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Troy officers awarded.

Law Enforcement awards presented

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Law Enforcement agencies gathering together for the second year April 13 for a countywide awards ceremony heard a common theme of the importance of recognizing excellence and agencies supporting each other.

“There is a lot of criticism and stuff going on about law enforcement... It doesn’t take long to see the great work that is going on here in Miami County,” Lt. Joe Gebhart of the Piqua post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol said.

Billie Ray, president of the Miami County FOP Lodge 58, said a symbolic “Sacrifice Award” goes to the families and supporters of those working in law enforcement



Miami County Sheriff Deputies Roger Davidson, Parrish Brazel and Phil Osting.

daily. Those at the ceremony were recognized with a round of applause. “Our loved ones deserve that, and more,” Ray said.

Among department awards were the Distinguished Service Award presented by Troy Police Chief Charles Phelps to Troy police officers who responded Feb. 27, 2015, to an Elm Street residence on a report of four unresponsive children. Sheriff’s deputies received life saving awards.

Officers performed CPR, drove ambulance, secured the area and took other measures. Three of the four children died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Tipp City Police Chief Eric

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County holds Victim Rights Seminar

By Nancy Bowman

Crime victims rights came about in Ohio and nationally through hard work, passion, dedication and determination, all characteristics of the people who continue to advocate for them today, a retired advocate told participants in a Victim’s Rights Week Seminar.

The Miami County Victim Witness program operated through the County Prosecutor’s Office put on the seminar, held April 13-14 in Troy. The victim witness program has held the seminar for those working in the courts, law enforcement and related professions for more than a dozen years

Bruce Adams, retired crime victim advocate from Ohio, focused April 14 on the crime victims movement, which he said resulted “from hundreds of thousands of people who said, ‘This is not right in how you treat victims of crime.’”

Previous movements that opened doors for victims’ rights, he said, were:

- Civil Rights Movement, 1963-1975
- Anti-War Movement, 1967-1972
- Women’s Movement, 1970-Present
- Law and Order Movement, 1968-Present.

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Planning Board approves rezoning for loft apartments

By Nancy Bowman

A proposal to reuse a vacant industrial building as upscale residential lofts would require the rezoning of the property located between Grant Street and Lincoln Avenue from its current light industrial to an office-residential designation.

Troy’s Planning Commission voted April 13 to recommend City Council approve the rezoning. Council would hold a public hearing on the request as part of its consideration of the proposal.

Local developer Jessica Minesinger is the proposed buyer and the applicant agent for the 0.772-acre property at 532 Grant St. The property includes a former industrial building most recently used by Pro2Respiratory Services.

Minesinger said the proposed use and the proposed purchase are contingent on the

rezoning.

The building is just over 25,000 square feet. An environmental inspection is under way as an architect works on design drawings for the project, Minesinger said.

“We believe there is a market for this type of housing as well as a significant need to repurpose older industrial buildings in keeping with the residential areas in which they exist,” she wrote in the application.

Shannon Brandon of the city staff said the rezoning was being recommended. Plans are for the residential units, but some light office use might also be incorporated, she said.

Issues such as parking for the building would be addressed as part of the project proposal, planning commission members were told.

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Haddad organizes Night of Nets Fundraiser

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Meredith Haddad, a senior student and basketball player at Troy Christian High School has been an active philanthropist over the last couple of years, and she spearheaded “Night of Nets” to raise funds for protective bed nets in Zambia. She heard about the initiative through her sister’s school, Cornerstone University, two years ago and plans to continue her involvement in the program even after graduation.

Cornerstone’s Director of Athletics Chip Huber visited Troy Christian back in 2014. He is not only passionate about sports he helped begin Night of Nets with the help of World Vision and Jubilee Ministries. “When he came to visit Troy Christian, he talked about

how Night of Nets was saving lives,” Haddad said. “It was such a great idea.” Haddad learned that malaria is contracted through mosquito bites that often occur during the night. The bed nets prevent this and have protected thousands of Zambians from contracting the deadly disease. According to UNICEF, every 30 seconds a child dies of Malaria. Of all people who die from malaria in Zambia, 50 percent or more are children under 5 years of age. Haddad and others at Troy Christian who heard the statistics were moved to action.

Shortly after Huber’s visit, Troy Christian Superintendent Dr. Gary Wilbur asked Haddad if she would be able to head up Night of Nets at the high school. She took on the mission

and employed the help of her basketball teammates to raise funds. The primary Night of Nets event takes place during the winter men’s basketball season but fundraising for the cause happens year round. “Last year we raised enough for 1,000 nets,” Haddad told us. Each net costs \$6.00. The response from the community was a significant demonstration of support. T-shirts were sold and teachers were pried in the face as motivation to bring in donations at the high school and elementary school.

Despite her upcoming graduation, this year will not mark the end of Haddad’s participation with Night of Nets. According to Haddad, partnership with



Meredith Haddad

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

MONDAY, APRIL 11

11:44 a.m. – To Walnut Ridge Dr. for a report of found ammunition. A woman reported that she is moving and while packing she found some ammunition. She said she just wants to get rid of it and make sure it is destroyed properly. The ammo was taken to be destroyed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

8:33 a.m. – Deputies, Detectives and members of the Montgomery County RANGE Task Force executed a search warrant at 351 Vincent Ave. The warrant was in relation to an on-going narcotics investigation originating in Montgomery County. Detectives were able to establish probable cause and a search warrant was issued through the Miami County Municipal Court. The warrant was executed without incident.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

2:32 a.m. – Troy Police called out a suspicious vehicle on Crescent Dr. and McKaig Rd. The vehicle was stolen from a church on Barnhart Rd. There was also an ATM inside the vehicle, which was also reported stolen. All evidence was taken to be processed by the Detective section.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:12 p.m. – To Meadow Wood Dr. for a report of an alarm. Deputies found a rear door was unsecured but nothing suspicious was found. A neighbor who was mowing said that no one had been at the house. A business card was left explaining the incident.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

2:20 a.m. – Traffic stop on Harrison St. at 1st St. The

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Road Closings

The following closures are currently in effect for the week of April 18th – 24th:

- I-75 at CR 25A (Troy), 24 HOUR lane width restrictions March 29th – October 31st. Northbound lanes will be restricted to 13 feet. Southbound lanes will be restricted to 12 feet. Two lanes will remain open in each direction with one northbound

lane shifted to the southbound side and one northbound lane operating on the northbound side. Two southbound lanes will also be open on the southbound side.

- I-75 south Ramp to CR 25A near Troy, 24 HOUR RAMP CLOSURE March 21st through October 28th. The official detour is: I-75 south to SR 41 to I-75 north to CR 25A.

Troy woman sentenced for embezzlement

By Nancy Bowman

The president of Tipp City-based Repacorp said Monday, April 18, he was glad to see prison time ordered for two former employees who embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from the business.

Prison terms and restitution were ordered April 15 in federal court in Dayton for Michael Wion, 44, formerly of Piqua and more recently of Florida, and Tess Cremeens, 47, of Troy.

An investigation was initiated in May 2012 when company officials called Tipp City police reporting suspicions of theft.

Company officials said Wion said he feared an account had been hacked. He then left the company abruptly for a new job in Florida.

Wion was company controller and Cremeens was his assistant.

The investigation later

was turned over the federal authorities.

R i c k Heinl, Repacorp’s president, said Monday he was glad the judge ordered prison terms. “I am glad it’s over,” he said.

Although restitution was ordered, Heinl said he didn’t know how much would be repaid over time. “It’s not about money anymore,” he said.

Wion pleaded guilty in December to one count each of wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud and tax evasion in U.S. District Court. Judge Thomas M. Rose sentenced him to 48 months in prison, restitution to Repacorp of \$733,640 and payments to the IRS of



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Troy Police Reports

MONDAY, APRIL 11

1:24 p.m. – An officer found a debit card in the Kroger parking lot. He was able to locate a phone number for the owner and left a message that she could pick up the card at the police station.

3:57 p.m. – To Kohl’s for a report of a shoplifter. Store security had a male juvenile in custody for stealing jewelry. He was found to be on probation and was taken to West Central.

10:18 p.m. – To Michigan Ave. for a request to assist a squad. As a result of the call, three juveniles and one adult were charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 p.m. – To Dollar General for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her temporary tag had been stolen from her vehicle. She said she noticed it missing today when she came to work. The tag was entered into the system as stolen.

3:22 p.m. – To Stephenson Dr. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman reported that she was arguing with her boyfriend and that he tried to choke her. She had marks on her neck consistent with her story. The boyfriend was located and arrested for domestic violence.

3:47 p.m. – Traffic stop in the Frisch’s parking lot. The driver did not have a license and said that the vehicle belonged to her boyfriend. The officer spoke with the boyfriend and said that he knew the driver was not licensed. He was advised that he would receive a citation in the mail for wrongful entrustment. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and called for a ride. The boyfriend was to pick up the vehicle later.

6:46 p.m. – Traffic stop on Stonyridge Ave. at Scenic Ct. The driver was cited for speed (42/25).

7:08 p.m. – A man came to the police station to report vandalism. He said that his wife was parked at a shopping center on W. Main St. and came back to her vehicle and found the right front tire was flat. He showed the tire to the officer and it had a gash along the side of the tire. It appeared that it was slashed with a knife. There are no suspects.

10:43 p.m. – Traffic stop at the Sunoco Station on Staunton Rd. The driver was clocked at 53 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he had just come from Rt. 202 and did not realize how fast he was going. He was cited for speed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 a.m. – Traffic stop on Trade Sq. W. The vehicle was clocked at 45 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was late for work. She was cited for speed.

10:40 a.m. – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. The vehicle

was clocked at 51 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver was cited for speed.

10:58 a.m. – Traffic stop on Premwood Dr. The vehicle displayed a Missouri registration that had expired. The driver knew that it had expired and was unable to provide proof of insurance. He was cited for expired/unlawful plates and was advised to get an Ohio driver’s license and registration.

11:55 a.m. – A resident came to the Police Station to complain about a vehicle that had been parked on Vornholt St. for several months. An officer marked the vehicle to be repaired by April 17. The officer noted that the vehicle appeared to be used for storage. He spoke with the owner who advised that the vehicle did not run. She was told to move it within three days or it would be towed and she would be cited.

12:38 p.m. – An officer saw a vehicle parked on N. Frank St. with a flat tire and expired tags. He tried to contact the owner, but no one answered the door. He called for a tow, and as the tow truck arrived, the owner did too. The officer explained the situation and the owner asked if it was OK to put it in his garage. The officer said that would be fine. He was cited for expired tags and put the vehicle in his garage. He was also advised to renew the registration on the vehicle he arrived in, since its tags were expired, too.

4:25 p.m. – To McKaig Rd. for a report of a disturbance. After speaking with parties involved and witnesses, one male was incarcerated for domestic violence. The victim refused to cooperate.

5:23 p.m. – To Summit Ave. for a report of a theft. A man reported that a handgun was stolen from the center console of his vehicle overnight. He said his passenger must not have closed the door tightly when he arrived home last night. The vehicle had no signs of forced entry and the passenger door was slightly ajar. There are no suspects.

7:53 p.m. – An officer saw a vehicle roll through the stop sign on Floral Ave. at Canal St. The driver said that she had stopped prior to the intersection and then rolled forward so she could see. The officer ran a check on the plates and found that they expired last month. She was cited for expired plates and warned for the stop sign violation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

12:48 a.m. – An officer saw a vehicle near the pool. An underage female was in the vehicle and was out after curfew without her mother’s permission. The female was charged with being unruly and being out after curfew and released to her mother.

1:12 a.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension. The passenger was a valid driver and took

over control of the vehicle.

12:03 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main St. at Penn Rd. The driver was cited for speed (44/25).

12:04 p.m. – To Long St. A woman reported that someone entered her vehicle sometime overnight while it was parked in front of her residence. She said the driver’s door was left open, the hood was not latched and the center console had been gone through and left open. She said she did not notice anything missing.

12:24 p.m. – To Staunton Commons Dr. A woman reported that someone broke into her vehicle overnight.

4:13 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 75 mile marker for speeding. The driver said he was in a hurry to get home. He was cited for speed (85/70).

5:14 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 76 mile marker for speeding. The driver said he was just trying to keep up with the flow of traffic. The driver was cited for speed (83/70).

5:46 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker for speeding. The driver said he was in a hurry to see a family member in Columbus. He was cited for speed (88/70).

7:23 p.m. – To Crestview Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that items were stolen from his vehicle. There are no suspects.

11:07 p.m. – Traffic stop on McKaig Ave. The driver said that she was taking her friend home. She said that her license was suspended but that she had limited driving privileges. Her father arrived on the scene with court paperwork that gave her privileges to drive to work and to school. She was not supposed to have friends in the vehicle. She was cited for driving under suspension and ordered into court.

11:31 p.m. – An officer saw a subject that he recognized as having a warrant for his arrest. Dispatch advised that he had three outstanding warrants – two from Miami County and one from Darke County. He approached the subject, Donnie King, and reminded him of the warrants. King said he was aware of them. He was arrested on the warrants and taken to the Miami County Jail.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:48 a.m. – To Dorset Rd. for a panic alarm. An employee had a verbal altercation with her boyfriend who had left before officers arrived. The employee said she did not desire law enforcement intervention. The officer called the boyfriend and informed him that he was trespassed from the business at the request of the manager.

10:53 a.m. – To Linwood Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that sometime overnight, someone went through his vehicle and took a Bluetooth receiver

and some change. There are no suspects. He was advised to make sure his vehicle is locked to avoid this situation in the future.

1:00 p.m. – To Galway Ct. for a report of a dog bite. A man reported that his neighbor’s dog got loose, ran toward him and bit his dog on the snout causing a puncture. The owner witnessed the incident, called for the dog, it returned and he put the dog up. The man had performed first aid on his dog and the bleeding had already stopped. The officer tried to speak with the owner but no one was home. He did see the dog in question barking in the back yard.

2:45 p.m. – To Amelia Ave. for a report of found property. A man reported that he found a bicycle blocking a driveway. It was a black/blue Ross Mt. Jefferson bike with a Schwinn seat. He found a bicycle matching that description that had been reported stolen, called the reportee and found that it was not his bicycle.

4:00 p.m. – Traffic stop on Troy Towne Dr. at W. Main St. The driver said he was on his way to work and was not aware of his expired tags. He said he did not have a license and was looking for work closer to his residence. He was cited for driving under suspension and expired plates and was ordered into court.

4:10 p.m. – A deputy advised Police that there was a tent on the river bank behind Conagra. They had not given permission for anyone to camp there. The officer and a deputy walked to the tent and found it unoccupied. Change was scattered around the tent, and a house key was located amid the change. There was also a bus ticket with a name and phone number. The officer called the number and left a message. There have been numerous break-ins in that area of town and the officer found it likely that whoever is staying in the tent is the suspect in the break-ins. The tent was left alone and will be watched.

5:27 p.m. – An officer saw a vehicle northbound on Adams St. at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. He initiated a traffic stop in City Park. The driver was on the phone. As the officer was explaining the reason for the stop, she told the person on the line that she would call them back. She then asked if the officer was following her because she did not see him pass her. She was cited for speed.

5:27 p.m. – To Short St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone had stolen her dog. Attempts to locate the dog were unsuccessful.

5:58 p.m. – Traffic stop on McKaig at Penn. The driver was cited for speed (40/25).

7:29 p.m. - To Cloverleaf Dr. for a report of a neighbor dispute. A man reported that when his neighbor mows his lawn, his prop-

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1106 W Main St	4/8	\$289,500.00	R & T Rentals LLC	Koverman Robert & Ruth M
850 Cayenne Ct	4/11	\$189,000.00	Schutte Dale H & Maureen A	Hoang Biet & Tu-Ai Phan
1521 Brookfield Ln	4/11	\$164,000.00	Kuntz David L & Victoria L	Herrick Richard W Trustee
N Williams St	4/11	\$131,000.00	Lutz Julia	Salsberry Pamela S
3 N Williams St	4/11	\$131,000.00	Lutz Julia	Salsberry Pamela S
2524 Galway Ct	4/11	\$93,000.00	Speer Jon T & Susanna L	Herrmann Paul J & Waneta K
210 Oak St	4/11	\$119,500.00	Warren Nathan A & Sarah E	Rekart Jeffrey C
232 S Short St	4/11	\$0.00	Linker Larry D	Linker Larry D & Norma C
2320 W Patterson Ln	4/11	\$180,000.00	Pingali Kavitha	Funatomi Motoyuki
427 Grant St	4/12	\$0.00	Jocomet Joshua B (Tr) & Beth A (Tr)	Jacomet James L (Tod)
532 Peters Ave	4/12	\$190,000.00	Montgomery Robert G & Courtney P Simonelli	Harlow Builders Inc
675 Ohio Ave	4/12	\$95,000.00	Hoskins Joseph C & Mary B	Edwards Stacy M

Elections Board wraps up one, prepares for another

By Nancy Bowman

While Miami County's Board of Elections was wrapping up work from the March 15 primary, it also was finalizing plans for the June 7 special congressional election and the November presidential vote.

The elections staff April 14 began the required audit of the primary election.

Later the same day, the board approved petitions for two items on the November ballot - the candidacy of Joe Mahan of Troy as an independent candidate for sheriff and a referendum of the Trafalgar rezoning in unincorporated Concord Township.

Mahan will face Republi-

can nominee Dave Duchak, also of Troy, for sheriff.

Voters in the unincorporated township will again decide in the referendum if the county commission's vote to rezone the Trafalgar property off Monroe Concord Road from agriculture to residential should move forward. Voters have overturned that rezoning repeatedly since 1995.

The winner of the special congressional election will serve the balance of former Rep. John Boehner's term. Boehner of West Chester resigned in late 2015. Candidates include Warren Davidson of Troy, the Republican nominee; James Condit Jr., Green Party candidate; and Corey Foister, Democratic

candidate.

The board also proofed the ballot for that election.

Elections Director Bev Kendall said the election would include the use for the first time of the new electronic poll books. The poll books, bought with state and county money, eventually could allow the county to save money by reducing the number of poll workers from four today. However, the office will continue to use four poll workers for the special and then presidential election.

The goal, Kendall said, is for poll workers "to get as much exposure as possible on the poll books." Training on the electronic poll books was scheduled for this week.

The board also heard an update on equipment from Triad Election Systems of Xenia that is in use at the elections office and heard from the company president about possible additional software for elections functions.

Brett Rapp, Triad's president, reported to the board on the status of the county's voter registration system, which was monitored before and during the primary election after problems started around Christmas.

Rapp said his staff worked with the county IT staff on looking into the registration system problems. In the end, all old office computers were replaced and the system, using the same software as be-

fore, has not shown any problems, he said.

Rapp also asked election officials if there were any other issues involving that or any other equipment. None were reported.

He also told the board the company had allowed the office to use its ballot on demand module for the primary election at no charge. If continued use was desired, the county would need to purchase the software for \$5,000 initially and \$1,500 the second year. Rapp said.

He also pointed out the county would need a special module for electronic poll book file creation utility in order for the poll books to work. The cost for the poll

book software was \$4,200 for the initial year followed by \$600 in the second year. The board voted to buy the poll book file creation software.

The board then agreed to delay action on possibly buying the ballot on demand system and other available software. That software mentioned by Rapp included petition verification system, election official/filing information system module, campaign finance system and a questions and issues system.

The board met in a brief closed executive session before agreeing to delay purchase of any additional software until more information, including on options, was available.

Testimony presented in introw wrongful death suit

By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County judge heard testimony April 12 about the life of Nathan Wintrow as part of a wrongful death lawsuit filed by his estate against three Troy teens convicted in his shooting death.

One of the three, Patrick McGail of Troy, has agreed to pay a \$250,000 settlement to the estate. Notice of the consent judgment approved by Judge Jeannine Pratt was filed in Common Pleas Court the same day Pratt held this hearing.

Wintrow, 20, died in October 2013 during an invasion of his Canal Street home as part of a robbery gone wrong.

long incarceration what eventually becomes of a financial judgment is unknown. He added, however, "it is important to the family the award be substantial because of the tragic nature of his death and the effect it has had on his family."

Pratt heard testimony from John Bosse of Troy, a litigation support expert, on the estimated minimum value of lost parental support for the child with his father's death. Bosse explained materials used to try to determine that loss estimated at around \$149,000 to age 18. The calculations do not include college or other similar life expenses.

Wintrow's girlfriend and his son's mother, Saddle Barker, testified that Wintrow and his son were together every day as Wintrow served as a stay at home dad while doing seasonal work. "They had a great relationship," Barker said of Wintrow and his son.

Animal Shelter Director wants to step up license renewals

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County's Animal Shelter director is taking a more proactive approach to ensuring people are licensing their dogs following a decline in sales of tags.

Marcia Doncaster, director, talked with the county commission April 13 about concerns with a decline in people buying the license tags the past few years.

As of last week, the shelter had 2,854 dog licenses that had not been renewed. If all licenses would be renewed, the county would bring in nearly \$80,000 in additional revenues for the shelter. That is based on the \$14 license fee and \$14 late penalty.

The shelter now sends out

renewal notices at the end of November and second notices around mid-February.

There isn't any follow up following those notices unless there is a complaint received about a dog and the lack of license is discovered or an owner visits the shelter to claim a dog that has been impounded and isn't licensed.

Doncaster said she looked to surrounding counties for ideas to improve renewals.

She proposed first having animal control officers and/or volunteers make reminder phone calls to those on the list of 2,854 licenses not renewed and give a deadline to buy a tag if they still have the dog(s).

Once that is done, Doncaster proposed sending an

animal control officer door to door to issue citations. Those who go to court on a citation face at least a \$25 fine and court costs in addition to having to obtain the license, she said. The shelter would get the fine money.

The county issues around 16,000 dog licenses a year, she said.

The commissioners agreed with the proposal for phone calls. A decision will come later on option might be pursued afterward.

"I would want to talk more about the door to door, and how we would handle that," Commissioner Jack Evans said.

The phone calls also will help the shelter update its computers to remove those who don't have the dog as

licensed any longer, Doncaster said. "We need to get those off the computers so we have a better idea of revenue," she said.

In checking with neighboring counties, Doncaster said Shelby County shelter staff said they send renewal notices, and then follow up with emails, phone calls or letters saying the owner has a set number of days to obtain a tag. Those efforts are followed by a citation.

In Darke County, notices are sent, follow up calls made in February and then another notice by post cards. Once those efforts are made, door-to-door checks are done and citations issued. The staff also checks homes that appear to have dogs but no licenses on file, she said.

Three Troy teens - Jason Sowers, McGail and Brendon Terrel - were convicted in the death and are serving prison terms of 18 years to life, 24 years to life and 14 years, respectively.

Pratt heard testimony April 12 on the damages claim against Sowers, who admitted shooting Wintrow during a struggle as he and McGail forced their way through a backdoor to the home. Terrel served as look out for the other two, according to testimony during earlier criminal hearings.

Pratt said during the hearing that claims against other defendants had been settled. The McGail agreement is the only notice filed so far.

The lawsuit was filed in 2014 by the estate, Wintrow's parents David Wintrow of Piqua and Tresa McKinney of Piqua and Nate Wintrow's son, now age 4.

Benjamin Eberly, the estate's lawyer, said the family understands with Sowers'

"It would be a good use of a property that exists today," Mayor Mike Beamish, a commission member said.

In other business April 13, the commission:

- Approved an application in the historic district for 111 N. Mulberry St. to replace concrete steps and install a 23-inch retaining wall in the front yard.

- Recommended the city council approve a proposed rezoning of 16 S. Short St. from B-2 general business to R-5 single-family residential. Realtor Kimberly Yardlay

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Cornerstone University and Chip Huber's program was cemented by an honor she received during last year's basketball season. She was asked to join Huber on the court of a Detroit Pistons game as he was being recognized for his work with Night of Nets. Many of the Pistons are involved with "Nothing but Nets," an NBA version of the same initiative Cornerstone has undertaken. They were promoting the cause that night to get their fans on board helping to save lives. Haddad beamed recounting the experience. "It was incredible," she said. "Being a part of this has really changed my

life."

Although Haddad is graduating this year, she is hopeful that her younger sister, who is currently a sophomore at Troy Christian might take up the cause to continue Night of Nets in her absence. Haddad will be attending Cornerstone University in the fall and is already planning to play on the soccer team and run track in the coming school year. She said that she would like to visit Zambia with one of her new athletic teams and personally deliver nets to these groups of people she has never met but to whom she already feels so deeply connected.

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\$140,794.

Cremeens pleaded guilty in December to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and tax evasion. She was sentenced by Rose to 18 months in prison, \$250,000 restitution and \$70,000 in payments to the IRS.

According to Tipp City police reports in the inves-

tigation, Cremeens told investigators the thefts started in late 2009 and that she and Wion spent months figuring out how transactions could be deleted from year-end reports and from tax records.

Wion and Cremeens had been with the company since 2006.

Heinl said the compa-

ny received an insurance payment of \$275,000 as it worked to deal with the theft and rumors the company wouldn't make it after the embezzlement came to light. That money, he said, was distributed to employees as a bonus in hopes of "settling people down," he said.

Repacorp, manufactures

told the commission the prospective owner of the building is requesting the rezoning based on the building's use as a residence since at least 1993.

stock, custom, RFID and digital labels. It has manufacturing facilities in Tipp City, Wisconsin and Arizona.

Heinl said the business is doing well, and expanding this year. "We had our best year ever last year, and will have a better year this year," he said.

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Troy, Tipp track squads compete at Butler

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a record setting day at Vandalia Butler as the Butler Invitational, as both Tippecanoe and Troy competed in the 16-team event on a sunny day in Vandalia. The Troy girls finished second overall in the event with 98.5 points, while Tippecanoe finished sixth. On the mens side, Troy placed third with 68.5 points, with Tipp placing tied with Sidney for tenth place with 27 points. Troy senior Kelsey Walters set the tone with a school-record setting performance by throwing the shotput 40'6.5" to claim the title. Teammate Alaura Holycross was second at 37'6.75". Carrisa Ferrall from Tippecanoe finished fourth



Photos by Carla Ungerecht
Making the vault is Troy's Joey Dippold.

in the discus with a toss of 88'4", and Troy's Amanda Setser was seventh (83'5"). In the high jump, Daisa Cole of Troy placed fourth, while in the long jump, Troy's Annah Stanley was

fourth, Sammie Rowland from Tippecanoe placed fifth and Kayla Hemm of Troy finished seventh. Also in the field events, Christine Moser placed sixth in the pole vault.



Photos by Carla Ungerecht
Megan Myers competes for the Trojans at the Butler Invntational.

The running events also saw a lot of success from the local runners. Ashley Barr from Troy was fifth in the 100 dash (13.27), while

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Area tennis squads with busy week

By Jim Dabbelt

The Troy Trojans opened last week with a 5-0 victory over Greenville in boys tennis action, as the Trojans won their sixth consecutive game to open the season. Shane Essick won at first singles over Noah Haupt 6-1, 6-1 to set the tone for the singles action, but the other two singles matches were much closer. At second singles, Elijah Sadler gave Troy another win defeating Craig Manges 6-1, 7-6 (2), while at third singles, Troy's Matt Schmitt defeated Quintin Muhlenkamp 6-2, 7-5. "It was a good team win for us to start the GWOC North," said Troy coach Mark Goldner. "Greenville has three good singles players and glad to see Elijah and Matt pull out tough second set wins." At first doubles, Andrew Magateau and Nick Pruis defeated Alex Lance and Tyler Davis 6-0, 6-2, while the Troy second doubles team of Carter Hench and Jack Johnston was victorious over Austin Grote and Josh Smith 6-1, 6-1. "Both doubles teams played aggressive tennis and won a lot of points at the net," Goldner said. *Also last week, Centerville defeated Troy 4-1, as Essick won at first singles defeating Josh Giambattista 7-6 (5), 6-4. "We lost to the top team in the area but despite the scores we gave them a battle," Goldner said. "Shane came through with a tough two set win over one of the top players in the area." Troy also defeated Trotwood 5-0, as all five matches were straight set wins for the Trojans. **Tecumseh** - With their 5-0 win over Xenia last week,

the Arrows tennis team earned their fifth win of the season. Mitchell Foland at first singles defeated Jason Jones 6-0, 6-2, while Tecumseh's Michael Green defeated Conner Sell at second singles 6-1, 6-0, and third singles player Anton Brehmer beat Zane Cukovecki 6-2, 6-0. At first doubles, Will Sims and Allen Eben defeated Chris Brodsky and Michael Graham 6-0, 6-0, while at second doubles, it was Tyler Adams and Sam Mulkey defeated Dorien Morris and Aaron Harrison 6-4, 6-1. Tecumseh also suffered only their second loss of the season last week, falling to Urbana 3-2. Foland lost at first singles to Eggleston 1-6, 6-0, 6-2. Also losing for the Arrows was their second singles player Green losing to Fanler 6-3, 7-5, 6-3, and at third singles it was Brehman losing to Kitchen 6-4, 6-0. Sims and Allen won at first doubles for Tecumseh, defeating Shank and Coffey 6-2, 6-3, and at second doubles it was Adams and Mulkey was victorious 6-4, 6-3. Also in a CBC makeup game held at Tippecanoe, the Arrows won their sixth win of the season with a 4-1 victory over the Red Devils. Foland defeated Phillip Bullard at first singles 6-3, 6-0 to set the tone early. At second singles, Michael Green knocked off Tipp's Eric Staley 6-2, 6-2, and at third singles, it was Brehmer knocking off Michael Gross 6-1, 6-3. In the first doubles match, Sims and Allen knocked off Tipp's duo of Sam and Casey Kronour 6-0, 6-0, while at second doubles, Tipp's Evan Hill and Zach Wildermuth defeated Tecumseh's Adams and Mulkey 6-4, 6-4. **Tippecanoe** - The Red

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Troy Christian rolls past XC

By Jim Dabbelt

With Mother Nature finally cooperating for the Troy Christian baseball team, the Eagles took out their frustrations last week in a 22-2 Metro Buckeye Conference game on Thursday night in Xenia. The game was played on the Athletes in Action stadium, which is the home of Xenia Christian's baseball team. "The good news is we had

the opportunity and had a chance to practice a lot, even if we were not able to get into the infield," Troy Christian coach Tony Ferraro said. "We got some swings in and throw the baseball around a little bit." "That was such a beautiful stadium and it was good to play there." It didn't take the Eagles long to set the tone in this one, as they scored eight runs in their first at-bat,

leading 8-0 after the opening half inning. "We came out hitting the ball and finding the gaps, and it was nice to find some open spaces," Ferraro said. "One of the keys is putting the ball in play, and going the other way with the ball." Troy Christian recorded all singles and walked in the big opening inning, and their offensive continued with a run in the second and third, again all with singles

and walks. Xenia Christian scored on back to back doubles in the opening inning to get on the board. "We continued to put the ball in play with only one strikeout in the first four innings," Ferraro said. "We have been working on that in the cage." The floodgates opened in the fifth when Troy Chris-

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Troy Notes: Baseball, Softball near top of Division

Troy won three of their five baseball games last week, and head into this week only one game behind the GWOC North division co-leaders Butler and Piqua. Troy shutdown Trotwood 11-0 to open last week, but then lost their first division game 4-1 to Greenville. The Trojans bounced back with a 6-4 victory over

non-conference Triad before disposing of West Carrollton 16-1 before heading into a crossover game on Saturday. A rough 10-0 loss to Beavercreek sends the Trojans into this week staring right at the division leaders. Monday and last night they battled Butler, then host Springboro on Friday and Tippecanoe on Saturday.

*The Trojans softball team also is right on the heels of the division lead, as they stand 3-1 in the North, only one game behind Piqua who is unbeaten in conference play. Troy opened the week with two dominant performances against Trotwood, 18-0 and 21-1 before knocking off their rivals from

Greenville 6-5 last Wednesday. Troy came back with a 5-4 loss to non-league opponent Triad before cruising past West Carrollton 13-1 and defeated county foe Bradford 6-4. Troy hosts Northmont Thursday, and is scheduled to battle Newton and Covington this weekend.

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driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

4:06 a.m. - To 1st St. for a report of an accident. A driver was arrested for OVI, driving under suspension and improper backing.

4:39 p.m. - A man called

to report a stolen deer skull. He said he left it at a local gun store that has since closed. He said that he has not been able to contact the owner to get the skull back. The deputy spoke with the owner, and he does not remember the man or the skull. The man was advised that the deputy would consult with the Prosecutor's

office regarding his request that the owner be charged with theft.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

4:10 p.m. - A deputy saw a red tent pitched in the wooded area behind Conagra Foods on Dye Mill Rd. The tent was empty, but will be the subject of further surveillance.

7:57 p.m. - A deputy was turning west onto Main St. near Goodyear Tire and saw a vehicle squeal its tires. He initiated a traffic stop on Washington St. near Harrison St. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

2:33 a.m. - Traffic stop on Piqua Troy Rd. at Knollwood Rd. The driver had made several lane violations. The driver was found to be under suspension and had an active warrant from Montgomery County. The warrant was confirmed and she was arrested and incarcerated on the warrant. She was also charged with driving under suspension and a marked lanes violation.

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erty gets damaged. The neighbor, who was highly intoxicated, was warned for disorderly conduct and menacing.

8:44 p.m. - To S. Union St. for a report of a disturbance. A male and female were reported to be arguing. Officers located the couple on E. Franklin St. at S. Crawford St. Officers spoke to them and they were released. A subject was found to have an open container and was issued a misdemeanor summons.

9:30 p.m. - Traffic stop on McKaig near Commerce Center Blvd. The vehicle was clocked at 48 MPH in a 25 MPH zone on Commerce Center. The driver said he thought the speed limit was 35. He was advised that he was still 13 MPH above that. He was cited for speed.

9:44 p.m. - To Laurel Tree Ct. to serve a warrant. Montgomery County Sheriff's office asked for assistance in finding the subject. Deputies went to her home, and she said that she was in Dayton earlier and spoke to Montgomery County deputies. The warrant for violating a protection order and for theft was valid and she

was taken into custody and transported to Vandalia where she was turned over to a Montgomery County deputy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

2:43 a.m. - An officer transported a juvenile to his home on Southview Dr. and turned him over to his father. The officer learned that the father had an outstanding felony warrant form Montgomery County. The father tried to run from the residence, was tased and taken into custody.

5:21 a.m. - Traffic stop on Dye Mill Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 51 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he thought the speed limit on Dye Mill Rd. was 50 MPH. He was cited for speed.

10:37 a.m. - An officer saw a vehicle parked in the driveway on W. Market St. The vehicle was on blocks and jack stands and the plates belonged to another vehicle. The owner was notified that the vehicle would be impounded and he would be cited if the vehicle was not made fully operable and properly licensed within 7 days.

4:56 p.m. - Traffic stop on

S. Ridge Ave. at West St. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver was cited for speed.

6:08 p.m. - To S. Dorset Rd. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that his neighbor in the apartment below him was texting and hitting on his wife. He said he wanted the neighbor to stop. The officer saw three messages hinting about hooking up and calling the wife attractive. He was advised of multiple applications that can block unwanted numbers. The officer could not get an answer at the neighbor's door, so he called and left a message.

6:48 p.m. - Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. for speed. The driver said he was driving his girlfriend home and did not realize how fast he was going. He was cited for speed.

7:26 p.m. - To the Race St. Fire station for a report of found property. A woman had brought in a wallet that she had found. The officer found identification, called the owner and advised that she would pick it up the next day.

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Troy Main Street and The Troy-Miami County Public Library's Local History Library present the April edition of Troy Streets Alive -Downtown Troy Walking History Tours.

Join us on Friday, April 29th, 2016 to learn the col-

orful and varied histories of your favorite downtown shops and restaurants. Volunteers and employees with the Local History Library have worked diligently to research each location to bring our town's history to life before your eyes.

Tours will leave the Troy Local History Library, located at 100 West Main Street at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Tours will include 5 to 6 stops each and last approximately 45 minutes. Tickets for the tours are \$15 each and include all 3 routes throughout the

evening. Tours accommodate 25 participants per group.

There will be light appetizers, desserts, and snacks located at various stops throughout each of the 3 tour routes as well.

At the end of each tour, participants are invited to the

Troy Masonic Lodge to tour the temple area and learn about the history of the Masonic Lodge, located at 107 West Main Street.

Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the Troy Main Street office, located at 405 SW Public Square, Suite

231.

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

Troy Main Street at 339-5455. Troy Streets Alive is made possible by our sponsors Kerber Sheet Metal and Troy Community Radio.

YWCA goes “Winans—Behind the Scenes”

The YWCA and Winans are joining together for a special “Behind the Scenes” tour of the corporate headquarters of Winans Chocolates and Coffee on Friday, April 29, at 2 p.m. The tour and tasting event has limited spacing so early registration is suggested.

“This event is very exciting for both the YWCA and Winans,” said Cheryl Hepner, YWCA Membership Committee Chairperson. “We are also thrilled to have this opportunity to show our new facilities to local residents,” added Laurie Reiser of Winans. “Those attending will see the candy factory in full operation as well as our coffee grinding facility,” she continued. “We are proud to continue my family’s 4th generation tradition of making chocolates and now coffee and are happy to show our new facility in full operation,” said Reiser

The event is open to the public and membership is not required. Stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626 to sign up. Limited reservations will be taken for this event to be held at Winans Chocolate and Coffee at 310 Spring Street in Piqua. Payment of \$3 for the program and tour must be made to the YWCA by Monday, April 25.



Community Health Fair coming to First Place Christian Center

Mark your calendars now for a Community Health Fair to be held at First Place Christian Center, 16 W Franklin Street, on Saturday, April 30 from 10 am until 2 pm. The health fair is free and open to the public. Free health screenings will be available.

There will be over 30 booths which will provide education and information on health topics such as: sun damage, sleep disorders,

restless leg syndrome, blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chiropractic and wellness services by Dr. Jeff Studabaker, eye health by Primary Eye Care, and oral health with the Miami County Dental Clinic.

Among the community partners and organizations participating are: First Place Food Pantry, FUMC Health Ministry, First Kids Christian Preschool, UVMC Cancer

Care, Samaritan Sleep Center, Miami County Park District, Health Partners Free Clinic, UVMC Cardiopulmonary Rehab, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley, Troy Fire Dept., Miami Co Sheriff, Hospice of Miami County, Area Agency on Aging, Tri County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services, Samaritan Diabetes Center, The Farm/Sprout Club, Steele Insurance Ser-

vices, Baird Funeral Home, Freedom to Run Foundation, Koester Pavilion, Laughing Dog Honey, doTERRA Essential Oils, Childcare Choices, Upper Valley Career Center LPN program, Troy-Miami County Library, Partners in Hope and Troy Main Street.

The Health Fair will help you connect with health organizations and agencies around Miami County.

Congressional Candidates to meet Voters

The Leadership Troy Alumni will be hosting an evening to Meet the Candidates for 8th Congressional District on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

The event will feature candidates for the 8th Congressional District race in the

June 7 Special Election. The winner of this election will fill the unexpired term of John Boehner to the end

of this year. Green Party candidate James J. Condit, Jr., Republican Candidate Warren Davidson, and Democratic Candidate Corey Foister have confirmed their intention to participate in the forum.

Written questions from the audience will be accepted and presented by the media panel including Joshua Byers of the Troy Daily News, Scott Hornberger of

Troy Community Radio, and Matt Bayman of MyMiamiCounty.com. Candidates may make themselves available before or after the event for informal conversation. Tom Dunn will serve as moderator.

This forum will be held at the Troy Jr. High School at 556 North Adams Street in Troy. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and

will last sixty (60) minutes.

Leadership Troy Alumni have been hosting the Meet the Candidate forums since 1990. Leadership Troy includes residents of the Troy area who, since 1984, have successfully completed an extensive program designed to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in community organizations.

Mayflower Screening to benefit Brukner

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:30PM the Mayflower Arts Center—located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy—will host a unique fundraising event featuring the stunning documentary The Messenger: Imagine a World Without Birdsong. Proceeds will benefit Brukner Nature Center’s Wildlife Rehab Unit, which exists to educate the public

as well as rehabilitate and release injured wildlife indigenous to Ohio.

The Messenger, an award-winning film directed by Su Rynard, is a visually thrilling ode to the beauty and importance of the imperiled songbird, and what it means to all of us on both a global and human level if we lose them. Humans once believed that birds could carry messages,

their presence was meaningful. “Humans share an ageless bond with birds, their song, and their persistent presence in our lives. In ancient times, birds were used to predict the change of seasons, coming storms, and the rise of toxins in our food chain. Humans looked to the flights and songs of birds. Today once more, the birds have something to tell us, and (their)

message is not a comfortable one,” declares Rynard.

The National Audubon Society applauds the film stating, “The Messenger is particularly effective at sounding the alarm because it makes the issue highly personal. With exclusive footage, and high-tech cinematography, the movie offers an intimate

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Carillon Brass to perform in Troy

Carillon Brass, a quintet from the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, will present a free concert on Sunday, April 24, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Troy. The concert is sponsored by Troy Mayors’ Concerts, Inc., the same group that brings a concert to the Square in downtown Troy each August.

Charles Pagnard, the group’s principal trumpet player and Cedarville University professor of music, said the program will include a wide variety of music.

“We pride ourselves on being entertaining as well as musical,” Pagnard said. “We like to have fun with music, and we like our audience to have fun as well.”

The Carillon Brass will be joined in a few compositions by the First United Methodist Church Chancel Handbell Choir under the direction of David Pinkerton of Troy.

The Carillon Brass includes Charles Pagnard and Alan Siebert on trumpet, Aaron Brant on French horn, Chad Arnow on trombone and Tim North-

cutt on tuba. The quintet was created as part of the Dayton Philharmonic’s educational outreach program to bring classical music to more than 100 schools each year. All members of the group are professors of music and professional musicians. They have performed nationally and internationally and hold advanced degrees in music.

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in the 200 dash, Celina Courts (Troy) placed third with a time of 26.31. The 400 dash saw Tippecanoe freshman Kaili Titlie finish fifth with a time of 1:02.27, while in the 800 run, Troy sophomore Morgan Gigandet finished second with a time of 2:22.96, with Tipp’s Katie Taylor finishing fifth overall.

Gigandet came back in the 1500 run, and won the event with a time of 4:45.23, with teammate Olivia Tyre finishing fourth and Tipp’s Taylor fifth. In the other distance race, Troy freshman Kate Pence was third overall, and the Tippecanoe duo of Jillian Brown finishing seventh and Caley Dehass eighth.

Troy won the 4x1 girls race, while their 4x2 team finished third and Tippecanoe earned a team point by placing eighth.

In the 4x4, Tipp finished fourth with Troy seventh, and in the 4x8, it was Troy battling to finish second overall and Tippecanoe was sixth.

Taylor Prall finished fourth overall in the 100 hurdles, and in the 300 hurdles, it was Troy’s Caitlyn Cusick placing fifth and Tori Livesay placing eighth.

*The mens field events also had some local placers, as Troy senior Luke Robinson finished sixth overall in the high jump, with the Trojans freshman Nick Mittlestadt finishing seventh. In the long jump, Troy’s Hayata Nagata earned an eighth place finish to earn the Trojans a point, and in the pole vault, Joe Dippold of Troy placed sixth with a

leap of 12’9” and Tippecanoe freshman Mason Doll was seventh at 11’3”.

Travis Hall a junior at Troy, duplicated the performance of Walters on the girls side, by winning the boys shot put with a toss of 49’10”, while teammate Christopher Linville was fourth. In the discus, Kameron Block placed eighth for Troy.

Over in the running events, Jayden Culp-Bishop from Troy finished sixth in the 100 dash with a time of 11.54, and improved to fourth overall in the 200 dash with a finish of 22.61. In the 400, Tippecanoe junior Casey Abney finished at 53.53, good enough for seventh overall.

Running to a sixth place finish in the 800 was Tipp’s Michael Stearns with a time

of 2:10.76, with his teammate Tim Andrews placing sixth with a time of 4:53.60 in the 1600 meter run.

Mitchell Poynter had no trouble winning the 3200 meter run for Tippecanoe with a time of 9:27.38, which set a new Butler Invitational record. Troy senior Stephen Jones was second overall with a 9:38.51. Tipp’s Jordan Brown placed eighth overall in the event.

Troy did well in the relays as well, finishing fifth in the 4x1, fourth in the 4x2, fourth in the 4x4. Tipp also placed eighth in the 4x2 and sixth in the 4x4 and seventh in the 4x8.

Finally in the 110 hurdles, Troy’s Zach Boyer placed second with a 15.07, and followed that up with a fourth place finish in the 300 hurdles.

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tian scored 12 more runs to push their lead to 22-1. The Eagles hit four doubles in the inning with multiple walks.

Seven total Eagles all had two hits each in the game, including Cameron Davee with four runs batted in, Scott Douglas added three RBIs, Peyton Forrer had three runs batted in, Chade Hayden also contributed two runs batted in.

Sam Kirkpatrick also added two RBIs, with three coming from Andrew Strait and Jacob Williams added one. Troy Christian had doubles from Davee, Douglass, Kirkpatrick, and Loudon Saul-beamer.

Williams pitched four innings with eight strikeouts and allowed seven hits. He also didn’t walk a batter. Douglass added one inning on the mound.

In the game, the Eagles reached base 14 times on walks with 15 hits.

The Eagles are now 2-0 in the league, and Ferraro knows that the quick start will benefit his team.

“We went in with the idea of competing at the highest level, and when you get off to a fast start, things start to go our way,” he said.

They are now 3-3 overall, and it was their only played last week.

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Devils defeated Franklin last week 4-1 to win their second game of the season, as the weather has caused a lack of games for Tippecanoe.

Bullard won at first singles for Tipp, defeating Matt McGrew 6-4, 6-1, while Gross was victorious at third singles 6-0, 6-1. Suffering the lone loss for the Red Devils was second singles player Staley, as he lost to Dalton Campbell 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

At first doubles for Tipp, Sam and Casey Kronour defeated Nathaniel Rudd and Joe Balon 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, while at second doubles. Hill and Dylan Shomper defeated Kylee Fox and Evan Harris

6-2, 6-1.

Also last week, Tipp defeated Stebbins 5-0.

Bullard defeated Michael Hoff at first singles 6-0, 6-0, Staley defeated Conner Schock 6-1, 6-3, while Gross was a winner at third singles over Riley Timbrook 6-2, 6-0.

The Kronours won at first doubles over Steven Wu and Kyle Higgins 6-4, 6-3, and Wildermuth and Shomper defeated Dylan Cloud and Michael Schuster 6-1, 6-4.

Northwestern - While the scores are unavailable, the Warriors lost to Bellefontaine 3-2 last week, and also fell to Kenton Ridge 4-1.

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The Amazing Life of Mary Kelly Edwards

By Judy Deeter,
Troy Historical Society

The name of William N. Edwards is familiar to many residents of Troy and Miami County. He served as the first superintendent of the Troy City School system and is remembered as a kind but very stern-looking man. Edwards School, which once stood along West Main Street, was named in his honor and a monument in tribute to him is located near the rear entrance of the main branch of the Troy-Miami County Public Library. During his life, he was considered one of the top educators in the State of Ohio. Far off in Africa, his wife Mary Kelly Edwards is also recognized in a similar way. Yet only a few people know the story of the amazing life of Mary Kelly Edwards.

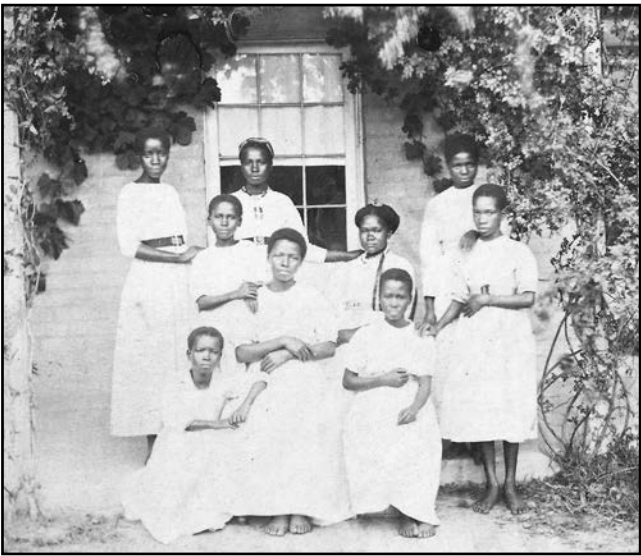
Mary was born in West Milton, Ohio on July 8, 1829. Her parents, Samuel and Mahala Kelly, were Quakers. Along with Mary, the family had three boys and a girl.

Samuel Kelly and his brother came to Ohio from Massachusetts in the early 1800s and settled in West Milton. Mary’s father built a woolen mill there. As a young girl she often helped both her father at his mill and her mother in their home.

In her book AHEAD OF THEIR TIME NINETEENTH CENTURY MIAMI COUNTY WOMEN (2001), Joanne Duke Gamblee wrote, “Young Mary learned her first lessons in organization, instruction, and production from her father. She would spend time in the cotton factory, fascinated with the working of the machines. No older than ten, she would help out in a pinch when one of the workers was absent, and she was also able to instruct and train a new employee. Before she was a teenager, she was working regularly in the factory, taking time out to go to school in the winter months.”

Near the end of her teenage years, Mary taught at a country school. It was during that time, that she realized she needed a more formal education to be a successful teacher. She dreamed of attending Cooper Academy for young ladies in Dayton and saved her money to go there. (Note: Coper Academy is sometimes referred to in historical records as Cooper Seminary.) The \$24.00 she had saved, however, was not enough to cover the cost to attend the school. She asked her father for financial help, but because he felt she was needed at home and did not want her to leave, he only gave her \$5.00. Mary’s grandfather, however, loaned her \$15.00 and in 1847 she enrolled at the school.

After the first term, she again struggled to find enough money to continue her education. She took a teaching position at \$13.00 a month and was able to pay for a second term. The prin-



Inanda Seminary Students ca. 1910.

cipal at Cooper Academy (a man named Mr. Barney) recognized Mary as an exceptionally intelligent young woman. He wanted her to continue her education and loaned her enough money to do so. With Mr. Barney’s funds, she graduated in the class of 1851. Eventually, her father paid off half of the debt for her schooling.

For two years after her graduation, she worked in country schools. In 1853, she was invited to teach in the new public school system in Troy and in a recently constructed school named the Union School on West Main Street. (The school had opened in September 1852.) She was asked to teach there by the school system’s first superintendent William N. Edwards.

The new school building was far different from the places Mary had previously taught. It was three stories high, had 11 classrooms, and a stove in every classroom. Several teachers were on staff at the school—possibly eight—when Mary started teaching there.

As previously mentioned, Superintendent Edwards was a rather fierce-looking but loving man. He had come to Ohio from Massachusetts several years earlier. He was a graduate of Williams College and had studied two years at Andover Seminary. In his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, historian Thomas Wheeler described Edwards, “He had been lame since childhood, and was large and ungainly, with large piercing eyes, a rough exterior, and a kind heart. His appearance was so forbidding that he never had to speak a cross word to keep order in the classroom, his pupils were united in praising him—even behind his back.” Some of his former students said that as boys they used to call him “Old Billy.”

The Buckeye newspaper also described Edwards in its January 20, 1896 edition (the recollections of C.N. Burns): “Mr. Edwards was probably five feet ten inches tall (but he looked to us boys to be at least seven feet), angular of form, very lame, and with eyes that looked as if he might have borrowed a prize owl at the Zoological Garden...he cared little for personal appearance, but everything for

personal performance....”

The 41 year old William Edwards and the 24 year old Mary soon became attracted to each other. They had many things in common: both had family ties to the state of Massachusetts, both were highly intelligent and had a love of education and neither was considered to be good looking. Joanne Duke Gamblee said in her book, “Physically, Mary was a plain-looking woman with a stocky build. In her pictures, there is a no-nonsense appearance....”

The two were married 1856. Mary continued teaching after their marriage. She had started her career in Troy teaching younger children and advanced to the high school as a Latin teacher. Though the Edwards’ never had children of their own, there were children in their home. Mary’s brother Leonidas, a nephew, and cousins lived in the Edwards home so they too could attend the Union School. The Edwards were considered prominent residents of Troy.

Tragedy struck in the summer of 1867. William Edwards died suddenly in August that year. The Miami Union newspaper of Saturday, August 3, 1867 says, “A feeling of sadness and gloom pervades our town, as we go to press, on account of the apprehended death of our worthy fellow-citizen Professor W.N. Edwards, who, though taken sick but two days ago is, at the hour we write (Friday afternoon) pronounced, by attending physicians, beyond the reach of medical aid.”

His obituary in the Miami Union newspaper of August 10, 1897 states, “The death of Mr. E. is a loss to the public generally, as he was one of the most devoted friends of education and practical Teachers in the State; but especially it is a loss—amounting, indeed, to a calamity—to Troy and it vicinity which have, for some fourteen years, enjoyed the benefits of his ability, his experience, and his untiring devotion to that noble cause—the instruction of youth—which he has made the single purpose of his life.”

Almost immediately, Mary decided to leave Troy. Being a woman of faith, she applied to work with the Women’s Mission Board of the Congregational Church.

Through that board, she was sent to South Africa. There she founded a seminary school to teach Zulu girls. The school is named the Inanda Seminary.

Joanne Duke Gamblee wrote in her book, “Could Mary Edwards have had a call? Could she have responded to a vague uneasy feeling that she carried for a long time, and undefined sense within herself of searching for something? She was now alone, with no husband or children, and if she carried an inner longing, she was free to pursue where her strong faith in God might be leading her to search for her own fulfillment.”

Mary began her work in South Africa with Daniel and Lucy Lindley, who were the first missionaries from the American Board of the Congregational Church. She found herself in an unusual position as a worker in Africa. Most female missionaries began their careers at a much younger age—Mary was nearly 40—and they were accompanied by a husband.

Her “new” life began on August 19, 1868 when she sailed from Boston Harbor on a small sailing ship named the G.T. Kemp. Forty boxes of her possessions were placed on the ship with her. She had to bring from America everything she would need in Africa both personal items and things for the classroom. On board too were ten double desk with chairs, a gift from her friends in Troy. These desks were still in use in Africa in 1969 (and may still be at the school today).

The voyage took 11 weeks—longer than originally planned. Much of the time she was seasick. It was a terrible voyage for her. Finally she arrived in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. She waited a week for her boxes to be unloaded from the ship. Feeling that she could not wait longer for her possessions to be unloaded, she took the monthly steamer “the Natal” to Durban. There she was met by two men who were friends of the American Zulu Mission and taken to a private home. Soon after, Daniel Lindley and his daughter came to Durban to take her on the final leg of her journey. The final leg of the journey to her new home was first made by train to the end of the rail line, then by boat to across the Umngeni River and then in a wagon that was pulled by oxen. She arrived at her destination in mid-November of 1868. For a time, she lived with the Lindley family. Eventually, her things came on the next monthly steamer. She got her possessions and settled in her new home on New Year’s Day 1869.

Her immediate task was to organize a school. She was given a building, but no school room furnishings. That was the beginning of problems related to the school in the coming years. She could not speak the local language, her first students

were not disciplined, an economic recession hit, there were food shortages, fatal diseases sometimes came to the area and she herself was sometimes sick. A newspaper article written in 1952 (newspaper unknown) says, “There were exciting and often dangerous days in Mrs. Edwards’ Africa career. Once she was attacked by an insane coolie and so roughly handled that a nervous reaction affected her throat and for five weeks she was unable to swallow solid food. Girls being sold as wives sometimes ran away and came to the school for refuge. With their bodies smeared with grease and clay wrapped only in blankets they shivered while enraged fathers, seeing financial loss, came to take them away. Many times Mrs. Edwards calmly faced groups of Zulu warriors brandishing spears and knobkerries in her face.” Mrs. Edwards became known as “Mother” or “Mah” Edwards. Her life was sustained and she carried on through her deep faith in God.

Mary Edwards stayed at the school until the end of her life on September 24, 1927, about 60 years after the death of her husband arrival in South Africa. She died at the age of 98. Many times she felt like giving up and returning to America, but she only returned once for a visit in 1874. She ended her career as principal of the school in 1892, but lived on at the school until her life ended. In her later years, she helped with the school agricultural projects.

Late in life, another hardship came her way. She became blind when she was in her 80s. Nevertheless, she could type on the typewriter by feeling with her fingers and continued to communicate with friends and relatives by the written word.

It is interesting that in Troy there is a monument to William Edwards and the Edwards School that once stood on West Main Street was named in his honor. At the Inanda Seminary in South Africa, there is a building named Edwards Hall that honors Mrs. Mary Edwards. It was dedicated to Mrs. Edwards on March 22, 1888. On May 29, 2001, a bust monument honoring her was placed at the school. It was unveiled on May 29, 2001 by South African President Dr. Nelson Mandela.

By the late 1990s, the school’s buildings had deteriorated. Mandela declared the school a “Heritage Site” and helped the school find sponsors to refurbish the buildings.

For more information on the life of Mary Kelly Edwards, contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or ths@frontier.com.

Note: Several online sources have stories and photographs of Inanda Seminary. Some websites have photographs of Mary Kelly Edwards, Edwards Hall and the monument dedicated her monument.



The Museum of Troy History is open with a new exhibit of old Bibles.

History Museum displays old family Bibles

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Museum of Troy History is open for the season with a new exhibit of old Bibles and other religious writings. The carefully preserved literary works are a testimony to the longevity of published manuscripts but also to local families whose names are immortalized in the pages of these old books. During the 1800’s and early 1900’s, families often documented significant events like marriages, deaths, and new births in the front pages of the family Bible. The book was then passed down through the generations as an heirloom and document of lineage for posterity.

Families in the community have contributed artifacts to this exhibit, including the historically influential industrialist family, the Hobarts. In 1935, Edward Hobart gave his mother Lou Ella a new Bible that is carefully displayed in a glass case at the museum. The Bible was given to Lou Ella on Christmas Day, which also happened to be Edward’s 47th birthday. The Hobart Bible is one of several newer pieces in the collection; the newest was printed in 1960 and given to a local man when he joined the armed forces.

The most antiquated piece in the exhibit dates back to 1765 and is written in old German. The Scheidler family Bible was printed in Nuremberg Germany and was owned by Maria Magdalena Scheidler who lived in Montgomery County Ohio in 1819. Although most of these families moved many times during the life of their family Bibles, the consistent records are a fascinating study of stalwart family connectedness and faith.

Local historian, Hadley Drodge and a classmate in her graduate program at Wright State worked to catalogue and put together descriptions of the pieces on display in the exhibit. It took many hours of effort to locate and organize the literature in the cases the literary works now occupy. According to Doug Tremblay of the Troy Museum of History, the museum consistently works to include the community in their annual exhibits. One of their goals is to give local residents a tangible, personal depiction of the city’s past so that they can develop a sense of appreciation and hope for the present and future.

The museum is on East Water Street and will have its Bible exhibit available to view until the end of May and is the first of a series of temporary exhibits planned for the year. Their normal operating hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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-vs-
JAMIE J. SEITZ et al.

LEGAL NOTICE

Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jamie J. Seitz, whose present place of residence is unknown, will take notice that on February 18, 2016, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for BCAT 2015-14ATT filed its Complaint in Case No. 16 CV 00060 in the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, 201 W. Main St., Troy, OH 45373, seeking foreclosure and alleging that the Defendants Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jamie J. Seitz have or claim to have an interest in the real estate described below:

Permanent Parcel #: N44022830
Property Address: 1063 West North Street, Piqua, OH 45356

The Defendant(s) named above are required to answer on or before the 27 day of May, 2016.

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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Work begins on two new businesses

Building permits have been obtained for two projects – a Circle K gas station and the Chick-Fil-A restaurant - near the intersection of West Main Street with Experiment Farm Road and South Stanfield Road.

A permit by Circle K/American Trademark Construction Services was obtained for 1901 W. Main St. The new building and gas canopy per-

mit for the Circle K station lists an estimated valued of \$769,000.

The station is being constructed on the site of the former Friendly Ice Cream restaurant.

A permit for the Chick-Fil-A/GZD Troy Venture for 1910 W. Main St. lists a shell building with an estimated value of \$640,000. The restaurant, which was previously announced, is on the land on the south side of the street, near Meijer. Work on utilities for the project has

begun.

Rob England of the Miami County building department said he was told at the Circle K site that once the footer is poured, the project would take about six weeks.

Another concert added

A third concert was added last week to the list of activities during which alcohol would be sold at Treasure Island Park, if Troy City Council

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Lewis receives SAR Scholarship

The Sons of the American Revolution, Richard Montgomery Chapter, which includes Troy and all of Miami County, recently awarded their Eagle Scout Scholarship to Samuel Lewis. To earn the award Lewis had to pass the Eagle Scout Board of Review, and then fill out the SAR's application citing his achievements. The criteria included leadership positions within scouting, merit badges earned, scouting activities completed, community activities and recognitions, religious, scholastic, and ex-

tracurricular activities and recognitions. Lewis also had to research and complete a four generation ancestor chart and compose an original theme concerning the Founding of America. Lewis's theme centered on "one of the lesser known heroes of the American Revolution, Nathanael Greene."

Samuel Lewis, along with his family attended the recent Richard Montgomery Chapter's meeting. In accepting his scholarship Lewis read his theme to the Chapter members. He received a

certificate, a medal and the financial prize. Elwin Spray, the Chapter's Chairman of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee, made the presentation and praised Lewis. "This young man's application showed the hard work he has performed both in scouts and in his community. He is truly deserving of this award and our scholarship," Spray said.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit charitable organization affiliated with the Ohio Society and National Society of

SAR, whose members have proven ancestry to patriotic activity during the Revolutionary War and founding of the United States of America. The Richard Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meet at 7:30pm on the first Wednesdays of the month (except for a summer break of July and August) at the Dayton Masonic Center located at 2450 Riverview Rd in Dayton. Potential programs and guests should call 937-335-7345 or email skpk1984@aol.com for more information.



Samuel Lewis, sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Scholarship winner.

Partners in Hope CAREGIVERS Bingo... so much more than just a game!

Conversation, delicious homemade desserts, and fierce Bingo competition made for quite an afternoon for over 30 area seniors this past week. Although the weather was chilly outside, hearts were definitely feeling the warmth inside Troy View Church of God, where the bi-monthly Caregivers Bingo event is held. "I just love getting to see all these lovely ladies and talk. My family is very wonderful, but they can't always be there to help when I need to see my doctor or go to the store for my medication. This is a blessing," said "Jane" one of the Caregivers riders.

According to Aimee Shannon, Caregivers Coordinator, the Programs' primary goal is to transport seniors to doctors' appoint-



Bingo competitions made for quite an afternoon for over 30 area seniors this past week.

ments and other life sustaining appointments, but the social programming is just as important. "Many of our riders don't leave their homes for weeks at a time... so this opportunity to socialize, enjoy a meal or dessert with others, or to have some laughs is critical to their well-being. Playing Bingo is especially fun, and prizes like special soaps and lotions are appreciated by all," said Shannon.

The Caregivers Program has been in existence since 1990, and is available to individuals over the age of 62 in Troy and Casstown who qualify. There is no cost to riders and there are no income restrictions for participants. In 2015 volunteers provided 382 round trips to medical appointments, outings, and errands, and also made

79 friendly visits to seniors. Over 1047 volunteer hours and 7,568 miles were logged by the Caregivers volunteer drivers.

For more information about how Caregivers might meet a need for you or a loved one, please contact Aimee Shannon at 937-339-8792. She will provide a program overview (including the benefits and limitations of the services). Volunteer Drivers are always needed as well. Background checks and training is provided.

Caregivers is a program of Partners in Hope, a faith based organization that has provided RELIEF, EDUCATION, and DEVELOPMENT services to families in need for over 25 years. More information is available at www.partnersinhopeinc.org

Hospice honors Volunteers

Ohio's Hospice of Miami County is celebrating the contributions of volunteers during National Volunteer Week, honoring 161 volunteers, who contributed 5,866 hours of service in 2015. Volunteers will be recognized during the annual volunteer awards event this week.

Hospice volunteers play a vital role with the Quality of Life teams serving hospice patients and their families, providing respite care, caregiver relief, companionship, shopping, delivery of medications and supplies, massage, beautician and barber services, and gardening. Volunteers also serve as educators about hospice services in the community, create Memory Bears for loved ones, visit with pet therapy animals, and play a key role in honoring hospice patients who are veterans. Volunteers also provide clerical and office support, serve as receptionists, assist with fundraising events and data entry.

"Volunteer service to our organization is calculated at \$130,202," says Krissy McKim-Barker, Volunteer Coordinator for Ohio's Hospice of Miami County. "But their contribution is actually priceless. They give from their hearts and touch the lives of patients and families with compassion and care that far exceeds any dollar amount."

There are always opportunities for volunteers interested in direct patient contact and care to serve, with flexibility in the time and location of service. For additional information please visit <http://www.hospiceofmiamicounty.org/volunteer->

Lions train Edison students as Vision Screeners

The Troy Lions Club's pre-school vision screening program received a helping hand when the students at Edison State Community College, Early Childhood Development Class were trained as vision screeners. Robert Medley of the Troy Lions Club and Ohio's state chairman of the program trained the class in the proper procedures. This screening is non-invasive and consists of measuring and comparing both of the child's eyes with an auto-refractor. This computer controlled machine bounces infrared light off of the retina, and takes a series of measurements to determine the eye's refractive power. Significant differences between the eyes may indicate a potential problem. After their training was completed the class obtained practical experience as they screened the vision of 19 children ages 3 to 5 that attend the Edison pre-school. "It is a little different practicing on each other and then going to work with wiggling 3 year olds," Medley said. "But they did an excellent job. The machines give a reading that shows the reliability of the test and we ended up with all tests performed in the needed range," he added. Three children were referred to an eye care professional for a follow up based on the screenings.

The Lions Preschool Vision Screening Program offers free vision screening for all children in Miami County, ages two through five. This screening tests for Amblyopia (lazy eye) and Strabismus (misaligned eyes). More than one in fifty children have one of these two conditions and if left untreated by age six, it can cause lifelong vision loss in the problem eye. In both of these conditions, the brain stops recognizing signals from the weaker eye. At about age six, the damage becomes permanent and irreversible. If detected prior to age six, treatment is usually easy and quite effective. It consists of eye-patching the stronger eye and forcing the weaker eye to perform all of the child's vision. The brain accepts the input and once both eyes become equal, the patch is removed and vision remains normal.

The Troy Lions Club is a non-profit community service organization serving Troy, Covington, Pleasant Hill, Piqua, Tipp City, and surrounding areas of Miami County since 1942. Their primary mission is vision health. The Troy Lions Club also provides scholarships and supports many community programs. For more information see the Lions website: www.e-club-house.org/sites/Troy_OH or call (937) 335-7345.

Staunton Township Trustees plan Crack and Seal for Township Roads

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the April 18, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, Justin Hines of J & A Construction, Inc. met with the trustees to review his listing of township roads. Hines will evaluate all of the roads and provide the trustees with an estimate for crack and seal of any road that needs attention. J & A Construction provides pavement maintenance, road paving, excavation and demolition. The estimate should be available at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees.

Fiscal Officer Sarah Fine announced that the 2015 audit is scheduled to begin on April 25, 2016. The auditors will be housed in the County Building for the duration of the audit.

One area resident on Farber filed a complaint with Fine concerning bad potholes on that road. However, the road is a dead end and has only two houses on it. The township was in the process of abandoning the road when the first house was built. At that time, the property owners were informed that they were responsible for maintenance of the road since it is essentially a private drive.

The township does not plow the road and have only provided gravel to fill the holes in the past. Trustee Jeff Cron told Fine to invite the property owner to the next township meeting to discuss the issue further.

In addition, the trustees received notification from the Ohio Department of Liquor control if the township wants to object to the renewal of liquor licenses for business in the township. No objections were noted.

Fine also reported that OTARMA initially informed the township that their insurance premium would increase

by \$10 with the purchase of the new computer and software. However, OTARMA has waived that premium.

Furthermore, Fine completed a confirmation for the State of Ohio of that the state records accurately reflect the vehicles and the appropriated registration for the trucks operated by the township. These vehicles include a 2015 Ford pickup and a 2001 International snowplow and dump truck.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

Rotarians host CISV International Speakers

The world is often a cacophony of cultures, customs and attitudes. Being aware of such dissonance led Dr. Doris Twitchell Allen (1901-2002), a psychologist from the University of Cincinnati, to establish the Children's International Summer Villages (CISV International) to work towards greater global understanding and acceptance of our many differences. Laurie Winans Reiser and Betsy Smith presented information on Troy's chapter of CISV International at Troy Rotary Club's April 12th meeting.

What began as an idea of a global organization that would foster intercultural knowledge and understanding following the end of World War II has become a multifaceted organization that brings together children from different cultures to educate and inspire action for a

more just and peaceful world. Allen's premise was to establish a model for a multinational "village" for children from several countries to explore their differences and similarities. Her dedication to peace did not go unnoticed in the world. Allen was nominated for many awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize (1979, The Year of the Child); the Freedom Medal (1999); the Hague Appeal for Peace Prize (2001); and the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education (2001).

Since that first village in 1950, CISV International has grown to sponsor 200 programs per year in 70 countries and supported by 10,000 volunteers. Similar to Rotary International, CISV International has four principles: (1) Appreciate the similarities between people and value their differences; (2) Support social

justice and equality of opportunity for all; (3) Encourage the resolution of conflict through peaceful means; and (4) Support the creation of sustainable solutions to problems relating to our impact upon each other and the natural environment. While CISV International promotes diversity, multiculturalism, and heightened awareness of other cultures, it may also be viewed as an economic development tool to attract families to smaller cities and communities. It has been an excellent way to differentiate Troy from other cities that do not have a CISV International program. This summer, CISV Miami County will host a village that will welcome approximately 70 children from many other cultures and countries. To learn more about the programs and how to become involved, visit www.cisv.org.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom and support for summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

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Columns & Opinion

Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

You bought the policy...now what?

Knowing your policies supports healthy financial strategies

Purchasing proper insurance coverage is an important part of a healthy financial picture. However, with many policies, staying engaged ensures you have adequate coverage as your life changes.

As life changes, your insurance needs can also change. Particularly with long-term care insurance, reviewing your coverage on an ongoing basis helps ensure you and your loved ones are financially protected from risks associated with extended medical needs. If you bought coverage 10 years ago for example, meeting with a financial professional to make sure the policy still offers the protection you need for now and the future is essential to you and your family.

Some policies, like whole life insurance, require minimal engagement after purchase. If those policies are attractive to you, your financial professional can help guide you toward an option that best meets your needs.

A good plan is to meet with your financial professional for insurance “check-ups” annually. A financial professional can help you assess if the policies are still appropriate and are fulfilling their appropriate role in your personal financial strategy. They are also abreast on the latest changes in the regulatory landscape and can help guide you toward newer options that are often created as financial regulations change.

When you review your policies, Thrivent Financial recommends asking these questions:

- What kind of financial protection do I need?
- Do I have the right amount and type of insurance?
- Do I have the right beneficiaries designated?
- Is my family aware of my policies?
- Do I have other financial areas that require attention and protection?
- Is my level of coverage appropriate?
- Am I clear on the terms of my contract?

These types of meetings can ensure that when it comes time to collect benefits on your policy, everything meets your expectations.

As it is appropriate, you should also review pertinent policies that family members hold and make sure they’re still appropriate. Raising the subject may create some momentary awkwardness, but it is far better to discuss policies and options ahead of time to ensure that nothing is missed or forgotten when it comes time to claim insurance benefits.

Some sample questions include:

- Do you have insurance coverage? If so, what kind?
- Where can we find your policy information in case you need help from us if/when you activate your policy?
- How can we contact your financial professional? Your insurance company?
- Are there any special requirements in your policy that we should know about?

At Home

by Connie Moore

In Anticipation Of Deelish

Recently we were given a recipe for a spring dessert. While the construction of the finished cake didn’t turn out for us as the recipe indicated (it was supposed to be a roll), the flavor was described absolutely on spot. The cook used the word Deelish.

We hadn’t heard that word for over fifteen years. Our dear friend Gladys Rood used it just about every time we gathered together for a meal. It was her way of putting a five-star rating to a food. And the cake recipe given to us was just that–Deelish.

A yellow cake mix was embellished with finely chopped fresh strawberries. As it turned out, we had to layer the baked cake rather than roll it as it was just too tender to stay together. The filling and frosting were to be whipped fresh cream with more chopped berries. We used what we had–Dream Whip. It turned out wonderfully fruity and creamy and berry good.

While in anticipation of the finished dish, we thought of cooking to come as



spring yields local grown strawberries and rhubarb. Favorite recipes abound but here are a few older ones that have stood the test of time. Feel free to embellish, shape differently; add your own touch to them. That’s how recipes become endearing–old standbys,

new ideas, traditions of food that family and friends wait in anticipation of. Spring cooking can be deelish!

Contact Connie at mooredcr@juno.com or Box 61, Medway, Ohio 45341 Follow her on Grit Blog Landing.

Pineapple Cream Cake

Cake:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple w/juice
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Frosting:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 2 ½ -3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Fresh strawberries

In mixing bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Add eggs and pineapple with juice. Beat until well-blended. Stir in nuts. Pour batter into greased 13x9-inch pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan.

For frosting, in a bowl, beat cheese and butter until fluffy. Beat in sugar and vanilla to make a spreadable frosting. Spread over cake. Garnish with fresh strawberries. Recipe source: family recipe box.

Strawberry Sauce

- 4 cups fresh strawberries
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Wash, hull berries. Slice in half for quicker cooking. Place water, sugar and cornstarch in large saucepan. Stir until dissolved. Add berries. Stir. Cook over low heat until berries release juice. Using potato masher, break up berries, crushing to lumpy sauce consistency. Continue to cook over low until it begins to thicken. Remove from heat. Pour into glass bowl. Serve warm over cake, biscuits, ice cream. Cover and chill for a cold sauce that is good on toast, biscuits, over fruit compote or chopped apples. Recipe source: family recipe box.

Quick Fresh Berry Torte

- Strawberry sauce (see above recipe)
- Prepared, baked 13x9-inch cake
- Prepared large box vanilla pudding
- Prepared whipped topping
- Coconut, sliced almonds, fresh strawberries

Lots of possibilities for this dessert. Here are a few. Early in the day or the day before, prepare the berry sauce, chill. Prepare the cake and cool completely, leaving it in the pan. Prepare the pudding. Layer the sauce, pudding, whipped topping on top of cake. If pan is deep enough, repeat layers. Garnish top with coconut, sliced almonds and whole fresh berries. If you want to, use a good seedless strawberry jam in place of the sauce. It is still good to have a few fresh berries for the top. Or cover the top with sliced fresh berries.

This torte can be made with a roll of refrigerated sugar cookie dough. Just press half of the dough into circle on cookie sheet, repeat with other half. Bake at recommended temperature until dough is cooked through. Cool and carefully slide each layer onto flat surface. Use one layer as bottom of torte and the other for a middle layer. Cut with sharp knife to serve.

Gardening Commentary

from MVG

Roller Coaster Spring

What a roller coaster this spring weather has been! Let’s take advantage of the cool weather we have been experiencing, because it gives us more time to make some of the weed prevention applications now that will make taking care of our landscape and gardens easier later in the season. The cooler weather early in April has kept the soil temps cold and we still have time to put on some of the weed preventers. Mother Nature started off with warmer temperatures in March than we have had earlier this month. March warmth caused plant development to start earlier and then with the frosts and freezing temps things developed slower, but this can change very quickly. The freezing temps the previous two weeks caused damage to some flowering plants. We’ll have to wait and see if we have any damage to the blooms on fruit trees that could reduce our harvest.

Another favorable thing is we have a little longer to apply the pre-emergence weed preventers, like Crabgrass Control on our lawns. So no more procrastinating, get these helpful “tools-in-the-bag” working so your gardening is easier this year. Remember, however, the weather 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

Rhubarb-Strawberry Crisp

- 5 cups fresh rhubarb and strawberries*-see note
- ½ to 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon quick cooking tapioca
- ½ to ¾ cup quick-cooking oats
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter cut in small pieces
- ¼ chopped nuts, optional

In a 9-inch round deep baking dish, place fruit. *Total fruit is 5 cups-you can have mostly rhubarb or mostly berries or an equal of both. Add amount of sugar to suit your tastes. (Rhubarb can be very tart, so take that into consideration.) Sprinkle tapioca over fruit and stir all thoroughly.

In small bowl, stir together oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon. With fork, cut in the butter pieces. Stir in nuts if using. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 30 minutes or until fruit is cooked and juices bubble up into a crisp golden brown top. Serve warm with ice cream. Recipe source: family recipe box.

Fresh Fruit Parfaits

- Strawberry sauce (see above recipe)
- Fresh apples, kiwi, grapes, pineapple, cherries
- Favorite whipped topping or fresh whipped cream

In parfait glasses place a spoonful or two of any fresh fruits which have been washed, stemmed and cubed. Spoon cold strawberry sauce over, then a spoon or two of whipped topping. Repeat until glass is full. Can garnish with sliced or chopped nuts if desired. Chill till serving. If desired substitute prepared vanilla pudding for the whipped topping.



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 the everything seemingly blooming all at once. This year, the freezing temps. earlier this month damaged open flowers.

So what can we be doing now? There are a few things that you 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. When we do this pruning as soon as shrubs 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!

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Tipp Of The Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro

Tipp City Police Retired

Littering

Any driver who has exited an interstate ramp and sat long enough at the red light to look around has noticed the trash on the ground which had to be thrown from another vehicle’s driver while stopped at the same light. Fast food wrappers, Styrofoam cups, vehicle parts and the ever present pile of cigarette butts. Litter, plain and simple trash thrown from a vehicle by inconsiderate self-centered humans.

I wonder how the guy throwing his cigarette butt out the window would feel if someone threw them on his bedroom floor. A nasty old hamburger wrapper would look good on the kitchen table. How about if after adding anti-freeze to a broken radiator, I put the empty jug on his driveway?

When I was a kid back in 1960’s I remember all the gas stations gave out plastic bags to hang on the radio knob. There was a big anti-litter campaign and at least my family took it seriously. I remember the first High School Prom I went to and cleaned the family car. The ash tray was full of nasty cigarette butts. But at least my parents didn’t throw them on the road.

I guess you are finding out about another of my pet peeves that society considers to only be a nuisance. It is only a minor misdemeanor, or, on the first offense anyway. But I hate the arrogance of a “Respectable” citizen throwing a nasty cigarette butt out the window. They don’t magically evaporate people.

So if you see yourself in this article, sorry to hurt your feelings. Well I’m not really sorry, but please think about what you are doing. Are your children going to see this and continue the habit? Would that make you proud? It’s the little things in life that make you a good decent person, a role model for others.

Ohio Revised Code 4511.82 Littering offenses:

(A) *No operator or occupant of a motor vehicle shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard, or deposit litter from any motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road, or highway, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.*

(B) *No operator of a motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road, or highway shall allow litter to be thrown, dropped, discarded, or deposited from the motor vehicle, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.*

(C) *Whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.*

(D) *As used in this section, «litter» means garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature.*

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Taking the time to evaluate your coverage and talk with your family about your insurance policies is a good way to make sure your benefits meet your expectations and are there when needed.

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Garry L. Smith

Garry L. Smith age 64 of Troy, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2016. He was born in Dayton on December 23, 1951.

He is survived by his mother Sylvia D. (Viney) Smith of Troy; three sons and daughters-in-law Robin Smith-McGee and Tiffany of Sidney, Britton and Sara Price of San Antonio, TX and Chance and Holly Smith of Mansfield, TX; two Godsons Christopher and Adam Lowry of Troy; two brothers and sister-in-law Anthony Smith of Troy and Tom and Belinda Lowry of Troy; sister Renee Clark of Piqua; thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding Garry in death is his father Eugene Paul Smith; birth mother Louise Reed and four brothers Terry, Paul Jr., Timothy and Craig Smith.

He was a 1971 graduate of Troy High School and was a member of Transformed Life Church in Piqua and the Brotherhood Lodge. Garry worked and retired as a truck driver after 30 years of service.

A Funeral service was held 12PM Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Transformed Life Church: 421 Wood St., Piqua, OH 45356 with Pastor Brian Hamilton officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the America Lung Association. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Ruby E. Davidson

Ruby E. Davidson age 85 of Troy, passed away April 16, 2016 in Dayton. She was born September 8, 1930 in Tennessee to the late Thomas and Sydney (Johnson) Hatfield. She was married to Bill Davidson, who preceded her in death in 1996.

Ruby is survived by daughter and son-in-law Jane Hatfield Marker and Brian Marker of Troy; stepdaughter Geraldine Davidson Parker of Troy; 5 grandchildren: Angela Marker Ruff, Tomi Marker Lewis, William Parker, David Parker and Ruth Ann (Michael) Crawford; 11 great-grandchildren: Kaylee Bergman, Morgan Marker, Samantha Lewis, Kiya Lewis, Ashley Grooms, Tonya Parker, George Sutton, Sabrina Parker, Kyle (Meagan) Wampler, Chase Wright and Katie Ogden; 5 great-great-grandchildren: Nova Reynolds, Zaki Back, Anna Rohrer, Preslie Wampler and Mia Wampler; as well as niece Ruth Davidson Hild (Dave Deaton) of West Milton; 2 nephews; 3 great nephews; 3 great nieces; 8 great-great nephews; 4 great-great nieces and 1 great-great-great niece.

Ruby was a member of Troy Eagles Auxiliary #971 where she was noted as Grandmother of the Eagles. In 2012 she was enshrined in the Ohio State Eagles Auxiliary Hall of Fame and held several offices at the Troy Eagles Auxiliary #971. She was also a member of VFW Post 5436 in Troy and the Pocahontas club in Troy. Ruby retired from BF Goodrich in Troy after 20 years of service.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held 1PM Friday, April 22, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery, Troy with Eagles Auxiliary Chaplain Stacey Hamilton officiating. Memorial Contributions may be given to One Way Farms, Inc.: 6131 E River Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Leo M. Partington, Jr.

Leo M. Partington, Jr. age 83 of Troy, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2016. He was born September 5, 1932 in Perry Township, OH to the late Leo M. and Mildred A. (Young) Partington, Sr.

Leo is survived by his loving wife of 29 years Susie Emerick; three daughters and sons-in-law Vickie and Steve Armacast of TX, Jana and Keith True of Atlanta, GA and Pam Partington of Montgomery County, OH; two sons and daughter-in-law Mike and Bridget Partington of Casstown, OH and Doug Partington of CA; one stepson Tony Daniels of Minster, OH; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death is stepson Robert Daniels and two brothers John and Richard "Pete" Partington.

Leo was a Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Fairlawn High School in 1950. He was owner of Leo's Barber in Troy, where he worked and retired from after 40 years of service.

A memorial service was held 5PM Friday, April 15, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. David Ramming officiating. Military Honors by the Veterans Memorial Honor Guard of Troy will follow the service. Inurnment will be in Cedar Point Cemetery, Shelby County.

Doris T. High

Doris T. High, age 81 of Troy, passed away April 17, 2016 in the Hospice Unit of Upper Valley Medical Center. She was born September 21, 1934 in Troy to the late Ellsworth and Evelyn (Brandenburg) Taylor.

She is survived by six sisters and brothers-in-law June and David Rudy of Troy, Janice and Clyde Miller of Piqua, Emma and Chuck Shuman of Pleasant Hill, Marcia and Hank Shuman of Piqua, Becky Richardson of Richardson, TX and Sue Ross of Covington; two brothers and sister-in-law Bill and Sandy Taylor of West Milton and Paul Taylor of Piqua; as well as nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Richard High, who passed away September 23, 2011; five brothers Orville, Herman, James, Joe and Phillip Taylor; as well as four sisters Mary Hoflinger, Bessie Taylor, Freda Taylor and Bernice Taylor.

Doris was a 1953 graduate of Newton High School and was a member of the Troy Senior Citizens Center. She retired in 1974 from NCR in Dayton.

A Funeral service will be held 10AM Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. Lisa Baker officiating. Visitation will be from 9AM-10AM Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Casstown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County PO Box 502 Troy, OH.

Wanda J. Clay

Wanda J. Clay age 66 of Findlay, formerly of Troy, passed away April 15, 2016 in Findlay. She was born August 9, 1949 in Troy to the late Robert and Nataline (Ewing) Clay.

Wanda is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Jimmy Criner of Troy. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Girls Catholic Central High School in Detroit, MI and was a member of St. James Community Church in Troy.

A memorial service will be held 12PM Saturday April 23, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Dorothy Jean Ross Lusk

Dorothy Jean Ross Lusk, 96 of Troy, Ohio passed away on Monday, April 11, 2016 at

Crown Pointe Care Center, Columbus, Ohio with her son, Jeffrey Wills Lusk, at her side. Dorothy was born in Troy, Ohio on June 11, 1919 to the late Roger Ira and Clara Elizabeth (Strohmeier) Ross. Dorothy married David Wills Lusk June 8, 1946 and he preceded her in death on April 16, 2008.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Barbara Elizabeth Lusk Proctor of Savannah, Georgia, son, Jeffrey Wills (Ok Son) Lusk of Columbus, Ohio; 5 grandchildren, Eric David Proctor of Boca Raton, Florida, Jonathan Christopher Proctor of Savannah Georgia, Melissa Ann Ocheltree (Justin) Eno of Cincinnati, Ohio, Joshua Dee (Rayann) Ocheltree of Columbus, Ohio, Jeremy Dee Ocheltree of Columbus, Ohio; 3 great-grandchildren, Rizin Jaz Mam, Jordan Jaz Mam and Greyson William Eno of Cincinnati, Ohio and the following nieces, nephews, grand and great grand nieces, and grand and great grand nephews: Robert Roger (Sonja) Ross, Gary Thomas (Charlene) Ross, Linda Elsa Ross Deluca, Beverly Clare Ross, Kirsten Clara Ross (Reuben) Hood, Grayson Thomas Hood, Erin Marie Ross (Brian) Gardella, Evelyn Marie Gardella, Caitlin lone Ross (Justin) Shaw, Gabrielle Dorothy Shaw, Jennifer Marian Ross (Chris) Pollak, Chris Michael Pollak, Jr., Nicholas Brian Pollak, Matthew Robert (Jenn) Ross, Mackenzie Elizabeth Ross and Michael Thomas Ross.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Thomas and Ralph Morton Ross, grand niece, Elizabeth Ann Ross and great granddaughter, Velouria Proctor.

Dorothy is a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Troy, Ohio, Troy Music Club (founding member operatic soloist), The Ohio State University Sorority Alpha Xi Delta and Troy Alturian Club. Dorothy is a graduate of Troy High School Class of 1938.

Dorothy served her country as an American Red Cross nurse at Wakeman General and Convalescent U. S. Army Hospital Paraplegic Ward at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, the largest WWII Convalescent Hospital in the U. S. Army, and was awarded the Perfect Attendance Pin. In addition, Dorothy placed workers at Weaver Aircraft Company (WACO) in Troy, Ohio, supplier of Waco CG-4A combat gliders, known as "The Flying Coffins of WWII", while employed by the Ohio Department of Unemployment Services.

Dorothy was a devoted to her Church, family and country. Dorothy's trademark was her warm, welcoming, inviting and gentle smile. Dorothy lived her life with "Amazing Grace" and was able to deflect all maladies sent her way, except the last one. Dorothy met her final call with unimaginable strength and determination. Dorothy is truly one of God's special angles sent to Earth and now has returned to God's loving arms for a new assignment.

The funeral took place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 130 South Walnut Street, Troy, Ohio 45373 with Pastor Mark A. Meyer, Sr., Pastor Jason D. Kear and Rev. Harold E. Pinkston, Sr., Ph.D., Th.D. officiating. The interment was held following the funeral service at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Ohio. Refreshments were provided at the Church following interment. Funeral services provided by Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Troy, Ohio. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: St. John's United Church of Christ, Troy, Ohio 45373.

Richard Louis Lenox

Richard Louis Lenox, age 91, of Cincinnati, OH; formerly of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Bodman Pavilion of Maple Knoll Village, Cincinnati, OH. He was born on May 26, 1924 in Piqua, OH to the late Roy Lavern and Anna Marie (Schulz) Lenox.

Richard is survived by his wife of 66 years: Mildred E. (Puthoff) Lenox; daughters and sons-in-law: Betsy and Dennis Starr of Knoxville, TN; Barbara and Greg Lammeier of Cincinnati and Marcia and John Baker of Anchorage, AK; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his brother: Wilbur; and sisters: Norma, Irene and Kathryn.

Richard was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and an honorary member of the Tau Beta Phi Fraternity. He proudly served his country in the US Navy Air Corp. Richard was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Troy. He retired as Director of Facilities Engineering from Hobart Corporation after 38 years of service. Richard enjoyed golf, travel and playing bridge.

Services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with the Rev. Allen Marheine officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua, OH. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, 130 S. Walnut Street, Troy, OH 45373 or Fleming Road United Church of Christ, 691 Fleming Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.


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Carol Ann Herron

Carol Ann (Mathias) Herron, age 65, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit. She was born on January 22, 1951 in Lancaster, OH to the late Charles H. and Josephine B. (Illes) Mathias. She married Randy Herron on June 30, 1973 and he survives.

Carol is survived by one son: Scott (Teri) Herron of Piqua, OH; one guardian son: Nathan Perry of Lexington, KY; one sister: Barbara (David) Crawford of Rockbridge, OH and one brother: Randy (Janet) Mathias of Logan, OH.

Carol received her Bachelor's degree in education from Otterbein College and her Master's degree in special education from The University of Dayton. She taught for 35 years: third grade teacher in Logan-Hocking Local Schools; and special education in both the Indian Lake School System and Miami East Junior High School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Troy for over thirty years where she was a faithful Sunday School Teacher. She was also Principal with Buena Vista Investments. Carol loved reading and cross stitching and doing crossword puzzles.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30AM on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 West Franklin Street, Troy, OH with the Reverend Dave Leckrone officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Friends may call from 5:00 - 8:00PM on Thursday at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy and from 9:30AM – 10:30AM on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373, First Kids Preschool % First United Methodist Church, 110 West Franklin Street, Troy, OH 45373 or The Miami East Education Foundation, 3825 North State Route 589, Casstown, OH 45312. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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approves.

The city park board earlier this month voted to recommend council approve the sale of alcohol during two concerts planned for the park's inaugural season. Those were Surf's Up, a Beach Boys tribute band, on June 25 and the Parrots of the Caribbean band July 23. The third event would be July 9 titled Stranger at Treasure Island Park.

New roofs, proclamation approved

New roofs are coming for the Miami County

Make it a complete evening by enjoying an early dinner at any of Troy's local restaurants, many of which are within walking distance to The Mayflower Arts Center. For a list of local, tasty establishments, visit <http://www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com/performance.html>.

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Job and Family Services building on County Road 25A between Troy and Piqua.

The building houses the county Job and Family Services offices and the Ohiomeansjobs center.

The county commissioners April 12 approved a rerof contract to A.W. Farrell and Son Inc. of Dunkirk, N.Y., for \$182,200.

The commission also approved a proclamation for National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week from April 10-16.

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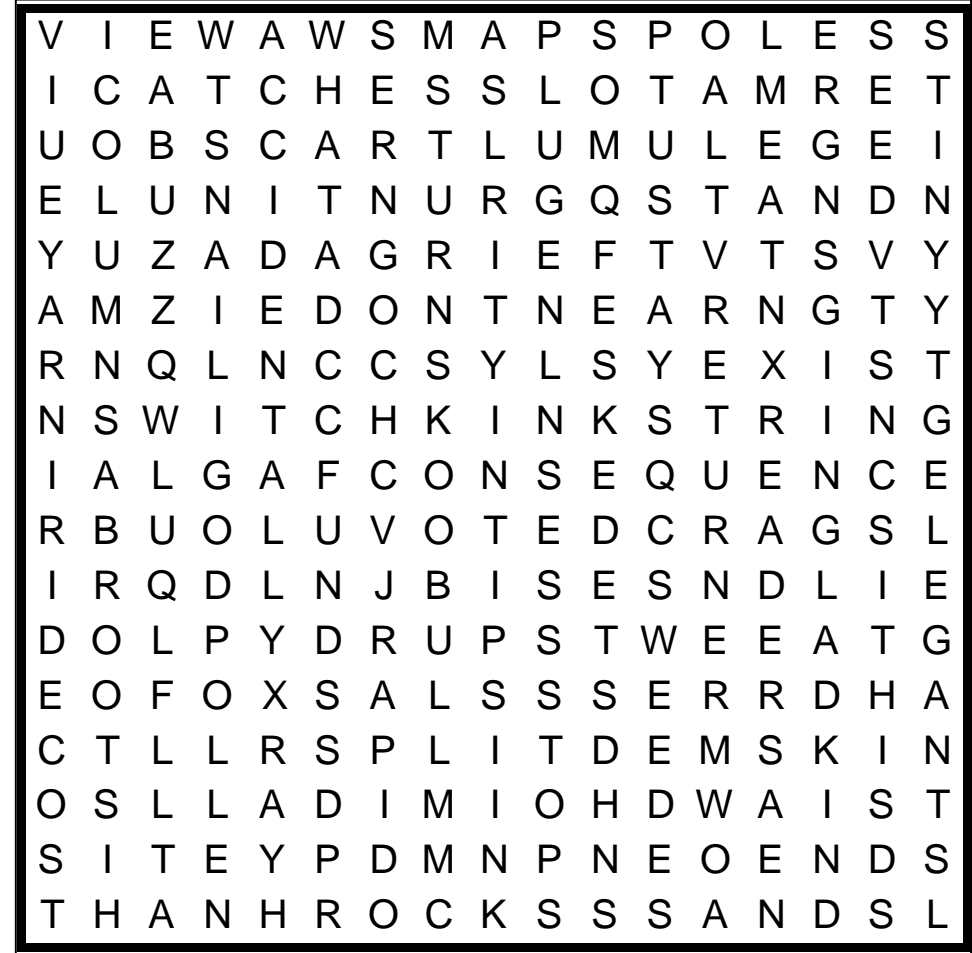
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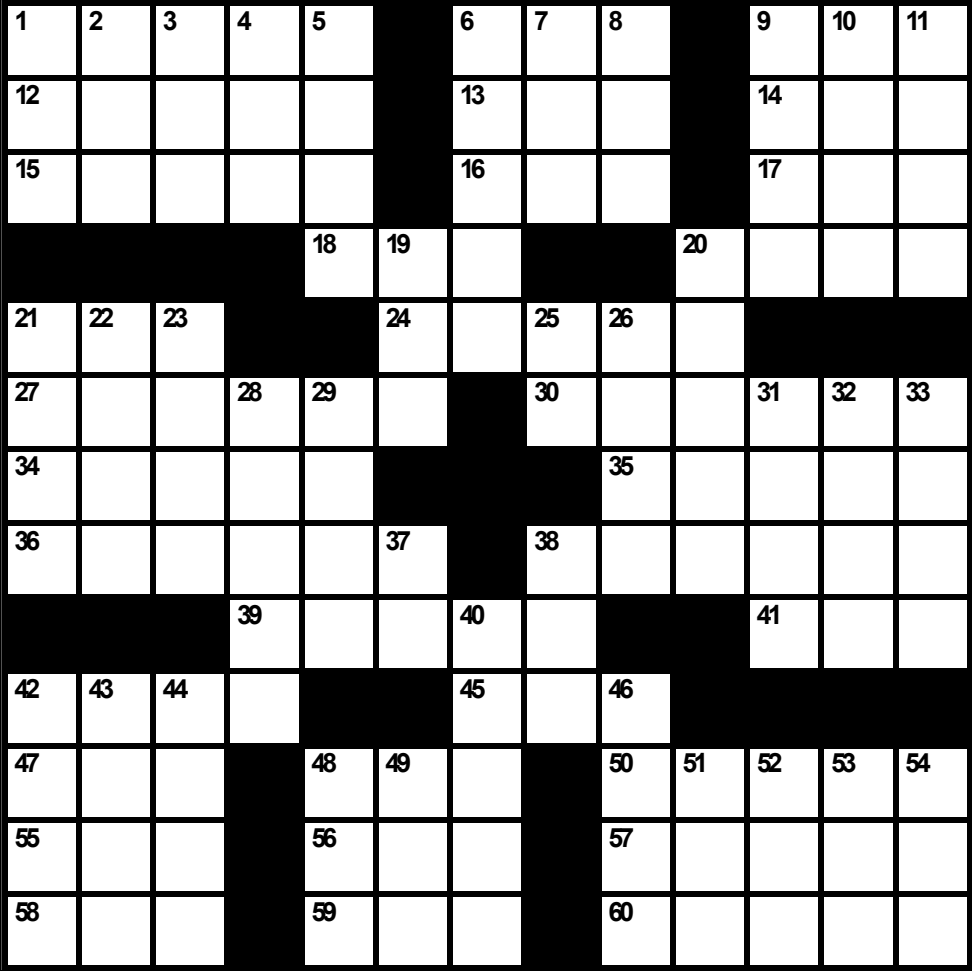
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By Larry Warren



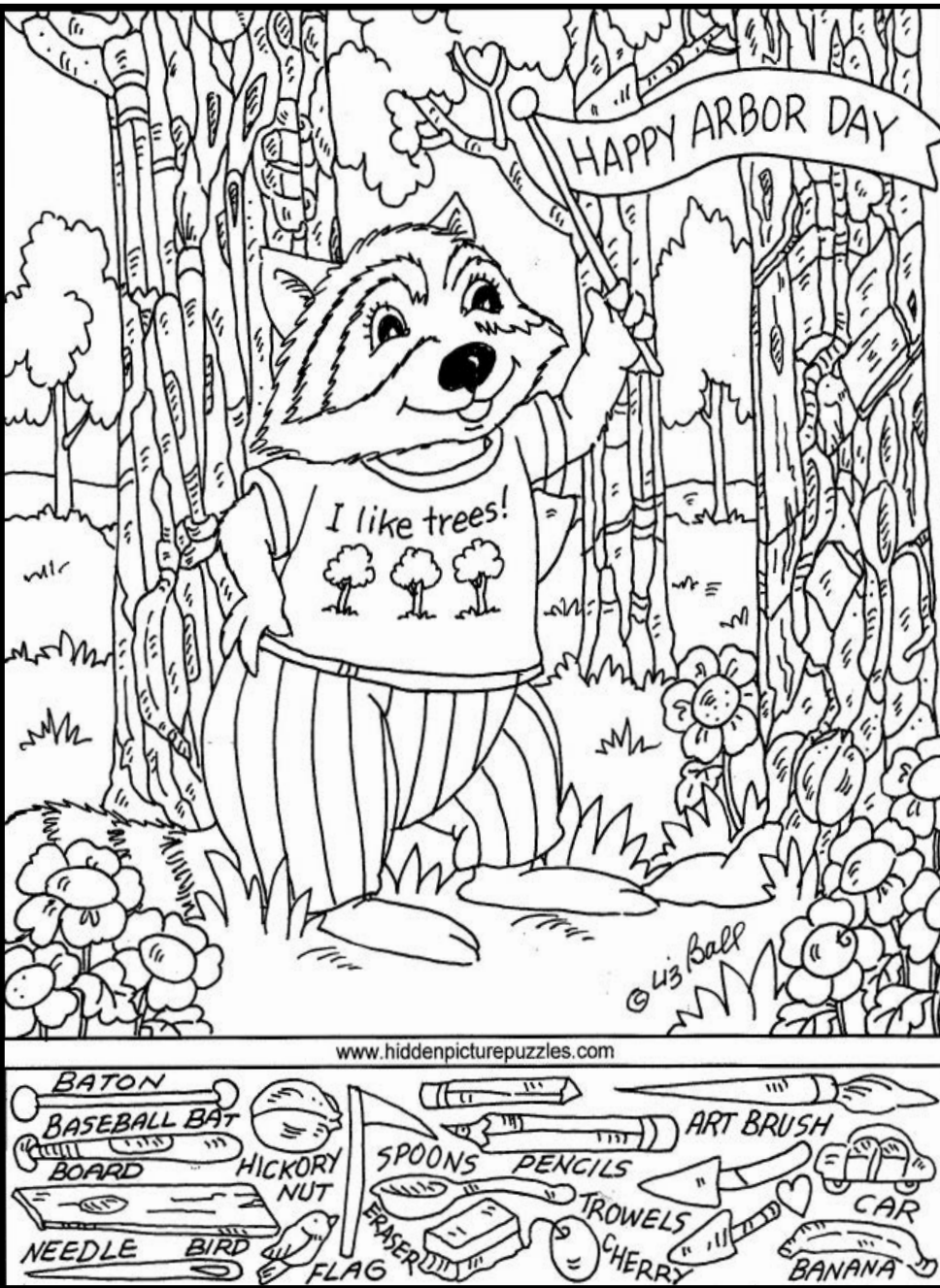
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6. Barrel	38. Approximately	3. Medic	31. Couples		4. Flapdoodle	32. UK language			
9. ____ mode	39. Monkey business	5. Strike out	33. Be enough for		6. "Mash" setting	37. Masters degree			
12. Indy 500 sound	41. Sight ____	7. Just before	38. Hoo-ha		8. Roam (about)	40. Planetary shadow			
13. Egg cells	42. Informally, off the ____	9. Female singing voice	42. Provide a top to		9. Tango type	43. Tangelo type			
14. Gloss or stick?	45. Wisecrack	10. Instead of	44. Go out of business		11. Imitator	46. Watered down			
15. Desert bloomers	47. Word with super or alter	11. Flowery verse	48. Postponed		20. Boat type	49. Towel holder			
16. Nice Kidman's hair color	48. Globe	21. Instrument	51. "____ night love affair," Bryan Adams		22. Smooch in London	52. Elsewhere			
17. Ball holder	50. Moonshine	23. Long	53. Computer monitor, for short		25. You and I	54. "Listen up!"			
18. Drive a nail aslant	51. Not well	26. Partner of void							
20. Whiskey cocktail	56. In favor of								
21. Common spoon (abbr.)	57. Accustom								
24. Intimidate	58. Top of a cooking pot								
27. Unprecedented	59. Govt. regulator								
30. Types of leathers	60. Meshlike								
34. Extra money									
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Hidden Treasures

By Liz Ball



Sudoku

#224

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

3	4			1	6		7	
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Trivia Challenge

April 2016 Current Events

- On April 8th, what artist canceled their scheduled concert in Greensboro, North Carolina, to protest the state's new controversial "bathroom bill"?
 - Billy Joel
 - Neil Young
 - Paul McCartney
 - Bruce Springsteen
- The World Wildlife Fund reported that global populations of what endangered species are up about 20 percent over the past six years.
 - Tigers
 - Zebras
 - Elephants
 - Lions
- Archaeologists claimed to have discovered a probable Viking settlement in what Canadian province on April 2nd, 2016?
 - Prince Edward Island
 - Nova Scotia
 - Ontario
 - Newfoundland
- What Spanish figure skater defended his world title, winning gold at the 2016 World Figure Skating Championships?
 - Javier Fernandez
 - Sergei Voronov
 - Patrick Chan
 - Yuzuru Hanyu
- Walt Disney Pictures released a live-action remake of what movie on April 15th, 2016?
 - Alice in Wonderland
 - Cinderella
 - The Jungle Book
 - Sleeping Beauty
- Which British politician's approval ratings plummeted after revelations of his past investments in offshore tax havens?
 - George Osborne
 - Tony Blair
 - Boris Johnson
 - David Cameron
- Featuring the singles "Thank God for Girls" and "Do You Wanna Get High," what American rock band released the "White Album" on April 1st, 2016?
 - Blink-182
 - Fall Out Boy
 - Green Day
 - Weezer
- What singing competition television series concluded after 15 seasons on April 7th, 2016?
 - Are You the Next Big Star?
 - American Idol
 - Star Academy?
 - Star Search
- What army recaptured the western town of Heet, in the Anbar Province, after driving out hundreds of ISIL militants on April 14th, 2016?
 - Iraqi Army
 - Russian Army
 - Iranian Army
 - Syrian Army
- What banking firm agreed to pay \$5.06 billion to settle allegations that it sold packages of shoddy mortgages prior to the global financial crisis?
 - JP Morgan Chase
 - Wells Fargo
 - Goldman Sachs
 - Bank of America
- Who was the first American Secretary of State to visit Japan's Hiroshima Peace Memorial on April 11th, 2016?
 - John Kerry
 - Hillary Clinton
 - Joe Biden
 - Ash Carter
- The Golden State Warriors team set a new NBA record for regular season wins with how many wins for the season?
 - 73
 - 69
 - 61
 - 66
- Now in season six, what HBO hit series premieres on April 24, 2016?
 - Game of Thrones
 - Band of Brothers
 - Vinyl
 - True Detective
- In April of 2016, Rihanna (featuring Drake) was at number one on Billboard's Top 100 with what song?
 - Needed Me
 - Kiss It Better
 - Desperado
 - Work

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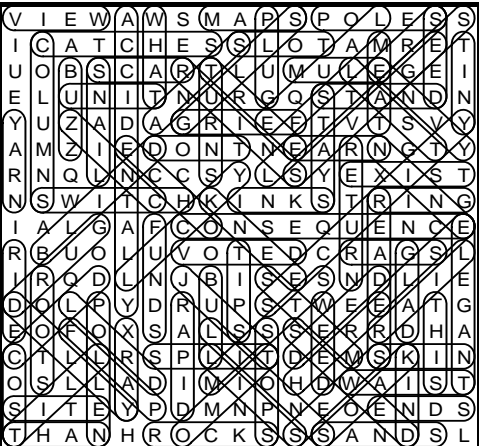
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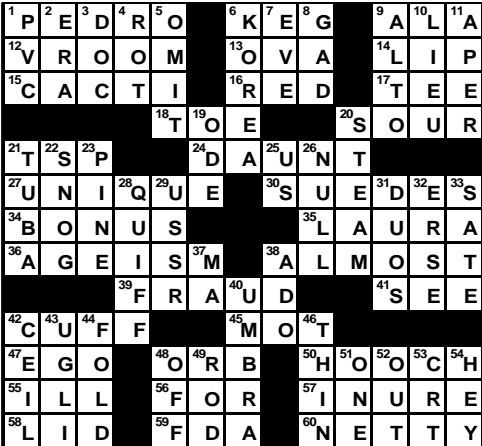
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9	8	6	7	5	3	4	2	1
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6	5	4	1	9	7	8	3	2
7	1	8	6	3	2	5	4	9
2	9	3	5	8	4	1	6	7

Word Search



Crossword



Trivia

- 1.) Bruce Springsteen - Bryan Adams later followed suit and also cancelled his upcoming concert.
- 2.) Tigers - Over the past 100 years, tigers have lost 93 percent of their historic rangelands.
- 3.) Newfoundland - Newfoundland's capital and largest city is St. John's.
- 4.) Javier Fernandez - Javier is a six-time Spanish national champion.
- 5.) The Jungle Book - The animal characters depicted in the film were created entirely with computer animation.
- 6.) David Cameron - Cameron is currently serving as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- 7.) Weezer - Weezer formed in Los Angeles in 1992.
- 8.) American Idol - Trent Harmon was the declared the season 15 winner.
- 9.) Iraqi Army - Heet lies northwest of Ramadi, the provincial capital of the Anbar Province in Iraq.
- 10.) Goldman Sachs - The settlement includes a \$2.385 billion civil penalty.
- 11.) John Kerry - Nancy Pelosi was previously the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the memorial in 2008.
- 12.) 73 - The 1995-96 Chicago Bulls previously held the record with 72 wins.
- 13.) Game of Thrones - Game of Thrones is based on George R.R. Martin's best-selling book series 'A Song of Ice and Fire'.
- 14.) Work - Work is from Rihanna's album 'Anti'.

McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium to feature cyclist

Connor O’Leary was on the top of the world and his sport of cycling when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer and told he’d never race again.

O’Leary, diagnosed in 2010 just before his 19th birthday, was devastated, but not deterred.

Not only did he survive cancer but he’s back on his bike.

He’ll share the story of his racing, his treatment and recovery and his return to an active life including winning television’s The Amazing Race All-Stars during the annual Bill and Ruth McGraw Cancer Awareness Symposium on May 10 at The Crystal Room, 845 W. Market St., Troy. His topic: “Beat the Odds: A Survivor’s Story.”

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation at 6 p.m. followed by questions and answers and a door prize drawing.



Creameens

UVMC Foundation at 937-440-7541 before noon May 6. Seating is limited to the first 300 registrants.

The annual symposium, sponsored by the UVMC Foundation and the UVMC Cancer Care Center, is named in honor of Bill and Ruth McGraw, parents of Bill McGraw, III, and his sisters, Karen McGraw and Chris Grilliot. Between them, Bill and Ruth McGraw had cancer five times, but neither died from the disease.

The program is made possible by a gift from the McGraw Family Fund of The Troy Foundation and a grant from the UVMC Foundation.

The program is free but registration is required. To reserve a seat, call the

Primary Eyecare Associates open new office

Primary EyeCare Associates as well as Dr. Scott Schwartz and Dr. Lindsey King are proud to announce they have relocated their optometric practice to 10 Dot-Com Drive in Troy (next to Culver’s). According to Dr. Schwartz, the new location will offer a larger frame selection, new medical equipment and more professional services that were not available at the old location of 93 Robinhood Lane. Services that the practice provide include treatment for glaucoma, managing diabetes, macular degeneration, and cataracts, fitting of contact lenses including astigmatism and bifocal contact lenses as well as specialty contact lens fittings for keratoconus and other corneal irregularities. One of the more exciting pieces of equipment that the practice invested in was the Optomap retinal camera that captures 150 to 180 degrees of the retina. “This technology really provides a much more thorough examination of the back of the eye

without having to dilate the pupil. We no longer miss lesions in the back of the eye that may be missed with just a “routine” exam. According to the company, this technology really sets us apart because no other practice in Miami County offers this technology to its patients,” says Dr. Schwartz. In addition, Primary EyeCare will be doing an automated visual field screener and an automated autorefractor (which gives the doctor an accurate prescription for the patient) on every patient that comes in for an exam.

In addition to these exciting changes in the clinic area, Primary EyeCare will be starting a vision therapy program in the near future. “We have had a vision therapy program in our Sidney office for 25 to 30 years and we have helped many young patients with their vision. Vision therapy focuses mostly on students who are having difficulty with reading, eye tracking, letter reversals, eye coordination and focusing. We all know that when we read we obviously have to be able to see what we are reading but just as important, we have to track our eyes accurately so we don’t skip words or lines. We have to



Dr. Scott Schwartz and Dr. Lindsey King with their new Optomap retinal camera.

maintain focus on the reading material and we have to comprehend what we are reading. This program concentrates on these areas to help the child perform better in school. Many parents are unaware there is such a pro-

gram out there that can help their child if he/she is struggling in these areas. We hope to have this program up and running sometime this summer or early fall,” explains Dr. Schwartz.

Primary EyeCare Associates will be hosting a ribbon cutting and a public open house on June 21st from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Their hours of operation are Monday 12:00 – 5:30, Tuesday 10:00 – 7:00, Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00, Thursday 10:00 – 7:00, Friday 7:30 – 4:30, and every other Saturday 8:00 – 12:00. They welcome new patients and accept most insurance plans.



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