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# Wrongful Death Suit Filed in CO Deaths

By Nancy Bowman

The administrators of the estates of three Troy girls who died earlier this year from carbon monoxide poisoning and the guardian of fourth child who fell ill have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the owners of the South Elm Street house where they were living.

The suit was filed May 15 in Miami County



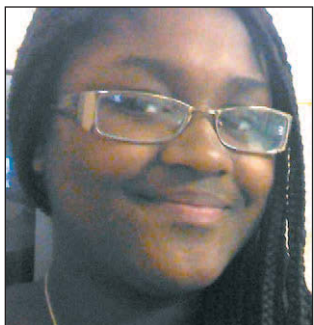
Dionanna Bishop

Common Pleas Court by Leon Bishop Jr. and Jean Bishop, co-administrators of the estates of Dionna J. Alexander-Bishop, Dejah Alexander-Bishop and Jakia S. Jones and Jean Bishop as legal custodi-

an of Jahari Ward, all of Troy.

Named as defendants were Joseph Caldwell and Kathy Caldwell of Troy and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services of Westerville. The department was named as an organization with a vested interest in the lawsuit because of payments it made for medical expenses on behalf of Jakia Jones and Jahari Ward.

The lawsuit claims that Dionna Alexander-Bish-



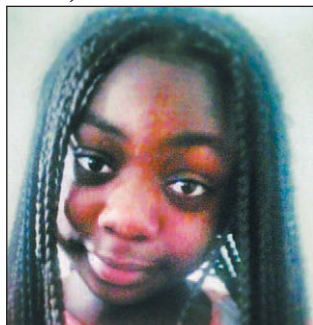
Dejah Bishop

op, 14; Dejah Alexander-Bishop, 13; and Jakia Jones, 13; died as a result of “carbon monoxide discharged from the heater and ventilation system” in the house at 115 S. Elm St., where they were residing

with Jean Bishop, their grandmother. It further claims Jahari Ward, 8, sustained injuries as a result of that carbon monoxide.

The Alexander-Bishop sisters died Feb. 27, the day the children were found unresponsive in the home. Their cousin, Jones, died March 1. Ward was hospitalized several days.

The lawsuit states Leon Bishop Jr., the children’s uncle, leased the house



Jakia Jones

from Kathy Caldwell on Feb. 23, 2013. The heater in the home was manufactured in 1949, the suit states, alleging that the Caldswells “never serviced the heater during the entire term of the lease

with Leon Bishop Jr.” and alleging the Caldswells “were negligent in the use, maintenance, care and repair of the heater.”

The lawsuit further claims the heater had the following defects: soot in connections of the flue pipe; soot built up on inside of flue pipe; flue pipe from furnace and inlet of chimney 100 percent restricted with one-half of a back and by masonry deterioration; and air inlet at cast iron burner was restricted.

The Caldswells did not return a telephone call seeking comment. A message also was left with their attorney’s office.

A Miami County grand jury this spring declined to issue any criminal indictments in the carbon monoxide incident.

The lawsuit seeks in excess of \$125,000 in damages along with interest, costs and other relief ordered.

A jury trial is requested. The lawsuit was assigned to Judge Jeannine Pratt.

# Garden Club Beautifies City’s Signs

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Every year, the Alpha Garden Club selects a city beautification project in Miami County. For several years, Covington’s post office has been the recipient of this honor. This year, however, four flower beds around the city signs of Troy were able to receive the royal, green-thumb treatment.

Seven ladies turned these prominent beds into a colorful display of Trojan summer hospitality.

The Troy Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Jeremy Drake, was contacted about the possibility of this project a couple weeks ago. “We so appreciated their desire to do something like

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# Input from Community Sought for America’s Best Communities

By Nancy Bowman

Organizers of Troy’s efforts in the America’s Best Communities (ABC) competition said they are looking to one of the city’s greatest asset – its residents – to help hammer out details of a comprehensive strategy to accelerate the local economy and improve quality of life.

ABC project participants are reaching out to the community at large to recruit those who would be interested in helping put together a strategy during the next six months.

The effort was kicked off last week following the city’s selection in April as one of 50 communities from 26 states selected to advance in a \$10 million competition sponsored by Frontier Communications and DISH, among others.

The competition unveiled last fall challenged towns and small cities with 9,500 to 80,000 residents to come up with innovative ideas to re-energize their local economy and those of similar size communities.

The formal kick off was held in the Miami County Courthouse Plaza the afternoon of May 14.

J.C. Wallace, president of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce and Troy Development Council, said the ABC committee is going to try “to get as many ideas and unleash the creative power of this community in this competition.”

Ed Westmeyer, ABC initiative co-chair, said anyone interested in par-

ticipating in the project is welcome. If you feel like ... you can help us with this initiative ... let us know,” he said.

Bethany Yost of Frontier Communications said Troy “does a terrific job” and encouraged ABC supporters to persevere in their efforts in the competition.

“This entire contest is about revitalization,” she said. “For a long time you have worked together to revitalize and revitalize ... it is wonderful Frontier is able to bring this (opportunity) to you.”



(L to R) John Campbell of Frontier Communications, Ed Westmeyer of Main Source Bank, Tiffany York of Frontier Communications and Mayor Mike Beamish

Mayor Mike Beamish said the ABC competition is another opportunity for the community to expand those with whom it partners.

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 Daniel Consulting.

Anyone interested in participating in the project, or wanting more information, is asked to call Kathi Roetter at 339-8769 or email to: [kroetter@troyohiochamber.com](mailto:kroetter@troyohiochamber.com).

A Facebook page and a web site about the competition will be active soon, Wallace said.

Troy initial 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 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.”

# New Fire Chief Sworn In

By Nancy Bowman

Matthew Simmons said his years of working his way up in the Troy Fire Department would help keep him grounded as he assumes the position of fire chief.

Simmons, 41, was sworn in as the department’s new chief during a May 14 ceremony at Troy City Hall.

Mayor Mike Beamish said the afternoon ceremony was a “celebration” as the new chief was sworn in and participated in the traditional pinning ceremony with the assistance of his wife, Amy, and son Judah, 8.

Simmons, 41, was selected chief through the civil service promotion process that includes a written exam along with an assessment center process.

His selection was announced May 8 and his appointment as chief was effective May 11. He takes the chief position previously held by Chris Boehringer, who retired earlier this year.

Simmons joined the department as a firefighter/paramedic in 1999 and became a platoon commander in July 2005 and then assistant chief effective Jan. 1, 2007.

“He has a really good history behind him to assume this position,” Beamish said in remarks before the swearing in.

“I am extremely confident that our firefighters are second to none. I also know that their new

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# Sheriff Considers Filing Ethics Charges

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Sheriff Charles Cox wants to file ethics violations claims against officials he thinks were involved in allegations of misconduct in the handling of sheriff’s sale deeds in his office.

Cox said during a May 13 press conference that the accusations came late last year at a time when he was out of the office recovering from surgery and complications and “rumors” were circulating that steps were being taken to replace him as sheriff.

Special Prosecutor Kevin Talebi of Champaign County this month found no evidence of criminal misconduct in the handling and notarizing of deeds and closed the investigation.

Cox, who was out of the office for an extended period, is back to work on a part time basis. He held the press conference to address the special prosecutor’s findings and his intent to pursue the possibility of sending the findings to the Ohio Ethics Commission and the Ohio Supreme Court for further review.

He specifically named Municipal Court Judge Gary Nasal and county Commissioner John “Bud” O’Brien and said there were possible complaints against others he would not identify. “The truth finally came out,” Cox said of the report.

Cox said he would ask Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell for advice

on filing the claims. Kendell said May 15 he notified the sheriff he could not provide the advice because of potential conflict of interest. Information on who the sheriff would consult instead was not yet available.

During the sale deeds investigation that began in December, Cox said, “persons were collaborating with Kathy Leese to promote an agenda that inferred that misdeeds and corruption existed within my office, which has clearly been shown to be false.”

Leese is a local blogger and former newspaper reporter. The sheriff’s sale deeds investigation reports, done by Jim Taylor, Miami County prosecutor’s investigator, include information collected from Leese phone records that were subpoenaed for September through December 2014.

The report discussed “individuals ... connected to the Miami County criminal justice community or county government that showed numerous contacts.” Two county elected officials were on the list – Nasal and O’Brien – along with Troy attorney Jose Lopez, who represented a sheriff’s employee involved in the deeds investigation, and Deputy Tina Waymire, who is on paid administrative leave.

The report said there were 5,974 contacts (calls and texts) with Nasal and 177 with O’Brien. The contacts with Nasal are

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# TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, May 11

**11:47 a.m.** – To Old Staunton rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that the residence had been broken into over the weekend. He said that the property is unoccupied and in the process of being remodeled. He said several fishing rods were taken.

Tuesday, May 12

**11:14 a.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 73 mile marker for a cracked windshield. The driver had neither a license nor proof of insurance. He said that his license was suspended. He was cited for driving under suspension and having a cracked windshield. The vehicle was secured and left at the scene and the registered owner was contacted and advised of its location.

**8:43 p.m.** – To 3<sup>rd</sup> St. for a report of a neighbor dispute. A woman reported that she was having ongoing issues with her neighbor. All parties had been consuming alcohol. They were advised to stay away from one another if they could not be civil.

Wednesday, May 13

**7:57 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at Main St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and released to a valid driver.

**10:31 p.m.** – A wallet was turned into the Sheriff's office that was found on Applebee's parking lot. Attempts to locate the owner by phone were unsuccessful. Clayton PD was asked to go to the owner's address and the owner's father was

informed of the wallet's location.

**11:18 p.m.** – To N. County Rd. 25A for a report of a domestic dispute. A husband and wife reported that they were having some relationship issues and that they all came to a head tonight. Both stated that the argument was verbal and did not turn violent. The husband was complaining of chest pains and a squad was called. Both agreed that there would be no further arguing.

**11:58 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at 25A. The driver was found to be driving under suspension. He was so cited and released to a valid driver.

Thursday, May 14

**1:25 a.m.** – To N. County Rd. 25A. A woman reported that her husband had made threats to slit her throat. She said that they have been having marital issues and that he becomes physically violent when he becomes upset. She said that in the past he has put a gun to her head and threatened to kill her. She said that she would be willing to press charges and file for a protection order, but was afraid of what he might do to her or their children. The husband denied that anything happened and that he has never been physical with his wife. He was taken into custody for domestic violence and transported to the Miami County Jail.

**2:16 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at County Rd. 25A for an equipment violation. The driver was found to be driving under suspension, was so cited and released to a licensed driver.

## Attorney General Warns of Scams Targeting Small Businesses

Average Reported Loss is About \$2,000

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today warned small businesses to watch for signs of a scam, including callers who claim the business's power will be shut off and invoices for products the business never ordered. The warning comes during National Small Business Week, May 4 to 8, 2015.

In the past year, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received more than 150 complaints about potential scams affecting businesses, with an average payment amount of about \$2,000.

"Small businesses work incredibly hard to keep their operations running, and they can be hit hard by scams," Attorney General DeWine said. "We don't want business owners to lose valuable time or money to con artists, so we are encouraging them to learn about common scams and to talk to their employees about the warning signs."

Common schemes reported by businesses include:

- Utility shut-off scams: A business receives a call supposedly from its utility company claiming the business's power will be shut off within hours unless the business pays a few hundred dollars immediately using a prepaid money card. In reality, the caller is a scammer, not a representative of the utility company and the business will lose any money that it sends. This scam often affects restaurants and other businesses that have a customer location where customers visit, such as convenience stores, bowling alleys, or nail salons.
- Phony invoices: Businesses receive a fax,

phone call, or letter demanding that they pay a final invoice for "yellow page" advertising, office supplies, or other products that the business did not actually order. (Scammers rely on employees not realizing the invoice is phony or paying it to avoid trouble.)

- Corporate minutes filing: Businesses receive notice that they must submit information to file their annual corporate minutes along with a fee of \$100 or more. Although some businesses report thinking the notice is coming from the government, it is not. Businesses generally are not required to make this kind of filing with the state.
- Overpayment scam: A scam artist, posing as a customer, places an order but pays more than the total amount — such as sending a \$400 check after ordering \$200 worth of products. The "customer" asks the business to send back the difference via wire transfer or prepaid money card. While the business's payment is valid, the customer's is not, and the customer's check later will be returned as counterfeit. This scheme often affects independent sales consultants who sell cosmetics or household goods directly to consumers.
- Online sales scams: A business finds a good deal on a copy machine, vehicle, or other equipment from an online seller who advertises on Craigslist or other Internet marketplaces. The business sends the payment but never receives the product.

Red flags of a scam include:

- Callers who threaten to shut off power within

hours unless payment is made.

- Bills or invoices that arrive unexpectedly, not according to schedule.
- Unexpected calls asking to "verify" the business's address or contact information.
- Requests for payment via wire transfer or prepaid cards, which are preferred payment methods for scammers.
- Overpayment from a customer.
- Demands for immediate action (and threats about what will happen if no action is taken).

Steps to avoid scams:

- Demand information in writing before sending any payment.
- Don't trust someone who says you must pay using a prepaid money card or wire transfer. Once money is sent using one of these payment methods, it is nearly impossible to recover.
- Warn employees about potential scams, and encourage them to talk to a supervisor if they notice any unusual calls, invoices, or customer activity.

To help businesses avoid deceptive behavior, Attorney General DeWine's office provides an informal dispute resolution process that helps small businesses and nonprofits resolve complaints against other businesses. In 2014, the office received 1,179 complaints and helped adjust, recover, or save almost \$77,000 for small businesses and nonprofits, according to complaint information.

Businesses or consumers who suspect a scam or unfair business practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at [www.OhioAttorney-General.gov](http://www.OhioAttorney-General.gov) or 800-282-0515.

# Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

## Troy man pleads in child porn case

A 25-year prison term is being recommended for a Troy man who pleaded guilty May 14 in federal court to producing child pornography and attempting to produce child pornography.

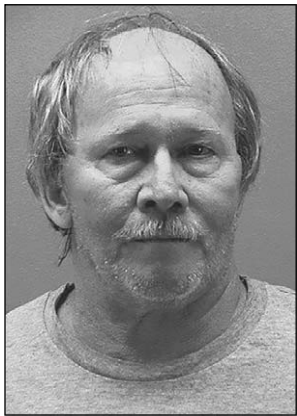
Jack A. Manning, 61, made the plea in U.S. District Court in Dayton.

Information provided by the office of Carter M. Stewart, the U.S. attorney for the southern district said Manning in February 2014 knowingly coerced a child under age 10 to engage in sexually explicit conduct so he could take pictures of the conduct. Manning also was accused of attempting to obtain a video of two minors engaged in sexually explicit

conduct, also in February 2014.

He has been in custody since his arrest last October.

U.S. District Judge Timothy S. Black will sentence Manning Sept. 14. A 25-year prison



Jack A. Manning

sentence is being recommended, pending approval by the judge.

The case resulted from efforts of Project Safe Childhood. This is a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse.

Led by the U.S. Attorneys Office, the program brings together federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecutor those who exploit children along with identifying and rescuing victims. More information on that program is available at [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

## Bridge levy heading to ballot

Miami County voters will be asked in November to again renew the county bridge levy first approved in 1951.

The county commissioners voted May 12 to ask the Board of Elections to place renewal of the 0.45-mill, five-year levy on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Paul Huelskamp, county engineer, said the levy has raised more than \$24.5 million since its first collection in 1952. The money is used to design, build and maintain bridge structures within the county.

The money is used both for projects and as matching funds to return tax dollars from Washington for local project, Huelskamp said. As an example, he pointed to the Eldean River Bridge that will be replaced at \$2.4 million. Of the cost, \$148,998, or 5 percent, will come from local bridge levy funds. The

balance is federal dollars.

Commission President Jack Evans said the bridge levy is a valuable resource. "Our bridges are in really good shape," he said, telling Huelskamp the engineer's office "has done a really good job in maintaining bridges" for school buses and emergency vehicles.

## New recycling containers coming

Troy's curbside recycling program will undergo some changes this summer with a new contract awarded to Rumpke of Ohio Inc.

Although Rumpke is the current recycling program contractor, residents will see a change with a switch from recycling bins to 65-gallon containers on wheels.

The City Council was told in a written update Monday, May 15, that the containers were expected to be delivered to residents in about eight weeks.

Titterington noted in the memo that the containers will be larger, which hopefully would encourage people to recycling more materials. The containers will allow the contractor to use an automated system for the driver to empty the container without leaving the truck. The use of that vehicle will require the city to assess alley collection and move "a number" of alley collections to street collection, Titterington said.

Rumpke and the city will work together to provide information on where new containers should be placed for collection and other details, he said.

The city will pay \$311,875 a year under the two-year contract.

## Parking lot, other projects OK'd

The Troy Planning Commission approved a 14-space parking lot on West Water Street near the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center May 13.

The lot, proposed by Improve Troy LLC, will be built at 316-18 W. Water on land where a house previously stood. The lot would provide much needed parking for the cultural center. It will be located just west of a Miami County owned parking lot.

Alan Kappers, commission chairman, abstained from the vote because of his involvement in Improve Troy LLC.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved temporary window signs for New York Bagel Café & Deli at 103 S. Market St. and Elizabeth Marie Fashions at 117 S. Market St.
- OK'd a request for four single faced walls sign above store fronts and installation of goose neck exterior lights at 101 S. Market St.
- Approved a shed at the rear of 302 W. Franklin St.
- Authorized installation of an aluminum handrail on front steps at 321 W. Franklin St.
- OK'd a white vinyl open style fence at 114 E. Franklin St.

## Property Transfers

Property Address	Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
2242 PLEASANT VW DR	5/12	\$0	BEMUS BELVA J	BEMUS BELVA J (TRUSTEE)
2546 BROOKVIEW DR	5/13	\$229,000	BROWN ROY C JR TRUSTEE	BYERS ASHLEY R & MICHAEL
1900 NORMANDY LN	5/13	\$213,500	WILLIAMS DEAN R	SCHEERER JEREMY & SARAH
182 GREEN OAK DR	5/13	\$151,000	RASEY MICHAEL C & LORI D	SABIA CHRISTOPHER M
714 MEADOW LN	5/12	\$0	SECRETARY OF HUD	CAPPELLI KRISTINA L & DANIEL J ANTHONY
1361 W TRADE SQ	5/13	\$0	BACKWATER HOLDINGS LLC	1361 TRADE SQUARE LLC
314 ARMAND DR	5/12	\$19,900	MAINSOURCE BANK	FAIR ROBIN R
ARMAND DR	5/12	\$19,900	MAINSOURCE BANK	FAIR ROBIN R
1224 NORTHBROOK LN	5/13	\$153,000	J II PROPERTIES INC	SHIRK DAN J
EXPERIMENT F RD	5/11	\$1,800,000	TROY PIKE TWO LTD	PRECISION AERO CORP
1500 EXPERIMENT F RD	5/11	\$1,800,000	TROY PIKE TWO LTD	PRECISION AERO CORP
1260 STEPHENSON DR	5/12	\$157,500	STUPP DEBORAH J	VODDE DEBRA S
1143 WINCHESTER DR	5/13	\$165,000	LE MINH D	CURTNER C W & R I HURD
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# Rotary and Interact Clubs to Shake Things Up at Festival

Visitors to the 39th annual Troy Strawberry Festival can quench their thirst at Troy Rotary Club's Strawberry Lemonade Shake-up booth and enjoy a freshly squeezed beverage created when it's ordered. This year, the booth will be located in the Square on Main Street and will face the fountain. "We are excited to be part of the festival again," said Lisa Winterhalter, Rotarian and co-chair of the booth.

"It's a great time to meet people and work with the Interact students on their service project," she noted.

The Interact Club is offered at Troy High School and is sponsored by Rotary. Designed for youth ages 15-18, Interact is a global program that provides opportunities for members to perform community service projects and improve international understanding. "These students take their service projects very seriously," explained John Frigge, Rotarian and Interact Club advisor, "and they look forward to helping at the festival every year," he said.

Proceeds from the sales of the strawberry lemonade shake-ups benefit the Troy area in a number of ways. "Annually, Rotary uses part of the proceeds to help the Interact Club and to provide assistance when there is a community

need," shared Tom Giere, Rotary treasurer and co-owner of Nolan, Giere & Company. "Just recently, we donated money to the Troy Carbon Monoxide Detector Fund to help with the purchase and installation of lifesaving CO alarms," he added. This is the program that was established by the City of Troy, the Lincoln Community Center, Partners in Hope, and The Troy Foundation in response to the tragedy



that happened in February. It makes combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms available to residents who are served by the Troy Fire Department. "Rotary is honored to help keep area families safe," said Giere.

In addition to the festival booth, the Troy Rotary Club supports several programs and provides scholarships to area students. In 2013-14, Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, distributed more than \$11,000 in community aid and scholarships. To learn more about Rotary programs and membership, visit their Web Site at [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org). Follow the club's activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

# Civic Band Offers Patriotic Concert

The Troy Civic Band, directed by Bill and Kathy McIntosh, begins its summer 2015 season with a free outdoor concert on Sunday, May 24 at 7:00 PM, downtown Troy on Prouty Plaza. The concert theme, "To Those Who Serve" will recognize past and present military, first responders and medical personnel. Audience members are encouraged to wear patriotic or service attire. Featured music includes instrumentals from the films "Patton" and "Crimson Tide", plus Sousa marches, a vocal rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "Armed Forces Salute." Military personnel and their families are saluted as the band plays the official marching songs of the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and Navy. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Info contact: 937-335-1178

The Troy Civic Band is comprised of semi-professional musicians from Miami County and surrounding areas. Mrs. Kathy McIntosh is a Troy native who attended Troy City Schools. Kathy (affectionately known as Ms. Mack) also Director of Bands for Troy City Schools. Her primary in-

strument is French Horn. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh are co-directors of the Troy-Civic Band. The McIntoshes are graduates of Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Mr. Bill McIntosh is a fabulous tenor singer and radio announcer. Mr. McIntosh also plays trumpet for Troy Civic Band and the Ohio Valley British Brass Band. Bill McIntosh is responsible for reviving the Troy Civic Band in 2001. The band is supported by generous donations from the City of Troy, the Troy Foundation, and private donors.

Troy Civic Band performs primarily downtown Troy as part of the Downtown Troy "Summer Music Series", a collaborative effort of The City of Troy, The Troy Foundation, Troy Main Street, and the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. This summer, over thirty concerts will take place at Prouty Plaza or at Hayner. "Summer Music Series" brochures are available at Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main, Troy, OH 45373. Information about performing musicians and downtown events is available at [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org) or [www.troymainstreet.org](http://www.troymainstreet.org).

# Habitat For Humanity Awarded Grant

The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant towards the Habitat ReStore Relocation "Capital Fund."

Judy Thompson, the Foundation's Executive Director, presented the check to ReStore Manager Sharon McGill, to assist in the current efforts to relocate the Habitat ReStore to a "new" 17,000 square foot facility. "The VWK Foundation is pleased to support this effort. It is one of the largest awards the Foundation has made to an organization outside of Montgomery County," said Thompson.



The ReStore is a major fundraising program of HFHMSCO. It is an outlet store that sells new and gently used donated home improvement goods which are then sold to the public for 50-85% less than retail value. Proceeds provide a valuable source of self-sustainable funding for Habitat for Humanity's mission to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

ReStores, nation-wide are owned and operated by local Habitat affiliates. 100% of the net proceeds earned by the local Restore stay within the

community's service area (Miami & Shelby Counties). They are undesignated funds which are used for both program and administrative expenses.

Habitats for Humanity ReStores have a three-fold impact on communities:

- We supply the community with low-cost home improvement materials
- We keep reusable building materials and home improvement items out of the landfill
- We financially contribute to the operations of Habitat for Humanity in our local community

"Our ReStore has

proven to be a viable and growing source of funding that significantly improves our self-sustainability," said McGill.

Other generous contributors:

- Troy Foundation (\$10,000)
- Emerson Charitable Trust (\$10,000)
- Miami County Foundation (\$6,000)
- Minster Bank (\$5,000)
- Unity Bank (\$5,000)
- Mutual Federal Bank (\$1,000)
- ITW Volunteer Match (\$1,300)
- Individuals (\$1,170)

# Sheriff May File Charges

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broken down into actual calls (258 actual calls) while those with O'Brien are not broken down. The contacts with Lopez were 28 and with Waymire, 269 contacts (46 actual calls). Cox said he would not comment on the contacts with Waymire.

The report states the cell phone carrier said it did not store text messages for any length of time. "Therefore, no text message content was available. Although there is no record of call conversations or text content, the number and timing of the contacts are notable," Taylor wrote.

"It appears to me there are some violations, interfering with me and the way my office runs, and some others, that I think should be looked into and determine whether or not violations did take place," Cox said. "If they did. You figure it out, 6,000 phone calls back and forth."

Nasal said May 13 he had no comment.

O'Brien issued a written statement accusing the sheriff and Chief Deputy Dave Duchak of politics and saying he dealt with Leese as he would any other member of the media. Duchak said May 15 that the sheriff would not comment on O'Brien's remarks or beyond what he said May 13.

O'Brien said the sheriff's office "made things worse" by how it handled the sheriff's health issues that kept him out of the office for extended peri-

ods. Alleged "secrecy" and appointing an acting sheriff "confused our citizens and concerned the commissioners office because of potential legal implications and the possibility of financial exposure to the county," O'Brien said.

Cox, who has been sheriff since 1989, said he was not approached by anyone in the Republican Party regarding his health issues or future plans. He said he plans to continue in office until the end of this term. O'Brien is the county Republican Party chairman.

# Cremeans Brings Comic Characters to Life

By Mike Woody

Like he does with the characters from comic books and TV cartoons, Jon Cremeans is also bringing the artist within himself to life. After first forming Cremeans Creations in 1994, Cremeans is now working full time at his self-owned business which designs costumes and offers a wide range of other artistic services to customers both locally and all across the

eight of the last 11 years. The conventions also provides the opportunity to meet new potential customers as people come from all over. Cremeans is currently working on orders for customers from South Carolina and California, while also in talks with someone from England.

One reason Cremeans work is so in-demand, is to replicate the original in every way, down to the smallest detail. He begins by examining



country.

A 1989 graduate of Troy High School, Cremeans went on to attend the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where he earned a degree in Industrial Design Technologies and in Computer Animation Multi-Media. "An artist is all I've ever wanted to be for as long as I can remember. In the first grade I won my first drawing competition, where the picture I made was put

the action figure, comic book, trading card or anything with the characters image on it. Next, he begins to assemble the materials needed to create the costume, while making measurements to make sure the size of the full length costume is on equal scale with the original.

All the time and effort Cremeans puts into a project is made worth it once it's completed. "It's surreal when it gets done and then comes to life when someone is in it. Just to see people's faces makes it all worth it," said Cremeans.

In addition to costumes, Cremeans Creations offers many other artistic services, such as figure sculpting, custom miniature modeling, and special effects makeup. He recently painted the garden statues (fairies) in vibrant colors at Harmony Farm and is in charge of the Zombie Walks every October. "We do everything and anything that's related to art," said Cremeans.

Cremean Creations can be found on Facebook and more information is also available at [CremeansCreations.com](http://CremeansCreations.com).



in the newspaper," said Cremeans.

The majority of Cremeans work comes from designing and fully creating costumes for conventions, such as the G.I. Joe Collectors Club. His costumes, made to replicate a variety of different G.I. Joe characters, has won first place at the convention for

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# Obituaries

## I. Jean Favorite

I. Jean Favorite, age 88 of Troy passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Koester Pavilion, Troy. She was born December 15, 1926 in Troy, Ohio to the late Floyd and Goldie (Fleck) Avey. She mar-



ried Raymond L. Favorite on March 2, 1946 and he preceded her in death on January 17, 2015. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Troy. She is survived by her daughters Sandra Favorite of Troy, Ra-

mona Favorite of Troy, Brenda VanHorn of Troy, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters-in-law Marvin Avey of Troy, Harry and Jean Avey of Troy, Norman and Elsie Avey of Troy, Ralph and Rosie Avey of Troy., and sister Joan Littlejohn of Piqua. She is also preceded in death by grandson Chad, brothers Harold, Floyd, Donald and Charles Avey, and sisters Virginia Gearhardt and Faye Saum. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Jeff Rollison officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com)

## Karla J. Kennedy

Karla J. Kennedy, age 65, of Troy, OH passed away on Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Mayfair Village Nursing Care Center, Columbus, OH. She was born on November 19, 1949 in Portland, OR to the late Chester and Hildur (Larsen) Schaber. Karla is survived by her husband of 41 years: Thomas H. Kennedy; her daughters and son-in-law: Ashley P. Kennedy and fiance', Blair



Symes of Chicago, IL and Jamie L. and Adam Burchfield of Xenia, OH; grandsons: Robert Harper Burchfield and Hunter Sams Burchfield; brother and sister-in-law: Keith and Janet Schaber of Portland, OR; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Karla was preceded in death by her mother-in-law and father-in-law: Jane H. and Joseph W. Kennedy Jr. and sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Elizabeth P. and Joseph W. Kennedy III. Karla was a former member of the First United Methodist Church, Troy and for-

merly served as an adult advisor for the youth group's mission trips and a Senior High and Kindergarten Sunday school teacher. She was a current member of the Grove City United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Emmaus community. Karla was an avid crafter and she brought joy to others' lives with her greeting cards. She loved spending time flower gardening, cooking and entertaining, and enjoying the company of her cats. Karla was formerly a dental assistant and a school aide. In Troy, she had been employed with Troll Book Fairs and the Tom Walters Allstate Insurance Agency. She served as an Ohio-licensed insurance agent in Troy and Grove City. Along with her family she owned and operated The Cakery in Troy and Riverside. Memorial Service will be held at 4:00PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church, Troy, OH with the Pastor Bob Lybarger officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the First Place Christian Center following the service. A private interment will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, OH. Memorial contributions may be made in Karla's memory to Children's Hospital of the donor's choice. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Kari William Lampe

Kari William Lampe, age 59, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at his residence. He was



born on May 25, 1955 in Piqua, OH to Frank and Mary Jane (Thompson) Lampe.

In addition to his mother, Kari is survived by his wife: Tammy Marrie Hawkey; daughter: Jessica Marie Lampe of Springfield, OH; sister: Cheryl Case of Dayton, OH; and brother: Jack Lampe of Cleveland, OH. Kari was preceded in death by his father: Frank Lampe and brother: Frank Lampe.

Kari was a member of the Ginghamburg United Methodist Church. He was former

owner and operator of Splish Splash Auto Bath and Lube in Troy and Springfield and also Bellefontaine Best Car Wash and Kari's Kranes Service LLC.

Services will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City, OH. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00PM on Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Dolores Francis Maloney

Dolores Francis Maloney, beloved wife of Paul James Maloney, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2015. She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years. They were married in St. Paul's Shrine, Cleveland, Ohio after a five year courtship. She was born on June 10, 1931 to the late Frank and Josephine (Sorsek) Homovec, Jr. at University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio. She lived her life for God, Family and Country. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many and will be greatly missed by all that knew her.



Dolores is survived by her brother: Ral Homovec. She was a very proud mother and grandmother. She is survived by her three children: Kathleen Ann Hauser (James), Dr. Brian Paul Maloney (Diane), Paul Thomas Maloney (Julie) and her five beloved grandchildren: Michael James Hauser, Tara Ann Maloney, Meghan Marie Maloney, Kaitlyn Ann Hauser and McKenzie Elizabeth Maloney;

nephews: Drew Homovec (Karen) and Brett Homovec (CC); and two granddogs: Murphy and Sam Maloney.

Dolores attended Boyd Jr. Business College and Western Reserve University. She retired from Keys Gateway. She dedicated her life to volunteering and spent countless hours volunteering in schools in Fuerth, Germany, Tiffin, Ohio and Vandalia, Ohio. She accrued over 2200 volunteer hours at Betty Jane Rehabilitation, Tiffin, Ohio. She served on the Board and later became Executive Director of Seneca County Easter Seals. She had been a member and past President of the Afternoon Garden Club in Tiffin and Troy, member of TWIGS Card Club, member of Better Sigma Phi Sorority, Past President and member of Miami County Republican Women and a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church, Vandalia, Ohio.

Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2015 at St. Christopher Catholic church with Rev. Fr. Francis Keferl as Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either St. Christopher Catholic Church, 405 East National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377 or Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Gladys W. Miller

Gladys W. Miller, age 100, of Troy, OH passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the SpringMade Healthcare Center, Tipp City, OH. Gladys was born on December 31, 1914 in Bradford, OH to the late George and Laura (Folkerth) Gibboney. Gladys was married to James on October 8, 1938 and he preceded her in death on



September 16, 1994.

Gladys is survived by her daughters and son-in-law: Barbara and James Turner of Zephyrhills, FL, and Marilyn Broers of Bailey, CO; grandchildren: Susan (Jeffrey) Pytel of Tipp City; Andy and Khristine Turner of Tipp City;

Jennifer and Gary Gregg, of Bailey, CO; Brian Broers of Bailey, CO and Wendy and Tim Margherio of Normal, IL; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Howard, Kenneth, and Donald Gibboney; and one great granddaughter: Cassidy.

Gladys was a 1932 graduate of Kings City, CA High School and the Dayton Comptometer School in 1935. She was a former employee of the US Bank Trust Department.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with the Rev. John Shelton officiating. Interment followed in the Miami Memorial Park, Covington, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or FISH, P. O. Box 764, Troy, OH 45373. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Barbara J. Murphy

Barbara J. Murphy, age 76, of Tipp City, formerly of Celina, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Randall House in Tipp City. She was born on April 1, 1939 in Dayton, OH to the late Harry W. and Vivian Y. (LeVack) Kling. Her husband, Richard A. Murphy, preceded her in death in 2011.

Barbara is survived by one step daughter:

Nancy Peck of Troy; one sister: LaVonne Kling of Springfield; one sister-in-law: Cheryl D. Kling of Springfield; and one nephew: David Oliver Kling, Jr. of Canton. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one brother: David Oliver Kling.

Barbara loved to garden, fish and swim. She truly enjoyed her time living at the lake.

Private services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice, 8069 Washington Village Drive, Dayton, OH 45458. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

# Garden Club

Continued from Page 1 this for the community," Drake said. "The ladies worked so hard and did such a great job. Their timing for this project was perfect too." With the Strawberry Festival coming up, the city signs will welcome thousands of visitors next month.

Sandra Fisher is a member of the Garden Club who not only helped to plant the flowers but also oversaw the organization of the project and what they would plant. "I spoke with a member of the Troy City Beautification Committee and we decided that Lavender Skies Super-tunias would really "pop" under the signs - and would compliment

annuals and need little maintenance." The city will water and weed them throughout the summer.

The Alpha Garden Club is a member of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs and meets on the second Tuesday of every month at various locations around Troy. Their programs boast tremendous variety. Next month, they will be talking about Bald Eagles and in August they will participate in the Miami County Fair Flower Show. In January, they did a program on Invasive Plants; February was about the Language of Flowers; and in March they had a "Treasure Hunt" at Ken-Mar Antique Mall in Piqua to find Garden



other plantings around downtown Troy," Fisher said. There were approximately 10 super-tunia plants (the 4" pot size) planted around each of the four signs. The plants were all purchased from Garden Stone Green House. The eight club members involved in the project cleaned up and edged the beds, fertilized, planted, and watered the plants. According to Fisher, "The flowers are

Art.

Their oldest member, Mary Nickel, is 101 years old. She helped to plant the city sign flower beds in Troy last week and proved you are never too old to enjoy gardening. The other hardworking ladies on the team included Vickie Almeida, Sandra Fisher, Marian Moeckel, Tracy Yingst, Shirley Shefbuch, and Ruth Bowell.



# New Fire Chief

Continued from Page 1 chief is outstanding," Beamish said.

After taking the oath from the mayor, Simmons said the day was one of the proudest of his life.

"I wouldn't be here without all of you today, and I can't continue without these guys back here, the firefighters, my family," Simmons said.

"I don't take it lightly to do this job."

He, too, acknowledged his experience in various department positions. "I know these roots will make me grounded and also my deep roots in my faith will help me be impartial, to tell the truth and really look out for these guys, he said.

He will be paid \$102,000 a year.

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# Cancer Society Hosts Bark for Life

The American Cancer Society Bark For Life™ is a non-competitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. The contributions our four-legged friends make to our health and well-being is undeniable. The American Cancer Society Bark For Life honors the life-long contributions of our Canine Caregivers. It presents an opportunity for people to be

is an irresistible way to partner with your canine best friend, smile, and make new friends – canine & human. The event will be held on June 27, 2015. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10 per dog online or \$25 per dog day of the event. Bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, food, and games. Media sponsor HITS 105.5



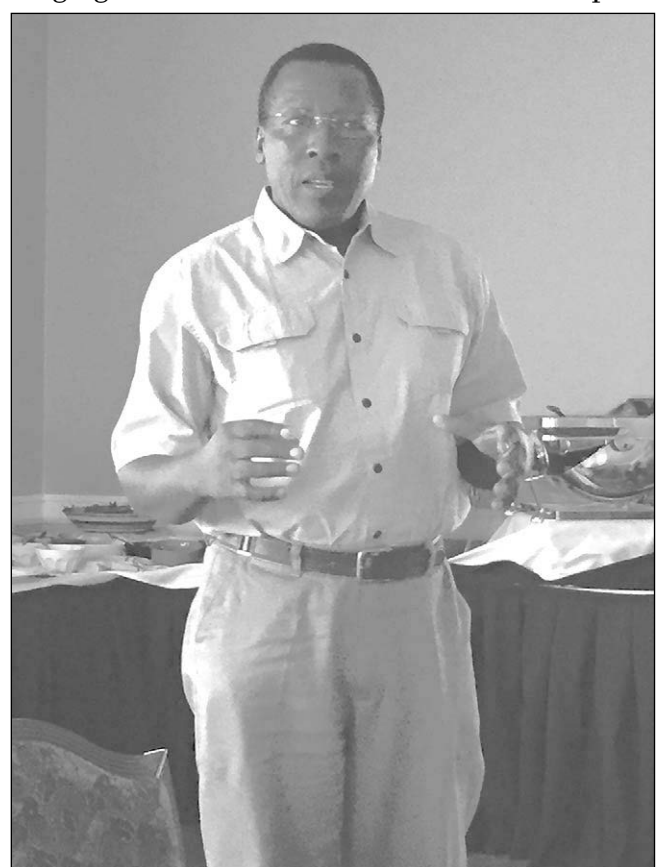
empowered through their canine companionship and to contribute to cancer cures through the mission of the American Cancer Society. Canine Caregivers are Canine Companions, Guide Dogs, Service Dogs, Rescue Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Police Dogs, Cancer Survivor Dogs, and Diagnostic Dogs, who with their owners, are joining the American Cancer Society as Relay teams. Canine companions demonstrate unconditional love, joy, security, compassion, and no judgments of cancer survivors abilities or appearances. The American Cancer Society Bark For Life

and Joe Laber will be broadcasting live at the event. Stoneyridge Veterinary Service will also be donating their services. For more information, or to pre-register, please go to [www.RelayForLife.org/barkmiamioh](http://www.RelayForLife.org/barkmiamioh), or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BarkForLifeOfMiamiCounty](http://www.facebook.com/BarkForLifeOfMiamiCounty). You may also call 888.227.6446 X3208 or email [stefanie.hreha@cancer.org](mailto:stefanie.hreha@cancer.org). By supporting Bark For Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

# Rotarians Help Children in Kenya

Troy Rotary members reach out to help children in need whether they are near or far, including those who are more than 7,900 miles away. During their weekly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, they heard from Preston Mutinda (pictured), a former Hartstein Fund scholarship recipient, as he provided an update on the growth and development of the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center. There is a longstanding relationship between Rotary, Mutinda and the Center's efforts to provide African children with an education on a variety of subjects ranging from wildlife

offers tours, classes and resources for educational purposes to over 18,000 students per year. The staff works to keep the curriculum relevant and interesting to their visitors. Recently, they added a focus on building self-esteem in young girls, who have neither been encouraged, nor treated, as equals in traditional African societies. Another area where they hope to make improvements is in having a transportation van to enable students and teachers to get to the Center more easily. It is not uncommon for children to walk many miles from their homes to attend classes and field trips to



conservation and ecology to Kenyan culture and computers. Frequently a second home to many school children in and around Kangundo, the Center

nearby wildlife preserves. To learn more about Mutinda Wildlife Education Center, visit [www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter](http://www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter) or visit their Facebook page.

Proud of its alliance with such an important international project, Troy Rotary has sponsored many programs and worthy causes to help the Center since its inception in the late 1990s. Rotarians continue to seek opportunities to support the activities at the Center and all it provides to the children of Kangundo. To learn more about Troy Rotary, its programs, projects, and membership, visit their Web site at [www.troyrotary.org](http://www.troyrotary.org). You can follow their activities on their Troy Rotary Club Facebook page.

# Gas Pump Jockeys to Perform at Festival

The Gas Pump Jockeys is the only band that promises "More Songs Per Gallon Than Any Band in North America!". And they back up that claim to the MAX!

records, including the mega-hit "Red Rubber Ball" The band can say with a straight face that the Gas Pump Jockeys are just two degrees from The Beatles. Very few bands



The band provides a fun and entertaining trip back to a day when gasoline was 25 cents/gallon, it was pumped by a gas pump jockey, who also cleaned your windows, checked your oil and tires and gave you green stamps to boot. All while you stayed seated in your car and listened to the greatest songs of all time on your AM radio. The Gas Pump Jockeys help capture that era to the max, by performing on a stage reminiscent of a vintage filling station and they even dress in the same clothes as a gas attendant wore in the day.

If that is not enough, The Gas Pump Jockeys features rock and roll royalty! Mike Losekamp was a member of the amazingly talented band called The Cyrkle, managed by Brian Epstein (The Manager of The Beatles). Epstein guided The Cyrkle to two gold

can make that claim. In addition to performing some of the greatest rock classics, The Gas Pump Jockeys add a wonderful comedic element to their very energetic performance, guaranteed to make your festival, fair or corporate event a huge success. And just to "top off the tank", the band encourages their audience to become a major part of their show. They will clap, sing, and laugh away their evening. You just never know what you might see at a GPJ performance.

The Gas Pump Jockeys are truly a "Full Service" band and a "can't miss" show to see. If you are looking for a band that sells FUN. Then you have pulled into the right station.

Come join the fun and dance the night away on Saturday June 6th, 2015 @ 5:30 PM Prouty Plaza

# UVMC Offers Health Program for Women

Upper Valley Medical Center will host a free program in Premier Health's Women, Wisdom and Wellness series Thursday, May 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Crystal Room, 845 W. Market St., Troy. The topic for the session is "Why Weight? Healthier Living Begins Today." Women of all ages are invited to attend.

The program is designed to help women learn more about the impact weight has on their health and what can be done to reduce certain risk factors. A panel discussion will focus on health risks associated with overweight and underweight and tips to help reduce these risks and achieve healthy weight. The panel will include

Rashmi Bolinjar, M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist; Thomas Kupper, M.D., FACC, cardiologist; Joyce Tebbe, nurse practitioner; Diane Birchfield, registered dietitian; and Angie Strong, physical therapist. Guest emcee will be Kim Faris, radio host for B94.5 and BIG 106.5.

The evening will include a light dinner, educational activities, health screenings, chair massages and door prizes. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., and program and activities will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required by May 22 for this free event. To register or learn more, call CareFinders at 1-866-608-3463, or log on to [PremierHealth.com/WomenSeries](http://PremierHealth.com/WomenSeries).

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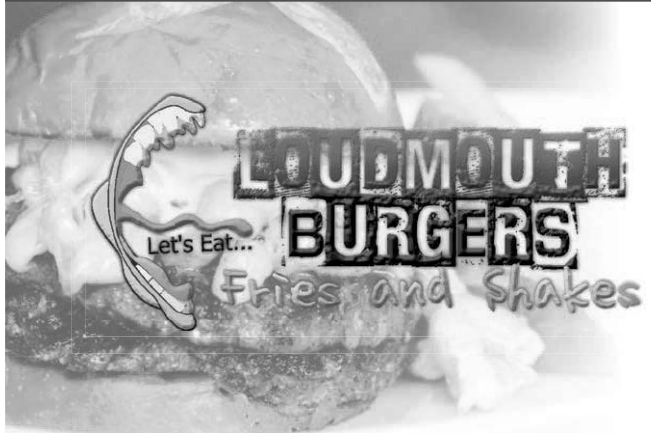
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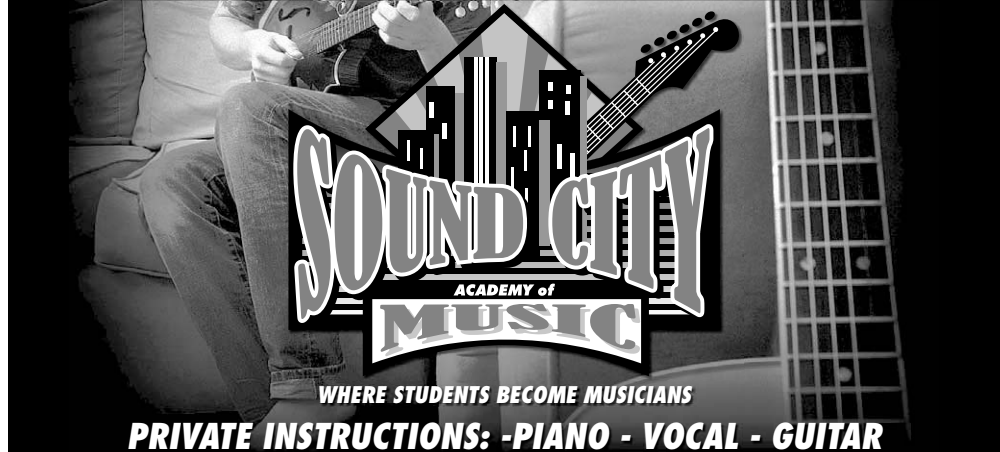
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# Troy Dominates GWOC Track Meet

By Jim Dabbelt

There was never a question how strong the Troy girls' track squad was, and last week, they proved it to the rest of the league.

A dominating performance from the Trojans saw them easily win the Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division of the league track meet, which concluded on Friday at Troy Memorial Stadium.

fourth at 27.17. In the final individual distance race, Gigandet was second in the 3200 run with a finish of 11:10.60, with Shigley third (11:53.99). Finally in the 1600 relay, Troy placed third.

Dasia Cole was first in the high jump with a leap of 4-11.5, and her Troy teammate Ashlin Colclasure was second. The long jump also saw Free place second and Hemm placed fifth. In the shot, Kelsey Walters won the

100 dash, Alex Rizhallah placed fourth.

In the 800 relay, the Trojans team of Baumann, Michael, Rizhallah and Moody placed fourth, while in the 1600 individual, Stephen Jones was second in the North with a time of 4:25.53. Schultz also finished fourth.

In the 400 relay, Baumann, Michael, Moody and Rizhallah was second (44.97), with the 300 hurdles third place finisher being Zach Boyer (42.81).



The Trojans scored 183 team points, nearly 80 points better than second place Butler. The Trojans are now gearing up for the district track meet this week.

Several of the Trojans placed in the top five of each event, including the 3200 relay team of Gigandet, Pence, Myers and Falknor who won the event among North teams with a time of 10:10.87. In the 100 dash, Gracie Huffman finished first with a time of 12.93, while Kelsey Walters was third (13.35).

The team of Courts, Barr, Walters and Huffman also won the 800 relay event with a time of 1:46.76, which not only gave them a divisional win, but their time also was the best in the entire GWOC. In the 1600 run, Morgan Gigandet finished second with a time of 5:13.63, with teammate Emma Shigley one spot behind her at 5:28.45.

In the 400 relay, Hemm, Walters, Courts and Freed placed second for the Trojans at 51.35, while in the open 400, Huffman won the North title with a time of 1:00.14. Troy's Ashley Barr was second at 1:00.59.

Finishing fifth in the 300 hurdles was Troy's Caitlyn Cusick, while Gigandet came back in the open 800 and placed third.

Running the 200 dash for the Trojans was Huffman, as she placed first with a time of 25.99, with Barr finishing

North division with a toss of 36-7, and was second overall in the GWOC. Alaura Holycross from Troy placed third in the division. In the discus, Troy's Kylee Brooks was first (94-3), with Amanda Setser placing fourth. Finally in the pole vault, Troy's Christina Moser was third with a leap of 10-feet.

\* In the boys' meet, the Trojans placed second overall in the North with 105 points, only behind Trotwood Madison with 116.

Troy's 3200 team of Schultz, Nagata, Jones and Prus finished second with a time of 8:24.20, while in the 110 hurdles, Trojan freshman Zach Boyer won the divisional title with a time of 15.65, which was second overall in the GWOC. Also in the

Schultz finished second in the 800 run (1:56.94), with Jones third (1:59.68).

Rizhallah came back and finished third in the 200 dash, while in the final two events, the 3200 meter run was won by Jones with a time of 9:25.04, not only winning the division and the overall GWOC title, but also setting a new league record. Finally in the 1600 relay, the Troy team of Huth, Nagata, Farrier and Jacobs placed fourth.

In the high jump, Troy's Trenton Michael finished fourth overall (5-8), the same place Hayden Jackson placed in the long jump (18-6.5). Also in the pole vault, Joe Dippold, a Troy junior finished third.

The districts are this week for all area teams.



# Wood, Moeller Lead Troy Into Sectional Finals

By Jim Dabbelt

Trenton Wood pitched a solid complete game, and Collin Moeller blasted a grand slam to lead the Troy Trojans past Centerville 8-2 last week in the sectional baseball tournament at North Market Street field in Troy.

The Trojans now advance to the sectional finals tomorrow night at Beavercreek High School at 5 p.m. They will play Fairmont for a chance to get to the districts.

Wood began the game by retiring the first three Centerville batters before the Trojans came to the plate and jumped out in front.

Josh Fulker led off the game for Troy with a walk, and one out later, Wood reached on an error by the Elks third baseman. A single from Alec Demore scored Fulker, and after Dalton Cascaden reached on a walk, the Trojans loaded the bases looking for a big inning.

One out later, Zach Thompson reached on a walk to drive in Wood, and when Jared Bair grounded out to end the inning, the Trojans left

the bases loaded, but also took a 2-0 lead.

Centerville tried to come back by loading the bases in the second with one out, but a pop out and strikeout from Wood left the runners on base for the Elks.

After Centerville put a runner in scoring position in the third but again unable to score him, they came back

While Troy's offense continued to be stagnant since the first inning, the Elks threatened yet again in the fifth inning. Tanner Hamilton reached on an error to lead off the fifth, and after Chase Whitaker singled, it was Blake Zeller knocking in Hamilton with the tying run for the Elks.

Troy used a fifth in-



in the fourth. Brian Schutter walked to open the fourth for the Elks, then a hit from Ausut Eggert set up Centerville in scoring position again. Wood bounced back to retire Myles Edwards before allowing a run scoring ground out to second from Seth Pritchett to cut the lead in half at 2-1.



ning to not only get the lead back from Centerville, but open the gap for the Trojans. Hayden Kotwica led off the fifth with a single, was moved to second when Fulker dropped down a sacrifice, then Ryan Lavy singled to bring Wood to the plate with a chance to help himself.

He did just that, with a run scoring single to give the Trojans the lead again at 3-2. Lavy then scored when a wild throw from the Elks catcher allowed the run to score, pushing the lead out to 4-2.

Demore and Cascaden both singled before Moeller crushed a grand slam over the left field wall, extending the lead to 8-2.

Wood ended the game retiring the last eight batters to pick up the win.

# Eagles Defeat Mechanicsburg In Tourney Opener

By Jim Dabbelt

One day after storms in the area postponed their tournament game, the Troy Christian Eagles baseball team used timely hitting and a solid complete game on the mound to defeat Mechanicsburg 4-1 in the first round of the Sectional Tournament last week.

The Eagles scored quickly, as they plate two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Jordan Slone singled and stole second, and came into score when Jacob Brown singled for Troy Christian. Later, Kevin Ward knocked in Brown, and the Eagles led 2-0.

"Anytime you can get ahead of your opponent, the other team starts to press and you feel more confident about your game," said Troy Christian coach Tony Ferraro.

"We were making the all of the plays on defense, and it was imperative to stay on top of them and lengthen the lead."

The Indians put together three singles to score a run in the top of the sixth before the Eagles answered in the bottom of the inning.

Ward and Scott Douglass both reached on bunt singles and Camron Davee reached on a single to load the bases. Elijah Sims drove in Ward, and a fielders choice from Brandon Conley made it 4-1.

Douglas pitched a complete game five hitter, allowing one walk and striking out four.

"He stayed ahead of the hitters all night, and had a sharp breaking ball which helped him," Ferraro said. "He also had a good fastball, and got a number of hitters on his changeup."

"Both teams only had one error, it was a well played game."

Slone led the Eagles with three hits, while Davee added two hits and a walk.

"We put the ball in play, and only struckout three times," Ferraro said. "We were able to move up runners and put them in scoring position."

"All of the seniors stepped up and played well, and pulled us to the victory."

"Troy Christian saw their season come to an end as they fell to Triad 16-5 as they lost in a run-ruled game on the road last week. The Cardinals set the tone early, as they scored 10 runs in the opening inning, ending any chance to a Troy Christian comeback by adding another run in the second and five more in the third.

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# Eagles Athletes Shine In MBC Track Meet

By Jim Dabbelt

Both the Troy Christian boys' and girls' track squads competed in the Metro Buckeye Conference championships on Saturday, in a meet that was held at Troy Christian High School. The girls' finished fifth overall in the high school division, while in the boys' group, the Eagles finished fifth also.

In the girls' 3200 meter relay, the Troy Christian team of Fletcher, Pitsenbarger, Strait and Toms finished fifth overall with a time of 13:28.90, while in the 100 hurdles, Troy Christian freshman Faith King finished fourth overall by running a 19.42.

Anastasia Muzart finished third in the 100 meter dash, as the Eagle sophomore raced a time of 12.92. In the 800 relay, Troy Christian finished sixth, as Fletcher, King, Stammen and Toms ran a time of 2:09.91.

In the 400 relay event, the team of Kincaid, Toms, Stammen and Muzart placed fifth overall

with a time of 56.44, and King came back in the 300 hurdles and placed fourth with a time of 55.86.

Meredith Haddad won the 200 dash with a time of 26.74, and team-

mate Muzart was second overall at 26.98, giving the Eagles the only two runners to run under 27 seconds in the event.



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Megan Fletcher earned a fourth place finish in

Haddad came back in the long jump and placed third overall with a leap of 16-feet, and she also placed second in the pole vault at 7-6, finishing behind to teammate Sydney Kincaid, who leaped 9-6.

Emily Sloan finished the shot put with a throw of 27-1, good enough for sixth overall, then came back with a third place finish in the discus (83-1).

\*In the league boys' meet, the Eagles took fourth in the 3200 relay, as the team of Davidson, Hivner, Sperry and Schaffnit ran 10:24.09. The 100 dash also saw a strong finish for the Eagles, as freshman Andrew Strait finished third with a time of 11.66.

Earning a fifth place finish in the 400 relay was the Troy Christian group consisting of Hivner, Schaffnit, Strait and LaVielles with a time of 50.44, while in the open 400, Joshua Garver placed sixth overall.

Strait came back in the 200 and finished sixth by running a 24.24, and to wrap up the running events, the Eagles team of Donald, Flannery, Garver, and Schaffnit finished fifth overall in the 1600 relay.

Garver came back in the long jump and placed fifth overall, jumping 15-11.5, and LaVielles placed third in the pole vault.

David Blake dominated the competition in both of the throwing events, as the sophomore threw the shot put 46-1, for a seven-foot win over his closest competition. Blake's Troy Christian teammate Caleb Salazar finished sixth overall with a throw of 30-11.25. Blake also easily won the discus, with a toss of 128-10.

\*Troy Christian's middle school girls' track team won the middle school MBC championship with 144 team points.



# Northmont Shuts Out Trojans In Softball Sectionals

By Jim Dabbelt

For the first four innings, the Troy Trojans softball team battled Northmont closely, and was ready to strike in the fifth inning with two runners in scoring position. But just that quickly, the game turned around.

The Trojans could not take advantage of their best scoring opportunity, and in the bottom of the fifth, the T-Bolts put two more runs on the board, then added four more in the sixth to put the game out of reach as Northmont eliminated Troy from the Sectional Tournament 8-0 in the second round matchup at Northmont High School.

Troy put a runner on first in the opening inning, as Natalie Henson singled with two outs, but they could not advance her. The first serious scoring threat came from Northmont in the bottom

of the second inning.

Erin Mangen led off the inning with a bloop double down the left field line that just dropped fair, then two outs later, Emily Ritchie reached on an infield single, but Cory Mangen hit a solid fly ball caught by the right fielder, keeping the game scoreless.

Troy also threatened an inning later, as they put two on base with two outs. Dani Lade singled and Henson walked but both runners were left on base as Amanda Rose got out of the inning without any runs scoring when the Trojans struck out.

The games' first run scored in the third inning with two outs, as Northmont's Shelby Stephens ripped a solo homerun to give the Bolts a 1-0 lead.

Another run scored in the fourth for Northmont, as Erin Mangen lined a homerun to centerfield to lead off the inning, push-

ing the Bolts lead to 2-0.

Troy came back an inning later and put to runners on in the fifth on two walks, but with runners standing at second and third, Henson grounded out to second, keeping the Trojans off the board.

With that chance gone, the Trojans watched as the Bolts added to their lead in the fifth. With two outs, Stephens singled for Northmont, then consecutive walks brought in another run, pushing the Bolts lead out to 4-0.

Four more runs came into score in the sixth for Northmont, highlighted by a three-run homerun from Stephens, her second of the game, and taking the lead out to 8-0.

Troy could not dent the plate in the seventh, sending the Trojans home.

Also last week, Troy had the chance to get to this game with a 5-0 win over Vandalia Butler



Amy Evaniuk makes a great catch for Troy Christian on Friday evening. She did the same thing for the next batter, too.

## Sports Schedule

Date	Sport	Event	Time
5/21	THS Tennis	District Tourn @ Centerville	10:00AM
5/21	THS Baseball	Sectional Finals @ Beaverck	4:00 PM
5/22	THS Track	Districts @ Wayne	5:00 PM
5/23	THS Tennis	District Finals @ TBA	TBA
5/27	THS Track	Regionals @ UD	4:00 PM
5/23	TCS Track	District Finals @ W. Milton	9:30 AM
5/27	TCS Track	Regional Prelims @ THS	4:00 PM
5/29	TCS Track	Regional Finals @ THS	5:00 PM

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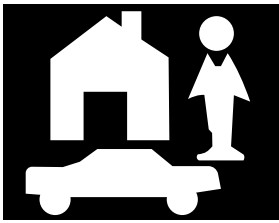
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Gardening  
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FROM MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

JIM COPES | Photo



Caring for Mom’s Hanging Basket

Many Mom’s received hanging baskets or a container garden for Mother’s Day and now it is time to keep it looking great for the rest of the summer. It is not hard to do this when a few rather simple principles are followed. Many nurseries and garden centers offer beautiful hanging baskets in the spring and when they are taken home it isn’t long when the beauty that was purchased isn’t looking so beautiful. It really isn’t that difficult to keep those planters and baskets looking good for the summer. Here is what you need to do.

The first thing to do is to water the container properly. If you still have the May 6th and May 13th issues of this newspaper there is a review of some of the details about proper watering in this gardening column. We will not go into all those details here but just to mention the critical points that need to be followed.

Watering is one of the key issues. Try to keep the soil moist and allowing the soil dry out between watering is good as long as the soil does not get so dry that it shrinks away from the walls of the container. A slight wilt is good for the root system as long as it is not too severe.

Keep in mind that rain water for watering your containers and baskets is preferred to well water in the Miami Valley as we have very hard water that is unfavorable to many plants. One of the solutions to the watering issue is to use the “Weekender”

hanging basket that only needs to be watered once every 3 or 4 days.

Feeding the plants is the next thing to take care of. Some garden centers will add a Controlled Release fertilizer like Osmocote at check out and this will feed the plants for the summer. If you purchase plants where this is not done then you should purchase this slow release plant food or you will have to feed the plants with a water soluble fertilizer once or twice a week.

Grooming your container or hanging basket is very important a couple of times a month. Think of it as something you do regularly, like giving your hair the ‘do’. Some plants don’t require as much attention as others so just watch their development and if your baskets or planters need a little primping, do it. Your plants will respond with many more flowers and an attractive shape. Grooming is cutting the stems of some plants like petunias, lantana, million bells, back 2 – 4”. If you do this regularly on the plants that need it, using a random pattern, you will not notice the “tipping” of the stems and your flowers will continue to bloom profusely with a nice compact shape.

Remember, plants are living things and we all need some attention once in a while, now don’t we?

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is not yet crate trained, and doesn’t really care to be put into a crate.

A very gentle dog, Shadow would make a great pet for most any home.

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At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Rain or Shine Recipes



Have you ever taken a few moments in a spring rain to sit under an umbrella watching the garden grow or listening to the soft rain drops plopping off fresh green leaves? One can sense things are happening in that space of time that just have to be taken for granted.

In amongst the distressing moments of the day a small window of calm becomes a shield to the senses. Misty wet air refreshes brain cells, a distant bird song soothes

frayed nerves and once again a feeling that things will be okay come to the fore. The same thing can happen on a mild sunny morning when bright sunlight sparkles off dew drops on grass, a chirping sparrow sings to his mate and a newly fledged robin trails behind mom as she wanders the fence line. Just a few moments, take just a few moments to sit and listen and watch for a real life snapshot

of what happens while the crazy world turns.

Nourishment for the soul is just out the back door where iris bloom or a mile down the road inside the park where a spotted sandpiper feeds on a half-submerged log. It is on the patio where odd-sized pots cradle lettuce and petunias and a tomato plant with its hundreds of tiny white blooms. It is in the quiet, solitude of a cemetery where a Baltimore oriole

sings in the tree branches while his mate weaves a basket in the wind.

Here are some recipes from years past that were enjoyed while appreciating those few moments, realizing that life can be simple, clear and fresh from a warm May rain or a young-at-heart sunny, growing day.

Contact Connie at [dcrmoores@att.net](mailto:dcrmoores@att.net) or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

Spicy Blueberry Salsa

- 1 large pink or red grapefruit
- 1 teaspoon honey or sugar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/2 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeno pepper
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red or sweet onion

Section out grapefruit (or substitute an orange) and dice into 1/2-inch pieces.

Add rest of ingredients and toss lightly. More or less onion and pepper can be added according to taste. Chill until serving time. Serve with chips or over grilled meats or over greens.

Strawberry Dip

- 3-ounces low fat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 4-5 large strawberries, hulled, mashed
- 3 teaspoons confectioners' sugar

Fresh fruit and/or veggies

With electric mixer, beat together cheese, yogurt, mashed berries and sugar. Chill. To serve, place dip in cup or bowl in middle of serving platter. Surround it with whole berries, sliced apples (dip in lemon juice to prevent browning), sectioned oranges, thin celery sticks, thin carrot sticks, broccoli florets. Can also be used as spread for crackers, bagels. Top them with a bit of one of the salsas for extra fruity goodness.

Fudge Berry Shortcake

- 9-inch pan baked brownies
- 1 quart strawberries, hulled, sliced
- Whipped cream or whipped topping
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds

Cut pan of brownies into 9 portions. Place 4 squares on serving plates. Soon berries over top. Place remaining brownies on top of berries. Garnish with whipped cream, chips and almonds. Yes, there is a brownie square left but usually we munch on it as we assemble the desserts. Makes 4 servings.

Smaller "mini" portions can be made by cutting brownies into smaller squares.

Sweet Berry Salsa makes a great shortcake filling too.

Sweet Berry Salsa

- 2 cups chopped strawberries
- 2 med. tart green apples, cored, chopped
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled, chopped
- 1/2 cup blueberries, frozen or fresh
- 1 orange
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons strawberry jelly, melted

In a large bowl, combine both berries, apples, kiwi. Grate a little orange rind (zest) over fruit. Cut orange open and squeeze juice over fruit. (Discard any seeds) Stir together the sugar and jelly. Stir gently into fruit. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Serve with tortilla chips, as side to meats or salad topping or as topping for cheesecakes, ice cream or yogurt.



Police Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO  
Tipp City Police Retired

Bicycles

Tragically we heard of another child on a bicycle being struck by a car and an innocent and promising young life is finished before even having a chance. The exuberance and naiveté of children are what makes their lives so full of joy and excitement. It also is the reason they get scrapes, break bones and even lose their lives.

Too often the child’s actions are what lead to their being struck by cars. By actions such

as failing to stop for stop signs or red lights, entering the street from a driveway without stopping first, failing to yield to traffic on the road are all reason’s cars get into wrecks as well as children.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 4501.01(A) states “Vehicles” means everything on wheels or runners... which is the definition of a bicycle as well.

Then when you go to ORC Section 4511.12 it reads, “No pedestrian, river of a vehicle...shall disobey the instructions of any traffic control device.” This is

an example of how the law requires cyclists to obey the same laws as cars.

Most all of Chapter 45 in the ORC that deals with motor vehicles also apply to bicycle operation. Some local jurisdictions have laws dealing specifically with bicycles that the Ohio Code does not. Such as Tipp City prohibits the riding of bicycles on sidewalks in the Business District.

So what can you do to help ensure your child’s safety. Teach them the laws as they are learning to ride from early on. Safety City has city streets

set up with stop signs, traffic lights, crosswalks and so on. Positive reinforcement from a parent upon an impressionable mind eager to learn will think of the laws as the natural way, which is what laws are supposed to be.

Stopping at stop signs, traffic lights and before entering the roadway are just nature’s law turned into written law for the safety of all who are using the public access roads and sidewalks. So start from the beginning and keep reinforcing the safety of laws.

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# Financial Focus



Provided by **Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial**

*In retirement, how will you use your nest egg?*

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You've waited your whole life and now it is finally here: retirement. Savings, 401(k)s, investments. You did what you needed to get to the finish line. So now what? Determining how to manage your nest egg during retirement can seem daunting without proper guidance. Here are some tips to get you thinking about your retirement income strategy from Thrivent Financial.

**Products with guarantees help retirees succeed**  
Establish a floor of income with product guarantee features. Take a closer look at products like selected annuities to help supplement your guaranteed income stream. When part of a broad retirement strategy, guaranteed products can help provide you with or supplement other income.

**Asset management is critical**  
Make sure you have the right combination of stock market exposure for long-term growth and investments for short-term income and stability. Long-term equity exposure can help portfolio growth and act as a hedge against inflation. Short-term income should be managed more conservatively to create added stability to your retirement strategy.

**Protect your income strategy**  
Guard against the loss of income that can come with unexpected catastrophic events. Even the best retirement strategy can be rendered meaningless if unexpected healthcare costs, death or other life-changing events occur. Protect your retirement by ensuring you have the proper levels of life insurance and long-term care insurance.

**Work with a financial professional**  
The phrase "set it and forget it" does not apply to retirement income strategies. As lives change, so do needs, and a financial professional can provide ongoing guidance and maintenance for your strategy. They bring a knowledge and understanding of the economy and markets, and they can be a resource for

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped with this Mayoral primary election: the voters, my steering committee, the letter-writers, the sign people, the financial donors, and all who offered words of encouragement. I truly appreciate your support. As I said many times during the campaign, I will continue to give my all for this community. I will be your full-time Mayor! I am excited about the next four years and the possibilities for Troy.

Michael L. Beamish  
Troy

To the Editor,

Our state representatives are at it again trying to weaken our current gun laws. These irresponsible house bills are being sponsor by several of our representatives.

HB 152, No permit concealed carry: Remove requirements for training and licensing to carry a concealed handgun for individuals over the age of 21, in spite of previous requirements to the contrary. Remove the ability for landlords to prohibit guns on their property

HB 20, Allow concealed weapons license holders to bring their hidden, loaded weapons into schools safety zones and leave them in locked vehicles.

HB 48, Expand the presence of hidden, loaded weapons in Ohio by allowing concealed handguns on to institutes of higher educations, places of worship, day-care facilities, aircraft, certain government facilities, public areas of airport terminals and police stations, and school safety zones. Reduce penalty for carrying a concealed weapon or having or transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle.

HB 35, First-degree felony for law enforcement officers or others to enforce any new gun bans or firearm registration requirements. Prohibit local governments from establishing a firearm registry.

If you think these laws are irresponsible call your state representatives and tell them.

House Representative district 80 Tipp City and Troy, Stephen Huffman 614-466-8114 E mail rep80@ohiohouse.gov

Sincerely,  
George Riegle  
Troy, Ohio

# End of an Era

By **Bonnie L. McHenry**

At the end of May, Michael DeWeese, Fiscal Officer, of Staunton Township is retiring. A member of DeWeese's family has held this position for the past 114 years. It is with a great deal of sadness that the trustees said farewell. They said the meetings will not be the same without his sense of humor and jokes.

However, the trustees have appointed Sarah Fine to complete the remainder of DeWeese's term. DeWeese has been mentoring Fine for the last six months, so on June 1, 2015 she will be ready to take his place. Fine works for ConAgra in the marketing department. She is responsible

for the USDA Audits for ConAgra customers for the Eastern half of the United States. Fine grew up in Staunton Township and graduated from Miami East High School. She said, "I love this community. I grew up here and am now raising my family here."

Fine's term is due to expire at the end of March. She will seek re-election in November.

In other business, the trustees approved a resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan, which will be submitted to the county.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for June 1, 2015 at the township building.

# Jail Crowding Getting "More Complex"

By **Nancy Bowman**

Additional detail received from Miami County Municipal Court officials on who is going to jail added to the complexity of issues before county commissioners attempting to sort through options for dealing with a growing jail population.

"This gets more complex all the time," Commissioner Richard Cultice said May 14 at the conclusion of a discussion between commissioners, Judge Gary Nasal and court Administrator Tony Blakley.

The numbers outlined in a report on who is going to jail and why showed space issues for housing prisoners goes beyond the female population that has been discussed extensively the past 18 months to also include males.

Part of the discussion May 14 turned to when people are serving jail time because some sentences are delayed until a time can be scheduled. As of late last week, 48 people were on the scheduled jail list including 33 males and 15 females. Of those people, 43 were cases involving operating a vehicle while under the influence, Blakley said.

The discussion also included comments from the court officials that more people probably need to be going to jail because of the number of probation violations being recorded.

Previous discussions on the growing female population centered on more being seen on charges related to heroin use.

Blakley said drug and alcohol problems are "across the board" with both sexes although the most immediate need has been space for females.

That problem was addressed somewhat last August when the commissioners signed an agreement to house up to 15 female prisoners a day at the Shelby County Jail. The agreement recently was extended six months while options

are reviewed, including the possibility of opening at least one more pod at the county Incarceration Facility.

The county has a jail at the Safety Building in downtown Troy and the Incarceration Facility located between Troy and Piqua for minimum security offenders. The Incarceration Facility was built with four, 60-person pods but only two of those pods are now open. They hold male prisoners.

Females are housed at the downtown jail, a maximum-security facility whose total population is limited to 48 a day by the state.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said the report by Nasal and Blakley "gives us more information to add to our toolbox."

Blakley said the statistics reported were for a 15-month period ending March 31. During that time, the male population increased 15 percent while the female population increased 25 percent.

Fifty two percent of those committed to jail during that time were for violating probation.

O'Brien asked if the court officials were saying they should be sending more people to jail and fewer on probation.

Nasal said there "is a population that needs to be taken out of circulation because they are not following court sanctions." Although there are attempts to use alternate programs instead of jail, those offenders "are not ready" for the programs, he said.

About 90 percent of probation violations are because of drug and alcohol use, Blakley said. Those convicted of probation violation can be ordered to serve the balance of the sentence that was ordered and then set aside when the person was placed on probation.

O'Brien told Nasal the court officials weren't giving the commission any solutions.

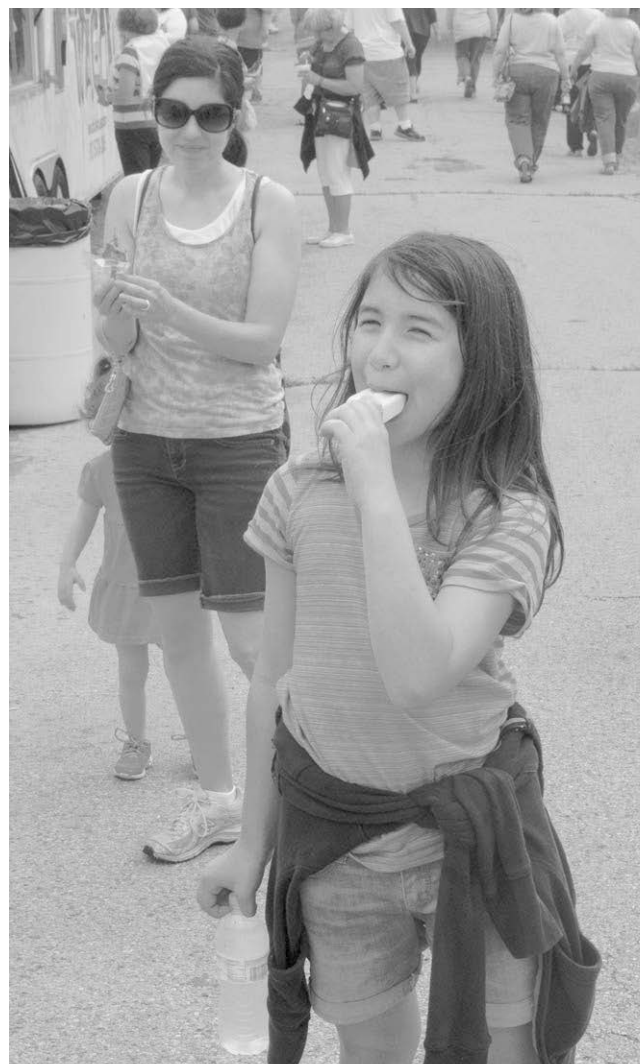
"I'm afraid that ball is in your court," Nasal said.

# Hundreds Flock to Food Trucks

Last Saturday's Food Truck Rally drew a crowd estimated at several hundred. 42 vendors were on hand in their trucks, trailers and tents offering delectable goodies of all sorts.

The event was a fundraiser for the Miami County Fair. "Our goal was \$20,000, but we'll be happy with even \$5000," said Roberta Jacobs, co-chair of the rally. "We wanted to bring people out and kick off summer."

Jacobs said that their first encounter with this type of event went well. "We got a lot of help from the truck operators. The camaraderie was incredible."

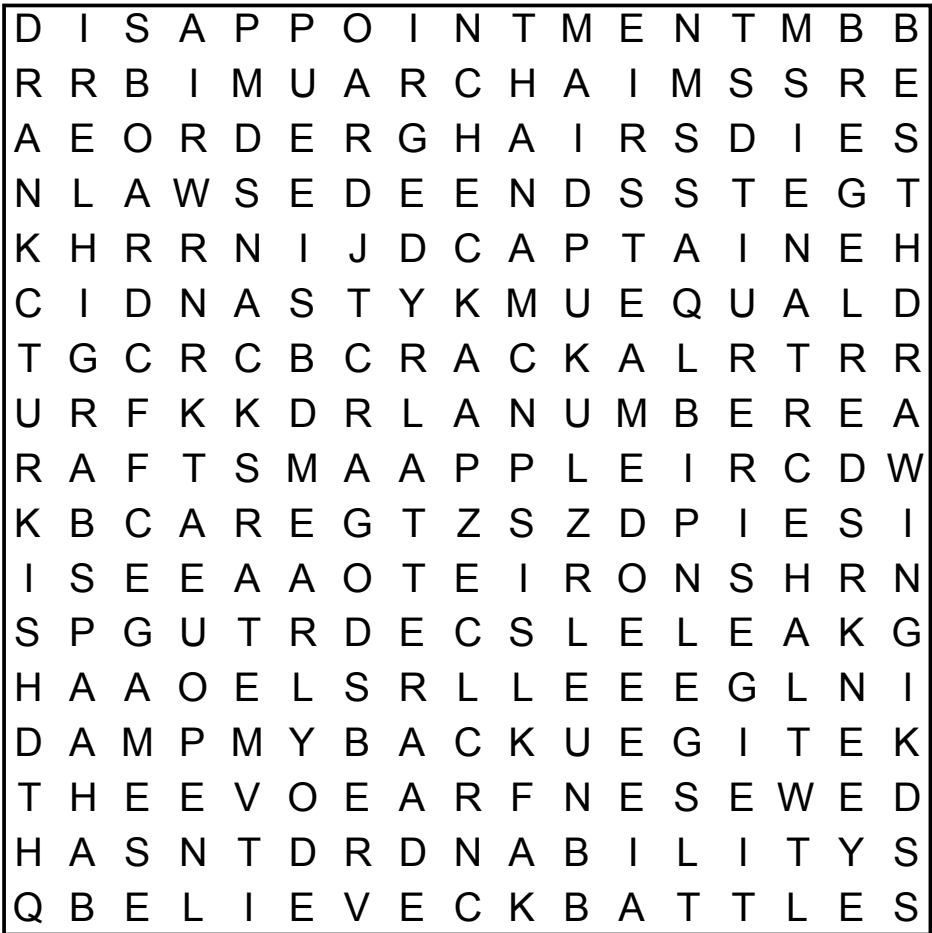




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# Trivia Challenge

## May 2015 Current Events

- 1.) Taking place on May 2, 2015, which horse won the 2015 Kentucky Derby?  
a. American Pharaoh b. American Queen  
c. American Knight d. American King
- 2.) As part of a settlement involving copyright infringement lawsuits, which streaming music service closed down in May 2015?  
a. Spotify b. Napster  
c. Grooveshark d. Tidal
- 3.) Which party won the 2015 General Election in the UK on May 8th, 2015?  
a. Liberal Democrats b. Conservative  
c. UKIP d. Labour
- 4.) EGS-zs8-1 was discovered in May of 2015. What is it?  
a. Moon b. Planet  
c. Rocket d. Galaxy
- 5.) John Kerry became the first leading figure in US politics to visit which nation since 1993?  
a. Nigeria b. Iran  
c. Somalia d. Israel
- 6.) Lindsey Vonn announced her split from which major sports star in May of 2015?  
a. Usain Bolt b. Brett Favre  
c. Michael Jordan d. Tiger Woods
- 7.) May 2015 marked what anniversary since the sinking of the British ocean liner "RMS Lusitania"?  
a. 10 b. 100  
c. 50 d. 150
- 8.) South Korea signed a free trade agreement with which nation in May of 2015?  
a. Vietnam b. England  
c. Israel d. Japan
- 9.) Stephen Curry was announced as the MVP in what sport for the 2014-2015 season?  
a. NFL b. NBA  
c. MLS d. MLB

### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA SOLUTIONS

- 9.) Russia - The film takes place during Stalin's rule of the Soviet Union in the early 1950s.
- 10.) ACDC - Rudd pleaded guilty to drug charges and threatening to kill a former assistant. He will be sentenced in June of 2015.
- 11.) Egypt - Morsi served as the fifth President of Egypt, from June 2012 to July 2013.
- 12.) Boston - Caroline has also won the Las Vegas Marathon and the New York Half Marathon.
- 13.) Kyrgyzstan - Djoomart is the fourth to resign since parliamentary elections in 2010.
- 14.) Dr. Who - The emails suggest that the show will be made into a blockbuster movie within the next eight years.
- 15.) World War 1 - All the Light We Cannot See was written by American author Project Doerr.
- 16.) Project Fi - Currently, Project Fi is only available on the Nexus 6.

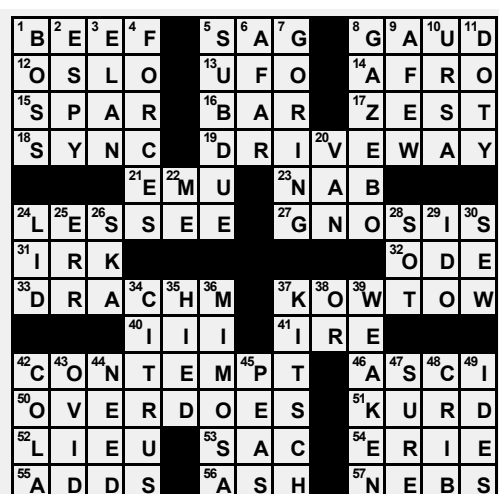
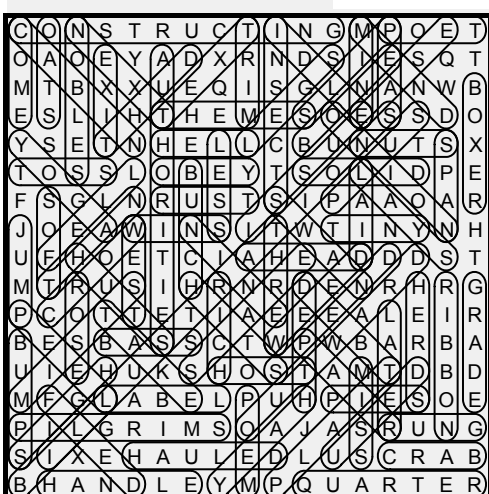
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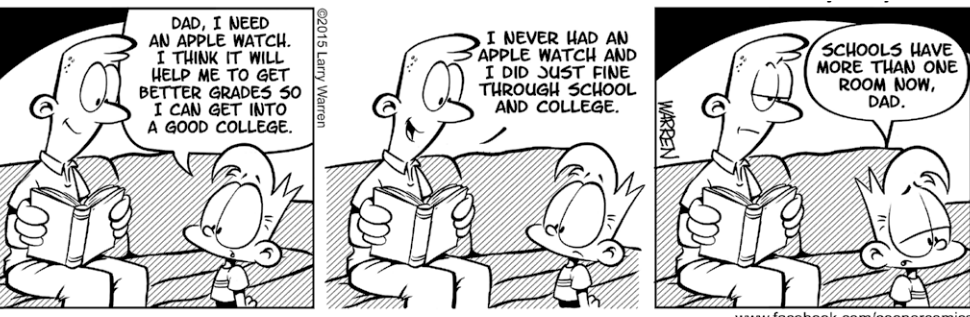
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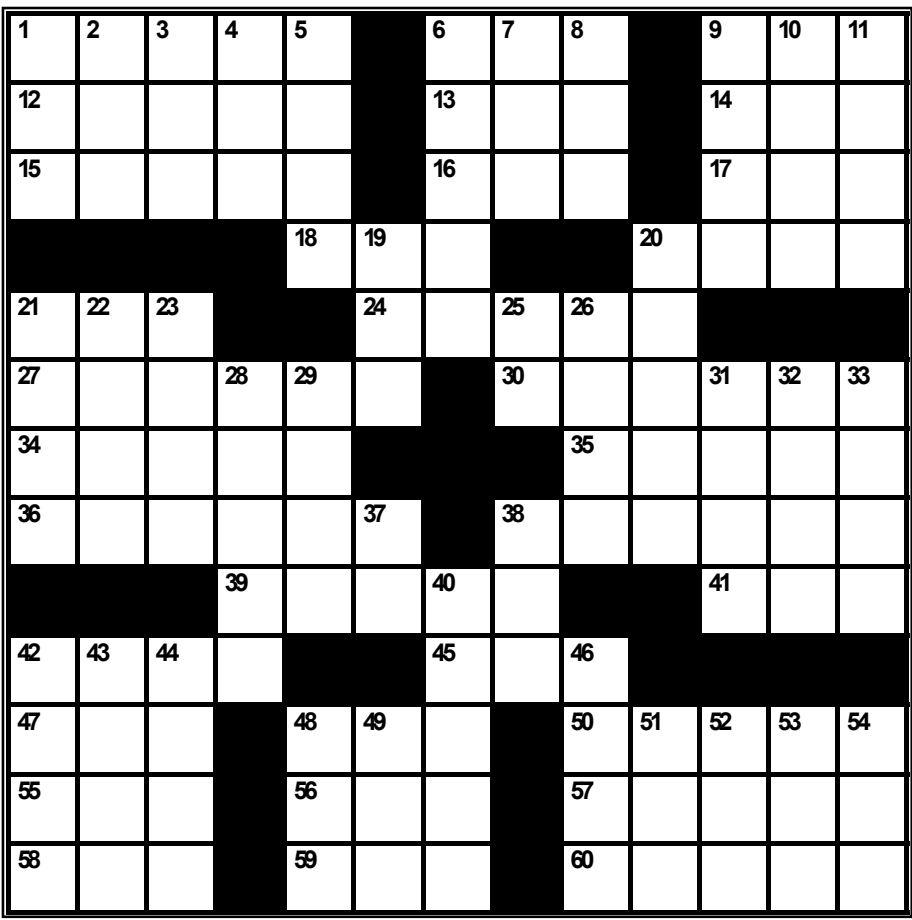
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BY LARRY WARREN



# Crossword Puzzle

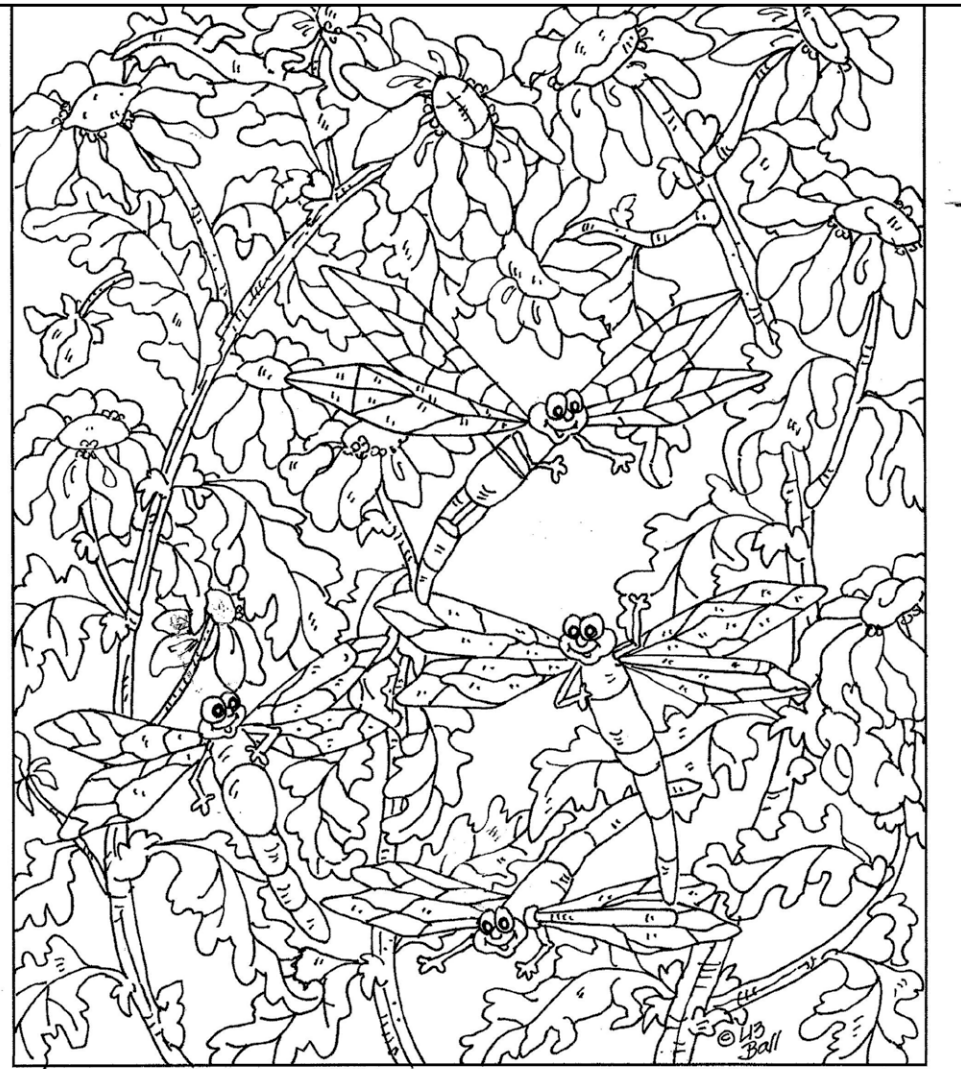
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- ACROSS
1. Instrument, favored by George Harrison
6. Antlered animal
9. "Murder \_\_\_ wrote"
12. Adult insect
13. Original name before marriage
14. Relatives
15. Hard sell
16. By way of
17. Strange flyer
18. August baby
20. Junk \_\_\_\_
21. Photo \_\_\_\_ (camera sessions)
24. Dolphins' home
27. Chocolate is one variety....
30. Speak badly about
34. Qatar coin
35. Food from heaven
36. Vital force
38. Type of fowl
39. Supermodel Campbell
41. Need to pay
42. Sour \_\_\_\_
45. Israeli weapon
47. Programming language
48. ER role
50. 2-door
55. Podded plant
56. "Omgod!"
57. Dawning
58. Billboard displays
59. Sarcastic
60. Poet's "below"
- DOWN
1. Sibling
2. Mischief-maker
3. Goes with chi
4. Space \_\_\_\_
5. "Let's \_\_\_\_"
6. Concluding stanza
7. "Fantasy Island" prop
8. New Zealand parrot
9. Gull like bird
10. Refined sound, in its day
11. Chemical compound
19. Australian runner
20. Top European soccer team, AC \_\_\_\_
21. Humanoid monster
22. Tylenol target
23. Eye disease
25. Morning time
26. Big \_\_\_\_
28. Realizes
29. Primitive aquatic plant
31. Engrossed by
32. Chew (on)
33. Label
37. Hello!
38. Show \_\_\_\_
40. Dirty
42. One of the three bears
43. Took advantage of
44. Places for sweaters
46. Screen symbol
48. Morning moisture
49. Anthem contraction
51. Pick \_\_\_\_ or the other!
52. Land of opportunity
53. Dearest
54. Old verb ending

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BY LIZ BALL



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# A Salute to our Military

By Christina Chalmers

Each May, we take time as a country to celebrate our veterans, lifting them up for all the sacrifices they have made for the freedoms we have. And doing so is the good and right thing. We wouldn't be the country we are without them. But this weekend, as we mark Memorial Day by saying thank you to our veterans, there's another group whose sacrifice, service and love of this country needs to be honored as well: the loved ones who are left behind to support them. Military family members—spouses, children, parents—serve their country, too, but in ways that are all too often overlooked. Throughout a deploy-

ment, military families sacrifice every day to support their soldiers. This is particularly true for the spouses. I know. I am one.

Having your spouse on deployment feels like an endless journey, and you only want the basics that others often take for granted in day-to-day life—to see, hug and kiss your spouse and know that they are okay. Instead, we are alone. We must be brave and self-sufficient. We must be resilient, passionate and strong—even under extraordinary circumstances. We must rely on support from family members, friends, other military spouses and the community.

But, while we may look like we have it all

together, the truth is often we're just barely hanging on. It's a difficult task to remain strong throughout the high stress of a deployment, laughing things off and trying to make the best of everything. It seems that we are always "at our limit" with no sleep and through tears worrying about our soldier's well-being, taking care of our homes, children and ourselves.

For those military spouses with children, deployment immediately makes you a single parent, even though you're technically not. And that's difficult on everyone. Our soldiers miss a lot in their kid's lives. They miss first steps, first words, school events, sports games and tucking them in each night. And military kids are strong, brave and adaptable, but their feelings of abandonment are real and cause anxiety and insecurities.

I read something that said that military children will say goodbye to more significant people by age 18 than the average person will know in their lifetimes. That's true; it's hard for them. These kids deal with a range of emotions through deployment and reunification: fear, regression, irritability, aggression, rebellion, and physical complaints all depending on their age. All while trying to maintain their daily routines and going to school.

Being a military mom or dad is just as difficult. Parents relish in the proud moments of their children's lives—hitting that first baseball, riding their first bike,

going to their first dance, learning to drive a car, graduating high school or college. When they hear the words, "Mom, Dad, I'm joining the military," fear flashes through their minds, followed by intense worry. Loneliness and heartache are sure to follow.

But knowing their son or daughter has just chosen honor, code and country couldn't make them more proud. Their child has said to America, "I've got your back. I'll serve our country so that you may enjoy freedom."

So this weekend, as we celebrate the tremendous pride our soldiers and veterans, take a moment to remember their families, who sacrificed as well. The military spouse is proud to stand by their soldier no matter how long, and would do it again and again, but their endless dedication and loyalty should be commended. If you know a military kid, give them a great big hug and thank them. Let them know it's going to be okay and

that you're there for them through good times and bad. Their service deserves to be recognized.

Christina Chalmers is now the wife of a Veteran and a Board Member of the American Red Cross Northern Miami Valley

a concert in celebration of the Military and their Families. This is an excerpt from her presentation about life as a Military Family member. If you would like the complete document, please contact us.

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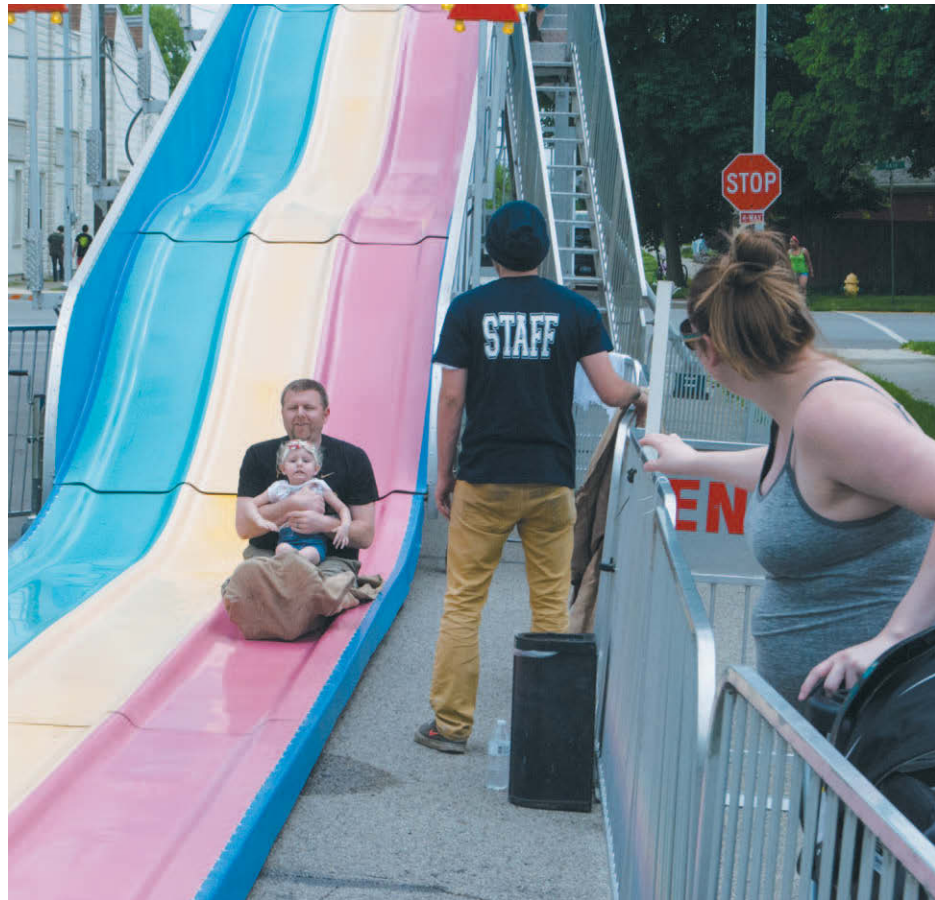


# it was A festival WEEKEND

Concord School held their annual festival on Sunday at the school. It is the major fundraiser for the school's PTO organization. The festival featured games for the kids, food and, of course, a dunk tank.



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