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Staunton Twp Annexation

The township has hired an annexation consultant to assist them with annexation and other legal issues. Trustees are concerned about the loss of revenue from annexation.

Beamish Wins Fourth Term; School Levy Passes

By Nancy Bowman

Troy Mayor Mike Beamish will return to City Hall for another four years..

Beamish, 67, was re-elected to the mayor’s office Tuesday, May 5, in a primary race with fellow Republican Patty Rose, 57, a local property and business owner.

Unofficial numbers from the Miami County Board of Elections showed Beamish with

1,326 votes and Rose with 985 votes, or 57 percent to 43 percent.

Also in Tuesday’s voting, Troy school district residents approved a renewal of the district’s 5.9-mill, five-year operating levy. The unofficial vote was 2,145 for the levy and 957 against, or 69 percent to 31 percent.

Both mayoral candidates were on hand at the board of elections with Rosé congratulating Beamish when the

unofficial vote total was distributed.

Beamish is a retired teacher and administrator. He served on city council for five terms before becoming mayor in 2004.

Rose owns three local businesses including an Allstate Insurance Agency. This was her first bid for an elected public office.

Beamish thanked all who supported his campaign.

“Four more years, I feel really excited about that. We are a team, a good team,” he said. “Obviously we will move forward with economic development including riverfront development and workforce development.”

Rose said she considered her vote tally acceptable,

“I am not unhappy with that result. That made me definitely a competitor for the po-

sition, but I had hoped and prayed for the best results. Congratulations to Mayor Beamish,” Rose said.

Beamish said he thought Rose “ran a very admirable” campaign. “I hope she will continue to stay involved in community organizations and activities,” he said.

It was Beamish’s first challenge for the mayor’s job since he was first elected. “It has been awhile ... it has been a little nerve wracking,” he said with a laugh.

Troy schools Superintendent Eric Herman and some board of education members also were on hand at the elections office.

“The people of Troy support their schools. They support our services. They turn out and vote,” Herman said. “We have good schools because of them. It is pretty simple.”

Troy Welcomes Lincoln

By Nancy Bowman

Katherine Hayes was more than happy to tell “Abraham Lincoln” about the concept of a “selfie,” and then pose for one with the nation’s 16th president.

It wasn’t really Lincoln, of course, but nationally known impersonator George Buss who politely complied with Hayes’ request during Sunday’s opening of the Sculptures on the Square exhibit.

life sculptures graced the Public Square and downtown area in 2003, 2005 and 2013 – it selected a monumental piece. The question then became where the piece should be displayed.

When the county commissioners were approached about the Courthouse lawn, the project was on its way. Hayes said organizers are “absolutely thrilled” the sculpture is just outside the 1880s Courthouse. Commission John



President Lincoln (George Buss) delivers his Gettysburg Address as Katherine Hayes looks on

The 2015 version of the sculptures project, held biannually since 2003, features “Return Visit,” the monumental 30-foot tall bronze sculpture of Lincoln and a modern day man discussing the Gettysburg Address.

Hayes, Troy Main Street’s executive director, explained that the sculptures project mission is to bring public art to the community to enjoy.

The “Return Visit” opening attracted a crowd to the Miami County Courthouse Plaza, where the 40,000-pound Seward Johnson sculpture will be on display for the next six months.

When the sculptures committee decided to bring more of Johnson’s work to the city – his life-

“Bud” O’Brien said the request to use the lawn made for an “easy decision” by the commission. The location is a logical place, he said, adding, “It is quite an honor to have this.”

Troy Mayor Mike Beamish talked about the history of the sculptures program, which also has included decorated WACO airplanes and doors. “We welcome Abraham Lincoln and his friend to Troy, Ohio, and Miami County,” he said.

Miami County author Scott Trostle, whose books include “The Lincoln Funeral Train,” said Sunday was the 150th anniversary of the return of Lincoln’s remains to Springfield, Ill., following his assassination in Washington, D.C., by

Troy Businesses Expanding

By Nancy Bowman

Troy’s largest companies are expanding and are strong, Jim Dando, city development director, told members of the Community Improvement Corp. last week.

“That’s good for the future of Troy,” Dando said after he outlined a number of growth projects at several businesses.

“They’ve actually weathered the recession quite well,” he said.



The CIC, a nonprofit overseen by a group of business and government representatives, heard presentations on city of Troy activities and Troy Development Council projects during its annual meeting April 27.

“There has been quite a bit of improvement in our industrial operations in Troy,” Dando said. “A lot of it is organic growth generated by the companies themselves.”

Mayor Mike Beamish, who sits on the CIC, said after Dando’s presentation that the information provided “demonstrates we have a strong economic climate in this community.”

“We are not only growing, but retaining and expanding,” Beamish said. “I think our biggest challenge now is workforce develop-

ment and having skilled people with the jobs of tomorrow ... Somebody is doing something right.”

Among projects discussed briefly by Dando were:

- Eco Tech, a company that makes battery charges primarily for industrial lift trucks, has bought the former Troy Daily News printing facility on Mary Bill Drive and made “quite a few improvements.”
- West Troy Machine and Tool, which earlier

bought the former Schul tennis barn on Olympic Drive, has moved to the building. Global Force, a company subsidiary, uses West Troy’s previous home on Mary Bill Drive.

- ReMedi Senior Care, a prescription drug company servicing nursing homes/assisted living facilities, has expanded further into the Miller Valentine building on South Dorset Road south of Troy Christian High School. The uses a robotic system to sort medication by time of day and particular patient so it is easier for the facilities’ staff to distribute medication to residents. Since moving to town from Covington a couple of yeas ago, employment has grown from less than 50 to more than 150.

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Deputy Talks About Shooting

By Nancy Bowman

After his involvement in a December 2013 death of a man in a shootout in Troy, Miami County Sheriff’s Deputy Will Roberts said he tried to return to his daily life, but things weren’t the same.

The young deputy shared his experiences following the police involved shooting of Dec. 29, 2013, with a couple

Troy.

Police said Franklin Jones III, 30, had shot a man in the buttocks in an ongoing dispute, then shot at police trying to locate him. Troy Police Sgt. Jeff Kunkleman was shot in the leg during the gun battle. Jones was wounded fatally when officers returned fire.

A Miami County grand jury later cleared three Troy police officers and



hundred people attending the 12th Crime Victim Rights Week Seminar hosted April 22-23 in Troy by the Miami County Victim Witness program and the county prosecutor’s office.

Roberts was among officers who responded in the early hours to reports of gunshots in a residential area near downtown

Roberts in the incident. In addition to Kunkleman and Roberts, the officers were Jared Cole and Jesse Canan.

Roberts said he spoke just hours after the shooting with a mentor and fellow law enforcement officer.

“Some close up, others

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, April 27

10:33 a.m. – To Piqua-Troy Rd. for a report of fraud. A man reported that someone used his personal information to purchase cell phones and managed to have his phone turned off. He said his carrier requested a police report so they can investigate the matter further.

12:10 p.m. – A woman came to the Sheriff's office to report a violation of a protection order. She said that she has received several text messages from the subject of the protection order in which he expresses a desire to get back together with her. She said that they have a child together and that she has custody. She said that she has recently married and wants him to leave her and her family alone. She said that she was in Louisiana when the messages were received and has filed a report with law enforcement there. She said that they referred her to Ohio because they didn't think they could enforce an Ohio protection order. She said that she does not know where the subject lives. She was advised that the Prosecutor's office would be contacted and that she would be notified.

Tuesday, April 28

2:23 p.m. – To Fourth St. for a report of a fraud. A man reported receiving a check from Walmart for \$1995.35. The stamp on the envelope was from Spain, which made him suspicious. He said he went to the Walmart in Troy and learned that the check was fake. Walmart requested that he file a police report.

7:35 p.m. – To Twin Arch Reserve for a report of an intoxicated female. The woman was found passed out on the steps leading to the river. A half-empty bottle of vodka was next to her. She said that she had taken four unknown pills. She was transported by Troy EMS to Upper Valley Medical Center.

9:31 p.m. – To Old Staunton Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that sometime today, someone took a bag containing hand tools from his vehicle.

Wednesday, April 29

9:59 a.m. – To Swailes Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported numerous stolen and damaged items from a construction site.

7:59 p.m. – To the Eldean Rd. Ball park. A woman reported that a male subject tried to get her boyfriend to fight him over an incident involving the subject's ex-girlfriend. Her boyfriend refused to fight. As they were leaving, the subject said "There

will be blood." She said she took that as a threat and wanted the incident documented. She asked that the subject not be contacted because that might cause more problems.

10:06 p.m. – Traffic stop on St. Rt. 202 at Childrens Home Rd. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and had an outstanding warrant from Shelby county. He was cited for driving under suspension, then transported to the county line and turned over to Sidney PD. The vehicle was released to the registered owner.

Thursday, April 30

2:16 a.m. – Traffic stop on Sherman Ave. at Cedar St. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for OVI.

11:04 p.m. – To Trader Ct. A man reported that someone tried to enter his residence through a window. He said that a screen was damaged. He said that this is the second time in six months someone has tried to break into his residence through the same window. He said he would speak to his neighbors to see if they saw anything.

Friday, May 1

12:48 a.m. – Traffic stop at Rt. 41 at Washington Rd. The driver was found to have an active warrant from Champaign County and he was taken into custody. The K-9 was summoned and alerted to the driver's door. A search was conducted but nothing was located. The driver said that they had smoked marijuana in the vehicle earlier in the day.

3:39 p.m. – To Boone Dr. for a report of a domestic dispute. No further details were provided.

4:42 p.m. – Traffic stop on County Rd. 25A near Lytle Rd. The driver was found to be driving under suspension. He was so cited and a valid driver picked up the driver and his vehicle.

9:29 p.m. – Traffic stop on Rt. 202 at Rt. 41. The driver was found to be driving under suspension. The deputy also located marijuana and a marijuana pipe in the vehicle.

Saturday, May 2

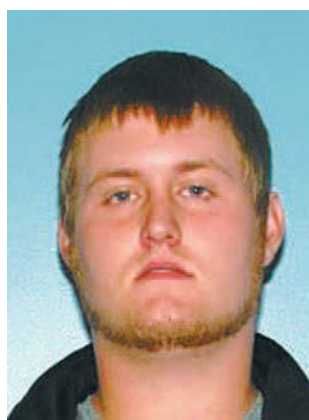
2:17 a.m. – Traffic stop on Troy-Urbana Rd. at Polecat Rd. The driver was arrested for OVI.

Sunday, May 3

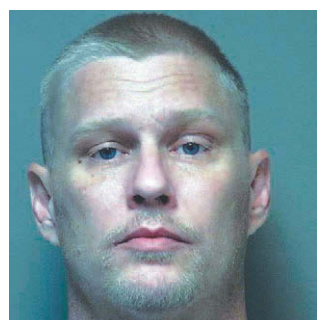
2:01 a.m. – Traffic stop on Water St. at Adams St. The driver was taken into custody for OVI.

Miami County Most Wanted

The Miami County Sheriff's Office has released their list of Most Wanted for May. If you have any information on any of these individuals, please contact the Sheriff's office at 440-9911.



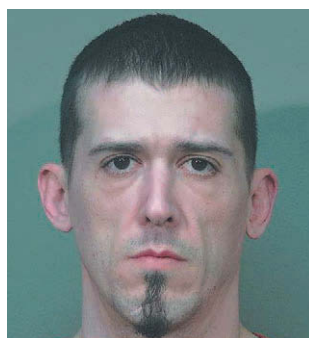
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DOB – 9-12-91
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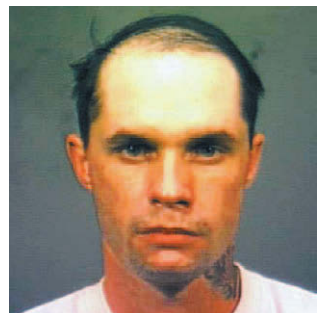
Edgar Miller
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – 2-27-75
6', 177 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair
Wanted for failure to appear



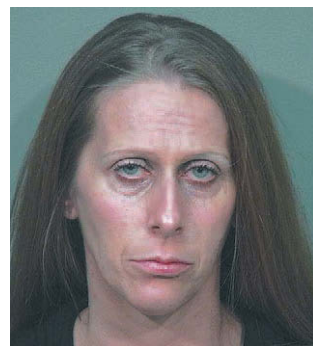
Phillip Murray
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – 11-7-91
6' 2", 220 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair
Wanted for felonious assault



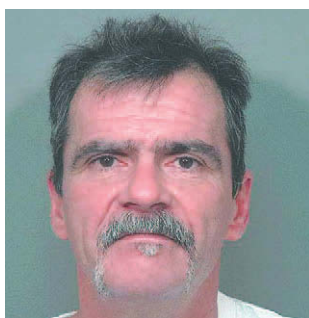
Cameron Nitschke
Last known address – Troy
DOB – 5-10-77
6' 3", 160 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair
Wanted for violation of protection order



Donald Purk
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – 3-31-78
5' 7", 160 lbs, green eyes, brown hair
Wanted for possession of drugs and drug instruments



Patricia Wead
Last known address – Piqua
DOB – 5-28-81
5' 2", 135 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair
Wanted for theft, forgery



Craig Yount
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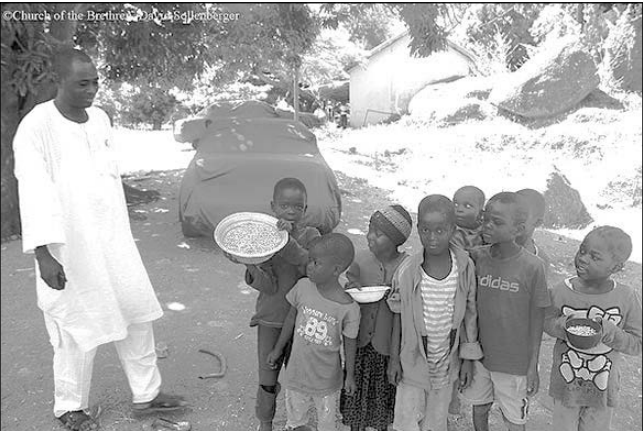
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Church of Brethren Reports on Nigerian Relief

By Brittany Arlene Jackson
Photos by David Sollenberger, Church of the Brethren

Traditional Nigerian food was served at Troy Church of the Brethren on Wednesday, April 29th to give the people of Troy an opportunity to hear the current news in Nigeria. Pastor Larry Heisey and John and Pat Krabacher of the Global Mission and Service branch for the Church of the Brethren in the South Ohio district offered this occasion in Troy this year on behalf of their missionaries to Nigeria, Carl and Roxane Hill, who were in attendance and able to share their experiences. The event sought to raise awareness, support, and prayer for Nigeria as unrest and persecution of Christians continues to threaten the area these missionaries are committed to serving.



Carl and Roxane Hill, the guest speakers for the evening, are co-directors of the Nigerian Crisis Response for the Church of the Brethren. The one million member CoB in Nigeria has been experiencing kidnappings and church burnings by a radical Islamic insurgent group known as the Boko Haram. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom cited Nigeria as a country of "particular concern" in its 2015 report released on April 30th. According

to the report, "By any measure, the horrors of the past year speak volumes about how and why religious freedom and the protection of the rights of vulnerable religious communities matter... A horrified world has watched the results of what some have aptly called violence masquerading as religious devotion." Pat Krabacher and her husband helped to organize the event that gave the Hills a platform to share their mission which is primarily in Jos, Nigeria. "We feel like they're our brothers and sisters," Pat Krabacher said. "It's been a long-time partnership between Nigeria and the Church of the Brethren." According to Krabacher, the CoB is deeply connected in areas like Jos and Chibok where more than 270 schoolgirls were abducted in May 2014. "The Boko Haram is like ISIS in Nigeria," Krabacher said.

rice in Africa, was provided. Beef and chicken okra stew was also on the menu along with Egusei, a ground pumpkin seed dish with chicken over long grain white rice, fruits, and tea. The presentation by the Hills was impassioned and sought to bring greater awareness and involvement from the people attending. Roxane Hill's family, parents and grandparents, were life-long missionaries in Africa. She and Carl have been missionaries to Africa for many years and

communicated a burden to see the people of Africa encouraged by their brothers and sisters in the United States. The Hills flew to the U.S. on March 22nd to share in events like these and returned again to Nigeria on May 1st to participate in a CoB conference. The EYN (Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria or Nigerian Church of the Brethren) is hosting their largest conference in Nigeria this month. Ohio is set to experience another taste of Nigeria this summer. According to Krabacher, the Salem Church of the Brethren in Englewood, Ohio will be hosting another EYN event. The EYN African Women's Choir will be performing on June 29th as they continue to raise awareness and support for this ongoing need.

Deputy on Shooting

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will talk about it," he said of how officers react to their role in a police involved shooting. "I am a person I will find a close friend and I will talk about it, get it off my chest," Roberts said. Asked how he let loved ones know he was OK, Roberts said he called his wife and his parents because word of the shooting was spreading quickly even though it occurred in the early hours. Roberts said he also spoke with his Chief Deputy Dave Duchak shortly after the shooting and was told to let him know if he needed anything. Sheriff Charles Cox said the same thing, he said. "They said, 'We are here for you.' I was very appreciative of that." He said it took two days for the adrenaline that built during the incident to wear off as he tried to return to his routine.

"Once it was all said and done, you try to go back to your normal life. It was different," Roberts said. "I didn't care about crowds but now ... I don't like people getting close to me," he said. "Unfortunately, because of dealing with certain people, you start to distrust." Because the shooting took place in a residential area, seminar participants asked about damage to private property and concern about injuries to others inside their homes. "I heard there were children in that house. When the corner of the house was hit by rounds, my heart went down," he said. "It was like, 'Please, please everybody be alright in that house.' We are responsible for every round we shoot." Even though Kunkleman had been shot, he was telling other offices to check the house and make sure everyone was

OK, Roberts said. There was property damage but the people were not injured. Seminar participants had a number of questions for Roberts during his presentation including some about recent police involved shootings that received widespread attention including the fatal shooting of a man in a Dayton area Walmart and a South Carolina man shot after a traffic stop. Roberts was asked how he felt when he learned it was his gun that fired the fatal shot. "I didn't want other people to have that burden. I wanted to be the one that took care of it. That might sound strange but that is the way ... When I had to do it. I did it," he said. Roberts also was asked how the incident affected his career. He said it reinforced the lesson that "bad things can happen, no matter where you are."

Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

No indictments in girls' deaths

A Miami County grand jury declined to issue any indictments in the carbon monoxide deaths of three Troy girls found unresponsive in an Elm Street home Feb. 27. Judge Jeannine Pratt authorized release of information on the grand jury's decision, according to paperwork filed in county Common Pleas Court.

Sisters Dionanna Alexander-Bishop, 14, and Dejah Alexander-Bishop, 13, died Feb. 27 from carbon monoxide poisoning, Troy police said. Their cousin, Jakia Jones, 12, died March 1. Jakia's brother, Jahari Ward, 8, was hospitalized several days at Dayton Children's Hospital.

Troy police investigated the events surrounding the deaths and sent their findings to the county prosecutor's office.

Prosecutor Tony Kendell said in a request to the court to disclose the grand jury's normally secret deliberations that disclosure was appropriate. "Under these circumstances, public interest and the need for demonstrating that the criminal process is functioning requires a pronouncement of these results," Kendell said.

Courthouse dome painting OK'd

The Miami County commissioners voted April 28, to hire a company to complete the painting of the main dome on the 1880s county Courthouse.

Lee Restoration Ltd submitted the quote of \$49,474 for priming and painting the dome from the top dome railing to the slate roof. The same business primed and painted the top portion of the dome last year.

Chris Johnson, county facilities manager, earlier told the commission that although the painting had been planned in

three stages, combining the second and third in one contract would save the county around \$8,000.

Once the center dome is done, maintenance efforts will turn to the corner domes and other areas of the roof, Johnson said.

Troy man sentenced to six years

A Troy man convicted of attempted rape and attempted kidnapping after raping an acquaintance and holding her against her will in December was sentenced Monday, May 4, to six years in prison.

Stefan Kuntz, 20, also was designated a Tier III sex offender. The designation will require him to register his address, once released from prison, with the sheriff's office in the county where he lives for the rest of his life.

Kuntz pleaded guilty to the amended charges in March in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Troy police said they went to his Todd Lane apartment in December after receiving a call of a disturbance. When officers were unable to



get anyone to answer the door, they eventually entered through an unlocked door. Kuntz came down the stairs, saying

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Rotarians Hear of Community Shield Program

When in doubt, dial 911. That was the core message shared by Piqua Post Commander of the Ohio Highway Patrol, Lt. Joseph Gebhart (pictured), with Troy Rotary members on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. He was at the club's weekly meeting to discuss the newly launched "Community Shield" program, a multifaceted community involvement effort analogous to local neighborhood watch programs. At its core, Community Shield emphasizes the importance, and acceptability, of citizen-initiated contacts with Ohio Highway Patrol posts and troopers to report suspicious activity, erratic driving, unusual or unsafe behavior.

behaviors that may never have been investigated, caught and prosecuted without the participation and initiation by observant citizens. Recently, troopers seized a large shipment of oxycodone from Sidney, based on a complaint that the driver was following too closely, driving erratically and was being unsafe.

Gebhart stressed that calling 911 is the right thing to do to report unusual activity or behavior on the road. He noted that there is no harm, no crime and no drawback to it, even if it turns out to be a false alarm. Such a call may even save a life, or two, along the way. For more information on the program, visit www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.



Today, the Piqua post employs 10 troopers to cover state highways in 12 counties. In addition to monitoring driving speed, these troopers investigate many crimes that occur on, and around, Ohio highways. Distracted driving, road rage, displaying firearms and carrying overloaded cargo in trucks are a few of many suspicious

Troy Rotarians are always interested in new topics. If you would like to present your business or nonprofit organization to the club, visit their Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org and click on the "Contact Us" link. To learn more about club activities, like their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

Night Ranger and Dennis DeYoung Coming to Hobart

Night Ranger and Dennis DeYoung will co-headline a show at Troy's Hobart Arena on Saturday, October 24 at 8:00pm.

Greatest Hits spanning the 70's, 80's, and 90's. The set includes all eight Top 10 hits including Lady, Babe, Come Sail Away, Too Much Time



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Dennis DeYoung is a founding member of Styx and the lead singer and writer on seven of the bands eight Top Ten Hits. His live concert showcases all the Styx

On My Hands, Best of Times, Mr. Roboto plus Classic Rock Anthems Renegade, Blue Collar Man, Suite Madame Blue, Rockin the Paradise and more.

Dennis is a legendary singer, songwriter, keyboardist, composer and record producer with a career spanning over 40 years. His voice is one of



the most recognizable in the music world today and continues to inspire new generations of fans.

Tickets are on sale beginning this coming Friday, May 8th at 10:00am and can be purchased online at www.hobartarena.com or by calling (937) 339-2911. Tickets are priced at \$68, \$44 and \$30

Jackson to Speak at WACO

Lt Col Mike Jackson, USAF (Ret), who flew 210 combat missions as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) in Vietnam, will present a program at WACO Air Museum on May 7th at 7 pm on the role of close air support during that war. Forward Air Controllers were responsible for reconnaissance, target acquisition & identification, and controlling all Air Force airstrikes involving troops in contact engagements in South Vietnam. Col Jackson will share the evolution of airpower as the military discovered an all-jet Air Force was not effective in jungle guerrilla warfare.

Lt Col Jackson is a retired Air Force officer and Command Pilot who flew 210 combat missions in Vietnam earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, nine Air Medals, and numerous other decorations. He flew fighter, trainer, observation, and bomber aircraft in addition to holding

command positions in the USAF. Following his 23-year Air Force career, he spent 13 years as the Executive Director of the National Aviation Hall of Fame at Wright-Patterson AFB, leaving as their Executive Director Emeritus.

In 2004, Col. Jackson finished his critically acclaimed Vietnam memoir *Naked In Da Nang* which became the inspiration to the 10+ year series of Operation Welcome Home celebrations for Vietnam veterans. He has since co-authored two additional books and has appeared on two seasons of the PBS/Discovery/Military Channel series "Legends of Airpower" and the Smithsonian Channel's "Unbelievable Flying Objects." He is a popular public speaker and television/radio resource on topics related to Vietnam and veterans' issues.

This series in made possible in part by Dayton Power & Lights. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted to benefit WACO Historical Society. The WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373. For more information, visit www.wacoairmuseum.org or call 937-335-9226.

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Miami County Foundation Awards \$200k + in Grants

The Miami County Foundation awarded 89 separate grants totaling over \$200,000 during a recent Grant Distribution Celebration.

Dr. Richard N. Adams, Distribution Committee Chairman, welcomed agency and school representatives. "I know the late Richard E. Hunt, who established the organization, would be pleased by the growth and service of the Foundation," said Adams. "His idea of people helping people is the basis of the Foundation's goals of helping donors to accomplish their philanthropic objectives as effectively as possible and to build a permanent endowment of private funding to serve the Miami County community."

Adams stated over \$5.9 million has been distributed in grants and scholarships over the past 29 years. He presented an overview of the Foundation's grant and scholarship programs.

By allocating grants twice yearly, the Foundation helps schools, individual students and charitable organizations to attain their objectives. As a result, the Foundation serves as a catalyst for innovative programs in the arts, community development, education, environment, health and human services.

Eighty-nine grants totaling \$201,073 were awarded to assist a variety of projects in Miami County and ranged from \$200 to \$10,000. Organizations benefiting from these grants include Bethel Local Schools 3rd grade, Bethel Local Schools Secondary Library, Bradford Elementary Special Education Dept., Bradford Junior High School, Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum, Bradford Pee Wee Football Assoc., Brukner Nature Center, Countyline Christian Assoc., Covington High School, Dream Builders/The Clubhouse, Edison Community College, Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, First United Church of Christ, Friends of Hayner, Friends of Mainstreet Piqua, Friends of Piqua Parks, G.I.V.E. of The New Path, Greene Street Daycare & Pre-school Program, Hoffman UMC, Johnston Farm Friends Council, Lehman Catholic High School, Lockington Volunteer Fire Assoc., Miami County 4-H

State University Extension Miami County, PHS Alumni Band, Piqua Catholic School, Piqua City Schools, Piqua City Schools Bennett Intermediate, Piqua City Schools Wilder Intermediate, Piqua Civic Band, Piqua Compassion Network, Piqua Juvenile Education Fund, Pleasant Hill Brethren in Christ Church, St. Patrick Catholic School, St. Patrick Catholic School, T.L. Baseball Boosters, Inc., Tipp City Chamber of Commerce, Tipp City Schools, Tipp City Schools Middle & High School, Tipp Monroe Community Service, Troy Christian Early Childhood Development Center, Troy Christian Elementary School, Troy Christian Jr. & Sr. High School, Troy City Schools Van Cleve, Troy City Schools Van Cleve 6th grade, Troy Civic Theatre, Troy Development Council, Troy Lunch Club, Troy-Miami County Public Library, Upper Valley Career Center, Upper Valley Community Church and WACO Historical Society.

Additionally, the Foundation continues to provide 17 on-going humanitarian grants for food, utility, shelter and medical assistance throughout the county. Agencies selected to receive these grants consist of the Bethany Center's soup kitchen, Covington Outreach Association, FISH Union Township, Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, G.I.V.E., Health Partners of Miami County, Miami Co. Dental Clinic, New Path, Partners in Hope, Salvation Army in Piqua, St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen and Troy Lions Charities.

A grant from the Jean and John Dugan Fund was awarded to Partners in Hope.

The celebration concluded with a final comment from Adams to grant recipients, "On behalf of the Miami County Foundation Board of Directors, accept our thanks for the work each of you and those serving your organizations provide to our county."

The deadline for fall 2015 grant distribution is the last day of August. Eligible organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Miami County, must be certified federally tax-exempt by the IRS as a 501c or equivalent organization,



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preferably a 501 (c)(3) and organizations are limited to one grant per 12 month period. You can request a grant application by calling the office at 773-9012 or download a copy from the Foundation's website at www.miamicountyfoundation.org. Individuals, businesses and organizations wishing to support the mission of the Foundation may contribute to the unrestricted fund. Donations are accepted in any amount and can be mailed to the Foundation office at P.O. Box 1526, Piqua, OH 45356-1526 or given securely on the Foundation's website www.miamicountyfoundation.org.

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Troy Stops Piqua On Pink Night

By Jim Dabbelt

On a night where several cancer survivors were honored before the game and most of the crowd donned pink shirts, the Troy Trojans baseball team won a big GWOC North game against Piqua 9-1 in front of a solid crowd at North Market Street Field on Monday night. It was the first of two games against the Indians as Troy is in their stretch run heading into the post season tournament.



Both teams raised money and presented a check for \$2875 to Pink Ribbon Girls

Troy pitcher Ryan Lavy shut out the Indians for the first four innings while the Trojans built their lead. After two Piqua runners reached in the opening inning, Lavy escaped without any damage done before the Trojans came to the plate to set the tone to the game early. With one out, the Trojans went to work. Ryan Lavy and Trenton Wood each reached on singles and Alec Demore reached on a walk to load the bases. Dalton Cascaden then was hit by a pitch to drive in the first



run of the game for the Trojans. Collin Moeller then lined a double into centerfield, scoring both Wood and Demore to push their early lead to 3-0. The Trojans weren't done, as Zach Thompson knocked in Cascaden on a ground out then Jared Bair had an RBI when he scored Moeller with the fifth run of the inning for



Date	Sport	Event	Time
5/6	THS Track	@ Northmont HS	04:30 PM
5/7	THS Track	@ Fairmont HS	05:00 PM
5/7	TCS Baseball	@ Dayton Christian High School	5:00PM
5/7	TCS Softball	@ Dayton Christian High School	5:00PM
5/8	THS Baseball	vs Fairmont High School	05:00 PM
5/8	THS Track	@ Fairmont HS	05:00 PM
5/8	TCS Track	Tiger Invitational	4:45PM
5/8	TCS Baseball	@ Greenview	5:00PM
5/8	TCS Softball	@ Southeastern Local	5:00PM
5/9	THS Baseball	@ Kenton Ridge High School	12:00 PM
5/9	THS Softball	vs Franklin Senior High School	11:00 AM
5/9	THS Softball	vs Franklin Senior High School	01:00 PM
5/9	THS Track	@ Centerville HS	10:00 AM
5/9	TCS Softball	@ Tri-County North H.S.	12:00PM
5/9	TCS Softball	@ Tri-County North H.S.	2:00PM
5/13	THS Track	vs Troy Memorial Stadium	01:30 PM
5/15	THS Track	vs Troy Memorial Stadium	05:30 PM
5/16	TCS Track	MBC Conference Meet	9:30AM
5/19	TCS Track	Track District Prelims	4:00PM

Troy. Leading by five runs early, Lavy dodged a bullet often for the Trojans, as Piqua challenged with runners on base in several of the innings. Derek Hite singled to lead off the second inning for Piqua, but he was left there as the next three batters were retired. In the bottom of the second, the Trojans added to their lead. Josh Fulker reached on a single, stole second, moved up to third on a flyout to right, then scored when

Wood hit a sacrifice fly giving the Trojans a 6-0 lead. In the fourth, Piqua challenges when they put two runners on via a hit and walk, but Lavy retired the next two batters to get out of trouble. Piqua though finally broke through in the fifth inning when they scored on a sacrifice fly to cut the Troy lead to 6-1. They came back in the top of the sixth with a threat by loading the bases with one out before Troy coach Ty Welker brought in reliever Nick Matney, The Trojans

junior retired the next two batters including a big defensive play by Thompson as he snagged a ball to keep the bases full of Indians. Three more runs scored in the sixth for the Trojans, highlighted by a long two-run homerun from Bair, along with a run scoring single from Wood to push their lead to 9-1.

Troy Tennis Earns Three More Wins

By Jim Dabbelt

Centerville knocked off the Troy Trojans 3-2, as the Trojans picked up wins from first singles player Luke Oaks, who defeated Josh Gianbatista 6-2, 7-5, along with Shane Essick defeated Neil Day 7-6, 6-1. Falling in their matches for Troy were Matt Schmitt at third singles, as he lost to Conner Poe 6-1, 6-1. Also at first doubles, the team of Conner Oaks and Elijah Sadler lost to Tanner Daskalakis and Guy Kaskocsak 6-1, 6-1. At second doubles, the Troy team of Andrew Magoteaux and Nick Prus lost to Zach Holbrook and Brandon Valley 6-0, 6-2.

*Also in a dominant performance, Troy defeated Sidney 5-0, as Oaks and Essick both won their singles matches 6-0, 6-0, an at third singles, Schmitt defeated Vanderhuevel 6-4, 6-0. Oaks and Sadler cruised past Richards and Armstrong 6-3, 6-2. At second doubles, Magoteaux and Prus defeated Brady and Cheel 6-0, 6-0. *Another shutout for the Trojans saw Troy defeat Springfield 5-0, as Oaks and Essick both had shutouts at singles, while Schmitt was taken to three sets but picked up the win. Schmitt was down 5-1 in the third set, but won the next six games to pick up the win.

Conner and Sadler at first singles, along with Magoteaux and Prus picked up a win at second doubles, both matches were 6-2, 6-1. *A 5-0 win over Wilmington ran the Trojans record to 13-3 overall.

*On Friday, the Red Devils and Troy Trojans met in a huge county matchup, and the Trojans swept Tippecanoe 5-0. Oaks defeated Keller at first singles 6-0, 6-1, at second singles it was Essick defeating Keller 6-2, 6-4, and at third singles, it was Schmitt beating Flora 6-2, 6-0.

At first doubles, Oaks and Sadler defeated Kagy and Gross 6-2, 6-0, and the Trojans finished the sweep at second doubles as Magoteaux and Prus beat Kronour and Staley 6-0, 6-0.

Tecumseh Tennis- The strong season continued for the Tecumseh Arrows, as they defeated Kenton Ridge 4-1 for their eleventh win of the season. At first singles, Joel Bauer lost to Chris Kalweit 6-1, 6-3, but the Arrows won the remaining four matches. At second singles, Alex Sarihan defeated Conner Huggins 6-1, 6-1, while at third singles it was Mitchell Foland beat Jon Bray 6-1, 6-1.

The first doubles team of Will Sims and Allen Eben rolled past Ryan Maynard and

Allen Howard 6-4, 6-2, and at second doubles it was Tyler Adams and Michael Green defeated Michelle Kulasekera and Nick Shonkwiler 6-3, 6-2.

The Arrows saw their perfect season come to an end with a 3-2 loss to Centerville, as Sarihan and Foland picked up the two wins for the Arrows.

*Tecumseh defeated Stebbins 5-0 to get back on the winning track. Bauer defeated Riley Timbrook 6-0, 6-1 at first singles, at second singles it was Sarihan beating Drake Leszczuk 6-2, 6-0, and at third singles, Foland shutout Wes Livesay 6-0, 6-0. At first doubles, Sims and Eben beat Garret Guthrie 6-2, 6-0, and the same score was the final at second doubles as Adams defeated Green picked up the win.

*Finishing out the week, the Arrows defeated Piqua 5-0 and stand 13-1 overall. Sarihan played first singles and defeated Tyler Lavey 6-2, 6-1, while Bauler battled Josh Hanes at second singles, and was victorious 6-3, 6-2. At third singles, Foland defeated Joling Hsiang 6-0, 6-0.

At first doubles, Sims and Eben defeated Luke Hames and JJ Rohrbach 6-1, 6-1, and at second doubles, Adams and Green defeated Brenden Tisher and Emily Williams 6-0, 6-0.

Tippecanoe Tennis- At first singles, Michael Keller of Tippecanoe defeated Andrew Correll 6-1. 6-3, while Joe Keller won the second singles spot for the Red Devils with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Nathan Webb, while at third singles, Phillip Bullard earned a 6-0, 6-0 win over Dan Adams.

Tipp lost both doubles matches, as Alex Kagy and Michael Gross lost to Dylah Greer and Justin Dorsten 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 at first doubles. At second doubles, it was the Tipp team of Joey Flora and Eric Staley falling 4-6, 6-0, 6-2 to Cameron Daniel and Austin Lucas.

Also last week, Tippecanoe defeated Greonon 5-0, as the Red Devils only lost one set. Keller defeated Spencer Haett at first singles 6-0, 6-1, Joe Keller shut out Gavin Campbell 6-0, 6-0 and at third singles, Bullard defeated Marcus Acton 6-0, 6-0. Kagy and Gross defeated Michael Deeting and Reley Farrel 6-0, 6-0, while at second doubles, Sam Kronour and Staley beat Brady Waitaked and Colin Campbell 6-0, 6-0.

*It was a rough night on Thursday, as the Red Devils lost to Shawnee 3-2. Joe Keller won at second singles over Andrew Getz 6-1, 6-2, while Bullard picked up the win at third singles over Michael Foley 6-0, 6-2.

Troy, Tipp Battle In Tipp Relays

By Jim Dabbelt

In the 100 hurdles, Tippecanoe sophomore Taylor Prall took home a second place finish with a time of 16.82, while teammate Tori Livesay was fourth (18.38). The Troy duo of Celina Courts (13.71) and Kayla Hemm (13.89) finished in the top two spots in the 100 meter dash, earning the Trojans 18 team



points. Tippecanoe won the 800 relay running 1:54.96, while the 1600 meter run was dominated by Troy's Haley Huelsman who ran 5:54.00. Her finish was 21 seconds ahead of second place Makensie Dietz from Tippecanoe who placed second. Emily Wolfe, also from Tipp, finished third.

The 400 dash saw Anna Klepinger from Tippecanoe finish third, while teammate Meredith Brumfield was fourth. Livesay placed first overall in the 300 hurdles, as she ran a time of 52.40, with teammate



Bekah Shiningier was third 54.07.

Again, Troy took control of the 800, as Sarah Hartley won the title with a time of 2:41.04, with Huelsman placed second (2:41.89).

Prall came back to win the 200 dash, running 27.80 with Courts finishing second for the Trojans (28.79) and Jordan Hoffman third (28.85). In the 3200 meter run, Tipp's Laura Fink has no trouble winning with a time of 12:19.18, over a minute ahead of second place Rachel Davidson from Troy.

Ashlin Colclasure finished third in the high jump with a leap of 4-9, and in the long jump, Tipp junior Sammie

Rowland took home the gold at 15-4.75. In the shot put, Lacey Loges threw 30-10.5 good enough for second. Finally in the pole vault, Klepinger took first with a leap of 8-6, while Ally Davis from the Red Devils finished second.

*Troy also came through in the boys' race, as they finished second overall with 117.5 points, finishing behind West

Carrollton. Tippecanoe placed fourth with 99 points.

The Red Devils started fast in the 110 hurdles, as Evan Hamilton placed second (17.16) and Nick Graybill (17.49) was third. Troy's Zach Boyer finished fourth and Levi Smith was fifth. In the 1600 meter run, Tipp's Ben Jans placed fourth and Sam Brumfield fifth.

The Tippecanoe 400 relay team finished third, while the individual 400 saw Noah Lingg from Tippecanoe capture the race in 54.27. Troy then took home the next four spots, as Austin Jacobs, Conner Huth, Timmy

Ferrier and Hayata Nagata finished second through fifth.

Lingg came back and took third in the 800, while Demarcus Moody from Troy was second in the 200, and Cameron Gibbs was third.

In the 3200, Tipp's Jacob Stillwagon and Josh May took home the first two spots, and the 1600 relay event saw Troy finish second overall.

Over in the field events, Troy's Hayden Jackson took home the title in the long jump with a leap of 19-0.75, while in the discus Isaiah Purvis from Troy was third, and in the pole vault, Troy's Joe Dippold was first at 12-6.

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Kotwica Shuts Out Carroll 10-0

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy's Hayden Kotwica pitched a two-hit shut-out on Saturday, as the Troy Trojans opened up a close game with three runs in each of the last three innings, en route to a 10-0 run-rule victory against Carroll in a home non-conference game. "It was our senior day and we enjoyed honoring them today," said Troy head coach Ty Welker said. "It was there day and they competed well today." "We have been a team that can score some runs and today we had a slow start, but came back with runs in four straight innings. We have had a tendency to take an inning off here and there, but we just kept putting it on and it was nice to see." After a scoreless first inning, the Trojans took the lead in the second inning when Alec Demore walked and later came into score when Dalton Cascaden lined a double to give the Trojans a 1-0 lead. Cascaden was thrown out trying to go to third. In the third inning, the Trojans added to their lead. Hotwica led off with a single and two outs later, the damage began. Ryan Lave had a run scoring double to score Shane Zwierzchowski, and following a walk to Trenton Wood, an infield single from Demore made it 3-0. Later a wild pitch allowed Wood to give Troy their fourth run of the game. Another big inning came in the fourth, when Zach Thompson led off

with a double, and one out later, he scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-0. A walk to Zwierzchowski and Josh Fulker set up a run scoring single by Wood and ensuing wild pitch allowing Fulker to score, pushing the Trojans lead to 7-0. Kotwica closed out his complete game with three strikeouts in the fifth inning, before the Trojans finished the run-rule victory. A walk to Collin Moeller led off the fifth for Troy, and one out later, Kotwica singled. Zwierzchowski lined a run scoring single through to make it 8-0, and a sacrifice fly by Fulker put the Trojans in position to complete the run rule. Lavy was hit by a pitch and Wood took a four pitch walk, allowing Demore to lined hard to shortstop, and when the ball was errored the game winning run crossed the plate for the Trojans. "Hayden is only a sophomore and we are trying real hard to not make him a thrower, make him a pitcher," Welker said. "He did a nice job keeping them off balance with his curveball." Troy is now 17-3 on the season and sitting in second place behind Butler in the GWOC North. Also last week, the Trojans defeated Sidney 11-1 and 10-1, and came from 3-0 down in the final inning to take Miamisburg to extra innings before escaping with a 5-4 victory. The Trojans host Fairmont on Friday night before heading to Kenton Ridge for a non-league game on Saturday.

Trojans Sweep Eagles In Softball Doubleheader

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a clean sweep for the Troy Trojans on Saturday, as they hosted their crosstown rivals from Troy Christian on Saturday in a softball double header. After jumping out to a five run lead in the opening inning, the Trojans closed out the Eagles in the opening game 12-1 in a run rule contest with Troy Christian only getting a game opening triple as their only hit. They came back in game two and nearly no-hit the Eagles again, as Natalie Hennessy pitched a gem in another run-rule contest as Troy was victorious 15-0. "The senior game is always a special game, our batting order was all seniors," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "No matter what happened today it was special to have all seniors." Olivia Glaser led off the game for Troy Christian with a triple into left field, and following a strikeout, Shauna Davee scored Glaser with a groundout to second, giving the Eagles a short lived 1-0 lead before the Trojans came back in their half of the first. Rainy Rolfs led off with an infield single, and after a stolen base, Dani Lade tripled her in to quickly tie the game. One out later, Allison Pierce reached on a fielders choice as everyone was safe on the bases and an infield hit from Megan Schreiber allowed both runners to cross the plate giving the Trojans a 3-1 lead.

Later with two outs, a wild pitch would see two runners come into score for Troy, and when the damage was done, the Trojans led 5-1. Two more runs crossed the plate in the second. With two outs, Victoria Adams doubled to set up a two-run homerun by Pierce, and the Trojans led 7-1. An inning later, the eighth run came into score when Kylie Kiser singled with one out, pitcher Mackenzie Vernon helped herself by reaching on an error, then Tori Breisch lined a single to score a run, giving the Trojans an 8-1 advantage. In the fourth, the Trojans put the game away with four runs allowing them for a chance at a run rule victory. Leadoff singles from Dani Lade and Adams led off the inning, and both runners came into score on a double by Schreiber to give Troy a 10-1 lead. An RBI single from Kiser and Breisch rounded out the scoring for the Trojans. Vernon closed the door in the fifth inning to give Troy the game one victory. Game two saw Troy again jump out early with three runs in each of the first two innings, and added eight in the third to set themselves up for the sweep. Lade and Schreiber each had three hits for the Trojans. The Trojans travel to Tippecanoe on Friday for a 5 p.m. makeup game against the Red Devils.

Staunton Twp Hires Annexation Consultant

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the May 4 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, a resolution was approved to employ the services of John Varanese as a consultant to advise them on annexation issues and tax issues related to proposed annexations. Wanda Carter, the township's attorney made the recommendation to help the township address revenue loss and other repercussions of Troy's attempts to annex several properties in the township. In addition, the trustees approved a payment to Cooper's Blacktop for \$3,600 for asphalt work the company performed at the northeast corner of the intersection of Troy-Sidney and Rusk Roads. The company performed asphalt milling on two sections of the intersection, which removed a portion of the old pavement to level and smooth the surface. The company then widened the curve and added three to four inches of asphalt to the area. In other road maintenance, the township received estimates from the county for two proposed roads in the township that need pavement work. The first estimate was for paving of Orbison from the new section to Peterson for \$17,514. The second estimate was for Sayers Road from Cathcart to SR 55, which includes asphalt, and aggregate berm, grind butt join, and driveway preparation at a cost of \$108,596.92. The estimated prices are not final depending on the bid prices the county receives and the actual quantities used. A final decision will be made when final bids are received from the county. The trustees received a public meeting notice for residents and property owners in the Glenwood Area on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion James E Ryan Post 322 in West Alexander. The meeting is to discuss and answer questions that residents who have wells and sewer systems have about water quality management. The meeting is sponsored by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Additional information can be found at www.mvrpc.org/environment/waterqualitymanagement. The trustees also approved the placement of a 4-mill levy on the November ballot for Fire and Emergency Medical Services provided by Casstown and Troy. This levy is for the renewal of the current levy. Furthermore, the township received notification from Miami County Solid Waste Management District of the township's need to review and submit an updated Solid Waste Management Plan. The township has until July 29, 2015 to ratify the plan and submit a certified copy of the resolution to the district. The district offers a wide variety of programs to help each area manage hazardous materials such as household hazardous wastes, electronics, scrap tires, batteries and industrial wastes. The trustees will review the plan and discuss it at their next regular meeting. In addition, Levi Long, Trustee, reported that he has the ditch mowing tractor ready to go and will begin mowing as needed. The next regular meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for May 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building

Businesses Expanding

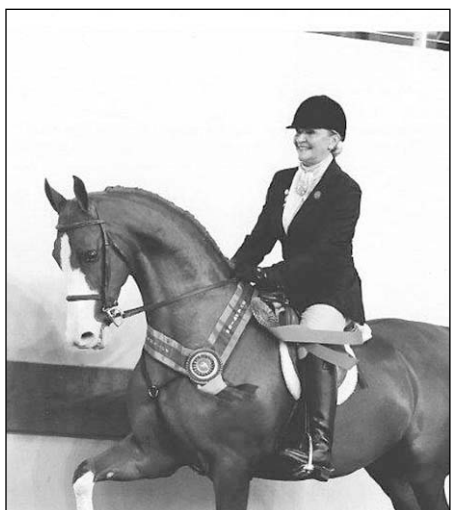
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- WACO Warehouse bought the former Nittsu Shoji warehouse off State Route 55 for use in expanding its warehousing. The building is nearly filled with warehousing business from other industries such as Hobart Brothers, Hobart Corp, F&P America and UTC (formerly Go-drich).
- The Avenue, also known as United Retail, on Experiment Farm Road, will be bringing some logistics operations back to the Troy location from facilities in Indiana and Texas. The logistics work once housed in Troy was spread out to other locations during various company ownerships As the company realigns logistics, some work is expected to return to Troy.
- Earhart petroleum, which is located just outside the city limits along Lytle Road has expanded its liquid propane service and needed more space. The company is buying the former insurance company building on Brukner Drive near Waffle House and converting it to corporate headquarters. "It's a growing company and they will actually be inside Troy with at least part of that," Dando said of Earhart.
- Crown Equipment, which purchased the former Motoman building between South Dorset Road and Interstate 75, has 45 people working at the site building liquid propane gas engines for larger capacity lift trucks. Bill Lukens, CIC president, said he is

Rotarian Jill Wilson Wins Competition

She's not one to horse around when it comes to showing off her equine skills in competition. Jill Wilson (pictured), past president of Troy Rotary and retired Troy City Schools educator, kicked off the 2015 Saddle Horse season with a win atop Gilded Image (also known as "Gilda"). She is a beautiful eight-year-old American Saddlebred horse who is more than ready for another year of competition. Together, Wilson and Gilda won the "Saddle and Bridle Hunt Classic Championship" title during the Riv-

ing serious competitors from across the nation. Proceeds from the show benefit charities in Central Ohio. This win qualifies Wilson and Gilda to compete later this show season in the national championships in St. Louis, Missouri. No stranger to hard work, Wilson explained that this is the second year she's trained with Gilda. "By the end of the 2014 season, she and I were ranked number one in the nation in the American Saddlebred Hunt Pleasure category," she



noted. What's the secret to their success? The pair put in hours of training, drive hundreds of miles to different shows and practice their style until it's perfect. It's a winning combination that will help them throughout this new season.

Troy Rotarians come from many professions, enjoy a multitude of interests and welcome new members throughout the year. To learn more about Rotary programs and membership, visit their Web Site at www.troyohiorotary.org. Follow the club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

Consider the Poor

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inter-generational and multi-class community thriving in the heart of the city." According to Bradley, "The difficulty is that we haven't stepped out of the box to change..." With systems and classes so firmly established, altering one's mindset is not easy. The message Bradley brought to Troy was an affirmation of the mission of Partners in Hope. "If it can work for Cincinnati, God willing, it can work for Troy, Ohio," said Family Development Coordinator and Education Specialist, Sonia Holycross. Through a series of practical ideas and personal stories, Bradley reiterated and built upon what Holycross teaches through Partners in Hope every week. Having both come through the same community development program called "Bridges," Holycross and Bradley share a similar history and were transformed by the same material. "It's wonderful that he's not only a businessman and an advocate but he's a pastor," Holycross said. Bradley even related his points to Biblical references and proudly affirmed faith as intrinsic to the success of his organization in combating poverty in Cincinnati. According to Bradley, "It's important when we 'consider' [poverty] to look at the entire picture, to be willing to make new strides, to be willing to make new models... Our significance of relationships has to be at the top of our list when it comes to assessing our effectiveness."

Partners in Hope wanted the message "relationships first" to be at the forefront of the evening. "We're not talking about donations or volunteering tonight. It's about opening our hearts and our minds so we can be the most effective communi-

ty members," Holycross said. "Troy Ohio is Troy Ohio, USA; we're the last great hometown city and how appropriate is it for us to stand up as Christians and citizens to take on poverty in ways that will truly effect long-lasting change." Holycross' view was shared by local business owners and city leadership present at the event. "This is the kind of perspective the community needs," Troy Ford owner Jim Taylor said. "We've been doing this a long time. It's good to get some fresh eyes on the issue." Mayor Beamish, who was also present at the event with his wife Ginny, agreed with Taylor. He and Taylor used to be on the Troy Council of Churches together as president and vice president when Partners in Hope began. Taylor was the first financial contributor. With 17 area churches still involved in supporting the organization fiscally and with volunteers, the legacy lives on. "Consider the Poor" was yet another indicator that Troy is a city that pursues humanitarian goals and maintains a desire to grow together, not just as individuals and families, but as neighbors, friends, and partners in building successful relationships and a strong community. Catering was provided by Todd Smith of Eloquence Catering. Entertainment was shared by local teen recording artist from Troy High School, Megan Osman. Sponsors included Troy Ford, Hobart Brothers, and ITW Food Equipment all of whom had tables at the event filled with their associates. Like so many events organized by Partners in Hope since its inception 25 years ago, "Consider the Poor" was an inspiration-boost to leaders in the community on the cusp of a new season.

Gardening Commentary

FROM



Watering

Now that you are ready to really get serious about planting your vegetable garden, container garden for the patio or getting those plants in the landscape we need to talk about something that is critical for good healthy plant growth. Unfortunately many people who garden don't understand the importance of proper watering of their plants. Truthfully, it is thee most difficult skill to teach and master in the growing of our plants. When you stop and think about it, plants are made up of over 90% water. So it stands to reason that this is a make or break issue when you are growing plants and particularly when they are growing in containers or newly planted plants in the landscape or garden.

This short article, no matter how hard we try, will never make you a pro when it comes to proper watering. But, we can make you aware of a couple of serious pitfalls so you can recognize when you may be headed into trouble. Let's talk about a newly planted shrub or tree first since this type of plant material can be a substantial investment. This same principal applies to newly planted container gardens, also.

#1- When a new plant is planted in the landscape guess where all the roots are? Very good, in the root ball that came with the plant. This root system is like the heart of an animal or us humans. 100% of the nourishment or vitality of this plant is dependent on what is provided to the root ball from either mother nature or from us. The roots of the plant are not out in the surrounding

soil, they are 100% in the root ball so it becomes very, and critically important to what is happening in the root ball not in the surrounding soil.

#2- So does it matter to this newly installed plant how moist the soil is around the root ball? Not really, the roots are not in the new soil and they will not be out there in the nicely amended soil you placed around the new plant in the landscape for a while. It will take 30 to 90 days for a substantial number of roots from the original root ball of a shrub or tree to get out in the new surroundings. (Bedding plants will be much faster getting established.)

#3- The question is: Where do you check to see if the plant needs to be watered? Your right again, you need to check the root ball of the plant, NOT the surrounding soil. As soon as the weather gets warm and becomes hot, the plant can "suck" the root ball dry and with no, or very few roots, into the surrounding soil the new plant can literally dry up even though the soil around the plant is wet. Some people refer to this as "wicking".

Stay tuned....we are out of room for this week, we'll have more information next time about how to provide the right amount of water for newly planted plants in the landscape or in containers or for the hanging basket that many of you will have, particularly after Mother's Day. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all you great Moms out there.

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At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Two Tables

Molly O'Neill may just be the Clementine Paddleford of the 21st century. She definitely fits the apron.

Traveling over 300,000 miles to search out what Americans put on their tables, O'Neill collected recipes and ideas from home cooks, bakers, pit masters, chefs, fishermen, farmers and soccer moms. More than that, she documented family heritages from coast to coast.

The collection of 600 recipes, titled One Big Table, was published in 2010 by Simon & Schuster. The company touted the book as "a portrait of the nation at the table", declaring that the book's recipes were a "definitive portrait of what we eat and why".

While that might be true as regards the particular recipe attached to each personal memoir snapshot, it cannot be said for the entire population of the states. Most recipes call for ingredients which probably are not found in most cupboards. And, while a particular recipe may remind one of something in their own eating past or present, nothing in the book strikes a cord that binds many families across the breadth of the heartland.

The book is a good read; don't get me wrong. It takes a while because within its depths are gems of food history, documented and photographed beautifully. Pages are devoted to food production, folk art, vintage food ads,

family snapshots and history of national trends of the likes of sandwiches and such. It all compounds to make a beautiful tome to borrow from the library. (Suggested retail price is \$50.) Just beware. The book weighs a hefty 5 pounds, 6 ounces. So, if you have trouble lifting or carrying a sack of flour, you will definitely want someone along to carry this book for you.

On the other hand, or should we say table, there is an author who chose to look at the very food items that bind tables across America together. Difference is, the table serves just one item at a time.

Adrienne Kane is author of United States of Bread and United States of Pie. Published by Running Press, these two books are all about the history, the technique, the ingredients, the foundation of each subject. Bread and pies can be said to be staples of all generations, all states and in fact all nations.

Kane's stated objective is to uncover and re-establish "the artistry of American bread". By combining easy to find ingredients, simple techniques from kitchens of past and present and a bit of nostalgia for those sweet, yeasty aromas found in homes and memories, Kane essentially takes us on a bakery tour of kitchens across time and miles. From north to south and east to west, she covers such breads as Dakota Rolls, Sticky Buns, Bagels, Bride's Biscuits, Sour Dough Bread, Oatmeal

Bread, Sweet Potato Biscuits and Cornbread.

Her quintessential treatment of pies is no different. From her homiest and most American Apple Pie to her research into the history of Shoo Fly, Chipmunk and Dutch Apple Sack Pie, Kane bakes us a tableful of what Clementine Paddleford called "hometown appetite". (Paddleford's story was documented in a book by that title, Hometown Appetites, coauthored by Kelly Alexander and Cynthia Harris, 2008, Gotham Books.)

Kane's Pie book takes the baker through pie pastry to pretty tops and all basic fillings in between. There is a favorite of the pioneer family-Rhubarb. There is a favorite of county fair fame-apple. A favorite of pudding-lovers-Chocolate Cream. Pecan, peanut, walnut, cranberry, date, pears and that universal favorite-strawberry. Those flavors and more bind kitchens everywhere with an aroma of crisp, flaky crusts, bubbling, sweet fruits, vanilla-scented whipped cream.

While Molly O'Neill's One Big Table lets us explore many facets of food in America today, Adrienne Kane's smaller books lets us explore what our grandparents and great grandparents ate that sustained them through thick and thin, through war and peace. All three books encourage us to set our table with love and care, placing before our family and friends our best efforts. After all, someone once said, "We are what we eat".

A side effect of reading these books was that I thought a lot of my own mother who loved to cook and bake and who also loved to have conversations about just these type books. She would have loved to explore the new (O'Neill) and reminisce through the old (Kane) until she could not stand to sit any longer. She would have to get up, go the kitchen and stir something up.

Mom's Gooseberry Pie

- Pastry for 2-crust pie
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- ½ cup flour
- 4 cups fresh gooseberries
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Gently rinse berries. Remove any stem or flower ends that may still be attached. Drain well. Stir sugar and flour together. Put half of the berries in the pastry lined 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle half the sugar/flour mix over them. Top with remaining berries and rest of sugar/flour mix. Cut butter into very small pieces and dot over the top of pie.

Adjust top crust and seal and flute edges. Cut small vents in top of pie for steam to escape. Cover edges of pie with 3-inch strips of foil to prevent over browning. Bake in 425 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until juices start to bubble up through vents. Remove foil strips the last 10 minutes of baking. Cool completely. Recipe source: Mom's recipe box.

Send your comments and ideas to Connie at moored-cr@juno.com or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

Police Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Heroin

It is no secret that heroin use has skyrocketed in Miami County and throughout Ohio over the past several years. The availability of cheap crack cocaine had been the drug of choice for quite a while but the crackdown on the chemicals used to make crack has put a serious crimp in the manufacturing process. So dealers are back to pushing heroin and users come from all over to Dayton to purchase it.

On numerous occasions officers pull cars over for reckless driving and find the driver and passengers in the act of shooting up while going back to where they live. If you are not familiar with how heroin is abused, here is the most common method.

The heroin comes in a capsule, about the size

of a horse pill. These capsules are returned and reused by the drug dealers over and over again the way we returned glass pop bottles when I was a kid. Which of course was my addiction, 5 pop bottles got me a dime and that was enough to purchase two peanut butter cups.

The heroin is a dry chunk mixed with whatever the dealer has on hand to cut it down. Pure heroin would kill any human, so the stuff has to be cut many times. That is where a dealer may use rat poison to cut the heroin with.

The drug is then placed in a "cooking spoon" with some water and heated with a lighter. When the mixture is melted and all liquid, it is sucked up into a syringe. A rubber tubing is tied around the arm to make the veins stand up and the drug is injected subcutaneously.

The drug immediately starts moving through

the veins, into the body and the stupor begins. When addicted to heroin and the person is arrested and comes to jail, they start withdrawing. Becoming very sick, the addict will vomit, have diarrhea and ache all over. Some feel like their nerve endings are on fire and will want to take showers constantly. However we don't allow constant showering as it raises the addict's blood pressure and they can stroke out.

We do have withdrawal medications that are given to anyone who is what we call "dope sick." After their body begins to cleanse itself, the first medication they stop is the Imodium which is used to stop the runs. That is the first sign of the person coming around.

After 3 to 5 days, the person will begin to interact with other inmates and will actually try to eat some solid

food. They tell me it takes up to a full month of being clean to start feeling normal again. However the psychological addiction is still there and often inmates are shooting up in the parking lot of the jail as they leave in a friend's car.

When an addict has been in the county jail for enough time to be returning to normal, they are mostly very decent and friendly. Then you have those who hate every cop, CO or anyone who they consider to be the enemy.

Then there are those addicts who will tell me their life story, how they became addicted and actually cry about what they have done to themselves and their loved ones. They vow to never come back but I can tell who will be back because they do not change their attitude.

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Financial Focus



Provided by Matt Buehrer,
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Life insurance 101: What you need to know

Life insurance; everyone says it's important but it can be a difficult topic to talk about and even more difficult to understand. However, it is a critical topic to grasp because of its importance when building a financial strategy.

Life insurance is a cornerstone of a sound financial strategy. It can help provide for the people and organizations you care about. Choosing the right life insurance solution makes a difference in the future of your loved ones, and gives you peace of mind knowing they'll be taken care of. Here's a quick primer from Thrivent Financial on some of the most common types of life insurance.

Types of Life Insurance

• **Term Life Insurance** – Temporary life insurance that offers simply a death benefit and is generally less expensive than permanent insurance. It's ideal for short-term life insurance needs, like when you are raising a family, paying off a mortgage, or starting a business.

• **Whole Life Insurance** – Permanent life insurance that gives you a guaranteed death benefit, guaranteed level premiums, and guaranteed cash value that increases each year. The guarantees are contingent on all premiums being paid and no loans or changes being made to the contract.

• **Whole Life Plus Term Protection** – Permanent life insurance with added flexibility. It lets you "dial-in" your premium to the level of whole life and term insurance desired. Offers lifetime protection through a blend of whole life insurance plus term insurance and paid-up additional coverage.

• **Universal Life Insurance** – Permanent life insurance that allows you to increase or decrease your death benefit and your premium is flexible; subject to any limitations in the contract. Accumulated value in a universal life contract earns interest at a current rate, with a minimum rate stated in the contract.

• **Variable Universal Life Insurance** – Permanent life insurance that gives you a flexible premium and the potential to build accumulated value. However, death benefits and other values may vary, because you direct how the cash is invested among the investment portfolios offered. The investment performance has no guarantees and could lose money.

How Much Life Insurance Should You Have?

When purchasing life insurance, think about your goals for your overall financial strategy, your economic value to your loved ones, as well as your wishes for your survivors.

First you'll need to calculate your economic

value. To calculate your economic value- the value of your future earnings over your lifetime- consider the following factors:

- Your current annual earnings.
- The amount your annual earnings may increase.
- How many years you plan to work until retirement.
- The rate of return you expect your invested assets to earn.

You can use these numbers as a starting point when you sit down with a financial professional to determine the level of coverage you might need. Another key factor is the consideration of how much of your future economic value you want to replace in the event of your death. This will depend on the financial goals you set for yourself and your survivors.

Life insurance is an essential part of any healthy financial program. It is essential that you choose what's right for you and your situation and that you plan accordingly with a licensed professional.

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What To Do in Troy

EZ Cook EZ Clean Backpacking Meals
 May 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Lost Creek Reserve
 The Miami County Park District will hold its first EZ Cook EZ Clean Backpacking Meals class on May 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 E. St. Rt. 41 east of Troy. Participants will get tried and true tips and recipes for quick, healthy meals that are easy to take along on your next backpacking trip. Camp stoves will be utilized to prepare a variety of hearty camp meals sure to please that trail sized appetite. Please bring a backpacking stove and fuel if able. The fee is \$5 per person and includes sampling of all the tasty meals. For adults and children 14 and up with a parent. All participants must be registered to attend. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104. Credit card payments are now accepted online at time of registration.

Healthy Horses, Healthy Environment
 May 7, 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Elizabeth Township Community Center
 The Miami County Park District partnering with Miami Soil & Water Conservation District, Miami County Farm Bureau, OSU Extension and Miami County Equine Initiative Task Force will hold a Healthy Horses, Healthy Environment workshop on May 7 from 5:45 to 9 p.m. Meet at Elizabeth Township Community Center, 5760 Walnut Grove-Clark County Rd. south of Troy to carpool to a Reciprocity Farm. Learn about best practices for manure, mud and pasture management. Other hot topics include insurance and liability questions. Registration is limited to 50 participants. Registration required. Register for the program by calling Miami Soil and Water Conservation District at (937) 335-7645 or emailing lraterman@miamiswcd.org. For more information call Miami Soil and Water Conservation District, (937) 335-7645, or the Miami County Park District, (937) 335-6273.

Batty Binders Quilt Show
 May 8, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Cookson School Carnival
 May 8, 6-9 p.m.
 921 Mystic Lane
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Whiskey Run 5k & Free Kids Run
 May 8, 7:00 p.m.
 Troy-Hayner Cultural Center
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The Big Pull
 May 9, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Lost Creek Reserve
 The Miami County Park District will hold The Big Pull program on May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of Earth Action Month and Troy Community Works Day of Caring. Volunteer to pull garlic mustard at Lost Creek Reserve, 2645 E. St. Rt. 41 east of Troy or remove honeysuckle at Twin Arch Reserve, 3147 N. Co. Rd. 25A north of Troy. Pre-register by visiting TroyCommunity.com or register day-of from 8 to 8:30 a.m. at Frist Place Christian Center. All participants must register. Meet at First Place Christian Center. Participants will receive a light breakfast and lunch. For more information visit MiamiCountyParks.com, TroyCommunity.com or call the Miami County Park District at (937) 335-6273.

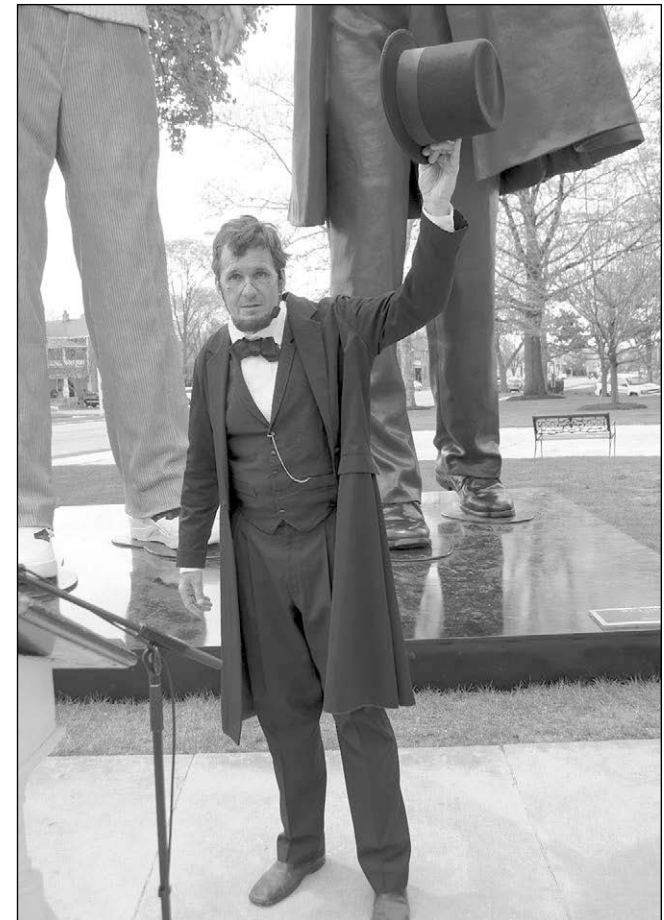
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 May 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Lost Creek Reserve
 The Miami County Park District will hold its Trash to Treasure program on May 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 E. St. Rt. 41 east of Troy. Learn about repurposing with a park district naturalist and Beth from Three Weird Sisters in Troy. Make a birdfeeder, jewelry and more. For ages 16 and up. The class fee is \$3 per person. Pre-registration required. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104. Credit card payments are now accepted online at time of registration.

Lincoln Arrives

John Wilkes Booth. Days before, the funeral train passed through Miami County, stopping at the Piqua depot for a memorial service before heading off early the next day for Indianapolis. "While Lincoln stands behind me memorialized, he stands for a lot of words," Trostel said. Lincoln impersonator



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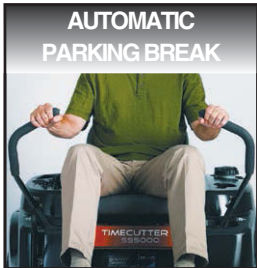


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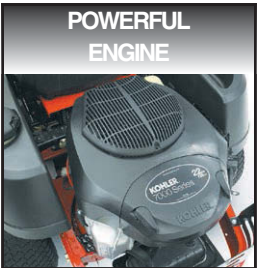


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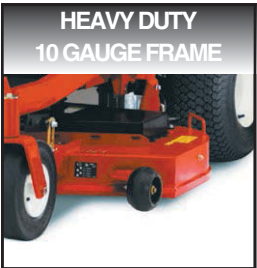
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Myers Named Strawberry Queen

Bobbi-Jo Myers was crowned the 2015 Troy Strawberry Festival Queen at a competition held Friday evening at Troy High School.

This was the Bethel Senior's first try-out for Queen.

For the talent portion of the competition, Myers delivered an excellent rendition of Martina McBride's "Independence Day."

"I'm so proud of her," said her mother Misi. "She is the best human being I've ever met. she encourages everyone around her."

Myers plans to attend Bowling Green University, majoring in psychology, then to medical school to become a psychiatrist.

She was also the winner of the People's Choice Award.

Maggie Cook, a Tippecanoe High School Senior, was named First Attendant, and Caroline Elsass-Smith, a Troy High School Senior, was named Second Attendant.

Smith performed "Concerto in G Minor" on the



violin. Queen Myers was awarded a \$1200 scholarship provided by Excellence in Dentistry. First Attendant received an \$800 scholarship from A. M. Leonard and the

Strawberry Festival Office. Second Attendant received a \$600 scholarship provided by DP&L.

Other participants included Tabitha Sexton, from Tippecanoe High School; Jolene McCrossin from Troy High School, Maria Blocher from Miami East, Gabrielle Centlivier from Troy HS, Sierra Simon from Troy, Rachel Martin from Troy and Rebecca Ogden from Milton-Union High School.

(Left) Queen Bobbi-Jo. (below, left to right) First Attendant Maggie Cook, Queen Bobbi-Jo Myers, Second Attendant Caroline Elsass-Smith.



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