention that this would happen every spring because toads come back to the closest water, as in nearest the garden toad stones. Ellie simply commented that perhaps the pond should be left alone for a few days to let the sediment settle. "You're telling me to leave them drown. Honestly, Ellie, I don't know where you humanity went." "It's called letting nature take its course. That's the way things go with toads. Sometimes the male of the species can be

overpowering, sometimes the female." Trying to turn the conversation to positive, Ellie said, "Well, the toad stones worked. There's lots of toads and there's gonna be lots of baby toads. Tadpoles by the dozen. That'll be an adventure in itself." "Yes, I suppose you're right, Ellie. How do we get ourselves in these things?" "I don't know about you, but I have this mother who calls and I am the only one who comes running", laughed Ellie. A few days later, Lizabeth called her daughter to report there were hundreds of tadpoles. "I'm calling everyone I know with a pond to come and get some. I don't want this many toads in the garden," she exclaimed. Ellie just smiled to herself and agreed with her mother. Yes, it would be good to pass on the tadpoles. Let others experience the wonders of nature taking its course." As my friend got ready to leave she smiled and asked if we had seen any toads in our yard. I had to admit that yes, every spring and summer we have two or three that wander around the yard. She laughed and shook her head as she walked away, commenting over her shoulder, "You'll be okay, just don't put in a pond." Contact Connie at dcrrmoore@att.net or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341.

Police Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Reckless Operation of a Watercraft

I know the weather seems like it is still winter but I have a feeling summer will be upon us before Christmas. So with that in mind let's discuss some of the laws pertaining to the water activity in Ohio. Particularly the law against the illegal operation of water vessels. Whereas reckless operation of a vehicle on land requires the reckless or wonton disregard for the safety of others/property, on water reckless is a much lesser degree of intent as it is carelessly or heedlessly in disregard or the without due caution at a rate of speed. The law requires the vessel in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times. Unsafe speeds are proven by a vehicle becoming airborne, leaving the water when crossing a wake from another vessel or being less than 100 feet. Also considered reckless is operating at a speed or at such a close proximity of a skier and causing the vessel's operator to swerve to avoid a collision. Reckless also covers following within 200 feet directly behind a person who is water skiing or attempting it. And finally no weaving through congested traffic. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree unless someone is injured or property is damaged then it becomes a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Following is the Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.07, Reckless or unsafe operation (of a water vessel): 1547.07 Reckless or unsafe operation of vessel, water skis, aquaplane. (A) Any person who operates any vessel or manipulates any water skis, aquaplane, or similar device on the waters in this state carelessly or heedlessly, or in disregard of the rights or safety of any person, vessel, or property, or without due caution, at a rate of speed or in a manner so as to endanger any person, vessel, or property is guilty of reckless operation of the vessel or other device. (B) No person shall operate or permit the operation of a vessel in an unsafe manner. A vessel shall be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times.

Unsafe vessel operation includes, without limitation, any of the following: (1) A vessel becoming airborne or completely leaving the water while crossing the wake of another vessel at a distance of less than one hundred feet, or at an unsafe distance, from the vessel creating the wake; (2) Operating at such a speed and proximity to another vessel or to a person attempting to ride on one or more water skis, surfboard, inflatable device, or similar device being towed by a vessel so as to require the operator of either vessel to swerve or turn abruptly to avoid collision; (3) Operating less than two hundred feet directly behind a person water skiing or attempting to water ski; (4) Weaving through congested traffic. Effective Date: 03-18-



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BY ARROWHEAD TAX

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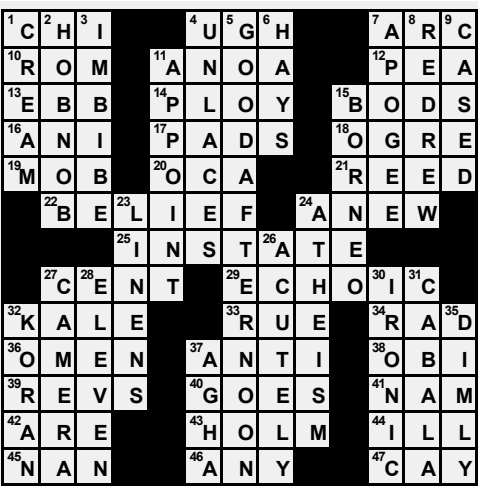
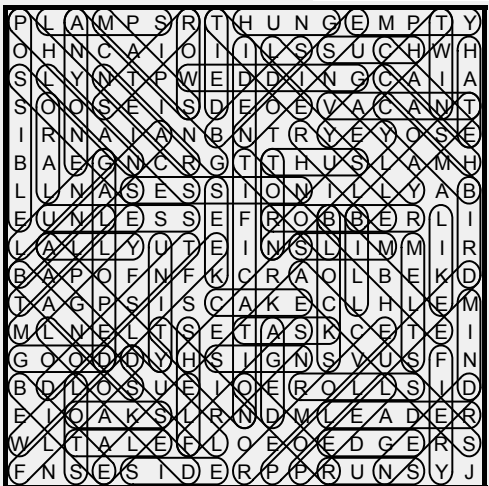
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Sudoku

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Last Week's Solutions

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Trivia Challenge

General Knowledge

- 13.) Which nation is associated with the mariachi dance?
a. Spain
b. Cuba
c. Mexico
d. Portugal
- 14.) When is Groundhog Day celebrated?
a. January 28
b. March 4
c. February 16
d. February 2
- 15.) Which US state was the first to abolish capital punishment?
a. New York
b. Utah
c. South Dakota
d. Michigan
- 16.) What is the name of the 1949 agreement, which provides wartime protection to wartime prisoners, civilians and the sick?
a. Suez Agreement
b. Geneva Conventions
c. Magna Carta
d. United Nations Treaty
- 17.) Cal Ripken Jr., Eddie Murray, Rick Dempsey and Jim Palmer where all members of which MLB team that won the World Series in 1983?
a. Baltimore Orioles
b. Boston Red Sox
c. Chicago White Sox
d. Philadelphia Phillies
- 18.) What was the first fraternity founded in the United States?
a. Delta Kappa Epsilon
b. Beta Theta Pi
c. Phi Beta Kappa
d. Chi Phi
- 19.) Lois Lane was Superman's girlfriend and Elektra Natchios was Daredevil's. Whose girlfriend was Mary Jane Watson?
a. Captain America
b. Batman
c. Spider Man
d. Ironman
- 20.) Who was the first person to appear on the cover of the Rolling Stone?
a. John Lennon
b. Mick Jagger
c. Jimi Hendrix
d. Eric Clapton

Last Week's Trivia Solutions

- 1.) Dogs-The Shiba Inu is a small dog breed from Japan.
2.) Pan America-The meal was served in 1935.
3.) The Silence of the Lambs In the film, Jodie Foster plays the role of Clarice Starling, a young U.S. FBI trainee.
4.) Christo-This curtain was hung in the Rocky Mountains near Rifle, Colorado.
5.) The moon landing-This event was listed as the top of TV Guide's most memorable moments in 1997.
6.) Space Oddity-David Bowie claimed that he wrote 'Space Oddity' after watching the film '2001 A Space Odyssey'.
- 7.) Rent-La Boheme was first staged in 1896. Rent is a rock musical.
8.) Fawlty Towers-Starring John Cleese and Connie Booth, Fawlty Towers first aired in 1975.
9.) Patty Hearst-Bill Clinton gave her a full pardon on January 20, 2001.
10.) Norma Talmadge-According to the story, she 'accidentally' stepped in cement leaving her footprints. Other stars were then asked to leave their prints.
11.) Ronald Reagan-Said after being shot by Hinckley on March 30, 1981.
12.) 1961-The Wall divided the city of Berlin and was taken down in 1989.

Crossword Puzzle

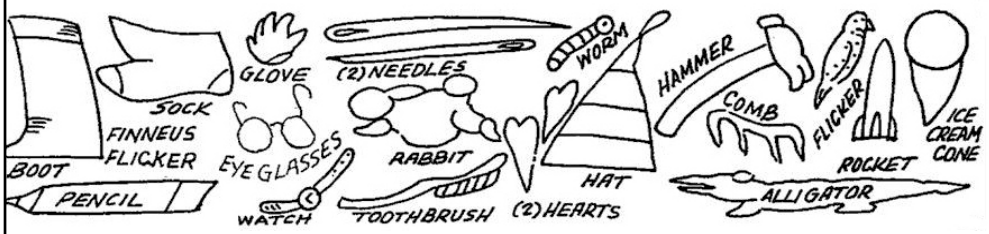
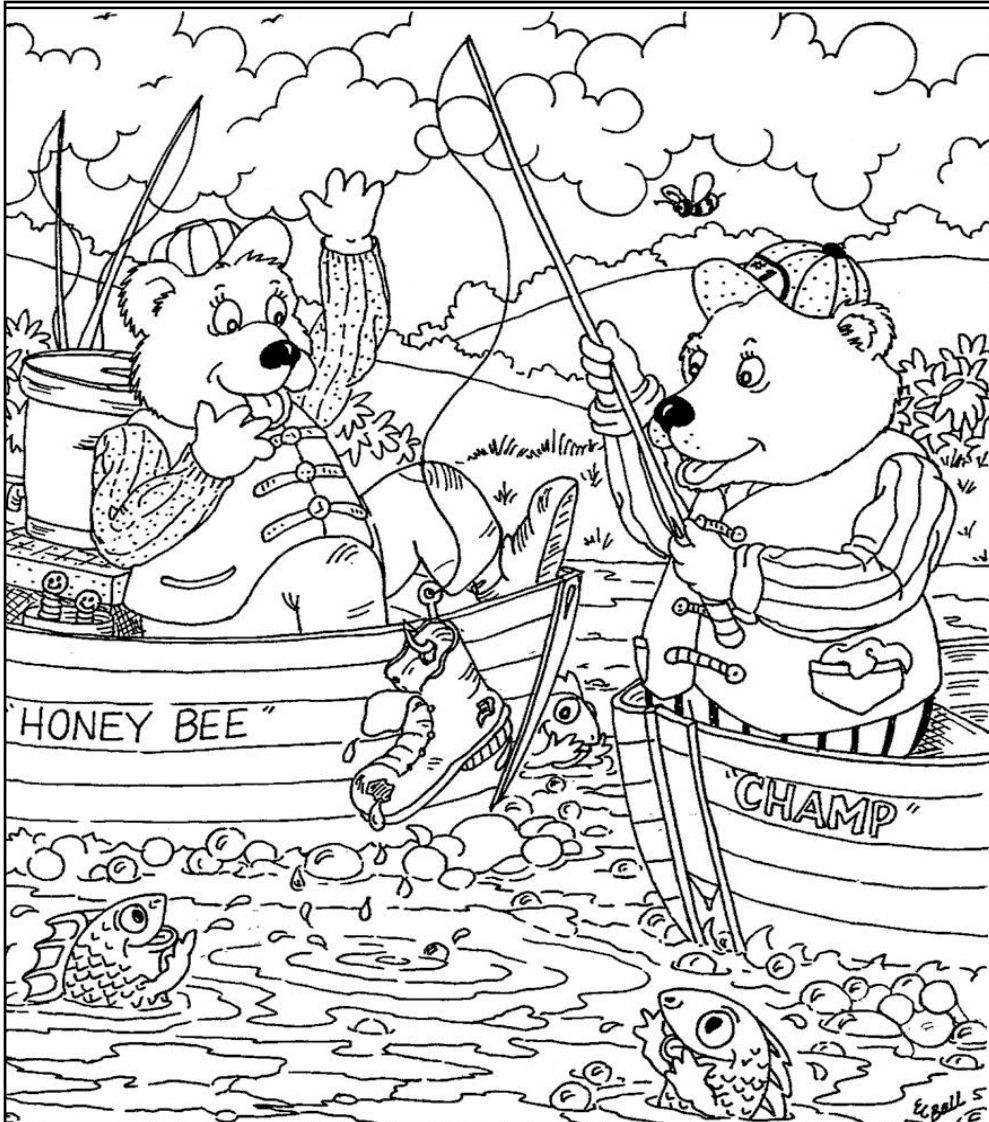
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1. Clear
4. See
8. Mattress problem
11. Singer DiFranco
12. Green Gables or Thousand Days lady
13. Blunder
14. Car, affectionately
15. Covered walkway
16. Sea slime singular
17. Chemistry term
18. Hive component
19. Prepare for printing
20. Agree
22. Wander
23. Showy bloom
25. A few
26. Verses
28. Nicholas II, for one
30. Data disks
33. Mythical birds of mammoth size
34. Lubricating
36. Officiating Mosque priest
37. Feeler
39. Forest female
40. Needlefishes
41. Come down and settle
42. ___ vs. Wade
43. LAX abbr.
44. Not be alert
45. Belonging to something
46. Court ploy
47. Spring purchase
48. Send-off
- Down
1. Elementary
2. Take the disguise off
3. Reddish brown
4. Vessel related
5. Temporary
6. Compound containing a hydroxyl group
7. Mark on the skin
8. Not often
9. Relating to ancient Greece
10. Shred
16. Can under pressure
21. Crossings of nerves
24. Schooling basics
25. Wrote
27. Worship
28. BLT part
29. Beetle
31. Center chest protection bone
32. Haughty
33. Orion star
35. High flying birds
37. Notebooks
38. Hand cream ingredient

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Emerald Ash Borer More Than A Pest

By Maggie Yowler

Although the Emerald Ash Borer has been a household name in Ohio since its arrival in the state more than a decade ago, recent events at Raynor Park in Park Layne have delivered firsthand results of the insect's destructive abilities. Nearly 80 Ash trees in the park were removed, as township trustees said the majority of them were infested with the tiny green beetle and posed a safety threat from falling limbs.

The bug was discovered in America in 2002 near Detroit, thought to have likely come from its home in Asia embedded in solid wood packing materials on airplanes or cargo ships. From there, it spread rapidly into 24 states and Ontario, making its furthest southern appearance in Louisiana just three months ago.

In the past 13 years, the EAB has killed tens of millions of Ash trees in Michigan alone, as well as killing just as many more in other infested states. Because of its rapid travel and rate of destruction, the USDA placed quarantines on wood from Ash Trees in 21 states including Ohio, although the ban here has been lifted because all parts of the state are now affected. The insect itself does not travel quickly, but the transfer of firewood and live trees has hastened its spread.

The adult EABs don't do much damage beyond some minor leaf-nibbling—it's their larvae that cause the real damage. The adults lay their eggs on the Ash trees, and then the larvae feed on the wood, nibbling their way through

it in serpentine patterns, which prevents the trees from properly transferring water and nutrients up through their trunks and limbs.

While some treatments have been created, the costs and maintenance associated with such remedies often drive property owners to have the trees removed instead. Scientists with the U.S. Forestry Service found in a 2007 study that injecting Ash trees with an insecticide called emamectin benzoate was found to be 99 percent more effective at killing EAB larvae than trees that were not treated. Emamectin benzoate injections usually range between \$10 and \$16 per trunk diameter inch, meaning a tree with a ten-inch-diameter trunk would cost between \$100 and \$160 to treat. The treatments work most effectively on healthy or only slightly-infested trees, rendering them more preventative measures than solutions. Trees injected with the chemical were found to stay immune to the larvae for two years, meaning they would need to be injected every two years for the life of the tree.

With the EAB poised to kill virtually every Ash tree in the nation, another pest now threatens to destroy several species of hardwood trees. Earl Robinson of Meadow View Growers said that the Asian Longhorned Beetle now looms on the horizon as another major forest foe.

"Now we are dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer and soon it will be the Asian Longhorned Beetle," said Robinson. "Both species feed on hardwood trees, and

have the potential to devastate North American forests. Asian Longhorned beetles attack and kill hardwood trees, including maple, box elder, birch, American elm, American horse chestnut, poplar, and willow. The only known method of eliminating ALB is to destroy the trees by chipping or burning," he said.

The female ALB destroys trees by chewing up to 90 depressions into the bark and laying one egg inside each hole. The larvae then grow inside the wood and emerge the next season by chewing perfectly round holes in the wood and crawling out, leaving the tree looking much like swiss cheese.

The ALB has found its way into Ohio, which the Ohio Department of Agriculture says could jeopardize the state's \$2.5 billion hardwood forest industry and the state's \$5 million nursery industry, which employs nearly 250,000 people. It was first discovered in Clermont County in June of 2011, and restrictions are currently in place in Clermont County preventing the removal of any portions of hardwood trees, living or dead.

The ALB has been successfully eradicated in Illinois and parts of New Jersey, and is being controlled in the two other states in which it has been discovered. The Ohio Department of agriculture encourages anyone who sights the beetle to report it or its damage by calling 855-252-6450 or visiting asianlonghornedbeetle.com and clicking on the "Report It" button.

Food Trucks to Invade Fairgrounds

What does everyone desire and need to eat – so mark your calendars for May 16th and come to the Miami County Fairgrounds for the First Annual Gourmet Food Truck Competition & Rally.

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Police Memorial Day Set for May 6 at Noon

The Miami County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #58 is inviting the public to attend the annual Police Memorial Day Service on May 6, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. on the Plaza at the Miami County Courthouse. The Miami County Police Honor Guard will open the ceremony with the presentation of the Flags.

The Miami County Police Memorial was dedicated in 1999 to Miami County, Ohio law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. At the time of construction, the two pre-existing Fraternal Order of Police Lodges in the county worked together with the Victim/Witness Division of the Prosecutor's Office, county government officials, and victims' families to construct the memorial with generous support from the entire community. The Fraternal Order of Police is the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. The FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, and community involvement. Please share with them on May 6, 2015 at 12:00 P.M in remembrance of those who gave their lives to protect and serve the communities in which we live.

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