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**Correction**

The front page of last week's Troy Tribune carried a headline stating that Mayor Beamish was re-elected to his third term. He won his fourth term. We apologize for the error.

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# No Wrongdoing in Sheriff's Sale Deeds: Special Prosecutor

By Nancy Bowman

The special prosecutor who investigated allegations of criminal activity involving handling of sheriff's sale deeds said he found "no credible evidence of any criminal wrongdoing sufficient to justify a presentation to a Miami County Grand Jury."

Kevin Talebi, Campaign County's prosecutor, was asked by Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell to look into allegations that surfaced in late 2014.

Kendell said he withdrew from the investigation because of a potential conflict of interest. He released Talebi's letter about his findings Monday, but said he could not comment further on the finding or investigation information.

Kendell said the in-

vestigation was initiated after he was asked in December to investigate allegations that sheriff's office employees improperly signed and/or notarized sheriff's sale deeds.

Talebi said he thought it was important to note that he conducted an independent review of allegations plus documentation collected by investigator Jim Taylor of the Miami County Prosecutor's Office and requested and reviewed follow up information and documentation.

"Upon review of the investigative materials and evidence collected, I have concluded that there is no credible evidence of any criminal wrongdoing sufficient to justify a presentation to a Miami County grand jury," Talebi wrote in a May 8 letter to Kendell. "In fact, it is clear from the informa-

tion gathered that members of the sheriff's office did not engage in conduct with purpose to defraud nor did they act in a manner for the purpose of facilitating any sort of fraud," Talebi said.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dave Duchak said Monday he and Sheriff Charles Cox were reviewing Talebi's letter and the investigative reports.

"We followed the law like we always do," Duchak said. He said the sheriff's office would comment further in the near future.

County Commission President Jack Evans said Monday that he had not reviewed the report and could not comment.

The commissioners late last year asked Kendell a series of questions regarding sheriff's office operations after Cox turned over some phys-

ical duties to Duchak while Cox recovered from complications from surgery and under went more surgery. The commissioners would not release their questions publicly but did note that allegations about signatures on sheriff's deeds were among concerns.

In Taylor's report, he said he began his investigation in December of possible misconduct in the handling of notarizing sheriff's sale deeds.

Sheriff's records clerk Rene Ingle later was placed on paid administrative leave before being suspended for three days in March by Cox for allegedly failing to report her concerns about deeds to sheriff's office supervisors and releasing proprietary information from the office to her private attorney.

# Memorial Honors Fallen Police

By Nancy Bowman

Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor told students attending the annual Police Memorial Day ceremony they were in the midst of heroes.

"I know it is common for younger people to look at athletes, movie stars, rock stars as your heroes. If you want to see a real hero, turn around and look at the officers standing behind us. Those are your real heroes," Taylor said during her keynote remarks May 6 on the Miami County Court-

County FOP President Billie Ray said the ceremony recognizes not only the officers who have fallen but also their families and survivors.

"Our seven fallen officers gave their lives for our community, so we could be safer, so we could live our lives in peace. They gave the ultimate sacrifice," Ray said.

Those recognized in the roll call of fallen officers were: Marshall Harvey Hake, Covington police, who died Jan. 12, 1917; Ptlm.



Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor addresses the crowd

house Plaza.

Nearby stood officers from departments across the county along with the county's police memorial.

"Those are the people that you should emulate and celebrate every single day. This is a great community and an honor to be here to remember and celebrate the lives of the officers who have gone before us," Taylor said.

The county Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 58 puts on the annual ceremony.

The lieutenant governor said there is much going on that impacts every officer in the state. She mentioned briefly Gov. John Kasich's recent announcement of a task

George Eickmeyer, Tipp City Police, Sept. 17, 1945; Lt. Noah D. Studebaker, Piqua Police, Oct. 17, 1957; Ptlm. Jan Mulder II, Piqua police, Aug. 11, 1970; Sgt. William R. Morris, Miami County Sheriff's Office, Nov. 22, 1972; Det. Robert Taylor, Piqua Police, Nov. 3, 1982; and Sgt. Robert Elliott, Sheriff's Office, Feb. 25, 1987.

Ray said 126 officers died in the line of duty across the country in 2014. Of those, 47 officers were killed by gunfire and of those, nine were ambushed.

"These were deliberate and, sadly, successful efforts by individuals who set out to kill a police officer. Officers have always been in



force to look at how communities and police officers can have a better relationship.

"Our goal is to protect the officers who serve us. They put their lives in danger every single day ... never knowing what situation they might confront," Taylor said.

harms way, it is our job to protect others, but it should not be part of the job to be the target of a hate fueled assassin who is looking to simply kill a cop," Ray said. "We do not, and should not, accept the fact that our uniforms alone make us targets."

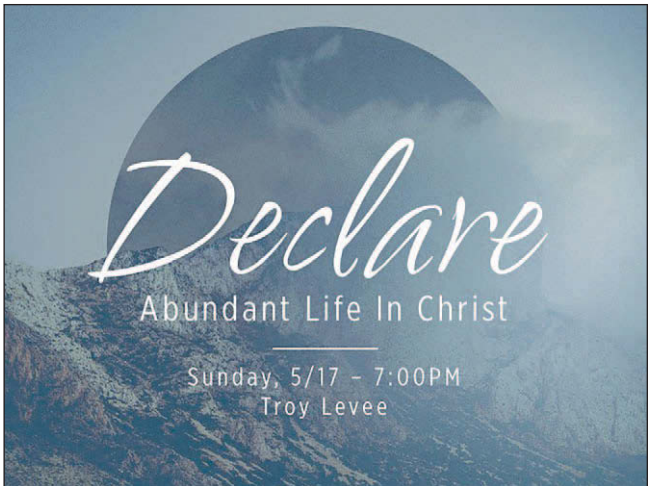
# "Declare" Event Coming Sunday

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

On Sunday, May 17, a grass roots worship event called Declare is scheduled to take place in Troy on the Levee. Last year at this time, Declare was hosted in the same location with approximately 400 attendees and seven churches represented by the members of two bands. This year, weather permitting, organizers expect anywhere from

Troy include Vineyard Fellowship of Bradford, Greenville Grace Brethren, and First Grace of Vandalia.

"That first one we did last year, I called over 50 churches to invite them to worship with us," Ingram said. "Almost everyone I called, I'd get somebody on the other line and it was just like one more thing in their schedule; there was very little interest." One lead pastor even went so far as to tell Ingram, "We



500 to 600 people.

The evening of worship in Troy began in tandem with the start of a worship leaders' fellowship called the Miami Valley Worship Community. The concept for both the event and the MVWC came about two years ago under the direction of Grace Baptist worship pastor and 2014 Homegrown Talent Show winner, Caleb Ingram, and his friend Stephen Deaton of Vineyard Fellowship. What started as an idea between friends has now grown across the city to neighboring communities and across denominations of churches as well. Troy churches involved this year include First Baptist, Koinos, Grace Baptist, Troy Nazarene, and True Life. Churches outside

just don't do things with other churches." It was at that point that Ingram and Deaton understood that unless church leadership was working together, Declare would not happen. "We realized that if we were ready to work together with other musicians and worship leaders we could say, 'Hey come be a part of our team' and then they would be the ones to bring people," Ingram said.

Ingram and Deaton operated with perseverance and tact as they began to connect with local musicians and churches. The subsequently organized MVWC has now initiated monthly breakfast gatherings where worship leaders pray together, share ex-

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# Troy Advances in Best Communities Competition

By Nancy Bowman

Those who gathered for a brief celebration of Troy's selection as a quarterfinalist in the America's Best Communities (ABC) competition said the ability of local individuals and organization to work together plays a key role in the community's success.

Troy's selection was based on a proposed comprehensive strategy to accelerate the local economy and improve quality of life.



The local ABC committee will receive \$50,000 from program sponsors to further develop its plan during the coming six months. Program semi finalists will be announced in January. The competition will pay out \$10 million with a top award of \$3 million.

The program was unveiled in several locations, including Troy, in September by sponsors Frontier Communications, DISH, CoBank and The Weather Channel. More than 135 communities submitted applications with 50 communities from 26 states selected to move on in the competition.

The Troy ABC committee includes representatives of the city, the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, Troy Development Council, Troy Main Street, Troy City Schools, The Troy Foundation and Daniels Consulting.

The application was put together following focus group sessions

and soliciting input from sources and individuals, said J.C. Wallace, CEO of the Troy Development Council. The committee worked to identify challenges and opportunities facing the community and also provided information on successes and contributions of local organizations.

The next phase of the competition will have the committee identifying activities/initiatives to help keep the city competitive nationally and internationally.

Bethany Yost of Frontier Communications told those gathered for the celebration that she knew there would be winners from Southwest Ohio because of the "positive energy" felt the day the competition was announced.

"Troy has prevailed. I am so excited," she said.

"As I have gotten to know the communities of southwest Ohio, I have continued to be impressed with Troy," Yost said. "You are the most cohesive community that I work with. You have the highest number of people who show up and put up consistently."

Mayor Mike Beamish said the city's selection was exciting.

"Partnerships are what makes great communities. I just feel honored to represent a city that has a Chamber of Commerce that works with a Troy Development Council, which works with the

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# TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Tuesday, May 5

**2:45 p.m.** – To E. Rt. 41 for a report of a theft. A man reported that he had put \$675 in a drawer to pay rent. He said that when he went to get the money, it was missing. Nothing else was missing. There are no suspects or witnesses.

**4:06 p.m.** – To the 3000 block of N. County Rd. 25A for a report of a hit & run. The driver who fled was located and a traffic stop was initiated. As the vehicle pulled over, it ran into a guard-rail. The driver was suspected of OVI and a urine sample was taken. Charges are pending results of the test.

Wednesday, May 6

**1:26 a.m.** – A deputy saw a male subject walking north on County Rd. 25A. He said that he was at La Fiesta with friends and the friends left him there. He said he was unable to find a ride home, so he walked to his home in Piqua. He was obviously intoxicated, so the deputy gave him a ride home. Later, the subject was seen walking on Looney Rd. near Edison Community College. Piqua Police made contact with him. After the deputy had taken him home, the subject got into his truck and left to pick up a friend. He wrecked his truck on Garnsey Rd. at the railroad crossing and was walking home when he was located by Piqua PD.

Thursday, May 7

**11:28 a.m.** – To W. Water St. A woman reported that she discovered spattering of concrete on her vehicle. It was parked in the county lot adjacent to the Brewery lot. She learned that a contractor had been replacing sidewalks in the area. She said that two witnesses reported seeing contractor employees hosing out the concrete tumbler in the Brewery parking lot. She said that her insurance company requested a police report. The deputy contacted the contractor who stated that they have already been in contact with the RP and were taking care of the situation.

**11:36 a.m.** – Deputies were alerted that a wanted suspect was at Upper Valley Medical Center. A deputy arrived to see the suspect sitting on steps reading a book. The suspect knew that he had an outstanding warrant. He was taken into custody and transported to the Incarceration Facility.

**4:06 p.m.** – A deputy was monitoring

traffic on St. Rt. 55 near St. Rt. 202 and saw a vehicle pass. The driver was acting suspiciously. Running the plate, the deputy learned that the driver had recently been cited for driving under suspension. He initiated a traffic stop on Lefevre Rd. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and he called a family member to get him and the vehicle.

**6:28 p.m.** – While patrolling the Dye Mill Rd. bike path, he heard two subjects talking. The area was posted no trespassing. He went to the river and saw two subjects (one male and one female) fishing. He watched for a few minutes and then the male subject stood up and urinated in the river. The deputy then told the subjects to get their belongings and come up the hill to him. The male subject was holding a cooler and an unopened beer can. They were advised that they were trespassing and that alcohol was not allowed there. They were warned for trespassing and the male subject was cited for open container.

Friday, May 8

**1:24 p.m.** – To 4<sup>th</sup> St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman said that she had been arguing with her brother. She said she had accused him of taking her belongings and using heroin. Both reported no violence and agreed to stay separated until they calm down.

**4:54 p.m.** – To Piqua Troy Rd. for a custody dispute. A man reported that he arrived to pick up his daughter for his scheduled visitation, but that the child was not turned over to him. The girl's mother said that the girl was not feeling well and would not go with him. Both were advised that it is best to follow the court-ordered visitation that was set for them. Both said they understood, but the girl did not go with her father.

Saturday, May 9

**12:44 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Simpson St. at Market St. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and under the influence of alcohol. He was taken into custody.

**10:40 a.m.** – Traffic stop on S. County Rd. 25A. The driver was found to be under suspension. Three Ohio license plates were seized and placed into property. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and failure to display.

# Child Dies in Apartment Fire

By Nancy Bowman

A 2-year-old boy died early Sunday, May 10, in a fire at an apartment building in the 1400 block of Trade Square West.

The body of Chance Poindexter was found in a first floor bathroom, Troy police and firefighters said.

ed by Troy firefighters at around \$700,000 to building and contents.

Firefighters were called around 12:30 a.m. on a report of fire and possibly two children trapped.

Police and Miami County sheriff's deputies who arrived at the fire first were unable to enter

Tilley said Jamaal Poindexter was sitting outside behind the apartment building and had fallen asleep when the fire was discovered. He said residents of the apartment building used mostly back entrances because the parking lot was behind the building. Entry apparently could not be made through the back door because of fire.

Fire Chief Matt Simmons said the department is working with the state fire marshal's office to determine the cause of the fire. He said mechanical equipment in the apartment would be tested to help pinpoint the cause. Investigators said they think the fire started on the first floor, possibly in the kitchen area near the rear door.

More interviews needed to be conducted as the investigation moved forward, Simmons said.

Police Capt. Chris Anderson said once the fire and police departments complete their separate investigations they would meet to discuss the case, possibly with the prosecutor.

Counselors from the Tri-County Board of Mental Health crisis team in Troy were available to meet with first responders, if needed, Simmons said. The fire displaced the other families in the apartment building. The Red Cross arrived early Sunday to help assist those residents.



Photo courtesy of Steve Baker, WHIO

The preliminary findings in the death suggest the child died due to asphyxiation, said Dr. William Ginn, Miami County coroner.

The father, Jamaal Poindexter, was treated and released for injuries at Upper Valley Medical Center.

Tipp City and Covington firefighters as well as an ambulance from the Piqua Fire Department assisted Troy firefighters.

Damage was estimat-

the apartment through the front door, said Police Det. Chris Tilley. A couch on its end was in front of the door. The family had purchased new furniture and was storing the old furniture there until it could be picked up, he said.

Chance Poindexter's four-year-old brother was staying with relatives for the night. The children's mother was not home at the time the fire was reported, Tilley said.

# Property Transfers

PropertyAddress	Date	Buyer	Seller	Price
112 E MAIN ST	5/4	KIMMEL OHIO LLC	GRILLIOT LEO I & MARY I	\$82,000.00
302 W FRANKLIN ST	5/5	WILLIAMS MICHAEL A & SUZANNE D	SCHEERER JEREMY W & SARAH E	\$230,000.00
417 WILLIAMS ST	5/4	COMPTON JULIE	COMPTON RANDY	\$0.00
501 S RIDGE AVE	5/5	EWING ANDREW & APRIL L	ALLEY SUZANNE W	\$125,500.00
424 MEADOW LN	5/1	MCDANIEL CHELSEA D & @ (3)	BAKER DOUGLAS C	\$97,900.00
205 FINSBURY LN	5/4	GROOMS JOYCE A	GROOMS GEORGE E & JOYCE A	\$0.00
1116 SCENIC CT	5/4	BEARD TERRY L & NANCY J	LIVENGOD MARK J & RACHEL L	\$159,500.00
2515 ST ANDREWS DR	5/1	CAMPBELL ROGER J & CAROL J	ROBINSON CHRISTOPHER J & JAMES & MARGA-	\$154,000.00
811 COBBLESTONE DR	5/1	MORELAND STEVEN R & FRED A K	SCHULER DARLENE A	\$125,000.00
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2707 FAIRMONT CT	5/5	BEHM TOM STEVEN & SUSAN J	BEHM SUSAN J	\$0.00
2709 FAIRMONT CT	5/5	BEHM TOM STEVEN & SUSAN J	BEHM SUSAN J	\$0.00
2672 RENWICK WY	5/4	HARVEY NICHOLAS B & SARAH A	KAISER PAUL & TAMMY	\$211,000.00
2357 MEADOWPOINT DR	5/5	BEHM TOM STEVEN & SUSAN J	BEHM SUSAN J	\$0.00
1160 RED MAPLE DR	5/1	HAMER MICHAEL A & JILL E	HARLOW BUILDERS INC	\$478,699.00
1427 GOLDEN EAGLE DR	5/5	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$37,400.00
1616 GRAY HAWK CT	5/5	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$37,400.00
1627 GRAY HAWK CT	5/5	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$37,400.00
313 W WALNUT	5/4	CLECKNER JERRY LEE	CLECKNER JERRY LEE & KAREN	\$0.00
155 KISER DR	5/4	LONG NANCY & @ (4)	KNOBELOCH ELIZABETH I	\$0.00

# Best Communities

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city of Troy, which works with Main Street, which works with the Troy City Schools and it just keeps going on," he said. "I think the reason we were selected is because they see that working relationships do count and it makes for a great community."

Ed Westmeyer, Troy Development Council president who works at MainSource Bank, thanked Frontier Communications and its partners in the project along with the ABC steering committee. "Troy is a

great community. It just shows ... what we can accomplish. I look forward to us making it to the next level," he said.

The Troy strategy document lists the following as the vision for the community:

"Troy's vision for its future is to create a community where all residents can be gainfully employed and experience a lifestyle which is inclusive, safe, productive, and provides a sense of belonging. We believe such a culture comes from being a 'connected' community, individually and collectively. All



Tiffany Yost of Frontier Communications making the announcement

segments of life, interests, occupations, and community infrastructure would intersect and combine as needed or desired to accomplish the common goals of all in the community."

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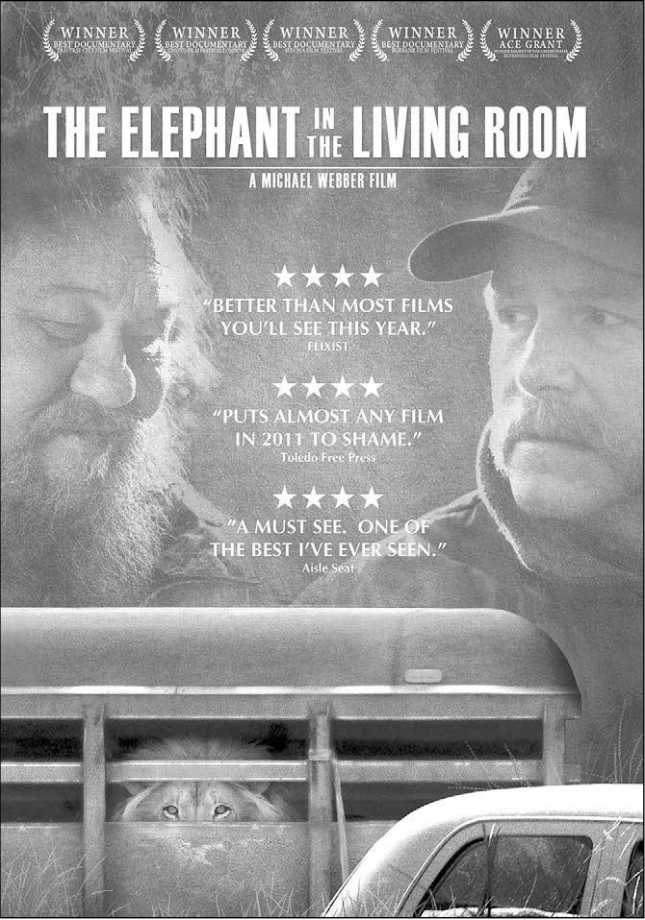
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# Mayflower Arts Center to Host Movie Fundraiser

The Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy, Ohio is pleased to announce the Ohio premiere screening of Michael Webber's award-winning feature documentary, *The Elephant in the Living Room*, on Saturday, May 16 at 7:00pm. The evening will conclude with a presentation by co-filmmaker, Tim Harrison of Outreach for Animals, a 501c3 dedicated to the education and preservation of exotic animals. Tickets \$12 at door, proceeds to benefit OFA. For details visit [www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com](http://www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com).

him to raise and rehabilitate exotic animals. Passing at the top of his class in one of the most demanding and rigorous qualification courses in the country, Tim became a combination police officer, firefighter and paramedic for the city of Oakwood, Ohio. Due to his background in law enforcement and extensive knowledge of exotic wildlife, law enforcement agencies and animal control officers have called upon Tim to rescue wild and exotic animals in suburban settings. Tim has been consulted on national



The Elephant in the Living Room takes viewers on a journey deep inside the controversial American subculture of raising the most dangerous animals in the world, as common household pets. Set against the backdrop of a heated debate, director Michael Webber chronicles the extraordinary story of two men at the heart of the issue - Tim Harrison, an Ohio police officer whose friend was killed by an exotic pet; and Terry Brumfield, a mentally unstable man who struggles to selfishly raise two African lions that he loves like his own family in a small cage in his backyard. He does not understand the controversy over "owning" wild animals; the reality is, he keeps them for himself, not because he thinks it puts the lions in a good situation. In the first of many unexpected twists, the lives of these two men collide when Terry's male lion escapes its pen and is found attacking cars on a nearby highway.

Winner of 5 Best Documentary Awards, the film courageously exposes the shocking reality behind the multi-billion dollar exotic pet industry with stunning photography, inspiring storytelling and unprecedented access into a world rarely seen, right in our own backyard.

About Tim Harrison Tim began working with animals at the age of 16 as a veterinarian's assistant. While volunteering at a local nature center, he assisted in the development of outreach programs and the rehabilitation of wild animals. Tim would soon become known as one of the best in the country, prompting zoos and wildlife facilities to hire

and state levels regarding his captures of and handling of wolves, cougars, exotic big cats and venomous snakes. Many of his exploits have been covered in local and national media, two books and an award winning documentary based on his work.

In addition to his achievements with exotic animals and law enforcement, Tim is trained as a martial arts fighter, is a World Heavyweight Karate Champion and was awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards by both the International and US Martial Arts Hall of Fames.

Tim also works for Homeland Security as an instructor for Disaster and Emergency Response at Texas A&M. He is a member of The Explorers Club and has traveled the globe with world-renowned nature filmmakers and wildlife authors. His travels include Asia, South America, Africa, Australia, Europe and North America where he has investigated and learned much about animals and their native environments.

Tim is a published author and illustrator of three books, and has appeared on numerous television programs including FoxNews, Animal Planet, and the National Geographic Channel, advocating respect and proper behavior around wildlife. He currently lives with his family in Oakwood, Ohio, and is a 1975 graduate of Miami East in Troy and is the 2002 recipient of the **Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame** award. Tim Harrison was also awarded the **Guardian Angel Award** for his tireless efforts to make this world better for exotic animals.

# Rabid Bat Found in Miami County

By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County woman has been undergoing treatment after exposure to a bat with rabies, according to Miami County Public Health.



The woman was bitten at her home May 2 and went to the hospital for treatment before the department knew of the exposure. The hospital notified the department and started the post exposure prophylaxis, said Jeff Koehl, public health's director of environmental health.

The bat was taken to the health department May 4, submitted to the Ohio Department of Health, tested and positive results for rabies reported May 5. The woman and the hospital were notified of the findings, Koehl said.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal.

County Heath Commissioner Dennis Propes said caution is warranted with bats, particularly if one is seen crawling on the ground in the daytime or is in a residence. The state health department Zoonotic Disease Program carries out rabies prevention efforts to protect from spread of wildlife rabies to people, pets and other animals.

Propes said the state department conducts a quick turn around of testing because of the severity of rabies.

The person exposed is notified of findings and works with their medical provider. "We always recommend they err on the side of caution," Propes said of action following possible exposure.

For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Health at [www.odh.ohio.gov/](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/)

## Be a Hero: Donate Blood at the Library

Our 2015 Summer Reading Challenge theme is "Every Hero has a Story". Every community needs a hero; you can be that hero and donate blood. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is hosting a blood drive, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2015. All donors receive a free t-shirt, snacks, and everyone who gives blood will be entered into a drawing to win a Hawaiian vacation for two. Sign up at the library, through the link on our website at [www.tmcpl.org](http://www.tmcpl.org), or call Erin Mattan at 937-339-0502 ext. 117 to make an appointment.

## Holland

Full time Drivers wanted! Holland is hiring Drivers in Dayton. Drvs w/ 1 year or 50k miles exp. w/ tanker & hazmat. The recruiter will be on site 5/27-5/28 from 10A-6P at 2700 Valley Street, Dayton, OH, 45404. Apply at [Hollandregional.com/careers](http://Hollandregional.com/careers) EEO/AAE Minorities/Females/Persons with Disabilities/Protected Veterans

## Steps to reduce risk of rabies

(Source: Ohio Department of Health)

- Avoid contact with wild animals, sick or

injured animals and animals you don't know.

- Pet vaccinations should be kept current, and pets should not be permitted to roam.
- Food and nesting or hiding places for wild animals should be eliminated from residential areas. Do not feed wildlife, and if you must feed your pets outside, bring the food in at night or keep it covered.
- Call your doctor and your local health department if an animal bites you. Human rabies immunizations are effective in preventing human rabies. A series of post-exposure rabies immunizations can be given to animal bit victims when the biting animal cannot be quarantined or tested.
- Call your veterinarian if your pet gets into a fight with a wild animal.

# Day of Caring Beautifies City

By Mike Woody

Many members of the community dedicated their time and labor to the Day of Caring, organized by the Troy Community Works on Saturday, May 9. Ten different projects were done by groups of volunteers to help beautify the city, particularly at the location of non-profit organizations. The projects included landscaping, painting, and cleaning.

Among the laborers who was planting bushes and spreading mulch was Mayor Michael L. Beamish. He was very pleased with the display of community support shown at the event. To Beamish, the Day of Caring exemplifies the entire city. "My definition of community is a group of people coming together from all walks of life for the common goal of making a difference in Troy," he said.

A number of area businesses such as Abbott and F & P formed groups to work on a project, as well as clubs such as the National Honors Society and the Math Club from Troy City Schools. Also several residents donated their time, in order to contribute towards a good cause.

The groups started working by 9 a.m. and continued into the afternoon. "I thank

everyone who came out early on a Saturday morning, its proof that civic pride is city wide," said Beamish.

Painting the Senior Citizen Center was one of the projects, its leader was Shane Carter, a Troy Community Works board member. "I'm pleased to be giving back to the community. The Senior Center is an important place and I'm glad to help out," said Carter.

The team of painters also included Keshia Barker and Laura Colebaugh, teachers at Forest Elementary School. It's the second consecutive year that duo has worked at the Senior Center and they enjoy the opportunity to see the progress of their efforts over time.

All ages and skill levels are always welcome to participate in the Day of Caring, which can be a fulfilling family event. Jackie Kirtley volunteered with her young son, Riley. "I'm happy to come out and volunteer to make Troy even cleaner," she said.

As a member of the Optimist Club, Mayor Beamish was optimistic that all the projects would be completed in one day, but was certain that many caring hearts and hands helped beautify the city.

**Jerry Borchers**

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### James C. Baber

James C. Baber, age 54 of Troy, formerly of Logansport, IN., passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Kettering Medical Center. He was born July 19, 1960 in Logansport, IN., to the late Robert E. and Mary F. (Seward) Baber. He married his beloved wife Pamela



J. (Trpkosh) Baber on April 22, 2000 and she survives. Also surviving is daughter Morgan at home, brother and sister-in-law Robert and Jayne Baber of Logansport, IN., sisters Janet Fultz of Ft. Wayne, IN., Judy Baber of Lafayette, IN., and a very special mother-in-law Mary Robbins of Logansport, IN., sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Barry and Tracey Young

### Robert E. "Bob" Straker

Robert E. "Bob" Straker, age 90, of Tipp City, formerly of Troy, passed away on Thursday, May 07, 2015 at Grandview Hospital in Dayton. He was born on November 5, 1924 in Waynesfield, OH to the late Clarendon and Lorna (Decker) Straker. His wife, Margaret A. (Drake) Straker, preceded him in death on January 5, 1991. Robert is survived by one son: Scott Straker of and one daughter: Ann Straker, both of Tipp City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert was a member of First United Church of Christ in Troy. He proudly served his county as a member of the US Army during WW II and the Korean War. Robert was a member of the VFW Post 5436, Amvets Post 88, Fraternal Order of Eagles 971, Franklin Lodge #14 F. & A. M., Scottish Rite,

### Max R. Zimmerman

Max R. Zimmerman, age 75, of Gainesville, FL, formerly of Troy, OH, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. He was born in Troy, OH on August 11, 1939 to the late Ralph B. and Pearl G. (Luzena) Zimmerman. Max is survived by two brothers: Don (Sheryl) Zimmerman of Speedway, IN and Tom (Nanci) Zimmerman of New York, NY; two sisters: Karen (Hunter) Russell of Troy, OH and Susan (Bill) Dixon of Chattanooga, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by one sister: Joan Pearson. Max was a 1957 graduate of Troy High School. He attended The Ohio State University. Max proud-

### Michael K. Williamson

Michael K. Williamson, age 70, of Troy, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit. Services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Friends may call from 1:00-2:00 PM

of Parker, CO., Carl and Brenda Gustin of Grand Rapids, MI., and several nieces and nephews also survive. James attended True Life Church, Troy, was a 1978 graduate of Logansport High School and received an associates degree in Electrical Engineering from Ivy Tech in Kokomo, IN. He enjoyed golf, softball, was an avid Notre Dame Fan and was a loving husband and father and dearly loved all his family. He was employed at Honda Engine Plant, Anna for 12 years in Equipment Service. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. Jeff Gerig officiating. Interment was held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport, IN. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to College Educational Fund for daughter Morgan. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com).

Toastmasters, serving as District Governor 1983-1984, and served on the Miami County Veterans Commission. He retired from Bendix Corp. Robert also taught Tool and Die Making at Upper Valley Career Center for several years.

Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at **Baird Funeral Home** in Troy with Rev. Lauren Allen officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. VFW Honor Guard presented honors at the graveside. There was a Masonic Lodge service at 7:30 PM followed by a Scottish Rite service 7:45 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to charity of donor's choice in Robert's name. Friends may express their condolences to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

ly served his country as a member of the US Air Force for four years. He was formerly employed by TWA and then later employed in auto sales in Colorado.

Services will be at 1:00 PM on May 16, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Honor Guard services will be held at graveside. Friends may call from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on May 16, 2015 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1313 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45409. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, Ohio 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com)

### Victoria (Vickie) Lynn Mapes

Victoria (Vickie) Lynn Mapes, 66, passed away unexpectedly in her home on Wednesday May 6th, 2015

Vickie was a caring and giving mother and grandmother. From her days as a Perkins restaurant manager through her time providing home health care for elderly family members one could easily see Vickie's gift for helping others. She was very generous with her love with all she came in contact. She was happiest when she was helping and taking care of others or passionately obsessing over Elvis.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stephen Mapes and her parents Howard Kendall and Betty (Owen) and Warren Whitmore,

Randy Compton, age 56, of Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at his residence following a sudden illness. He was born on February 3, 1959 in Troy, OH to Doris (Grigsby) Compton of Troy and the late Bill Compton.



In addition to his mother, Randy is survived by his wife of 19 years, Julie (Caldwell) Compton; his children: Steve (Pam) Carr of Xenia; Tony (Jacqueline) Honaker of NC; Jason (Lesley) Carr of Troy; Donnie (Amanda) Stanley of Troy; Randy (Amanda) Compton of Troy and Brandy (David) Isenbarger of New Smyrna Beach, FL; grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Casey, Jason, Kerstin, Travis, Savannah, Leksi, Bryce, Jayda, Makyna, Deven, Donnie, Hayden, and Jaxon; siblings:

Kathleen Ford, age 88, of Tipp City, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015 at her residence. She was born on November 10, 1926 in Greenup, KY to the late James and Amy (Carr) Eggers. She married Walter F. Ford and they shared 63 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on February 22, 2009.

Kathleen is survived by two daughters: Janet (Larry) Tipton of Vandalia and Joyce Furlong of Bellefontaine; two sons: Waltin (Linda) Ford of Tipp City and Mark Ford of Tipp City; nine grandchildren: Chelsea (Tim) Bodnarik, Danielle (Jamey) Collins, Colby (Erika) Furlong, Angelique (Chris) Tucker, Jessica (Dan) Baisden, Megan (Todd) Shortridge, Tara Tipton, Rachel Ford, Jeremiah Ford; one sister: Eunice (Gary) Evilsizor of Troy; and 17 great grandchildren.

siblings Tom and Mike Kendall and Terri Montgomery.

Vickie is survived by her children Keith (Karen) Januszak, Janice (Rod) Rudisill, Cindy (Chris) Steele, her step-children Jody Weisenbarger, Brandy (Scot) Clifford, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also survived by siblings Bonnie (Gary) Hupp, Steve (Connie) Kendall, Karen (Mike) Hosko, Daniel (Bronson) Whitmore

Services were held Saturday May 9th, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Graveside cremation service will be at the family's convenience. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com)

### Randy Compton

Gary (Michelle) Compton; Theresa Compton; Billy (Faye) Compton; Candy (John) Allen; Mike (Wendy) Compton; John Compton; and David (Kelly) Compton all of Troy; like a brother, special friend: Paul (Marnie) Stacy; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Ted and Shirley Caldwell of Dayton; special nephew: Aiden; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his father, Randy was preceded in death by his Grandpa Grigsby.

Randy was part owner of Compton Brothers Construction. He loved to work, ride his Harley and spend time with his family.

Funeral service will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with Kent Snyder officiating. Randy requested if you enjoyed riding come to his visitation on your motorcycles. The visitation will be held from 4:00PM-7:00PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

### Kathleen Ford

In addition to her parents and her husband, Kathleen was preceded in death by three brothers: Clifford, James and Glen Eggers; and one sister: Letha Corinne Smith.

Kathleen enjoyed cake decorating. She loved being a part of the lives of her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as watching their sporting events.

Funeral services were held at 12:00PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Troy with Reverend Ty Williams officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Dental Clinic, 1364 W. Main St., Troy, Ohio 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

### D. Jean Miller, R.N.

D. Jean Miller, R.N., age 80, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Troy on December 3, 1934 to the late Melvin and Eleanore (Heckerman) Snyder. Her husband of 57 years, Jerry R. Miller, survives.

Jean is also survived by one son: Mark Alan Miller of Troy; grandchildren: Brandt Miller, Heather Nicole Miller and Kathryn Marie Miller, all of Troy; great grandson: Thomas Dean Miller; and numerous cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son: David Lee Miller; and one brother: Melvin Keith Snyder.

Jean was a 1953 graduate of Troy High School. She was also a graduate

of Miami Valley School of Nursing. Jean was a member of Trojan Squares, Square Dance Club and loved sewing. Jean worked at Stouder Hospital, Dettmer Hospital and several local doctor's offices. She retired from A. O. Smith as an Industrial Nurse.

Services were at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 11, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1313 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45409. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

### Mary B. Whidden

Mary B. Whidden, age 93, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Garbry Ridge Assisted Living in Piqua. She was born in Charles City, IA on September 24, 1921 to the late Clarence Edward and Lucy Weber (Burr) Burrets. Her husband of 65 years, Francis Eugene "Frank" Whidden, preceded her in death on March 23, 2010.

Mary is survived by three sons and daughters-



in-law: Tom and Linda Whidden of LaQuinta, CA, Wes and Kathy Whidden and Bill and Susan Whidden, all of Troy; one daughter: Mary Watson of Troy; nine grandchildren: Brett (Presley) Whidden, Joshua Whidden, Chad (Amanda) Whidden, Laura (Mickey) Battle, Zachary Whidden, Bethany Whidden, Annie (Jared) Leiby, Jeffrey Whidden and Elizabeth (Jordan) Kramer; and nine great-grandchildren: Michael, Jack, Kelly, Will, and Molly Whidden; Fiona, Alexandria and T.J. Battle and Dylan Whidden. In addition to her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by one granddaughter: Emily Watson and her brother: Porter

### Virginia Nichols

Virginia Nichols, age, 80, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Koester Pavilion in Troy. She was born in Burgin, KY on September 21, 1934 to the late Jessie Lee and Mary Belle (Estes) Price. Her husband, James Edward Nichols, preceded her in death on June 10, 1985.

Virginia is survived by four daughters: Gertrude Robinson of Troy, Donna (William) Pritchard of Piqua, Teresa A. (John) Alcorn of Troy, and Mary Hopkins of Piqua; nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by granddaughter: Tabitha Lynn Pritchard; great grandson: Gavin L. Stewart; great great grandchild: Mallayah Lynn Pritchard; and several

Burrets.

Mary held an Associate's Degree from George Washington University. She worked with the American Red Cross for four years during WWII. She was a librarian with the Troy-Miami County Public Library for many years, retiring at the age of 80. Mary was a very active member of the First United Church of Christ in Troy. She was a 74 year member of the PEO, Chapter DY. She was an active member of the Republican Party and an election poll worker. She was a volunteer with the Overfield Tavern. She enjoyed playing bridge with the TWIGS card club. Mary was an accomplished storyteller and an avid Jeopardy fan. She was a very thoughtful and caring individual. She loved her grandchildren and always remembered each of them on their birthdays.

Mary and her family sincerely appreciated the loving care she received from the staff of Garbry Ridge.

Memorial Service will be held at 10:00AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Jordan Kramer officiating. Private interment will be held in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Church of Christ, 120 S. Market Street, Troy, OH 45373 or Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

brothers and sisters.

Virginia attended Troy View Church of God, where she was a member of Debra's Circle. She retired in 2013 from Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy after nearly 40 years of service in Environmental Services.

Services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Dan Cain officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or Troy View Church of God, 1770 N. County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

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# Edison Hosts Annual Leadership Conference

Edison Community College's Mosaic of Community Leadership will feature speaker Marc Smiley of Solid Ground Consulting at its 12th annual conference on Wednesday, May 20, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Robinson Theater of the Piqua campus. The annual conference brings together executive directors, board members, staff and volunteers to explore in depth topics related to not-for-



Presenter Marc Smiley

profit management. This one-day conference will aim toward bringing awareness to any organization's planning process. This involves engaging stakeholders, clarifying your role in the community and creating a rationale for saying no to misaligned opportunities while empowering staff. Smiley, who specializes in organizational development, strategic

planning, and fundraising, will serve as the event's presenter. He has worked extensively with not-for-profit and public organizations nationally that focus on a range of issues, including land and river conservation, affordable housing, historic preservation, and human services.

Boasting an impressive professional background, Marc has presented on strategic planning at dozens of conferences, and he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in planning and effective governance as an adjunct professor for the Institute for Non-profit Management at Portland State University.

This year's annual conference is made possible through the generous support of our Title Sponsor, The Duke Foundation and our session sponsor, The Troy Foundation.

Registration for the event is preferred by Friday, May 15 to ensure a seat. The cost to attend the event is \$50 per person with a discounted rate of \$45 each for groups of three or more attendees. For more information or to register, contact Julie Slattery at jslattery@edisonohio.edu.

# Deputy Sues Sheriff

By Nancy Bowman

Long-time Miami County Sheriff's Deputy Tina Waymire filed a lawsuit in federal court in Dayton the same day she was placed on paid administrative leave by Sheriff Charles Cox.

The lawsuit involves Waymire's former work as the department's K-9 handler while the leave was the result of what Sheriff Charles Cox would describe only as an "investigation" involving Waymire. The leave was effective immediately and until further notification, according to Cox's letter.

The two actions are not connected, Chief Deputy Dave Duchak said last week. Waymire's local lawyer said he could not comment while her Fraternal Order of Police representative continues to fail to respond to calls. Waymire said she couldn't comment.

Waymire has been with the department since Aug. 1, 1985.

She was "counseled" earlier this year for behavior at an emergency scene in Troy in which a dog was rescued from the icy Great Miami River. A 911 supervisor contacted Waymire's supervisor saying her assistance had not been requested by the Troy police and fire workers attempting the rescue. Duchak said that incident and the leave are not connected.

According to Waymire's personnel file, her latest evaluation for 2014, dated Feb. 6, stated a need to improve in areas of departmental professional standards, cooperation, communications and accountability. The evaluation stated she "needs to be part of the team" and stop alleged efforts to cause turmoil and spread a negative attitude to other deputies.

A performance improvement plan was

put in place at the time, according to the personnel file. If improvements requested did not occur, the department's progressive discipline process would be implemented, according to the documents. Among improvements outlined were adjusting to change in position in a professional manner, obeying supervisor requests, getting along with others and working in a harmonious manner with managers and others.

In the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court, Southern District, Dayton, Waymire names the Sheriff's Office in care of the Miami County commissioners. The commissioners said they could not comment.

The suit involves Waymire's responsibility for the department K-9 unit, Officer Nero, from 2004 until April 2014. The complaint states she was required by the county to care for the dog and house him in her home, a task that was for seven days a week, 365 days per year with responsibilities for on- and off-duty care.

Waymire alleges in the complaint that while assigned to the K-9 unit, she worked more than 40 hours a week on a regular and recurring basis.

The county, she further claims, failed to keep records of the hours she worked and knowingly failed to pay her overtime. That alleged failure to pay her 1.5 times her regular pay for hours over 40 in any week violated the Fair Labor Standards Act, Waymire claims.

A judgment is sought from the county for an amount to "fully, fairly and justly compensate her for her damage and loss" along with other damages, interest, attorney fees and costs for the lawsuit. A trial by jury is requested.

# Donors Set Record at Health Partners Free Clinic Event

A record-setting fund raising effort was reached here Wednesday when local donors responded to a charity event to support the Health Partners Free Clinic, located in Troy.

On Wednesday, nearly 100 charitable-minded Miami County people filled The Crystal Room of Troy banquet hall for the Sixth Annual Healing Jar Gala dinner and art auction. The result was \$17,000 net in overall donations nearly tripling the amount raised just two years ago.

In a first time venture, clinic officials joined with the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) to expand the number of art pieces for the auction. Several local artists donated items to the live and silent auctions.

Health Partners Executive Director Justin Coby reported \$8,000 was raised during the silent and live auction. He noted a single creation specifically crafted for the event by Sally Watson of Tipp City fetched \$1,400 with another piece receiving a \$1,000 bid.

In all, 22 art pieces were sold by auctioneer Brad Havenar, who was donating his services. PAC Executive Director Jordan Knepper spoke of the artists and their artwork before each item went to live auction.

Coby said the art pieces represented not only the artists' talents, but their heart-felt giving to the clinic's cause. He hesitated in mentioning a specific artist since all the works were finely crafted.

"The 2015 Healing Jar Gala was a huge success as an event, fundraiser, and 'friend'-raiser. The results of this event were reflective of the generosity of our community," Coby said.

"As a grassroots free clinic (Miami County's lone free clinic for the past 16 years), we depend on this kind generosity to keep our doors open every year. The outpouring of love and support at the Gala resound the call from the community to continue on with our mission of providing quality healthcare to the uninsured and under-insured at no cost."

Coby reported previous Healing Jar galas have raised money to provide clinic projects and programming. Last year, auction contributions from local organizations totaled \$13,000, which was a 116 percent increase over 2013. These funds helped provide medical care valued at \$3 million for the uninsured and under-insured residents of Miami County in 2014.

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

Coby noted the corporate contributors included Troy Ford, Trojan Auto Care, WPTW Radio of Piqua, Perrigo Foundation, Honda of America Mfg., Wappoo Wood, SEW Eurodrive, Hemm's Glass, Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance and Minster Bank.

Dessert for the dinner was donated by The Cakery of Troy.

The guest speakers were David Besecker, DC, and Becky Rice, CEO of Upper Valley Medical Center.

# Tai Chi Class Offered at YWCA Piqua

Join Fred and Linda Verceles as they introduce class participants to Tai Chi for a 4 week session beginning Monday, May 18 from 7-8 p.m.

The Verceles couple have been teaching Tai Chi for 11 years. "We are excited to bring this class to the Piqua YWCA," they said. "Studies show that Tai Chi increases one's balance by as much as 50%," Verceles said.

"Tai Chi started out in 12th century China. Its techniques aim to address the body and mind as an interconnected system and are traditionally believed to have mental and physical health benefits to improve posture,

balance, flexibility and strength," according to Verceles. "Tai Chi accumulates energy and leaves you refreshed and relaxed when you finish. The graceful, slow speed of our styles, coupled with an emphasis on deep breathing and mental focus creates balance, flexibility and calmness which relieves stress and allows for the integration of your mind and body," they added.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street, call 937-773-6626 or e-mail info@ywcapiqua.com.



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# Red Devils Beat Troy On Final At-Bat

By Jim Dabbelt

As Tippecanoe loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth, all they needed to do was to hit the ball somewhere solid to gain a big non-league win over the Troy Trojans. Troy pitcher Mackenzie Vernon however nearly pulled a Houdini act to escape from trouble. That is until Lauren Goodall stepped to the



plate. On the first pitch she saw from Vernon, Goodall blooped a fly ball into left field, a ball that was nearly caught by the Trojans left fielder. The ball dropped allowing Sierra Sutton to score and send the home Red Devils off with a walkoff win at North Market Street Field in Troy.

Yes...the Red Devils were the home team since the second game of their doubleheader was postponed a couple of weeks ago at Tipp. The game was moved to Troy to complete the second game, and the Red Devils left with the win.

"This was two evenly matched teams right here, and it was a hard-nosed game," Tippecanoe coach Clay Lavercombe said. "We had a lot of opportunities to put the game away in the seventh, the eighth, and then for Lauren to step up like that? You al-



ways want that for your seniors."

"It was a tough loss and both teams had opportunities tonight," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "

The Red Devils took a 3-1 lead into the fifth inning on a big hit earlier in the game from Katy Stocker to add to her record-setting RBI total on the season. However, the Trojans fought back in the fifth to tie the game up.

Megan Schreiber singled in Lainie Poling to tie the game at three, but on the next hit from Alex Wilt, the Trojans sent their runner to try for the lead, but she was cut down at the plate keeping the game tied after five.

The Red Devils put Sutton on in the sixth, but could not score her, and the Trojans came back in the top of the seventh with a chance to take the lead.

With one out, Tipp's winning pitcher Megan Rittenhouse walked Poling and was sacrificed to second, but a flyout from Allison Pierce

ended their threat. The Red Devils then had a big chance to win the game in the seventh with Rittenhouse at third and two outs, but Goodall lined to centerfield to send the game to extra innings.

After a scoreless eighth, the Trojans threatened in the top of the ninth as Kylie Kiser reached on an inning-opening error

and was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. With one out, Dani Lade walked, and later in the inning, Pierce singled to center, but Rachel Rusk threw a bullet to Tipp's catcher Stocker who was waiting for Kiser who was trying to score, ending their threat.

Tippecanoe's Sutton led off the bottom of the ninth with a single and moved up on a passed ball. Rusk blooped a single putting runners at second and third with no outs. Rittenhouse loaded the bases with no outs. After a strikeout from Hailee Varvel and pop out from Stocker, it was left to Goodall, who connect on the first pitch into left field for the game winner.

"Lauren will do that on the first pitch, and it was a heck of a play by their left fielder to try to come up with that ball," Lavercombe said.

"Vernon came in and

did a great job for us tonight," Campbell added. "We have a lot of returning varsity players and do a great job staying calm in that kind of situation in the ninth (bases loaded, no outs)."

# Troy Third At GWOC Tennis Tournament

Troy competed in the GWOC Gold tennis championships last week, and finished third overall with a total of 29 points. At first singles, Luke Oaks lost in the finals to Kropronica from Butler 8-3 to finish second overall. At second doubles, Shane Essick won his opener over Mario Rogers of Trotwood, but lost to Manni from Butler to drop into the consos. Essick then lost to Neil Dey from Centerville 8-5 to finish fourth.

At third singles, Matt

Schmitt won his opener also, but then lost to Colin Riddle of Springboro, dropping to the third place match. There, he lost to Matt Ha of Beaver-creek 8-3.

The Troy first doubles team of Oaks and Sadler went 1-1 before dropping to the consos, where they finished fourth to Beaver-creek. Finally at second doubles, it was Mago-teaux and Prus from Troy winning their first two matches before falling 8-0 in the finals to the team from Centerville.

# Trojans Compete in Race To End Hunger

By Jim Dabbelt

The Troy Trojans girls' track team finished second overall last week in the Race to End Hunger Relays meet held at Northmont High School, while the boys battled to a fourth place overall finish.

For the Troy boys', the 800 relay team Farrier, Rue, Jackson and Stoeckman finished fifth overall with a time of 1:38.23, while the 3200 relay team from Troy placed two teams in the top six. The Troy B team ran a 10:16.79 placing them fifth, while the Troy A team was sixth with a time of 10:26.51.

Finishing sixth overall in the 400 relay was the team of Smith, Wheat, Morgan and Stoeckmann with a time of 47.44. In the 800 sprint medley relay, the Trojans finished fourth, as the team of Jackson, Wheat, Rue and Morgan ran a time of 1:47.54.

The Trojans had a strong showing in the 4000 distance medley relay team, as the Troy A team finished third overall with a time of 12:59.03, while the Troy B team was fifth at 13:09.06. Finally in the 1600 relay event, the Troy team of Roetter, Ludwig, Ward and Smith placed sixth overall.

Will Brumfield placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 35-10, then came back in the discus and threw to a second place finish with a toss of 110-0. Teammate Keaton Pfeiffer was third overall. In the pole vault, Troy's David

Fetter was second (9-0) with the Trojans' Anish Gollamudi finishing third.

For the Trojans girls' team, the 800 relay team of Pascale, Cole, Martin and Poggi was fifth overall with a time of 1:58.95. Finishing second in the 3200 relay was the Trojans team of Davidson, Fetter, Sweeney and Studebaker with a time of 11:22.56. In the 1600 meter sprint medley, it was Smith, Martin, Barnt-house and Robinson finishing third overall.

Troy came back in the 800 sprint medley with a fourth place finish running a time of 2:10.20 (Poggi, Martin, Wright and Cole).

Capturing the 4000 distance medley relay title was the team of Sweeney, Davidson, Studebaker and Holter, as the group of Troy runners finished in 14:49.43. Lastly in the 1600 relay, the group of Pascale, Wright, Poggi and Martin came back and finished fifth overall.

In the field events, Bailey Hess finished third overall in the shot put, throwing 29-4.5, while Troy teammate Hannah Simister placed fifth. Hailey Gray was fourth in the discus, with Simister sixth.

Two more Trojans finished in the top seven at the long jump, as Emily Becker was fifth (12-8) and Rachel Martin was seventh. In the high jump, Dasia Cole from Troy finished second with a leap of 4-8, and Valena Robinson was one spot behind Cole for third.

# BOE Says Goodbye to Retirieses

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy City Schools Board of Education said goodbye to 11 retiring employees during its Monday, May 11 meeting, and welcomed four new hires, including Stephanie Johnson who is returning to the district as Cookson elementary principal.

Marion Stout, district business manager and human resources director, said the May board meeting always is a bittersweet night as goodbyes are given to often long-time "wonderful" district employees and "hellos" go out to new hires.

The retiring employees were recognized individually with Stout commenting on their education and years with the district and Superintendent Eric Herman and board President Doug Trostle giving them school memorabilia items and posing for photos.

The new hires recognized, and officially hired by the board later in the meeting, included Johnson. She previously served the district as junior high school principal before moving to the Upper Valley Career Center.

Other new hires recognized were Jessica May as a school psychologist, Janell Tebbe as a sixth grade teacher at Van Cleve and Paul Bre-

migan, the new varsity boys basketball coach.

In other business, the board approved the 2015 Troy High School diploma list. The class at 350 graduates is one of the largest for the district in a few years. Last year, the class of 300 was one of the smallest, high school Principal Bill Overla said.

Trostle said the approval of diplomas was one of the "enjoyable moments" of board responsibilities.

The board awarded the contract for the Miami County Preschool renovation project at 523 E. Water St., to Heyne Construction Inc. of Minster. The company bid \$226,990, the lowest combined bid for the project, Herman said.

Herman and Trostle also again thanked the community for supporting the district's 5.9 mill, five-year renewal levy that appeared on the May 5 ballot. Voters approved by request with almost 70 percent of the vote.

Herman said he wanted to make sure people knew the vote of confidence is appreciated.

"It is refreshing to have that vote of confidence," Trostle added.

In financial reports, district Treasurer Jeff Price said revenue for the fiscal year that ends June 30 is up around \$500,000.

# Better Balance.... Fewer Falls class at YWCA

Want to improve your balance, flexibility and reduce your risk of falling? Join in a 4 week class session instructed by Fred Verceles beginning Monday, May 18. Classes will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. at the YWCA Piqua.

"These gentle exercises and the hints we provide will help strengthen the body to prevent falls," said Verceles. "Balance Movement classes help individuals of all ages reduce their risk of falling through strength, flexibility and balance exercise. This program is especially great for

those 60 years and older," he added.

"The 45 minute classes include exercises in proper walking techniques, balance exercises, weight shifting, core strengthening and stretching. It is a low impact class."

"Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothes and flat soled shoes. Bring bottled water and a friend," said Verceles.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or to register for the class, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 937-773-6626.

# "Declare" Event

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periences, share vision, and plan toward this annual worship event. According to Deaton, the name Declare was taken from Psalm 96:3 that says "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among the people." This year, two bands will be playing in conjunction the theme "Abundant Life." There will be a total of fourteen songs played that were originally recorded by artists like David Crowder, Chris Tomlin, Rend Collective, and Hillsong.

Despite the fact that trending Christian music will be performed, Ingram made a point to emphasize that the event is not a normal concert. "One thing we've been very clear on from the beginning is that our desire is very much to have these events as times of corporate worship... We're not declaring God's worship by our-

selves as a band for other people to watch us; it's the church gathering to worship together," Ingram said. True Life worship leader, Mike Unser, sees this as an "awesome way to get out of our comfort zones and get people together."

The Miami Valley Worship Community is hoping to see greater numbers of people in attendance commensurate with the growing number of churches involved, word-of-mouth from last year's event, and increasing visibility through online promotion. As it grows, Deaton and Ingram imagine possible future venues for Declare being Hobart Arena or even the new open air concert venue in Huber Heights. This year, should the weather not cooperate with the scheduled outdoor location on the levee, their plan is to move the event to Grace Baptist on Market Street.

# Sports Schedules

Date	Sport	Event	Time
5/13	THS Track	vs Troy Memorial Stadium	01:30 PM
5/14	TCS Girls Softb	Tournament TBA	05:00 PM
5/14	THS Baseball	Sectional Tournament at Home	05:00 PM
5/15	THS Track	vs Troy Memorial Stadium	05:30 PM
5/16	THS B/G Tennis	Sectional Tournament finals	TBA
5/16	TCS Track	MBC Conference Meet	9:30 AM
5/19	TCS Track	Track District Prelims	04:00 PM
5/20	THS B/G Track	Division @ Wayne	03:30 PM

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# Strawberry Donuts Make their Return

By **Brittany Arlene Jackson**

One of the staple vendors at the Troy Strawberry Festival every year is that of the Troy High School Band. If you are scratching your head thinking you may not have ever seen it before, please keep in mind that there are no instruments involved at this booth for the band; no instruments that is, unless they are those instruments used in the art of making strawberry donuts.

bars, magazines, or food catalogs, students and their parents were asked to participate in making, staffing, and cleaning up the strawberry donut booth on the levee from Thursday through Sunday the weekend of the Troy Strawberry Festival. This harmonious partnership with the festival turned out to be the music program's most successful fundraiser ever.

What began as a humble operation in the 80's grew. In recent

can sign-up for shifts at the booth and even 6th grade band members have the opportunity to participate in this rite of passage. "It's even a helpful resume builder for our youngest volunteers," McIntosh said. "They can say they have had working experience at a busy vendor making food sales."

Pre-ordering is even now available to Troy local residents until the first weekend of June for a discounted price of \$8 a dozen (ordinarily \$9 per dozen festival price). In an effort to make it even more convenient, pre-order roadside pickup is also optional at the Donut Drive-Thru on Thursday, June 4th or Friday, June 5th on the north side of Troy Memorial Stadium. Deliveries can be made to businesses and homes for a small fee on June 5th. In keeping with the demand, last year, the Troy Music Boosters made 13,000 donuts over the course of 78 hours before and during the festival. According to McIntosh, this year, the projected quantity even exceeds that number. Despite the demand, McIntosh says, "We're ready."

To pre-order online, Troy residents can fill out a form at [troybands.org](http://troybands.org). To order by phone, one can call the Troy Music Boosters at 332-3992 with a name, address, phone number, and the number of donuts being ordered. Deliveries and pick-up will only be available Thursday and Friday the week of the Strawberry Festival.

years, lines have extended as the festival has grown and the numbers of donuts sold have far exceeded expectations. Now, the booth on levee has been traded for a more permanent location in the Troy Memorial Stadium. It is at this location that volunteers work round the clock the weekend of the Strawberry Festival to meet the demands for the popular festival treat. Band Director Katherine McIntosh has overseen the operation all of her 13 years at Troy High School and helps to coordinate student and parent volunteers. According to McIntosh, students and parents are given an online schedule where they



In the 1980's when the festival was still in its earliest years, the Troy High School Music Boosters and band director came up with the idea to sell strawberry donuts to raise funding for the Troy music program. It was a small operation in those days with a small production budget and minimal staffing. When they sold out, that was it. Many festival goers were turned away over the years as the quantities of donuts repeatedly failed to meet the demand. The money that came in from the sales at the festival, however, helped to finance the purchase of uniforms, music, performance trips, and instruments for the students. Instead of candy

## Trib BRIEFS

By **Nancy Bowman**

### Beamish won in most precincts

Mike Beamish drew the most votes in 18 of the city's 21 voting precincts in the May 5 Republican election for mayor.

Beamish, the incumbent, defeated challenger Patty Rose by an unofficial vote of 1,326 to 985. Beamish, a retired educator/administrator, is in his 12th year as mayor. Rose, a local property and business owner, was making her first bid for an elected city office.

Unofficial precinct totals from the board of elections showed Beamish getting the most votes in 18 precincts. One precinct - 3B - was a tie at 47 votes per candidate while Rose received the most votes in precincts 2C and 3C.

The vote will be certified by the Board of Elections later this month.

### Bowen trial continuance sought

Miami County prosecutors want to continue the scheduled June trial of a rural Tipp City man accused of murder in the October death of Joseph R. Graley III in Bethel Township.

Frank Bowen, 25, who sheriff's investigators said had returned to the area a couple of weeks earlier from South Carolina, faces four felony indictments. In addition to murder, he is charged with abuse of a corpse, tampering with evidence and safecracking.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors asked May 7 to continue the trial, stating in the motion that a key witness for the state from the Bureau of

Criminal Investigation would be out of the country during the trial now scheduled for June 2.

A friend had reported Graley missing the evening before the body was located.

Detectives following up on the miss-



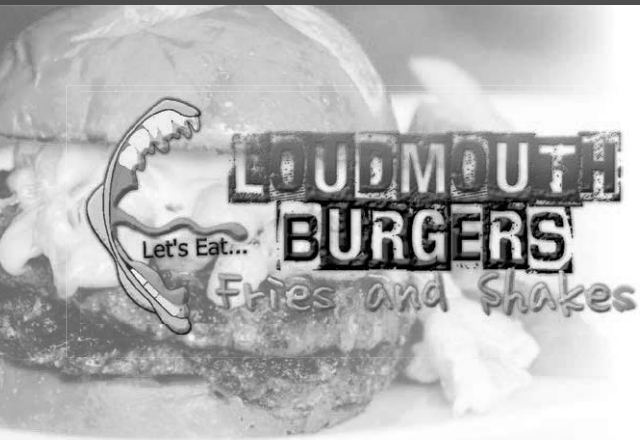
**Frank Bowen**

ing person report interviewed Bowen and obtained a search warrant for the property Oct. 23. Graley's remains subsequently were found.

The county coroner said Graley suffered blunt force trauma.

A hearing on the motion was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, before Judge Christopher Gee in county Common Pleas Court.

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# Gardening Commentary



## Watering Part 2

Last week we talked about watering in relationship to where the roots are with a recently planted shrub, tree, perennial, vegetable or bedding plant. The principle is the same in all situations. Changes take place at a different pace with these different varieties of plants. Trees and shrubs take longer to get established since there is a significant difference in the rate of growth between a shrub and a bedding or vegetable plant. In our discussion last week we were focused on keeping the root ball moist until new roots could get out into the new soil in the landscape or a newly planted Container Garden.

This week we are going to focus on the dynamics that take place in the soil where the new plant is growing. It is important to understand these 3 principles.

#1- Do roots require oxygen along with moisture? In a word, Certainly! If the soil in our gardens is heavy clay and it hasn't been improved by adding compost or some other organic matter over the years, there is a good chance that drainage is slow and poor. When this situation exists, plants do not grow well. This is one reason above ground planting boxes, "raised garden beds", have become so popular in recent years. Container Gardening is the same principle.

#2- What happens when there is not enough oxygen in the root zone? Roots don't develop properly, roots die due to water mold organisms. One way we reduce oxygen in our soils is by overwatering, the water displaces the air. It is important to maintain enough moisture to

keep the plant growing but avoiding "swamp culture" by allowing the soil to dry-out between rains or when we water. Plants use less water when temperatures are cool and when it is cloudy. And they use a lot of water when they become well established and the weather is in the mid 80's and above. This means our watering frequency and amount of water applied each time we water must be adjusted as the weather changes and as the plants grow and get larger.

#3- Can I tell if my plants need water when they wilt? Sometimes. That almost sounds like double talk, doesn't it? Plants wilt for 2 reasons- 1) the soil is too dry and there isn't enough moisture for the roots to take up to replace the moisture that is leaving the plant (transpiration). 2) the soil is plenty moist but the roots cannot take up the water as fast as the water is leaving the plant due to low humidity, wind, high temperatures. Impatiens is a good example of this. Use your first knuckle test to see if the soil is moist, if so, do not water and the plant, it will perk up as soon as it cools off in the evening. If you water when the soil is wet you risk rotting the roots and then the plant will have fewer viable roots and the plant will wilt sooner the next time these conditions exist and it becomes a downward spiral. Soon the plant just collapses.

Yes, proper watering takes experience but by applying the principles mentioned here you will be rewarded many times over. Practice, practice, practice.

If you have a gardening question send it to [info@meadowveiw.com](mailto:info@meadowveiw.com) for a prompt response.

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## At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

### They're Back

Ruling supreme over his domain along the stream, Tyrant Eastern Phoebe calls out with a fee-be, fee-be. A little tail wagging is his way of making sure everyone and everything understands who he is and where his lines are drawn.

Every year he returns to Medway Park. His relatives return to the wetlands off Union Road in Bethel Township. Some cousins make their homes at John Bryan State Park, Charleston Falls Preserve on Ross Road, Taylorsville Dam on Route 40, Honey Creek in both Clark and Miami Counties and just about anywhere there is a running stream and a bridge.

Even as dedicated bird watchers spend hours in a particular spot looking for those elusive life-list finds, one can spend only a few peaceful minutes listening for our local feathered friends. It is a very relaxing, enjoyable past time. While so many have to spend their days in office cubicles, a special place for gathering thoughts and strength can be of great value.

Mr. Phoebe will tell you, it's all about one's frame of mind. He is a hard worker, a good father, accomplished acrobat and a strong singer. His arrival in the area was a bit early by human's counting but for him the buzz word was insect activity. He sensed from many miles south that flies, mosquitos

and other winged creatures were starting to stir. Being of a light wing, he knows he can twist and tumble through the air, gathering enough protein to tide him over until the hordes of winged ants, gnats, ticks and chiggers appear on the horizon to feed his family.

Sitting lightly on outstretched tree branches, Mr. Phoebe repeatedly sings his song, calling in a mate, who has herself just finished her flight in from southern regions. Their attire may be a bit drab with their olive brown to grayish feathers above and buff white bellies but they make up for it in energy.

His top hat of a tiny crest is puffed up to enhance his outfit while his demeanor is one of a graceful yet energetic ballet dancer. Sitting upright, alert to her presence, he takes off, sky-bound, only to begin a fall in twisting, turning delight to see her. Repeatedly, he soars, dips, twirls in mid-air. Alighting on a branch nearby, again he wags his tail in happiness while he sings his welcome song-fee-be, fee-be.

They will nest the same as last year and the year before, perhaps even building upon the old nest. Using mud from the stream, they build on a rock ledge, bridge beam or perhaps a close-by eave. A cup of mud, grass and fiber will hold their five white eggs. The family will stay until killing frosts overshadow the land.

According to an article published in the

February 23, 1917 issue of True Northerner, Paw Paw, Michigan, Eastern Phoebes are most tolerant of humans. They have "decided notions as to proper surroundings and dwellings. Always coming back to last year's homestead, phoebes reinforce the notion that the birds are very partial creatures."

It goes on to explain that a very unique and well developed homing instinct is relied on for birds to attach themselves to the neighborhood where "they first saw the light of day and pairs of children and grandchildren will come home to roost each year."

Where you choose to find these wondrous creatures will determine who else you run into. You might sight purple martins. They like to be at least 20 feet away from houses and trees, yet want to be within sight of them. Bluebirds are inclined to make homes in orchards, pastures and the many bluebird boxes that dot landscapes where humans try to help out.

Wrens, brown thrashers, catbirds and mockingbirds love building nests in hard to get at places like thick shrubbery or dense hedges. Robins will build along sturdy tree branches, thick shrubs and just about any place that affords a level platform with some measure of overhang for protection against weather and sun.

Titmice, nuthatches, woodpeckers and flickers prefer trees with crevices or holes at least half way up the trunk. They have been known

though to nest in wood piles and other dense wooded structures.

Sparrows and finches are okay with man-made house boxes, or crevices in buildings and signage on store fronts.

This spring, take a few minutes to sit, listening and watching for the wondrous creation called birds. They are interesting, informative and yes, a bit comforting, as we struggle with daily lives. When you get done, go in search of a bit of food that speaks of spring, too. Perhaps some asparagus or young just-up green onions or early strawberries. It doesn't have to be fancy.

In fact, the simpler, the better. It's all in your frame of mind.

### Creamy Asparagus Soup

- About a pound of fresh asparagus
  - 1 cup chicken broth
  - 1 cup half & half
  - Salt and pepper
- Rinse asparagus thoroughly. Snap into 2-inch pieces. Cook in a little salted water until very tender. Cool and pour into blender. Puree. Pour back into saucepan. Add broth and half & half. Heat slowly over low heat. Do not let boil because milk will curdle. Season to taste. Serve hot immediately. Recipe source: family box.

Comments are always welcome. [dcrrmoore@att.net](mailto:dcrrmoore@att.net) or [mooredcr@juno.com](mailto:mooredcr@juno.com) or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

## Police Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO  
Tipp City Police Retired

### What Heroin Users Want To Tell Us

Last week I described how heroin users physically administer the drugs into their bodies. This week the heroin users themselves will explain what the heroin does to them. Following is an attempt by jailhouse residents who have nothing but time on their hands to ponder how they became addicts of a simple chemical compound used in a free society for whatever their reason was.

The author is unknown but addicts pass it around amongst themselves. When they are dope sick, this means nothing to them. With time to think, it hit's them in the stomach and upside the hide like a brick. I did not change any spelling or grammatical errors except that the one paragraph missive was broken into several passages to help in the reading.

HEROIN

I destroy homes and tear families apart. I'll

take your children that's just the start. More costly than diamonds, more costly than gold, the sorrow I'll bring is a sight to behold. If you need me remember I'm easily found, I live all around in your schools, In your town. I live with the rich, I live with the poor, and I live down the street and maybe next door.

My power is awesome, try me you'll see, but be warned if you do you'll never break free. Try me once and I might let you go, try me twice and I'll own your soul. When I possess you, you'll steal & lie and do what you must just to get high. Crimes you'll commit for the narcotic charms, you'll lie to your mother, steal from your dad, and you'll see their tears but won't feel sad.

You'll forget your morals and how you were raised, I'll be your conscience, and I'll teach u my ways. I'll take kids from their parents and parents

from kids, turn people from God heaven forbid.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride, I'll be with you always right by your side. You'll give up everything your family your home, your friends your money you'll be all alone. I'll take & take 'till you have nothing more and when I'm finished you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned, it isn't a game, given the chance I'll drive you insane. I'll ravish your body and control your mind, I'll own you completely your soul will be mine. Nightmares I'll give as you lay in your bed, voices you'll hear from inside your head. Sweats and shakes, bad visions you'll see, I want you to know these are all gifts from me.

And when it's too late you'll know that your mine, you'll regret that you tried me that very first time. You came to me and not I to you, you knew this would happen.

surely not to you? You challenged my power, you chose to be brave, and you could've said no and just walked away.

If you could live that day over what would you say? Can I be your master will you be my slave? I promise I'll stay with you and on to your grave.

So now that you've have met me, what will u do? Will you try me or not? It's all up to you, I'll bring you more misery than words can ever tell, come take my hand.....I'll lead you through hell.

p.s. In my new job in the jail, this came to my attention when I caught inmates passing it to others within the facility. After reading it and knowing the prisoners as they come in all doped up and sick, then see them passing this to each other months later when they are somewhat dry it is a sharp contrast to even this hardened police veteran. JJ

## RESCUE ME



Trooper is one of our "True Rescues," in that he came to a lady seeking help, starving, dehydrated, and with one mangled hind leg we assume was once caught in a leg-hold trap. The lady took him to a vet, who somehow managed to save the leg, but you will notice a slight limp. The point is: Through all of his suffering and many medical procedures; Trooper never complained once.

He was, as he is now, a loving, cuddle-bug, cat.

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## Pay It Forward

BY KAREN MARTIN

### Do It Anyway

In this crazy world we live in now, we wonder if it really matters if we do good deeds. We wonder if anything that we do sometimes is really important. .... Well I came across this poem by Mother Teresa that

really made sense and will encourage us to just do it anyway. It goes as follows... "People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, or ulterior motives, Be kind anyway, If you are successful, you will win some

false friends, and some true enemies; Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy over night; Build anyway. If you have serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good

you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have an it may never be enough; Give the world the best you got anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway." I feel there are many

times we know what it is our hearts, and we give from our hearts, but there are still some that do not see the intent behind our gestures and deeds. We need to find that sense of contentment within ourselves in what we have done. It is about what we have to give, and how it makes US feel in doing

it. If more people just do it anyway, it would be a much better world. So in closing, I hope you pay some good forward..... Even if they don't seem like they appreciate your kindness..... Do it anyway!



# Financial Focus



Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

## Boomerang Kids: When your empty nest fills up again!

*How to deal with recent graduates and young adults moving back home*

With a slowly growing economy and a still sluggish job market, there has been a continued increase in children moving back home after having lived independently on their own. These so called “boomerang kids” are popping up more frequently and when this situation is managed improperly, it can cause serious tension in a family. However, this “boomerang” can be viewed as an opportunity. It can allow youth to begin saving money for the future, continue a job search or to get out of debt, but only when expectations are clear and roles are known.

Matt Buehrer, a Financial Representative for Thrivent Financial says, “This is not necessarily the troubling scenario it was once thought to be and this can actually be a very productive time for both children and parents if it’s handled well. When children move back home a closer bond can form between young adults and their parents, and this can lead to the young adults receiving financial, practical and emotional support from their parents.”

In May, sociologists Karen L. Fingerman and Frank F. Furstenburg reported that “in 1988 less than half of parents gave advice to a grown child in the past month, and fewer than one in three had provided any hands-on help. Recent data show that nearly 90 percent of parents give advice and 70 percent provide some type of practical assistance every month.”

This type of increased financial co-dependence between parent and child can lead to strain when living together again after a separation. If you are a parent with a young adult at home, it is important communicate about expectations and responsibilities and to help your child build a solid financial foundation for their future.

Buehrer says reviewing these few tips can smooth the transition and can guide both the child and parent through a tough time:

**Set Expectations**  
Discuss with your child how much he/she should contribute to household expenses and tasks. A key to making the transition easy on everyone is having clear expectations for everyone involved both financially and otherwise.

**Review your insurance and taxes (and theirs)**

Save time and money by seeing if your boomerang child is covered by your health and/or car insurance. Also see if you are able to claim your child as a dependent.

**Consider having**

**them “Pay Rent”**

Consider having your child pay rent or at least a token amount for living expenses. This gets the child into the habit of paying a monthly amount. Or have a set amount of money go into a saving account monthly that the child could later use such as for a down payment on a house or car.

**Help them keep busy**

While waiting to hearing back from companies your child could continue to expand their resume. For example, remind them to consider volunteering, joining a professional organization, connecting with a networking group, or participating in an internship, even if it’s unpaid.

**Focus on your own finances first**

You may be tempted to use retirement dollars toward financial assistance for your child, but don’t derail your own financial plans. Make sure your savings and retirement plans remain intact. Not sacrificing your own livelihood and continuing to invest in important options like life insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance is critical to maintaining your overall financial health.

Though you may not have planned on it, helping support your child after they’ve left home can be a springboard towards a healthy financial future for them. Following these few tips can help ensure that the boomerang experience remains positive and the relationship remains strong.

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

On behalf of the Troy City Schools, I would like to thank our community for their continued strong support shown in the recent levy. We are truly blessed to have an outstanding community who understands the importance of good schools. We appreciate the willingness of our parents and community members in giving us the resources to operate our schools. We are committed to make our community proud of our schools. Passing the levy is good for our kids and good for our community.

I am very proud of Troy City Schools and feel fortunate to be part of this outstanding community.

Thanks again for your continued support!!

Eric Herman

Supt. Troy Schools

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# Zoning Referendum to Return

By Nancy Bowman

The Trafalgar zoning referendum will be back before voters in unincorporated Concord Township in November.

The Miami County commissioners voted 2-0 without comment Thursday, May 7, to send petitions seeking the referendum to the Board of Elections for placement on the November ballot.

Commissions have approved the rezoning of 50 acres on Monroe-Concord Road from agricultural to single-family residential 18 times since 1995. The commission decisions have been the subject of 18 referendums since that time. The most recent referendum was last November.

The board of elections previously reviewed signatures on the referendum petitions and certified there were a sufficient number of signatures to place the rezoning question before voters. The petitioners needed 172 signatures of registered voters. The petitions had at least 190 valid signatures.

In other business May 7, the commission rejected a petition requesting a change in the course and the widening of the Clayton Ditch No. 210 and 587.

The commission’s legal advisers in the county prosecutor’s office recommended the rejection.

They found that the petitions did not comply with requirements of the Ohio Revised Code including the need to include in petitions the course and termini of the proposed change and a statement that the costs for engineering, construction and future maintenance of any improvement would be assessed to parcels of land benefiting from the change.

Chris Englert, assistant county prosecutor, said the petitioners could submit a new petition with all required information for the commission to consider.

The commission also authorized an agreement for GPS units for nine vehicles used by the Department of Development. The cost from Teletrac of Garden Grove, Calif., is \$252 a month.

Also authorized was an agreement with Street-Time Technologies of Easton, Conn., to lease a Passpoint.net Substance Abuse Screening System.

Municipal Court personnel will use the ocular scanner with passive breath testing hardware system to screen offenders for evidence of substance abuse. Use of the system is expected to help reduce the number of urine screens. The cost to lease the system is not to exceed \$22,800 for a one-year period.

# Tai-Chi for Health Class at YWCA

Fred and Linda Verceles will be teaching the newest form of Tai Chi in a four week session beginning Monday, May 18, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the YWCA.

“The Verceles duo have been teaching Tai Chi for many years and we are excited to offer their new class which focuses on chronic health conditions including heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, etc.,” said Leesa Baker YWCA Executive Director. “The

movements will be gentle, smooth and continuous as participants concentrate on improving balance, relaxation and breathing,” she continued. “Tai Chi enhances one’s overall health and quality of life,” said the Verceles couple.

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

# Concord Trustees Hold Hearing on 2016 Tax Budget

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the May 5, 2015 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, the trustees started the meeting with a public hearing on the 2016 Tax Budget. Jerry Huber, Resident, had a number of questions/concerns about the plan. He expressed his concerns, “I was surprised to find out about the .5-mill increase in our taxes. I questioned my neighbors and no one knew about the levy.”

Don Pence, Trustee, explained, “This is not going to be a levy on the ballot. The law allows jurisdictions to issue 10 mill of tax that can be assessed without the vote of the people to support local governments in their duties to the community. This inside millage is not being collected in Concord Township currently. It will cost taxpayers about \$17.18 per \$100,000 of property value per year. Only unincorporated areas of Concord Township will contribute. The .5-mill is necessary to keep providing the services that the township supplies such as paving, snowplowing, and leaf and brush pickup. In 2013, the state eliminated the estate taxes and cut local government funding. We used to get on average \$200,000 per year from these sources. We are looking for funds to make up the difference in the loss of revenue that resulted from the change in the laws.”

Huber also questioned what percent interest the township receives on their cash reserves. He was told that it is currently at a 21 basis, which equates to .2 of 1 percent. In the past, the township received three to four percent.

Huber asked when the federal government was going to “stop playing Mickey Mouse with funding.” He said, “People on fixed incomes can’t keep up with the cost of living increases, which I believe is a lot higher than what the government reports, and banks are not interested in making loans. People on a fixed income don’t want to put their money in high risk markets, but need a return on their CDs.” He also asked if the trustees were contacting representatives and senators to attempt to change the system.

Pence told him, “Your voice has as much weight as our voice.”

Bill Whidden, Trustee, added, “We are limited on what we can invest in. We can’t take risks and aren’t allowed to take any risk with the township’s reserve.” Whidden also told him that the trustees have regular contact with the state representatives, but have not made contact at the national level. He also added, “If you are a borrower, you are in great shape. If you are a saver, you are in a world of hurt.”

When the floor was opened to guests for comment on other issues, Phyllis Moore, Resident, asked the trustees about the purchase of the new backhoe. She asked, “Have you ever considered purchasing used equipment at Ritchie Bros Auction over off I70 near Columbus?”

Whidden explained, “Part of the reason we buy new is we get a good trade-in on our old equipment and it gives us the best value over time when we purchase new equipment because of the length of time and use of the equipment.”

Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer, pointed out, “We

did buy our V-plow from there.”

Tom Mercer, Trustee, added, “That is a good suggestion and I will mention it to Neil Rhoades, Road Superintendent.”

In addition, Huber also expressed his concerns about illegal dumping in the township. He said, “I live on Woodlawn right on the edge of the city. In the last year, I have seen a significant amount of dumping in the area. There is a pile of bricks tossed over a guardrail. Further west there are piles of cement or plaster and brush. In the dead-end on Edgewood, there are piles of branches, and small tress. On balance, the township is doing a heck of a job. But, these areas make you want to vomit.”

Mercer said, “We can post no dumping signs. We will have Rhoades check it out.”

Also, Melanie Elsass-Smith requested that the trustees investigate the property at 2037 Merimont. She said, “The grass needs to be mowed. There are children’s toys scattered throughout the yard that are still in the same place as they were last fall.”

Whidden assured her, “We have a process to address problem properties. “We will send a registered letter. We give them a certain amount of time and if we get no reply, we will mow the property and bill the owner at least \$100. We give them every chance to clean it up, but if it is not done, we will take care of it.”

In the road superintendent’s report, Whidden stated that Rhoades was out working to clean debris from a tile on Lake Shore. In addition, Mercer reported that some branches needed trimmed from trees on Forest Hill and that the township would advertise for bids. The trustees will discuss the branch removal at the next meeting.

In old business, Quillen affirmed that she would draft a resolution for staff use of their mobile devices and township reimbursement at \$50 per month for their use. The policy went into effect in March. The resolution and policy manual changes will be available for the next meeting.

The trustees also discussed the 2016 tax budget. Pence said, “I believe the expense statements are conservative and the revenues are accurate to conservative.” The trustees approved the preliminary budget, which will be submitted to the county.

The trustees agreed to charge the backhoe to the gasoline fund line item and the 2015-paving program to the general fund.

In new business, Quillen agreed to draft a resolution to address the Miami County Solid Waste Management District 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, Mercer volunteered to be responsible for sending certified letters to residents who violate the township weed policy for 2015.

Mercer also reported

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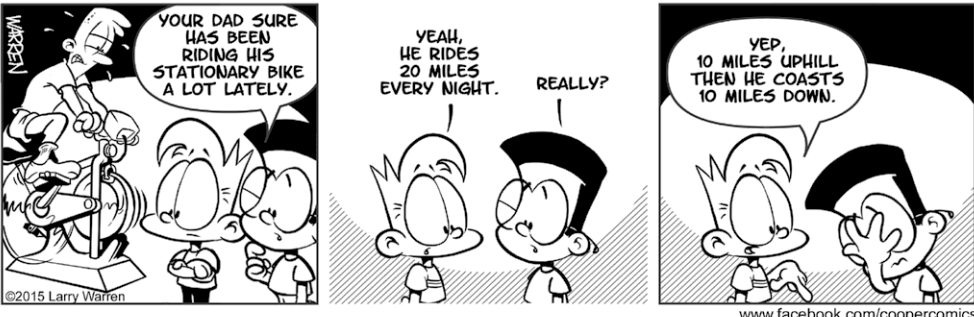
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BY LARRY WARREN



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## ACROSS

1. Muscular strength

5. NY village, with Harbor

8. Showy trinket

12. Capital on a fjord

13. ET carrier

14. 60's hairdo

15. Train

16. Block

17. Salsa quality

18. Accord

19. Road up to a house

21. Symbol on an Australian coin

23. Get

24. Tenant

27. Mystical knowledge

31. Be a pain

32. "\_\_\_ to Autumn"

33. Ancient Greek weight

37. Bow (to)

40. Roman 3

41. Exasperation

## DOWN

42. Disdain

46. Birthplaces of fungi

50. Exaggerates

51. Southwest Asian

52. Alternative word

53. Biological pocket

54. Large lake

55. Contributes

56. \_\_\_ Wednesday

57. Bird noses

1. Head honcho

2. See at a distance

3. Zest

4. Makes

5. Conquer

6. Way off

7. Wounding

8. Small building with a roof in a park

9. Not many

10. Big Dipper

11. Decayed

20. Type of camper

22. Augusta locale

24. Ceiling

25. Go off

26. Relative of reggae

28. Drunkard

29. Repeats 5 times for an Abba song

30. Repair

34. Kumquat, for example

35. Hightailed it

36. Oj and champagne

37. Garish art

38. Quebecois gold

39. Enfeeble

42. Pepsi \_\_\_

43. "Ars Amatoria" poet

44. Distress

45. Black eyed \_\_\_

47. "No problem"

48. Cheat

49. 15th day of March

# Trivia Challenge

## April Current Events Pt. 2

- 9.) The 2015 film "Child 44" was banned in which country over its distortion of historical facts?

a. Spain b. Italy c. France d. Russia
- 10.) Phil Rudd pleaded guilty to a string of crimes in New Zealand in April of 2015. He is the former drummer of which band?

a. Sex Pistols b. ACDC c. Black Sabbath d. Rolling Stones
- 11.) In which country was former leader Mohamed Morsi sent to jail for 20 years in April 2015?

a. France b. Italy c. Spain d. Egypt
- 12.) Caroline Rotich won the marathon in which city in April of 2015?

a. Boston b. Rome c. New York d. London

- 13.) Djoomart Otorbaev resigned as Prime Minister of which nation in April of 2015?

a. Serbia b. Ukraine c. Belgium d. Kyrgyzstan
- 14.) In April of 2015, leaks from Sony email hacks revealed a movie version of what TV show was in store?

a. Dr. Who b. Mad Men c. Game of Thrones d. Merlin
- 15.) The Pulitzer Prize winning novel, All the Light We Cannot See, is set in which conflict?

a. Korean War b. Gulf War c. Falkland's War d. World War 1
- 16.) What was the name of the new pay as you go wireless internet network announced by Google in April of 2015?

a. Project Google b. Project Wi-Fi c. Project Fi d. Project Internet Everywhere

## Last Week's Trivia Solutions

- 1.) 5 - According to the hospital staff, it took just four minutes for the birth of all five of the girls.

2.) \$137,000 - Vivien Leigh played the role of Scarlett O'Hara in the 1939 film.

3.) Mitsukoshi - With the job of welcoming customers to the store, the robot can smile and sing.

4.) Cuba - Hildebrando Chaviano also ran as a government opponent.

- 5.) Waka Flocka Flame took his name from a Fozzie Bear catchphrase.

6.) The USS Independence was found intact on the ocean floor after 64 years.

7.) Nigeria -Uche Chukwumerije was 75 years of age.

8.) Greece -Although Golden Dawn leaders reject the labels, media has described the party as neo-Nazi and fascist.

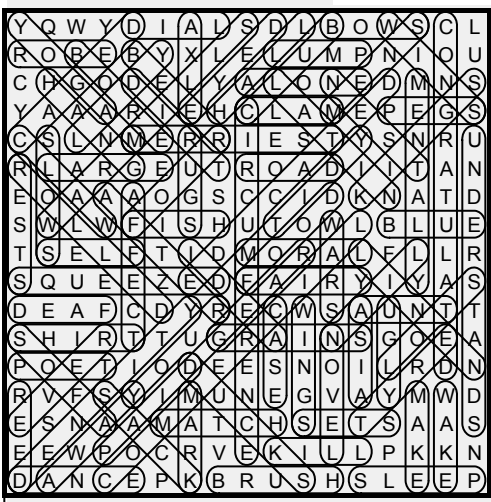
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## Last Week's Solutions

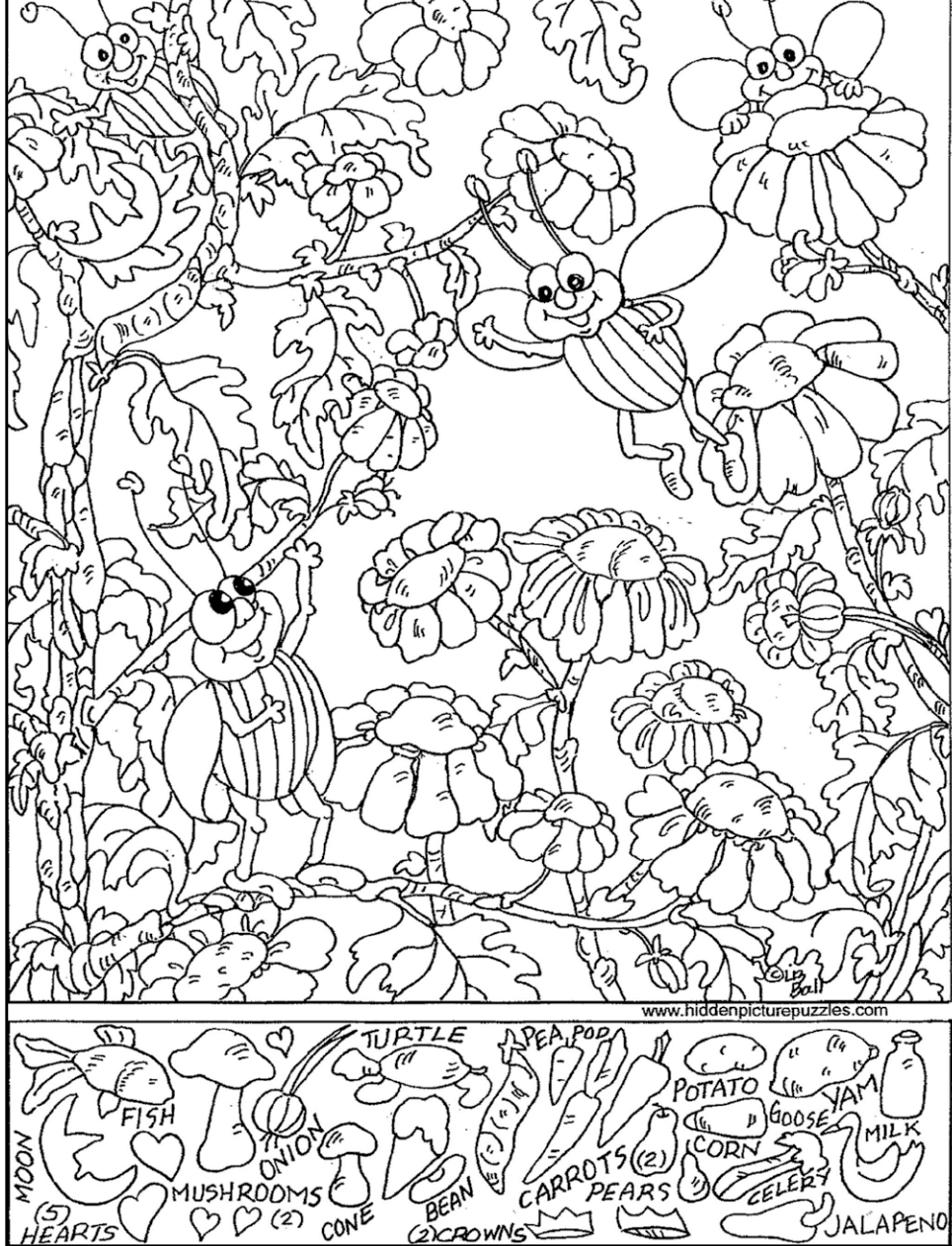
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BY LIZ BALL



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**CHURCH BASEMENT SALE** Good Shepherd, 1520 Styer Drive, Park Layne, Thurs, May 14 & Fri, May 15, 9-4 and Sat, May 16, 9-12. Come & see many treasures at bargain prices or make offers. Lots of miscellaneous. Too many to name!

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**MEDWAY COMMUNITY SALE** May 28, 29 & 30 in the heart of Medway. Come check us out. There will be tools, clothes, furniture, toys and lots more. Streets to look for are Oaklawn Ave, Merry-mack, Fair, Sunset, Medway and Main Street. Off 675 take the Spangler Rd. exit to Lower Valley Pike (E. Main St.)

**2104 ADDISON-NEW-CARLISLE RD** Barn Sale! Thurs May 14th and Fri May 15th 9-5

**10485 MILTON-CARLISLE RD** Moving Sale May 14-16 from 9-5. Lots of items; cast iron, household and other misc.

**BRANDT LUTHERAN CHURCH** Rt. 40 West of Rt. 201 (Brandt Pike). Misc. items, baked goods. Thursday May 28 and Friday, May 29, 9-5; Sat. May 30 9-11 1885 S. Dayton-Lakeview Rd. Multi Family Sale. Clarinet music, Huge stuffed animals, kids clothes & books, child's desk, pack 'n play, 3in1 rocking horse, camping cot, Home School Books, collectible dolls, Wii guitar, life jackets, puzzles, Much misc. New Carlisle. May 14, 9-5, & May 16, 9-?

**900 MCKEES MILL RUN: TWIN CREEKS** Saturday, 5/16 9am-1pm. Moving/Garage sale. Multiple Coach purses/wallets, NIB ceiling fans, luggage, household items, decorations, and much more. Everything must go.

**2742 N. DAYTON-LAKEVIEW RD** Huge Garage Sale May 14 from 8-6 & May 15 from 8-3. Clothes, household items, tack, tools, toys, Christmas decor, books, furniture, trampoline and much more!

**907 W. WASHINGTON ST.** Thurs & Friday from 10-4. Items include: household, garden tools and lots of misc.

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that the property at 1610 Peters will be placed in the Sheriff's Auction in July. He talked with both the Health Department and the Board of Zoning. All are aware of the disrepair of the property. The appraised value of the land is \$11,000. The reported value of the mortgage is \$78,000. He said, "We are on hold until after the Sheriff's auction. However, there are no funds for destruction.

The state did not renew the Moving Ohio Forward funding, which provided funds for demolition of problem properties. We will need to review our options at that time." Whidden said, "Typically the bank with the mortgage will buy it back. They don't want to lose their investment." The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Concord Township Building.



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# Rotarians Support St. Patrick Soup Kitchen

Each week, hundreds of people go to sleep with full stomachs, thanks to the vision of Troy native Dick Steineman and the generosity of hundreds of volunteers who support the mission of the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen. Since the 1980s, Steineman has spearheaded efforts to ease the impact of poverty and destitution with a promise to serve all who are hungry. He shared his experiences of setting up nonprofit agencies with Troy Rotarians during their weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Once his basketball career came to a close, Steineman returned to Ohio and opened a soup kitchen and homeless shelter in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood in Cincinnati, one of the poorest areas of the Queen City at that time. After a decade of work there, he returned to Troy to present the idea of a soup kitchen to the St. Patrick Catholic Church council. In 1996, the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen opened its' doors at 419 East Main Street, next to the church.

In early 2013, representatives of the Illinois Tool Works (ITW) Foundation, the charitable arm of the parent company of Hobart Equipment Corporation, approached Steineman with the idea of building a newer, bigger, better facility equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen. In January 2014, after a \$330,000 ITW Foundation grant, support from the Troy Foundation, the United Way, other organizations, and thousands of

dollars in additional cash and in-kind donations, the Hobart Community Kitchen opened at 25 North Mulberry Street (pictured), and became the new home of the Soup Kitchen. The larger location has allowed them to expand meal service to five days a week.

Open for dinner every Monday through Friday, and the last Sunday of every month, hundreds of volunteers donate food and time to serve up to 120 people per day "waiter style;" however, it takes more than one daily meal to nourish those in need. While the Soup Kitchen offers dinners, the First Presbyterian Church, Richards Chapel, Troy Christian Church and Kennedy Hall offer free breakfasts and lunches throughout the week and on Saturdays. A schedule of all mealtimes can be found on the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Web site at [www.soupkitchen.org](http://www.soupkitchen.org). Tax deductible donations to support the work of the Soup Kitchen can be made on the site as well.

Troy Rotary Club members are honored to be among the many organizations that provide volunteers to help serve meals at the Soup Kitchen each month. Rotarians are always interested in new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you would like to present your business or nonprofit organization to the club, visit their Web site at [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org) and click on the "Contact Us" link. To learn more about club activities, like their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

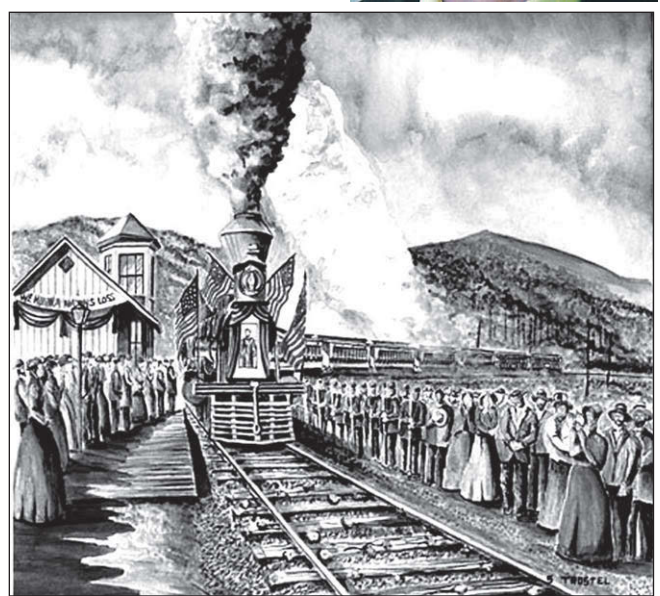
# History Meeting Set for May 21

The Museum of Troy History and The Troy Historical Society will hold their joint annual meeting on Thursday, May 21st at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main St., Troy. The event will begin with a dessert bar social at 6:00pm. At 6:30pm, the organizations will have a short business meeting with recognition of volunteers. At 7:00pm, nationally known historian and author Scott Trostel will present a program titled "The Final Journey and National Funeral for Abraham Lincoln."

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Trostel has been a contributor on the PBS program "The Lincoln Train", given talks about the Lincoln funeral train in Washing-



completed a 37 year quest to discover the details of the Lincoln Funeral train and produced a book by the same title. The book has since become the national reference for matters of presidential funerals, historical reference for historians, civil war and presidential historians and for both print and video media. Scott will take us through the epic 13 day journey in his program including the train's appearance in Miami County and its stop in Piqua during its 1865 journey. This is an

ton, DC and at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, and done many interviews on radio and newspapers.

This event is free and open to the public. Members of the public are invited attend either the entire meeting or only the 7:00pm presentation.

For more information contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 - email [tths@frontier.com](mailto:tths@frontier.com) or Doug Tremblay of the Museum of Troy History at (937) 339-5255 - email [dtremblay@woh.rr.com](mailto:dtremblay@woh.rr.com)

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