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# It's Strawberry Time!

By **Nancy Bowman**

The 39th edition of the Troy Strawberry Festival will feature many traditions along with a few twists.

The festival, voted in Ohio Magazine as the Best Summer Festival, will return for the second straight year to the downtown along with the traditional festival site on the Great Miami River Levee.

One change will be the closing this year of the North Market Street Bridge to better accommodate pedestrian traffic. The bridge area also will become part of the new home of the festival car show cruise in on Sunday.

Another change is the use of only two shuttle locations. They will be at Miami Jacobs Career College (also the handicapped shuttle site) off Interstate 75 Exit 73 and the Waco Museum and

Airfield off I-75 Exit 69.

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many which make a bulk of their money for the year during festival weekend.

The split festival location, tested in 2012 because of the Adams Street Bridge construc-



tion, was a success in 2014, Stone said.

“It was exciting last year,” he said. “There is a lot of fun and entertainment. People should come and try the different foods, see the different clubs and

organizations.”

Stone chose as his festival theme, “Bowling for Berries.” The theme reflects his love of bowling and salutes his father, William Stone, who coached are youth bowlers for more than 40 years.

The Troy Music Boosters again will offer for sale strawberry doughnuts. They will be available for sale only at the stadium this year. Production of the doughnuts began in 1981 as a fundraiser and has grown to this year’s targeted sales of 15,000 dozen, according to Kathy McIntosh, Troy schools director of bands.

In addition to daily festival entertainment, The Gas Pump Jockeys will perform a free concert of ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s music at 5:30 p.m. Saturday on Prouty

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# She Graduates from High School and College in the Same Month

By **Brittany Arlene Jackson**

High school graduation is full of anticipation, excitement, and relief for Troy seniors and their families at this time of the year. With four years of dedicated education at an end and the future looming large on the horizon, students enthusiastically throw their caps into the air as if to put an exclamation point on the last line of a closing chapter. One senior in particular filled two pages at once and had double the reason to celebrate at her graduation.

work every other day. It helped her save money and accrue college credits. Armstrong recommends that all students do an outside program beside high school. “It’s so good to get that experience,” Armstrong said. “And it’s just better not to procrastinate.”

When asked if graduation was the bittersweet experience felt by so many high school seniors, Armstrong claimed that her feelings were less sentimental. “I had four siblings that already graduated from Troy high school but never graduated from Edison



Mackenzie Armstrong graduated with her high school diploma from Troy High School and her associate degree in science from Edison Community College in the same month. Thanks to a program offered by the government and Troy High School called Post Secondary Education Option (PSEOP), Armstrong was given the opportunity to take classes at Edison that doubled as credit for high school and college. Stenography is her ultimate aim. She has already been accepted to study at Kettering College of Medical Arts in south Dayton and cannot wait to begin this next phase of life.

“I am a planner and time manager. I am not one to put things off,” Armstrong said. “I like to make lists and figure out what needs to be done. I don’t like to leave things unfinished.” With Armstrong’s drive for accomplishment and the assistance of her now-retired counselor, Ruth Carter, the process of participating in the dual enrollment PSEOP program was simply a matter of filling out forms and taking placement tests. She took classes full time at Edison two days a week last year and was able to

even though they took classes,” Armstrong said. “So graduation was a relief and I’m very excited to move on and get more college done. I’m looking forward to learning more.” Armstrong enjoys school, excels at science, and is also very athletic. She had the opportunity to play basketball during her freshman and sophomore year at Troy High School before she got her job. Her family has been completely on board with her education goals. Armstrong sees her family and Troy high school administrators and teachers as being central to her success. “I think Troy is just great,” Armstrong said. “The staff at the high school is always ready to help you.”

With big dreams and a laser-sharp focus on the future, Mackenzie Armstrong hopes her story will inspire other students. “I don’t think a lot of students ask questions like ‘hey, can I do this?’” Armstrong said. “It’s not that they don’t think about the future, it’s just that they can’t imagine doing anything they are not doing now. Sometimes you have to give up stuff to achieve a big goal but it’s worth it. I don’t have any regrets.”

# Local Author Publishes Strawberry Festival Book

By **Nancy Bowman**

Meaghan Fisher didn’t have to look far to find the material for her latest book.

“The Strawberry Festival” is based on her hometown of Troy’s signature summer event, as seen through the eyes of a child.

This ninth published book by the children’s author is making its debut as part of the 2015 Troy Strawberry Festival, which is coming to the downtown and Great Miami River Levee this weekend.

Gypsy Publishing, a venture with husband Tim Rowe, who handles behind the scenes business such as book design and covers among other tasks

In planning the book, Fisher said she worked with festival representatives who asked her to incorporate festival favorites such as Strawberry doughnuts and Strawberry salsa. “I tried to incorporate things in there for everybody. Actually it includes experiences I experienced with my mother as a child,” she said.

As with her other



works, she includes a moral lesson for the children.

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# Elections Board Hires New Director

By **Nancy Bowman**

Miami County’s Board of Elections thanked departing Director Drew Higgins for running successful elections since his hiring in early 2013 and hired Todd Krueckeberg as the new elections director.

“Every election you ran was run well,” board member Robert Huffman Jr. told Higgins during the board’s May 28 meeting.

Higgins became director in January 2013 following the abrupt departure of long-time director Steve Quillen just weeks before the 2012 presidential election.

Krueckeberg, a graduate of the Northmont schools, comes to Troy with a background in politics and communications in Washington, D.C.. He has worked for more than a decade in federal departments, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Republican National Committee.

County Republicans selected Krueckeberg for the job after the position was advertised, as required, board member Jose Lopez said.

Lopez said he wanted to “extend my heartfelt appreciation” to Higgins, who notified the board earlier this year of his plans to leave the position

He agreed to stay on board during the new director search.

The board voted 3-0, with member Dean Tamplin absent, to hire the new director. Krueckeberg will be paid \$42,656 initially, the same amount being paid to Deputy Director Eric Morgan, Lopez said.

Shawn Peebles, the county’s chief deputy

clerk of courts, swore in Krueckeberg as director.

The new director is a graduate of American University in Washington, with a degree in political science. He is a graduate of DePaul University College of Law and was the Bush-Cheney coordinator in Miami County in 2004.

“I am happy to be back. I am looking forward to working for the county,” he said.

Krueckeberg said he has worked with a lot election boards in Ohio and other states and is looking forward to this opportunity.

“I am very excited,” Krueckeberg, now a Troy resident, said.

In other business at the May 28 meeting, the board discussed with Higgins his recommendation for splitting a Huber Heights voting precinct into two precincts because of continued growth in registered voters.

The precinct is in the area of new housing being built north of Interstate 70 between State Route 201 and State Route 202. A portion of Huber Heights lies in Miami County and is included in the Bethel school district.

Higgins said more than 1,200 registered voters are in the precinct. The legal limit is 1,400 voters per precinct. He suggested a redistricting to split the precinct before next year’s presidential election. This precinct was split from the Bethel South precinct a couple of years ago.

With a split, voters could continue to vote in the same location, Higgins said.

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# TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Friday, May 22

**12:25 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 73 mile exit ramp. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and was arrested on an open warrant. The passenger was cited for possession of marijuana.

**7:51 p.m.** – While at a stop sign on Troy Sidney Rd. at Piqua Troy Rd., a vehicle went by and the driver gave the deputy a “real hard concerned” look as he continued through the intersection. The deputy ran the plate and discovered that the registered owner had a suspended license. He initiated a traffic stop and confirmed that the owner was the driver. He was so cited.

Saturday, May 23

**6:30 p.m.** – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of an assault. A nurse and a security guard reported that a patient had assaulted them. The patient was issued two citations for misdemeanor assault.

Sunday, May 24

**10:47 a.m.** – To Deweese Rd. for a report of an unruly juvenile. No further details were provided.

Monday, May 25

**10:54 a.m.** – A deputy followed a vehicle on Peters Rd. that had no visible license plate. The vehicle turned right onto Spruce St. without signaling and had only one brake light. He initiated a traffic stop. The plate was in the rear window which was tinted. The driver was found to be under suspension and was cited for that and for display of plates. Her passenger was a valid driver and drove the vehicle from the scene.

**1:58 p.m.** – To the 1600 block of Peters Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that a trunk containing remote control airplane accessories and computer parts was taken from his home. He said he had a garage sale yesterday and several people expressed interest in the trunk.

Tuesday, May 26

**1:58 a.m.** – Traffic stop on N. Cedar St. at Main St. for a lane violation. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and driving left of center.

**5:27 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and released to a valid driver.

**9:24 p.m.** – Traffic stop in the 2600 block of Lefevre Rd. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

Wednesday, May 27

**1:27 a.m.** – To Peters Rd. to assist a squad. The patient had a faint pulse so CPR was started. Once Troy EMS arrived, they took over but was unable to revive the patient.

**7:51 a.m.** – To Ebberts Rd. for a report of someone walking in a field. The subject was located and she said that she was homeless and trying to make her way to Idaho. She did not want any treatment or shelter. She was transported to Huber Heights near I-70.

**10:57 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Main St. at Cedar St. The driver's license was suspended. She was charged for driving under suspension and warned for not having a front license plate.

**11:35 a.m.** – A county employee reported that a leaf blower was missing from the Cherry St. garage. He said that it was last used on May 18, and that a construction crew has access to the garage.

**3:33 p.m.** – A woman called stating that she has multiple warrants and wants to turn herself in at an address on Troy Urbana Rd. She was arrested and taken to the Miami County Jail.

**9:19 p.m.** – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a disturbance. A man had threatened to kill his mom and her friend since he had to go home with them. Juvenile probation was contacted and he was charged with domestic violence and taken to their facility.

**11:27 p.m.** – Traffic stop on S. Cherry St. at Franklin St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and for a stop sign violation.

Thursday, May 28

**1:38 a.m.** – Traffic stop in the 1800 block of W. Main St. The plates were expired and the driver thought she had renewed her registration. She was cited for expired registration.

**2:08 a.m.** – Traffic stop at Hobart Arena. The driver was arrested for OVI and the passenger was cited for possession of marijuana.

**1:21 p.m.** – To Riverside Development Disabilities. A Riverside supervisor reported that the wife of a former employee dropped off a typed letter in which she blames the supervisor and Riverside for her husband's suicide and made some veiled threats in the letter. He asked that the incident be documented in case the woman's behaviors would escalate. He was advised to call if she showed up or made any threats to Riverside staff.

Friday, May 29

**1:53 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at Farver Rd. for failure to signal a turn. The driver presented an Ohio Identification Card and said that he was suspended. He was also found to have outstanding warrants from Florida for dangerous drugs and from Richmond, Ohio for assault and had cautions attached. The warrants were outside of pickup radius. He was cited for failure to signal and driving under suspension and was released to a valid driver.

**1:58 p.m.** – A deputy was standing in the hallway of the third floor of the Miami County Court House. A male subject approached him and asked where he had to go to file a protection order. He was directed to the proper office. A few minutes later, a man came out of the office and said that they needed assistance. The male subject was creating a disturbance and a woman in the office was crying. The deputy was advised that the male subject was harassing the woman. The deputy asked the male subject to leave, but he refused and started arguing. He finally left the office. In the hallway, the arguing escalated and the male subject refused to leave, calling the deputy a racist and said “I know how things go around here, just like Baltimore.” The woman said that the male subject has been contacting her at her place of employment. She said she came to town to file for a protection order and he followed her. Her mother was also filing a protection order against him because he damaged their vehicle. The protection orders were approved by the magistrate and the male subject was escorted out of the building, arguing and making comments the whole time. The women were escorted to their vehicles in case the male subject was still outside.

**10:16 p.m.** – Traffic stop in the 3300 block of Piqua-Troy Rd. The driver was arrested for OVI and driving under suspension. The OVI is a felony because the driver had three previous OVI convictions within the past six years. He was incarcerated in the Miami County Jail.

Saturday, May 30

**1:10 a.m.** – Traffic stop in the 700 block of N. Market St. While speaking with the driver, the deputy could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. He asked the driver about the odor and the driver said some friends smoked in the vehicle earlier. The deputy asked if there was anything in the vehicle and the driver advised that he had marijuana and a scale in the glove box. The vehicle was searched but nothing else illegal was found. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence was taken.

**3:38 p.m.** – While patrolling the bike path on Dye Mill Rd., the deputy heard subjects by the water at the gravel pit. As he got closer, he saw two males and one female with fishing poles walking toward the water. The subjects were advised that they were trespassing and were so cited.

Sunday, May 31

**1:29 p.m.** – To 1<sup>st</sup> St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman was arrested for assault, possession of drug abuse instruments and possession of heroin.

Monday, June 1

**6:01 a.m.** – To Greenlawn Dr. A woman reported that someone entered her residence through the garage door and stole her purse off of the kitchen counter.

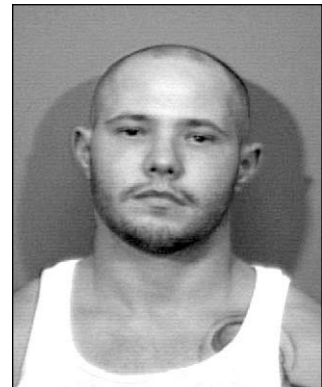
# Miami County's Most Wanted



Richard L. Burton  
LKA – Troy  
DOB – 04-08-72  
5' 11", 250 lbs, hazel eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for Domestic  
Violence, Violation of  
Protection Order



Caleb Clay  
LKA – Lebanon  
DOB – 02-05-85  
5' 11", 190 lbs, brown eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for Complicity



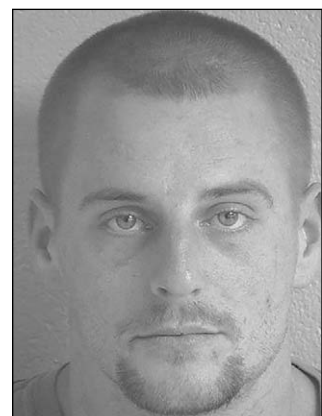
James C. Fleming  
LKA – Piqua  
DOB – 02-12-87  
5' 7", 165 lbs, brown eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for Drug Traf-  
ficking



Garrett Haselton  
LKA – Piqua  
DOB – 07-09-89  
5' 6", 129 lbs, brown eyes,  
black hair  
Wanted for Theft



Justin L. Higbee  
LKA – Troy  
DOB – 03-16-81  
5' 8", 190 lbs, brown eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for Theft



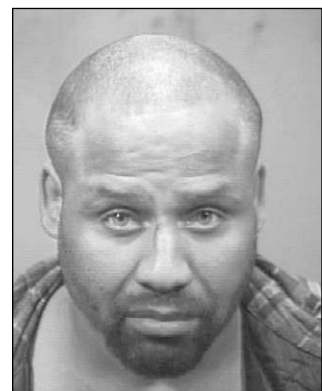
Austin K. Jay  
LKA – Sidney  
DOB – 02-28-83  
5' 9", 174 lbs, blue eyes,  
blond hair  
Wanted for Drug Posses-  
sion



Tywone Myers  
LKA – Dayton  
DOB – 08-24-81  
5' 10", 180 lbs, brown eyes,  
black hair  
Wanted for theft



Dustin A. Patty  
LKA – Dayton  
DOB – 05-27-85  
6', 160 lbs, hazel eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for Receiving  
Stolen Property



Albert L. Scott, III  
LKA – Rossville  
DOB – 12-23-66  
5' 7", 190 lbs, brown eyes,  
black hair  
Wanted for Breaking &  
Entering



Joshua L. Walker  
LKA – Troy  
DOB – 10-03-88  
6' 1", 173 lbs, brown eyes,  
brown hair  
Wanted for theft

If you have information on any of these individuals, call the Miami County Sheriff's Office at 440-9911

# Property Transfers

Property Address	Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
22 N Mulberry St	5/26	\$0	Weitzel Timothy J	Weitzel Investments Llc
108 S Elm St	5/26	\$0	Weitzel Timothy J	Weitzel Investments Llc
928 Mckaig Ave	5/26	\$0	Weitzel Timothy J	Weitzel Investments Llc
811 Maplecrest Dr	5/26	\$143,000	Wilgus A J Jr & A M	Walters B P & A K
1412 Saratoga Dr	5/26	\$114,000	Gertsen E S & M L Jones	Overla Beverly R & David L & Erin M
1432 Skylark Dr	5/26	\$98,000	Mills Joan N	Johnson Shaft E Jr & Sabrina L Slife
607 Dakota St	5/26	\$0	Weitzel Timothy J	Weitzel Investments Llc
607 Willow Point Ct	5/26	\$194,000	Eckman Bruce H	Mauer Matthew A & Nicole L
1304 Red Maple Dr	5/26	\$410,000	Harlow Builders Inc	Merritt David & Erin E
633 Brookmere Ave	5/26	\$332,000	Henagen David L (Tod)	& Brenda C (Tod)
420 Clover Hill Dr	5/26	\$237,500	Ishmael Sheryl A	Wingham Edwin W & Sharon R Kershner
4683 Cobblestone	5/26	\$210,000	Buttino Cynthia A	Perry Timothy C & Lisa
2519 Blueflag St	5/26	\$42,200	Dec Land Co I Llc	Finley Julia M
2540 Blueflag St	5/26	\$42,200	Dec Land Co I Llc	Nvr Inc
1412 Senna St	5/26	\$42,200	Dec Land Co I Llc	Nvr Inc
4740 Cobblestone Dr	5/26	\$240,025	Villas At Benchrock Llc	Nvr Inc
8169 Bushclover Dr	5/26	\$33,700	Dec Land Co I Llc	Mahaney Bre
538 Fernwood Dr	5/27	\$108,000	Holman Jessica D	Nvr Inc
1313 Cornish	5/27	\$0	Dearth Marilyn K (Tod)	Baden John Christopher
454 W Mayfield Sq	5/27	\$53,882	Theting Joyce E	& @ (3) Dearth
1141 W Main St	5/27	\$0	Mcneil William B Trustee	Jonathan W & Jennifer A
W Main St	5/27	\$0	Mcneil William B Trustee	Pemberton Walter E & Karen Ann
W Main St	5/27	\$0	Mcneil William B Trustee	Burk Marjorie M
2652 Stonebridge Dr	5/27	\$441,500	Cutright Robert A & Debra S	Burk Marjorie M
1147 Parkview Dr	5/27	\$39,900	Keystone Land Development Inc	Burk Marjorie M
1337 Golden Eagle Dr	5/27	\$187,000	Builders Inc	Huber Alan D & Georganne E
1263 Senna St	5/27	\$247,000	Nvr Inc	Harlow
1293 Senna St	5/27	\$298,000	Inverness Group Inc	Bruce Gregory S
7167 River Birch St	5/27	\$179,675	Nvr Inc	Nieves William & Maritza
1360 Fleet Rd	5/28	\$125,000	Williams Paula J & Jeffrey D Moore	Ivette Sanchez Negron
753 Lymington Rd	5/28	\$114,500	Weaver Craig & @ (3) Crowther	Steinlage Dale B & Joan M
2543 Renwick Wy	5/28	\$177,500	Huber Alan D & Georganne E	Maddox Aaron J & Lalia
3311 S Co Rd 25A	5/28	\$90,000	Hartley Company	Jeffrey D Moore
4000 Forestedge St	5/28	\$48,000	Mi Homes Of Cincinnati Llc	Mark Alexander & Danielle
4055 Spicebush Dr	5/28	\$35,000	Dec Land Co I Llc	Peggy E

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# Hayner to Host Exhibit of African Art

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is pleased to present *From Africa*. This free exhibit includes objects from across the continent of Africa. The display will run June 5 through August 2, 2015. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street.

Several local collectors of African art and artifacts are contributing to *From Africa*, a culturally rich exhibit. The display includes of an array of African clothing and living ware, masks, paintings, jewelry, batiks, earthenware, and tribal items.

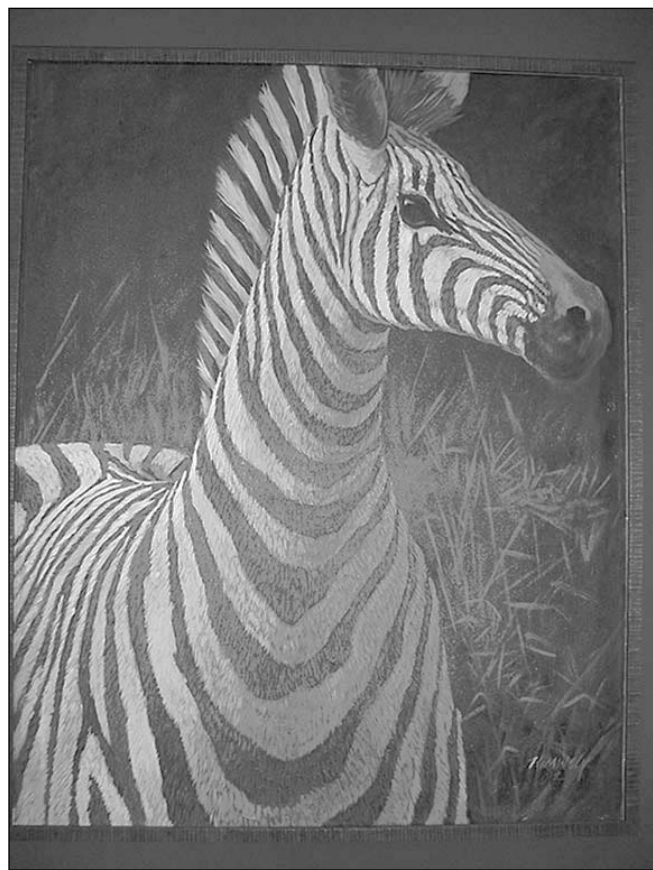
On Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. the Hayner Center will host *Experience Africa: An African Cultural Event*. The whole family will enjoy this truly African experience featuring music and dancing by G.O.R.E.E. Drum and Dance, as well as food, and other activities. The event is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by Alvetro Orthodontics.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local

tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday – Thursday 9:00

a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays. For more information, please visit our website at [www.troy-hayner.org](http://www.troy-hayner.org) or call (937) 339-0457.



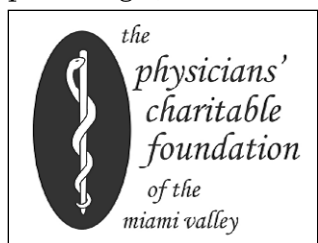
## Health Partners Gets \$25,000 Grant

Health Partners Free Clinic, located in Troy, has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to cover a portion of medical supply costs in 2015. Clinic officials report the grant will help offset costs to provide diagnostic/lab testing, and prescription medications, to their patients, at no charge.

The Dayton-based, Physicians' Charitable Foundation of the Miami Valley, Advisory Board members announced the grant approval May 22, according to Executive Director Nancy Hines. Justin Coby, Health Partners Executive Director, reports the 2014 budgeted cost to provide the free services is more than \$59,000. In addition to providing no cost prescriptions, the services include tests for blood work, x-rays

and other diagnostic needs.

Last year, Health Partners dispensed 13,730 prescriptions valued at more than \$2 million; and provided 3,037 diagnostic/lab tests. According to Coby, clinic volunteers also cared for 1,137 unduplicated patients in providing 4,263 medical



visits.

Health Partners incorporated in 1998 and is Miami County's lone free medical clinic.

Over the years, the Foundation has awarded two additional grants to Health Partners. In 2013, the clinic received

\$5,000 for computer hardware, and, in 2014, the Clinic received a \$25,000 grant for providing medical services.

According to their website at [www.pcfmv.org](http://www.pcfmv.org), the Foundation's mission statement is, "The purpose of the Physicians' Charitable Foundation of the Miami Valley is to foster programs and services, which will improve the quality, accessibility and cost effectiveness of health care services, with an emphasis on innovative approaches to health care problems, thereby enabling organizations to improve and upgrade their delivery of health care. Also encouraged are efforts of public charitable purposes which broadly encompass health care needs and at risk populations."

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Plaza downtown. The group features Mike Losekamp, a former member of The Cyrkle, and performs rock classics.

For more information on the festival and events visit [www.gostrawberries.com](http://www.gostrawberries.com).

**New Activity**

The Miami County Park District will encourage outdoor visitors to enjoy festival adventure by participating in the Strawberry Festival Passport to Adventure.

The activity will help to introduce participants to the fun of geocaching, said Amanda Smith, park district.

The journey begins at the Park District booth located on the southeast quadrant of the Public Square. Participants will receive an adventure passport with six different festival destinations and can find the destinations by clue or coordinates.

Participants visit each location to get a stamp on the passport. After collecting all of

the stamps, they are asked to leave the completed passport off at the Park District booth for entry into a drawing.

Prizes will be awarded every two hours both days of the festival.

To be entered to win a grand prize, participants will be asked to take a selfie at the final destination and post it on their Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram account using special hashtags and tag the Miami County Park District.

# Trib BRIEFS

### Alleged burglars seek treatment

Two Troy area 18 year olds whose alleged plan to break into a Monroe-Concord Road residence didn't include being shown on surveillance cameras are asking a Miami County judge to approve their treatment in lieu of conviction.

Sheriff's investigators said Kasey Hennessey and Colin Messler turned themselves in a couple of days after a surveillance video showed two young men in the house. The video was shown on social media and on TV.

Both have pleaded not guilty to felony charges of attempted trespass in a habitation and filed requests for treatment in lieu of conviction. Judge Christopher Gee heard Hennessey's plea Monday, June 1, while Messler's plea was made in May.

A hearing on Messler's request is scheduled for late June, while Hennessey's hearing was scheduled for mid-August. Both are free on recognizance bonds.

### Hearing in Bucio-Kendell case continued

A hearing set for May 29 in lawyer Chris Bucio's civil action against Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell was continued at the request of lawyers for both sides.

A new date for the hearing will be set in county Common Pleas Court.

Bucio requests for preliminary and permanent injunctions against the prosecutor's office investigating any case against him were filed last September. He also requested the appointment of a special prosecutor to handle any investigation.

The filing came as part of a civil action by Bucio after search warrants were executed at his law offices in Troy, Tipp City and Sidney as part of an investigation. Court documents later disclosed the investigation deals with allegations Bucio told client Patrick McGail to lie during his murder trial last summer in Common Pleas Court.

Bucio's lawyers claim Kendell and his office cannot handle any investigation involving him because of alleged conflict of interest.

The lawyers agreed in the request for a new hearing date that the preliminary and permanent injunction hearings would be combined into one hearing.

## New Strawberry Book

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Public Square. She'll also be reading the book this week for the children at the Tipp City Nazarene preschool, which her daughter attends.

"Preschools are my favorite. I love the preschools because teachers are so enthusiastic about the reading. They are into teaching every single day," she said. "The kids are so excited."

She also enjoys library and school readings and the interaction with the children. Her daughter

often attends with her, helping distribute materials such as coloring pages. Another interest is working with charities and donating books for raffles at charity events.

Fisher travels extensively with her work. She added, though, she is trying to stay closer to home more because of her young children with farmers markets, festivals and fairs also part of her stops these days. Some of her time this year will be in the Lake Erie area in communities featured in

some of her other books.

She also is writing freelance for magazines with a common topic of trying to inspire parents and reading. "It is so important. My mother always encouraged me to read anything I wanted to. She didn't have reading level stereotypes," Fisher said, adding her books are for an age range of two to 10.

For more information on Fisher and her work, visit [www.Meghanfisher.com](http://www.Meghanfisher.com). Fisher also is on Facebook.

## Elections Boad

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Two other county precincts may be ready for redistricting in the future because of growth, though not as rapid as seen in Huber Heights, he said. Those precincts are Lostcreek-Casstown and Concord Southeast, which have around 1,200 and just more than 1,200 registered voters at this time.

## DAR To Meet

The Piqua-Lewis Boyer Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapter will meet June 13, 2015 for a Flag Day luncheon at the Dorothy Love Retirement Community Amos Center in Sidney, OH. The meeting starts at 10:30am and is located at 3003 Cisco Road. The program is on Colonial Toys and Games to be presented by Jean Muetzel, SW OSDAR District Director.

Program Chair is Carol Hepler along with host-

esses Debbie Miller, and Rachel Ann Minnich.

A noon luncheon of salad plate (chicken salad, cottage cheese, fruit) and punch or coffee will be provided by Dorothy Love. Cost is a \$5.00 donation to their Alzheimer's unit. Members can pay the day of the meeting; however RSVP for a count is requested by June 8 to Debbie Miller (513)867-0445 or Bonnie Lair (937)-771-3099.

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# Obituaries

## V. Maxene Bitzow

V. Maxene Bitzow, age 86, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, OH. She was born on March 27, 1929 in Fletcher, OH to the late William H. and Mary E. (Covault) Snyder. Maxene is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Victoria and Charles Kiser of Troy; son: Brent Bitzow of St. Paris; grandsons: Jason Hull and Brandon Bitzow; granddaughter: Nicole Cavanaugh Bitzow and great-grandchildren: Rashon, Janeline, Trenen, Trace, Jayla, Ayden and Holden. In addition to her parents, Maxene was preceded in death by her

sister: Pauline Jackson. Maxene was a graduate of Elizabeth School. She was a former member of the Girls Civic League and a volunteer with the Miami County Humane Society. She was an avid animal lover. Maxene retired from Hobart Brothers Company after 22 years of service. She was formerly employed with the Empire Restaurant in Troy and the Troy Country Club. No services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Humane Society. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Beverly Ann Studebaker

Beverly Ann Studebaker, age 70 of Troy passed at 11:07 A.M. on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at her residence. She was born August 8, 1944 in Troy, Ohio to the late Walter and Mary Victoria (Wesco) Studebaker. She was retired from R.T. Industries-Troy. She loved to sew, doing crafts and



watch movies. She was also preceded in death by a brother Richard Studebaker, sister Mary Ann Studebaker and nephew Raymond Studebaker. She is survived by 5 cousins and spouses Joyce and Lester Wood of Piqua, Dale and Barbara Epperson of Tipp City, Karen and Samuel Clark of Troy, Ann Gresham of Sidney and Stephen and Robin Epperson of Conover,

nieces Judy Studebaker, Darlene Studebaker, Myra Cythers, nephews Leo Studebaker, Walt Studebaker, great niece Randi Studebaker, great-niece Elizabeth Studebaker, great-great nephew Jayden Studebaker, Ryan Butts, great nephew Matthew Studebaker, great-great nephew Sate Studebaker. Other survivors include her friends and staff Brenda Knife- Home Mgr., Michelle Brake-Staff, Chelsea Mumford-Staff, Susan Cooper-Staff, Stacey Miller-Staff, Lanie Barnes-Staff and roommates Diane Harris and Barbara Cole. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. Ed Ellis officiating. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P.O. Box 502, Troy, Ohio 45373. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheney-funeralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheney-funeralhome.com)

## Sydney Patrick Wheat

Sydney Patrick Wheat, age 50 of Troy passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. He was born March 4, 1965 in Columbus, Ohio to Sidney and Karen J. (Coles) Wheat.



His mother survives and lives in Troy. He is also survived by his loving wife Lisa (Rodriguez) Wheat of Troy, beloved sons Peyton and Lander Wheat at home, sister and brother-in-law Heather D. and Mark Raleigh of Gahanna, aunt Pastor Carolyn Moore of Dayton, uncle and spouse Hugh and Nancy Wheat of Palm Harbor, FL., and host of cousins and other relatives. In addition to his father Sidney who passed on March 2, 2012, he was also preceded in death by his sister Kristen Brooke Wheat in 1992. He was a 1983 graduate of Troy High School, attended Ohio State University and served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force. He was an entrepreneur marking on an appearance on Shark Tank for a new fishing devise rod holder in the late summer, enjoyed fishing, golf and outdoors. He was very active with his son Peyton in his golf and his son Lander in football. Celebration of Life were held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Carolyn Moore officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheney-funeralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheney-funeralhome.com)

## George Thomas Bixler

George Thomas Bixler, age 66, of Piqua, OH passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at his residence. He was born August 25, 1948 in Kalamazoo, MI to the late Jessie and Delores (Slone) Bixler.

George is survived by his wife of 14 years: Kona (Erwin) Bixler; daughter: Amy Melinda Blakeley of Logan, UT and sons: Bryon Scott Bruckner of Omaha, NE and Richard Jeremiah Bruckner of Troy and six grandchildren.

In addition to his par-

ents, he was preceded in death by two brothers. George was a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Troy and a member of the NRA. He was a retired truck driver. A memorial service will be held 2:00PM on Thursday, June 4th at Baird Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Carnes officiating. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

# Rotary Hosts Ohio Supreme Court Justice

During their weekly meeting on May 26, 2015, Troy Rotarians were delighted to hear from Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy as she shared her thoughts on how Rotary's Four-Way Test parallels the founding documents of the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. The Four-Way Test includes simple, yet powerful, questions of: (1) Is it the truth; (2) Is it fair to all concerned; (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships; and (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Justice Kennedy expressed that it is her belief that those historical documents attempt to establish a government which is beneficial, builds goodwill, is fair to all concerned and seeks truth. She related how the courts try to pursue those principles by establishing an orderly procedure to find the truth and render justice based on equal protection under the law.



She has firsthand experience in how courts render justice, having a career that began when she was a Hamilton police officer and resulted in her position on Ohio's highest court. Along the way, she served at the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division beginning in 1999. From 2005 until the

end of 2012, she served as the administrative judge of that division. It was during her tenure that improvements were implemented in the case management system to ensure the timely resolution of cases for families and children. To learn more about her remarkable career, visit the Web site for the Supreme Court of Ohio at [www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/SCO/justices/kennedy](http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/SCO/justices/kennedy).

Annually, Troy Rotary hosts a speech contest for students in which they are asked to memorize and deliver a four-six minute oration on "Leadership and the Four-Way Test." Hosted during the February-March time frame, the contest is open to all area high school students, and cash prizes are awarded to the top orators. The winner of Troy's contest is invited to present their speech at the District 6670 contest held each March. In 2015, the winners were Troy Christian High School students Nathan Stevens and Kimmy Wideman.

Troy Rotarians are always looking for new topics to share that highlight local businesses and organizations. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization to the club, please visit the club's Web site at [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org) and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary, our programs and membership, please visit [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org).

# Letter to the Editor

[A recent news report regarding the Mayor and several city officials traveling to Japan for an economic development trip] did not reveal the expense of this journey. The unknown expense for this trek to Japan to send these "representatives" is unscrupulous and insensitive to the taxpayers of Troy, especially without any guarantee on return for time and money spent.

My suggestion is for the mayor and other city officials take a van ride down 25A south and visit Tipp City and Vanda-

lia, and see why there is much new business/industrial development in those communities, giving them a permanent tax base.

The priority for our Troy officials seems only to promote concerts and placate starving artists that brings no permanent commerce or tax base to the city. While our neighboring communities are gaining new business the leaders of Troy are off on their regular jaunt to Japan.

Jack Putterbaugh  
Troy

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## Bentlee Messiah VerDale Foster

Bentlee Messiah VerDale Foster, infant son of VerDale Foster and fiancée Brandi Hutton of Troy passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. Bentlee is also survived by his sister Heavenlee Dawn Marie Foster at home, maternal grandmother Shelia Watkins of Anna, maternal grandfather Clifford Hutton of Covington, paternal grandmother JoAnn Ryan of Troy, pawpaw Anthony Foster Sr. of Troy, great-grandparents Barbara and Jimmy Criner of Troy, aunts

and uncles Justin, Tyler, Bradley and Sarah Hutton, Rena Ryan, Talisha Foster, Danielle Adkins and Taila Foster, cousins King Kinsey and Aubrey Hutton and several other cousins, great aunts and great uncles. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

## Robert Michael Schnell

Robert Michael Schnell, age 60, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Troy on June 25, 1954 to Carol A. (Finrock) Schnell of Troy and the late George Robert Schnell. His wife of over 24 years, Linda M. (Allen) Schnell, survives.

Robert is also survived by two children: Heather Marie Schnell of Arlington, VA and Daniel Robert Schnell of Troy; one brother: Mark LeRoy (Viola) Schnell of Cape Coral, FL; two nieces: Cassandra and Carol Schnell; and one great niece: Alexis Schnell.

Robert was a 1972 graduate of Troy High School. He loved music and played the drums. Robert was an avid car enthusiast. He was active in the lawn care business for many years.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 4555 Lake Forest Dr., Suite 396, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Mark Allen Williamson

Mark Allen Williamson, age 39, of Troy, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2015 in Troy. He was born in Huntingdon, PA on April 11, 1976 to the late Michael Ker Williamson and Diane Steffen. Mark is survived by his wife: Laurie (Palasz) Williamson; his two children: Persephone Steffen Williamson and Atticus Michael Williamson; two sisters: Christine Williamson of New Jersey and Jessica M. Williamson of Ohio; two brothers: Michael P. Williamson of New Jersey and Luke M. Williamson of Kentucky. He was associated with the Co-op in Troy and volunteered with Habitat

for Humanity. Memorial service will be held at 4:00PM on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Richard Venus officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:30-4:00PM on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Overfield School in Persephone's name, 172 South Ridge Ave., Troy, Ohio 45373 or to the Rehabilitation Center for Neurological Development in Atticus's name, 1306 Garbry Rd, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com)

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# Troy American Legion 43 Starts Season

Going into their 48th season, Troy Post 43 Baseball is a senior laden team. The team returns 12 players who went to the October Fall Showcase in Lansing, Michigan. They won their pool and played well up there, so this is a team with a good bit of experience.

"We have very solid pitching with a 5 man starting staff of Trenton Wood, Ryan Lavy, Chris Heisey, Zach Greenwald and Jackson Ford," Troy coach Frosty Brown said. "We have two bonafide closers in Michael Cookson (L) and Michael Hale, but hard throwing, Zach Kirby and Mason Knight will also fill the closers role. Lefty junior, Ryan Burton, Brandon Nesbitt, Cody Harsman will work middle relief."

Troy also lost veteran, senior catcher, Anthony Shoop for the season due to a complication with a broken leg.

"We only have two catchers but they'll be two guys who can do the job," Brown said. "Senior Zach Kirby and freshman Ethan Garland are two strong armed catchers have pop times in the 2.0 range. Both are solid hitters."

Troy's infield includes Ryan Lavy at first, Michael Hale at second, Greg Peffly at shortstop and Cody Harsman at third.



"All are fine defensive players and all are very fine hitters, Brown said. "Hard hitting Brandon Nesbitt is our Mr. Utility. He literally can play anywhere and understands the total concept of the game. He'll play 2B, SS, 1B and left field, C or Right field."

"Brandon's versatility allows us to move players to the bullpen and still keep his bat consistently in the line-up," Brown added.

The Post 43 outfield had Trenton Wood in right, Greg Johnson in center and Adam Gunston in left. Also Colton Risk will see time in left field as will Ryan Burton.

"We are the defending American Legion Regional Champions, and Western Ohio Legion League champions," the Troy coach said. "In 2014 this group finished 4th in the NABF World Series, 3rd in the State Connie Mack Tourney and 3rd in the State Legion Tournament. We played many of the best teams in the country like Ann Arbor Legion, Omaha Legion, Denver

Cougars., Enid, Ok., NY Sayo Greys, and teams from Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis, so this team has positive experience to build on."

"We also played the best teams in Ohio as well like Pickerington, Napoleon, Wayne County Legion, the Ohio Glaciers, the Astro Falcons and, Circleville Legion. We need to have a few practices to smooth out our pick off moves and go over the double steal keys and this group will be ready to compete.

Brown also added that the offense will get better as the season progresses.

"Our hitting will only improve as we work on our skills and hitting discipline daily."

Brown returns for his 43rd season as Troy Post 43 Baseball's head coach.

"We have a fine coaching staff in Paul Lavy and Mark Gunston. They have high expectations of the players and catch the little things that help our players improve," Brown said.

\* Troy defeated the Columbus Saber-kats 5-4 in extra innings last week, and returns to action this week hosting the Prospect Legion tonight at 6 p.m., then a doubleheader on Friday night against the Cincinnati Fury at 6 p.m. All home games are at

# Area State Track Meet Qualifiers

Several area athletes have qualified for the state track meet this weekend in Columbus. The top four finishers in each event at Regionals last weekend have advanced. They are:

Troy: Stephen Jones placed third in the Division One 3200 regionals with a time of 9:17.78. The Girls 400 Relay team (Ashley Barr, Celina Courts, Gracie Huffman and Kelsey Walters) also was third (49.42), while two individuals also will be running at state. Huffman was fourth in the 400 (57.42) and Morgan Gigandet finished third in the 3200 (11:04.47).

Walters also advanced in the shot put with a third place finish of 37-10.

Tippecanoe: Mitchell Poynter won the Division One 1600 meter run with a time of 4:17.77 to send him to state. He was the only Red Devil to make it to Columbus.

Tecumseh: Kyle Terrell won the Division One Pole Vault with a leap of 14-8, while teammate Donte Clark was second in the high jump (6-4).

Troy Christian: Meredith Haddad qualified in the Division Three Long Jump, finishing fourth at regionals with a leap of 17-5.5.

# Post 43 Takes 2 of 3

Troy Post 43 hosted the Cincinnati Riverboats and the Whitehouse Legion over the weekend.

"We continued playing very fine teams this weekend and all 3 games were an adventure," said Coach Frosty Brown. "The Riverbats team is one of Cincinnati's best and Whitehouse has won the American Legion State Championship several times in the last 10 years. We accepted the challenge the games we exciting"

Troy Post 43 Baseball came from behind to post an 9-8 victory over a very talented Cincy Riverbats. "The Riverbats, like many Cincinnati teams are extreme fastball hitters. So the premium is on 1st pitch curve balls and change ups in 2-0 and 3-1 counts. Our pitchers learned allot in this game," said Brown.

Troy grabbed an early 3-1 lead in the bottom of the 3rd. Following back to back walks, the team strung together 3 consecutive hits by Brandon Nesbitt, Trenton Wood and Ryan Lavy with 2 outs.

The Riverbats tied it in the 5th, as an error, a walk and 2 out double by LC Deck, made it 3-3. Post 43 elected to bring lefty closer Michael Cookson who was greeted with 4 runs. Michael usually brings in a different look and records strike outs but in this game his arm slot was a little off and he struggled with his effectiveness. Troy found itself down 7-3.

Post 43 called on Michael Hale and the senior right-hander shut down the Riverbats in the 8th. The team responded with a rally of its own. Brandon Nesbitt led off with a walk and advance to 2nd on a passed ball. He scored on Trenton Wood's double making it 7-4. Ryan Lavy slapped a single into right center putting runners on 1st and 3rd.

Michael Hale launched a long sacrifice fly to centerfield and the ball was dropped scoring one and putting runners on second and third. Jackson Ford stepped to the plate and promptly shot a two-run line drive single into centerfield creating a 7-7 tie.

In the 9th, Troy escaped a potentially disastrous rally as the Riverbats scored one and stranded three as Michael Hale struck two with the bases loaded. This brought Post 43 coming up in the 9th facing Riverboat closer, Ben Mattingly.

"Mattingly is a side arm pitcher who throws hard and has a late breaking curve," Brown said. Post 43 left fielder Colton Risk walked to lead off the bottom of the 9th a single by Greg Peffley, lined a single into center putting runners on 1st and 2nd and no out.

Brandon Nesbitt had a great at bat fouling off six pitches with 2 strikes to coax a walk out of Mattingly that loaded the bases.

Trenton followed with the same type of at bat and ten pitches later walked bringing the tying run. Michael Hale was hit by the first pitch and the game quickly became a Post 43 victory.

The victory made Troy Post 43 a 4-0 start to the season.

SUNDAY:

Game one was a nail biter and a pitchers

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# Spring Athletes Honored by League Coaches

**Jim Dabbelt**

Athletes from all of the area schools were honored recently by the league coaches from the GWOC, CBC, CCC and MBC, as the all-conference teams were announced throughout the Miami Valley.

From the Greater Western Ohio Conference, Troy's baseball team had several players named to the all-league team. On the first-team GWOC North, senior Ryan Lavy joins senior Collin Moeller and senior Trenton Wood to the list of top players. Wood also was named as the GWOC North Athlete of the Year.

Earning second team honors were senior Dalton Cascaden, senior Alec Demore and senior Josh Fulker, while special mention was junior Jared Bair.

From the Troy softball team, seniors Allison Pearce, Rainy Rohlf and Mackenzie Vernon were all named to the GWOC North first-team, while coach Megan Campbell was honored as the Coach of the Year.

Named to the second-team were senior Victoria Adams and junior Natalie Henson. Selected to the special mention were Dani Lade (senior) and Megan Schreiber (senior).

Troy's tennis team also placed several kids on the all-division team, including Luke Oaks, Conner Oaks and Elijah Sadler on the first-team, Shane Essick second team and Matt Schmitt on the third team.

Troy Christian also had several kids on the Metro Buckeye Conference baseball all-league team, including first-teamers Scott Douglass and Jordan Slone, along with second team players Jacob Brown and Camron Davee.

On the MBC softball first-team were Athlete of the Year Olivia Glaser, Kallie Browning, Shaina Davee and Natalie Krueger. Second-team players were Mara Campbell and Madison Taylor. Troy Christian coach Dan Cain was named Coach of the Year.

The Central Buckeye Conference selected several of the area kids to their conference teams. In baseball, first-team Kenton Trail Division all-league players included Zack Blair, Justyn Eichbaum, Brandon Gotthardt, Aaron Hughes and Cole Quillen (all from Tippecanoe). Tecumseh also had Hunter Hensley on first team. Second teamer from Tipp was Dalton Hodge and from Tecumseh, their selection was Jack Dague. Sportsman-

ship Award winners included Brandon Roberts (Tippecanoe) and Logan Donovan (Tecumseh).

As for the CBC softball team in the KTC, Tippecanoe had several athletes honored including Stephanie Kraska, Megan Rittenhouse, Rachel Rusk and Kaitlyn Stocker. From Tecumseh, Michelle Luttrell, Micaela Pierson and Jessica Wilson were all named first-team. On second-team, Lauren Goodall (Tippecanoe) and Kelsi Garber (Tecumseh) found a spot, and Sportsmanship winners included Taylor Yeager from Tippecanoe and Jenny Wright from Tecumseh.

On the tennis court, first-team recipients included Tippecanoe's Michael Keller and Joe Keller, while Tecumseh added Mitchell Poland, Allen Eben, Will Sims, Michael Green and Tyler Adams all landed on first team. Alex Sarihan was on second team, as was Phillip Bullard (Tippecanoe), Gavin Campbell (Greenon) and Eric Philpot (Northwestern). Earning Sportsmanship Awards included Joel Bauer of Tecumseh, Alec Kagy from Tippecanoe, Spencer Haerr of Greenon and Jacob Boop of Northwestern.

From the Mad River Division, the baseball all-conference first-team award winners included Cole Baldwin and Cole Brewer from Northwestern, along with Greenon's Chris Winter. On second-team were Northwestern's Tone Fogliani and Greenon's Cole Lewis, while Sportsmanship Award winners included Derek Whip (Northwestern) and Greenon's Zack Zugelder.

On the softball diamond, first-team honorees included Macie Crew, Maddie Current, Taj Knicely and Jenna Robbins of Northwestern, along with Greenon's Samantha Chaffin and Victoria Workman. On second-team were Abby Zerkle of Northwestern and Lexi Romine of Greenon, while Sportsmanship winners included Jescena Risner of Northwestern and Maleigha Young of Greenon.

Bethel also had some athletes honored for their success this spring in the Cross County Conference, as on the baseball first-team was Tyler Brookhart, with Zach Cohee on second team, and Brandon Nesbi on special mention. In softball, first-team member from Bethel was Brianna Anthony, with teammate Becky Schweiterman on special mention.

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## Gardening Commentary

FROM MVG

Successful gardening is the result of following a few basic steps. Once these “keys” are understood gardeners start to see great improvements in what happens as they continue to practice their gardening skills.

How is your vegetable garden coming along this spring? Vegetable plants like beets, lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, beans, corn are all normally started by planting seeds directly in the garden soil. No transplanting is involved and the cost is minimal. It is important for the soil temperatures to warm up for some seeds to germinate well. Tomatoes, peppers and cabbage are examples of plants that take more time to develop and are better planted in the garden from transplants that are started earlier.

Soil conditions are really important and an enormous improvement in growing plants occurs when ample amounts of organic matter are incorporated in marginal, clay soils like many home owners have in their yards and gardens in the Miami Valley. Our clay soils don't drain particularly well. Most of our soils get very hard when they dry out if organic matter is lacking to keep the soil open and well drained. Roots of the plants we are trying to grow have trouble developing due to a lack of oxygen at the root level and difficulty penetrating clay soils when the soil dries out.

Another issue that occurs frequently at the time of planting seeds and plants is that of planting too deeply. Many new gardeners feel that planting “good and deep” actually helps the plant because the roots will be “nice and deep” so they will get plenty of water and nutrients. This is one of the most detrimental things we can do to a seed or a plant. If anything it is better to plant little high. For seeds the rule of thumb is to cover the seed just



twice the diameter of the seed. Lettuce seed, for example, is not too much bigger than pepper we use at the dinner table, so that is not very much soil cover. A bean or corn seed is larger but still we will only cover the seed with a quarter to a half an inch of soil. Why is this? This situation relates to the paragraph above. Seeds and plants need oxygen at the root zone along with moisture to develop and grow. The organic matter aids in “opening” up the soil and letting oxygen get to the roots and also provides moisture storage capacity that clay and sandy soils do not have.

This same situation applies to plants, like shrubs and trees and even annual and perennials. Trees and shrubs, being of a “woodier” structure, don't show the effects of poor soil conditions for many weeks or months while a more tender plant like a petunia or a tomato plant will show these effects in a very short period of time. There is a saying that is so true—spend \$10.00 on the hole (or improving the soil) and \$5.00 for the plant and you will have more success with the plant performance.

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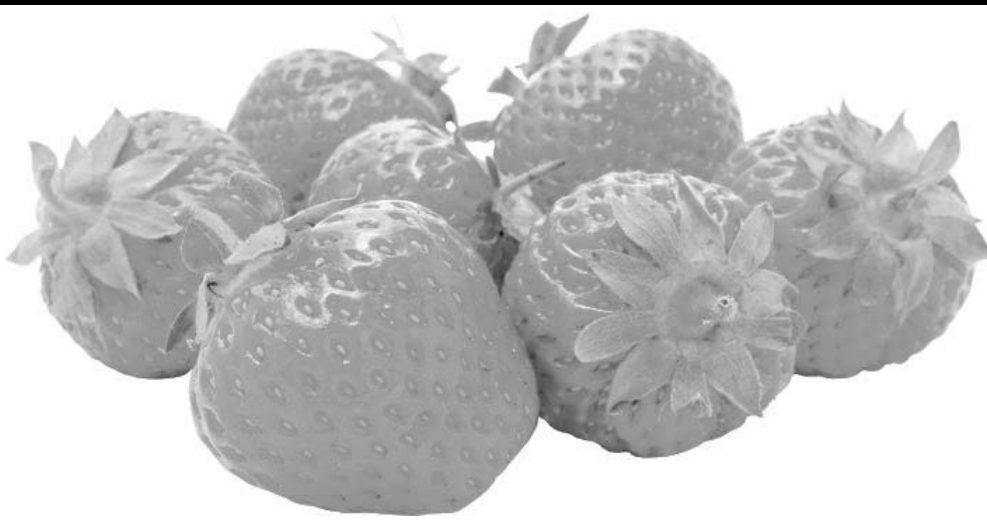
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  - 6 large fresh strawberries, cleaned
  - ¼ cup strawberry or vanilla ice cream
- Combine all ingredients, either in blender or with electric mixer until foamy. Serve immediately. Makes two servings-10 ounce glasses. May be frozen slightly until ice crystals form. Recipe source: adapted from 1959 Farm Journal's Country Cookbook.



your annual average consumption can reach an astounding 4.85 pounds. For what that really means in terms of personal consumption, get out the kitchen food scale, start piling on fresh berries till you reach one pound. Multiply by a rounded 5. More berries than you thought, huh!

On the third day of berry season, someone will invariably mention strawberry shortcake or strawberry pie. So begins our second phase of strawberry eating—using the red orbs for baking. While a pie is

### Berry Good Glaze

- ½ cup fresh strawberries, cleaned, crushed
  - ½ cup water
  - ¼ cup sugar
  - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- In saucepan, cook berries and water for two minutes. Strain through sieve to retrieve juice. Combine the sugar and cornstarch in small saucepan, stirring in berry juice. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick and clear. Cool completely. Use to glaze fresh berries which top a cheesecake, a dish of ice cream, pound or angel food cake or strawberry pie. Recipe source: 1959 Farm Journal's Country Cookbook.

wonderful, time usually dictates that easier recipes are used. Here are some of those recipes. And remember, youngsters and young-at-heart, first fruits are best eaten in the simplest way, on the first day of harvest, shared with those you love.

### Easy Strawberry Crisp

- 1 quart strawberries, hulled, washed
  - 2 teaspoons quick cooking tapioca
  - 1/3 to ½ cup sugar
  - ¼ cup water
  - 1 cup uncooked rolled oats (old-fashioned)
  - 1/3 cup flour
  - ½ cup light brown sugar
  - Dash of salt
  - ¼ cup melted butter
- In a non-reactive saucepan, over low heat, cook berries, tapioca, sugar and water just until bubbly. Pour into a 1 & 1/2 quart baking dish. While fruit is cooking, mix rest of ingredients in bowl with fork until crumbly. Sprinkle over hot fruit in baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees until brown on top and berries are bubbling up through the crisp. Serve warm with cream, ice cream or plain. Recipe source: old newspaper clipping.

Contact Connie at [mooredcr@luno.com](mailto:mooredcr@luno.com) or [dcrrmoore@att.net](mailto:dcrrmoore@att.net).

### Strawberry Coffeecake

- 2 ½ cups fresh strawberries, cleaned, sliced
  - ¼ cup sugar
  - 1 ½ tablespoon cornstarch
  - 2 ½ cups baking mix such as Bisquick
  - ¾ cup sugar
  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
  - ¾ cup buttermilk
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - Garnish—fresh berries
- Grease a 9-inch square baking pan. In medium saucepan combine berries, sugar and cornstarch. Cook over low heat, stirring until thick. Remove from heat and cool. In meantime, in bowl, combine baking mix and sugar. Take out ½ cup of this mix and cut butter into it to form crumbs. Set them aside. Add buttermilk and eggs to rest of baking mix. Stir just until moist. Pour 2/3 of batter into pan. Top with berry filling. Drop remaining batter by spoonfuls over top. Sprinkle top with reserved crumbs. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until tests done with toothpick. Cool 10 minutes and garnish with whole berries. Recipe source: family cookbook.

## Top 10 Tips for Deducting Losses from a Disaster

BY ARROWHEAD TAX SERVICE

If you suffer damage to your home or personal property, you may be able to deduct the losses you incur on your federal income tax return. Here are 10 tips you should know about deducting casualty losses:

1. **Casualty loss.** You may be able to deduct losses based on the damage done to your property during a disaster. A casualty is a sudden, unexpected or unusual event. This may include natural disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes. It can also include losses from fires, accidents, thefts or vandalism.
2. **Normal wear and tear.** A casualty loss does not include losses from normal wear and tear. It does not include progressive deterioration from age or termite damage.
3. **Covered by insurance.** If you insured your property, you must file a timely claim for reimbursement of your loss. If you don't,

you cannot deduct the loss as a casualty or theft. You must reduce your loss by the amount of the reimbursement you received or expect to receive.

4. **When to deduct.** As a general rule, you must deduct a casualty loss in the year it occurred. However, if you have a loss from a federally declared disaster area, you may have a choice of when to deduct the loss. You can choose to deduct the loss on your return for the year the loss occurred or on an amended return for the immediately preceding tax year. Claiming a disaster loss on the prior year's return may result in a lower tax for that year, often producing a refund.
5. **Amount of loss.** You figure the amount of your loss using the following steps:

Determine your adjusted basis in the property before the casualty. For property you buy, your basis is usually its cost to you. For property you acquire in some other way, such as inheriting it or getting it as a gift, you must figure

your basis in another way. For more see Publication 551, Basis of Assets.

Determine the decrease in fair market value, or FMV, of the property as a result of the casualty. FMV is the price for which you could sell your property to a willing buyer. The decrease in FMV is the difference between the property's FMV immediately before and immediately after the casualty.

Subtract any insurance or other reimbursement you received or expect to receive from the smaller of those two amounts.

6. **\$100 rule.** After you have figured your casualty loss on personal-use property, you must reduce that loss by \$100. This reduction applies to each casualty loss event during the year. It does not matter how many pieces of property are involved in an event.

7. **10 percent rule.** You must reduce the total of all your casualty or theft losses on personal-use property for the year by 10 percent of your adjusted gross

income.

8. **Future income.** Do not consider the loss of future profits or income due to the casualty as you figure your loss.

### 9. Form 4684.

Complete Form 4684 Casualties and Thefts, to report your casualty loss on your federal tax return. You claim the deductible amount on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. 10. Business or income property. Some of the casualty loss rules for business or income property are different than the rules for property held for personal use.

This information is provided to you by Arrowhead Tax Service at 113 W. Jefferson St. New Carlisle, Ohio. We take every effort to provide honest and accurate tax information. Please use your discretion before making any decisions based on the information provided, every tax situation is different. If you have any questions please visit our office or call us at 937-543-5770.

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Born approximately in 2008, Goldilocks was rescued with her mother and grandmother by a kind person, with a love for cats.

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For more information on Goldilocks, or any of our other cats, kittens, dogs or puppies: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.NET.

## Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO

Tipp City Police Retired

### Hot Pursuit

The police hot pursuit, sounds exciting doesn't it? Well that is what most people think when the topic is addressed. Certainly there is a lot of adrenaline flowing, what with a car or foot pursuit. Hopefully the criminal is apprehended with no injuries to anyone and the bad guy ends up in jail.

Some people are under the belief that if they can run to their home and get inside before the pursuing police catch them, they are safe. A man's home is his castle and the police cannot enter without a warrant. This belief has proven to be far from the truth.

On one occasion I was pursuing a DUI/Reckless driver when he went into a residential plat, pulled into a driveway and opened the garage door with the opening,

pulling in and then closing the door. I placed my cruiser under the closing garage door and prevented the door from closing. Running into the garage the driver was arrested and charged with all the usual counts of DUI, Fleeing and eluding and a count of vandalism for the damage to the cruiser. He was found guilty on all counts and ended up paying the Township I was working for to repair the damage cruiser.

What law you ask gives the police the right to enter your home without a warrant?

Well here it is, 54.201.4a (i) Hot Pursuit reads as follows:

“When police officers are in pursuit of a suspect of a crime, and that person flees into a structure in an effort to conceal his person or conceal evidence or weapons, the officers may pursue the fugitive into the structure, may conduct a warrantless search for the person sought, and may seize

any weapons, evidence or instrumentalities of the crime found during such search.”

In the court cases attached to this situation is a robbery of a gas station by a man with a gun. The clerk was able to give a very good description of the man, his clothing, the gun, the bag she placed the money so the officers on the scene made a BOLO broadcast. Two blocks away, another officer observed a man matching the suspect's description walk into a house.

The officers made entry, found the man in bed, pretending to be asleep, his clothing in the washing machine, the gun in the toilet tank and the bag of money in a concealed space. The man was convicted and lost all appeals.

So if you find yourself running from the police, do not think that you are home free just because you get inside before the police grab onto you. The long arm of the law is indeed very long.

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# Staunton Trustees Approve Computer Purchase

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the June 1, 2015 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, the trustees passed a resolution approving the purchase of a computer for the township. The trustees instructed Sarah Fine, Fiscal Officer, to determine what she needs to manage effectively the township finances. Once she has determined what is needed, the trustees will complete the purchase.

Jeff Cron, Trustee, requested that the County Engineer Department erect a "Children at Play" sign on Gaier Drive. At this point, the sign has not been put up. He also requested that the county repair three holes on Rusk. The estimated costs of the repairs are approximately \$2000. Neither of these actions has been taken, Cron will follow up with the County Engineer to determine when the tasks will be completed.

Bill Gearhart, Trustee, reported to the trustees that two properties in the township have noxious weeds growing. Gearhart notified the owner of the property at 2086 SR55 that the weeds need to be mowed. Although Gearhart posted two signs on the property 10 days ago, the property still has noxious weeds growing. Gearhart reported that he would have the township mow the property; however, he requested that the Sheriff's Department provide a Deputy at that time to prevent the owner from disrupting the mowing process. In addition, the property on Stringtown across from Staunton School is also a nuisance property. The township will also mow this property. It is in such

disrepair that trees are growing in the swimming pool. The property is in foreclosure.

In regular business, the trustees approved a payment for approximately \$35,000 to the City of Troy for Fire and Emergency Services to the township. This service costs the township approximately \$134,000 per year. In addition, the township receives these services from Casstown as well when Troy is unavailable.

The township received a \$500 grant for signs needed throughout the township. The signs will notify residents of high water and road closures. Cron volunteered to make stands for the signs to reduce costs and Gearhart will purchase the signs.

Cron's term expires at the end of this year. He is in the process of collecting signatures on the Nominative Petition and Statement of Candidacy Form to file his intentions of running for re-election. Cron has been on the Board of Trustees for 30 years.

The trustees have two meetings scheduled over the next two weeks to support township business. At the first meeting scheduled with the Soil and Water Conservation District on June 4, 2015, they will discuss tile replacement in the township.

At the second meeting, the trustees are scheduled to attend is the Miami Township Association Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015. Bethel Township is sponsoring the meeting and it will be held in Tipp City.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is schedule for June 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the township building.

# St. Patrick Announces Honor Roll

St. Patrick Catholic School is pleased to announce the following students earned First Honors. These students earned all A's in the 4th quarter of the 2014-2015 school year:

Fourth Grade- Alexandra Hamilton, Sarah Lins

Fifth Grade- Sarah Castaneda, Mary Lins

Sixth Grade- Noelle Dexter, Aaron Johnson, Natalie Rossy

Seventh Grade- Danny Lins

Eighth Grade- Ann Pannapara

The following students earned Second Honors. These students earned all A's and B's in the 4th Quarter of the 2014-2015

school year:

Fourth Grade- Alicia Cavanaugh, Katie Huelkamp, Allyson Kyle, Tyler Langenkamp, Connor Moeller, Joseph Pannapara, Caroline Wesner, Thomas White, Lilly Williams

Fifth Grade- Brock Bostick, Briana Lavender, Andrea Prenger, Taylor Reineke

Sixth Grade- Lauren Adkins, Tag Bender, Kendall Brown, Noah George, Caden Lombardo, Carianne Rindler, Pyper Sharkins, Paola Vazquez, John Wesner

Seventh Grade- Nathan Rocke, Jack White

Eighth Grade- Aidan Snyder

# Edison Announces Spring Dean's List

Edison Community College recognized 474 students for excellence in academics on the 2015 Spring Semester Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Those recognized include:

MacKenzie Armstrong, Hope Ash, Jared Bair, Sierra Besecker, Joshua Bornhorst, Courtney Braun, Corey Bryant, Courtland Bullard, Meagan Caudill, Brett Ceyler, Eric Dean, Senami Edalere-Lukula, Amanda Ernst, Draco Evilsizor, Steven Garrison, Ashley Goldsboro, Abigail

Graham, Carlton Hadebe, Billy Harris, Tyler Harvey, Brock Heath, Sara Hufford, Jessica Lykes, Derek Mallery, Grant McCalister, Amber Moore, Kara Moore, Tiffany Morgan, Kelly Mothmiller, Jennifer Noren, Brad Pottebaum, Ryan Priest, Marella Rich, Megan Robinson, Patrick Roegner, Gretchen Rolf, Nicholas Rosen, Talia Rudy, Brooklynn Scott, Taylor Shepherd, Zachary Sherman, Keith Skaggs, Sarah Smith, Joshua Stewart, John Stiltner, Penny Sykes, Colin Trudeau, Taryn Vest, Michaela Welbaum, Jamie Wisinski, John Yenney;

# Free Organizing Workshops Offered

Would you like to display a favorite photograph, but can't find any empty space on the end table? Are your favorite travel souvenirs haphazardly dumped in boxes of random clutter piled in your garage?

Are you tired of looking at dusty, boring, and meaningless knickknacks scattered throughout your house? Would you like to update and refresh your home décor without spending a lot of money? Mark your calendar now to take advantage of the free mini-workshop, "Goodbye Clutter, Hello Treasures!" to be held at the vintage resale shop "Primm 'N Proper" at 115 E. Main St. in Downtown Troy on Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 am - Noon.

Olive Wagar, owner of Organized by Olive LLC and member of the National Association of

Professional Organizers (NAPO), will share practical, yet aggressive, strategies to say goodbye to the clutter that overwhelms our homes. She will motivate you to let go of clutter. She will demonstrate clever ways to reuse your reclaimed space so that you can organize and beautify your home with your special treasures.

"Kayla and I are pleased to offer another free mini-workshop for downtown shoppers," said Ms. Wagar. "Saturday morning is a perfect opportunity to walk around the downtown, to visit the farmers market, and then to stop by the shop for this engaging session. Please bring a friend!"

No registration is required for this drop-in event.

# Project SEARCH Exemplifies Power of Partnerships

The power of partnerships was a recurring theme during the May 15 celebration of the 2014-15 Upper Valley Project SEARCH at Upper Valley Medical Center.

Now in its fifth year, Project SEARCH is a high school transition program designed to provide training and education on the road to employment for individuals with disabilities. It was launched in Cincinnati in 1996 and introduced at UVMC via the Upper Valley Career

receiving their high school diploma, went through an interview selection process and earned a position to participate in the program.

Moore said graduates have found work in Miami, Shelby and Champagne counties, some have obtained their driver's license, bought their own car, used public transportation and some now live independently.

"This is such a huge accomplishment for all of our Project SEARCH interns. Each one of you



Becky Rice, UVMC President and CEO, congratulates graduates

Center in 2010.

"The Upper Valley Career Center has many partnerships ... but I cannot think of a better partnership than the one we have with Upper Valley Medical Center and Project SEARCH," said Matt Meyer, Career Center Director of Student Services.

"I cannot think of another program that has the results that Patti and this group of folks get with these kids. Over 70 percent of SEARCH graduates are competitively employed," Meyer added.

Local Upper Valley Project SEARCH partners, in addition to UVMC, include the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, the Board of Developmental Disabilities in Miami and Shelby counties, Capabilities Inc. and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

The goal of the nine-month program is to help each of the interns become "a more independent, systematically skilled person ready to compete in their community job market," said Patti Moore, Upper Valley Project SEARCH coordinator.

She works in partnership with the interns, intervention specialists, job coaches and work site supervisors at UVMC. She emphasized that the interns are not actual employees, but are "strictly students in training" during the program.

Each intern deferred

has a success story to share," said Becky Rice, UVMC President and CEO.

Don LeVan, a UVMC Rehabilitation Services employee has been a project mentor each of its five years. He explained how interns do a series of rotations in various UVMC departments.

The intern works as part of the team and eats lunch with staff as they fall into a daily routine. "We do life together," LeVan said. "The journey does not end when the rotation ends. They stay in contact and we try to support them." More than 30 UVMC mentors participated in the program this past year.

The interns entered the conference rooms where the celebration was held wearing graduation gowns with Pomp and Circumstance playing in the background. Each introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their Project SEARCH experience and their future plans.

Interns receiving diplomas from representatives of their home school districts were: Alexandra Divens, Austin Long and Brant Verdier, all of Sidney High School; Megan Kendell and Tristen Yingst of Covington High School; Raymond Naumoff of Tippecanoe High School; Brice Rehfus of Hardin- Houston High School; and Alex Ruffin and Brianne Toppel of Troy High School.

# Marla Fair: YWCA Monthly Luncheon Speaker

Marla Fair, author and interpreter at the Johnston Farm, is the featured speaker for the June 10 YWCA Monthly Luncheon Series. The program, which is free and open to the public, begins at 11 a.m. followed by a noon luncheon (\$6/person).

"The Real Story of Rachel Johnston" will be Fair's focus for her presentation. "I will share the history of Rachel who left the city of Philadelphia for the Wild West.... Piqua," she said. "Rachel's life is fascinating and I have many stories

to share about her life as Colonel Johnston's wife," continued Fair. "The Johnston Farm house is full of memories from their life there and so much history still comes to life," she added.

Reservations for the luncheon can be made by stopping at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or calling 773-6626. All reservations must be made by Monday, June 8.

A UVMC nurse will be available from 10:15-11 a.m. for free blood pressure and glucose screenings. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

# Library Offers Sled Dog Presentation

Karen Land, a three-time participant in a 1,100-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race across Alaska, will discuss how she got involved with sled dog racing and what led her to participate in the sport's most grueling race in a talk at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10. Land will appear at the Troy-Miami County Public Library with her dog, Romano.

In 1999, Land took a job caring for 100-some Alaskan Huskies at the Montana kennel of Dr. Terry Adkins, DVM, a 21-time Iditarod musher. In 2001, Land finished the 450-mile Wyoming International Stage Stop Race, the 250-mile Can-Am Crown in Maine, and Montana's 350-mile Race to the Sky Sled Dog Race.

In March 2002, Karen Land made her first appearance in the Iditarod and finished the race in just under 14 days. She went on to compete in the Iditarod in 2003 and 2004.

Completing the Iditarod is among the most difficult feats in all of sports. More people have reached the summit of Mount Everest than have made it to the Iditarod finish line behind a team of dogs.

The Race starts down the city streets of Anchorage, crosses the treacherous Alaskan Range Mountains, and follows the bitterly cold Yukon River to the Bering Sea,

and the gold rush town of Nome.

The library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 121.



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Patti Moore, second from right, talks with Project SEARCH participants during program celebration



## Word Search

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Locate all the words below in the word search.  
 They may be across, down or diagonally in any direction.

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## Cooper

BY LARRY WARREN

SLOWEST THINGS  
 IN THE WORLD

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 MANATEE

THE LAST DAY  
 OF SCHOOL

## Crossword Puzzle

#182

ACROSS  
 1. Silver-gray color  
 4. Funny person  
 7. Family  
 10. Type of wood  
 11. Cotton seed pod  
 12. Drudgery  
 14. Rug  
 15. "Do \_\_\_\_ others..."  
 16. Bit of dust  
 17. Map making  
 20. Draft  
 22. Dress a fish  
 23. Sharp-tasting  
 25. Rests  
 29. Cavern, in poetry  
 30. Broadcaster, Harwell  
 31. Get hot again  
 33. Pronouncements  
 34. Girls' organization (abbr.)  
 35. Organic radical  
 36. He waited \_\_\_\_ (not wanting to hang around)  
 42. Over \_\_\_\_  
 43. "Time's a-wastin'!" (for short)  
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 51. Expressed resentment  
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 13. A pewter  
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 19. Dominated  
 20. Celebrated  
 21. Wind down  
 24. It's used to ferment  
 whiskey  
 26. Encodes, to secure information  
 27. Compassion  
 28. Envelope wax  
 32. Asian martial art  
 36. Break the \_\_\_\_  
 37. Scowl  
 38. Legal prefix  
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 40. Forward end of an aircraft  
 41. Nitroglycerin  
 45. Cry in cartoons  
 46. Contents of some bags

## Sudoku

#179

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## Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL

To order one of Liz's 10 Hidden Treasures books (1,100 - 1,600 hidden items each), send \$5.95 per book (plus \$2.75 shipping) to: Hidden Pictures, P.O. Box 63, Tipp City, OH 45371 or order online at [www.hiddenpicturepuzzles.com](http://www.hiddenpicturepuzzles.com) Liz Ball's Hidden Treasures books are also available at The Card Depot and Comfort & Joy on Main St., New Carlisle and at Cairns' Collectibles in Tipp City.

## Trivia Challenge

### Popular Culture Trivia Questions

1.)Which double named singer had a 2012 chart hit with the song "Home"?  
 a. Peter Peters  
 b. Andrew Andrews  
 c. David Davids  
 d. Phillip Phillips

2.)Birdie is the nickname of a projectile struck in which racquet sport?  
 a. Squash  
 b. Tennis  
 c. Badminton  
 d. Table Tennis

3.)What kind of creature is Timon in the 1994 animated Disney film "The Lion King"?  
 a. Warthog  
 b. Rat  
 c. Meerkat  
 d. Lion

4.)Billed as the "Drama in the Bahamas," whom did Muhammad Ali loose to in his very last fight in 1981?  
 a. Spinks  
 b. Berbick  
 c. Tyson  
 d. Holmes

5.)"The Song Remains the Same" is a concert film that features which classic rock band?  
 a. Queen  
 b. Led Zeppelin  
 c. Thin Lizzy  
 d. Deep Purple

6.)Who played the role of William Shakespeare in the 1998 film "Shakespeare in Love"?  
 a. Ben Affleck  
 b. Joseph Fiennes  
 c. Geoffrey Rush  
 d. Leonardo Di Caprio

7.)Which of the following movies, that feature Arnold Schwarzenegger, was the first to be released?  
 a. The Terminator  
 b. Total Recall  
 c. Commando  
 d. Red Sonja

8.)Golfers play with woods and ...?  
 a. Tins  
 b. Irons  
 c. Steels  
 d. Bronzes

9.)"The Woo Woo Woo Kid" is a nickname of which WWE Superstar?  
 a. Zack Ryder  
 b. Fandango  
 c. The Great Khali  
 d. The Miz

10.)With the song "Please Don't Go," which of these acts was the first to have a #1 on the US Billboard Hot 100 Chart in the 1980s?  
 a. Michael Jackson  
 b. Olivia Newton-John  
 c. KC & the Sunshine Band  
 d. Blondie

## Last Week's Solutions

### WORDSEARCH

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# Troy Post 43 Baseball

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duel. Senior Trenton Wood simply dominated the Whitehouse hitters for the first seven innings. He struck out eight, walked two and scattered four hits over the first seven innings.

Meanwhile Marcus Haynes kept Troy at bay with an assortment of change ups and curves. he scattered 8 eighthits and was supported by excellent defense. “Their right fielder, short stop and 2nd baseman all made 3 diving catches and their defense turned three double plays to snuff out potential rallies,” said Brown. “We noticed Haynes had a pitching pattern. Once he threw a fastball for a strike, he’d follow with the change up and series of curves. It’s early and our ability to make adjustments will develop.”

Troy had a potential last inning rally cut short by a game ending double play.

Game 2..... things went much better for Troy Post 43 in the second game. Senior Ryan Lavy gave Troy a second great pitching performance. He limited Whitehouse to four hits, struck out four and was backed by great defense. Post 43 chased Whitehouse starter Layman in the third with a big five run rally. Gregg Johnson, led off with a single and advanced to third on an error. Johnson scored on a long sacrifice fly by

Greg Peffley. An RBI single by Brandon Nesbitt and an RBI double by Ryan Lavy made it 3 -0 . A Michael Hale walk and another RBI single by Jackson Ford gave Post 43 a 4-0 lead. With runners on first and third and two out, Troy Post 43 scored on a perfectly executed double steal.

In the 5th, Brandon Nesbitt who was 4 for 6 on the day hit a double and scored on Michael Hales single giving Troy a 6-0 lead.

“This was a big doubleheader. We played a very fine team and had a chance to win both games,” said Brown. “We are still transitioning as hitters and we have to understand they will be facing good pitching every day. Defensively and pitching wise we are playing great. Our defensive skills were demonstrated in the 2nd game when Whitehouse threatened in the 5th..... catcher Zach Kirby’s throw to 2nd on a Whitehouse double steal attempt was worked to perfection and we nailed the runner at the plate. “

**NEXT WEEK:** Tuesday they travel to Ottawa to play their legion team and then Wed. they host Prospect Legion Baseball from Prospect, Ohio. Again Post 43 is facing two very solid teams and then Friday they play the Cincinnati Fury coached by Don Gullett Jr. in a wtnight DH starting at 6pm.

# YW Wild Walking Women

Get motivated to walk and get healthier with the YW Wild Walking Women beginning Tuesday, June 9. The ladies will meet to walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 4 week period from 9-10 a.m. Participants will meet at French Park and Joan Beck and Nancy Hirby, facilitators, will guide the group each week.

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For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. Pre-registration is requested. YWCA membership is not required.

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# Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

## Retirement Assets Need to Be Protected Against the Unexpected

Too often, people make all the right moves in building their retirement assets but fail to protect them against life's possible misfortunes like injuries, chronic illnesses or death. Without proper protection, unfortunate events can devastate even the best-intentioned retirement plan. For this reason, one needs to consider appropriate disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and life insurance protection.

Premature death can undermine a family's retirement assets because new contributions are effectively shut down. The impact of this disruption has significant consequences for the surviving spouse, especially if the spouse is years from retirement.

Having adequate life insurance coverage can help one support retirement income while having the security of knowing that income lost upon an untimely death may be replaced. Like death, disabilities can create major problems for retirement plans and, unfortunately, disabilities are more common than one might think.

Whatever the cause of the disability, disrupting one's income is certain to disrupt the funding of one's retirement plans. In addition, disabilities often carry the need for income to meet the needs generated by the disability, including medications, physical therapy, counseling, special transportation needs, and aids to assist the disabled person during his or her recovery or moving forward with their limitations. In short, a disability can quickly deplete one's savings.

Fortunately, disability income insurance helps protect individuals against this. If one is unable to work due to a qualifying illness or accident, this vital coverage can help cover all, or a portion of, monthly obligations up to the amount of coverage purchased. By potentially avoiding the need to deplete savings, one helps protect one's retirement plan.

Long-term care is yet another misfortune that can quickly wipe out retirement assets, yet many people think the need for long-term care is remote. Statistics show, though, that 75% of the population age 65 or older will need some form of long-term care.1

Planning ahead can help protect not only one's retirement assets, but also one's freedom to make choices about the kind of long-term care one receives. Long-term care insurance helps protect assets and income from the high costs associated with long-term care. The benefits may also be extended to care received in nursing homes or nursing facilities, assisted-living facilities, residential care facilities, at-home health care, adult day health care centers, community-based residential facilities or adult foster homes.

A qualified financial professional can help evaluate one's need to protect retirement assets against the unexpected costs connected with death, disability and long-term care. He or she can assist with retirement strategies appropriate to one's needs.

1 Long-Term Care statistics, LTC Tree, November 2011.



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# Home Cooking Rules at 25A

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Only a few places in Troy serve a multi-course, home-cooked breakfast before eight o'clock in the morning but even fewer also serve decadent chocolate chip muffins and homemade pie. For Julie Kinnison and her family, cooking good food from scratch is a family affair. The Kinnisons opened 25A Café last year in the storefront on 25A that used to be the

their friends and enjoy good food," Kinnison said. "I'm all about breakfast and home-made desserts. This place is a combination of my favorite things. It becomes like a living room for my family and friends during the week." With her grandma, mother, sister-in-law, nephew, aunt, and uncle frequently involved in various job roles at the café throughout the week, the restaurant is the quintessential



Cole DiNofa, a frequent patron, enjoys a burger at the 25A Café

home of Fat Boyz Pizza. Their vision was to run a comfortable, family friendly restaurant specializing in breakfast foods. Although Julie Kinnison hails from West Milton, she is enthusiastic about the fit Troy has been for her business.

"I just wanted a family diner where people could come in and talk and meet with

family business, this includes the homemade recipes, most of which came out of the family kitchen. Kinnison's aunt Judy even has her own cookbooks available for sale full of gluten-free recipes for kids and adults.

Karen Eggert has been a server and member of the 25A Café family since its opening in July of 2014. Eggert



Owner Julie Kinnison (right) and waitress Karen Eggert, one of her first hires

says that she serves a lot of pies and that the new Philly cheese steak is getting good reviews from patrons. Eggert's teenage son, Cole DiNofa, visits the café every week for his favorite burger and says the muffins "are to die for." His friends will often come with him to the Café after school. Although he has never worked at the Café, Cole says the restaurant is his "home away from home."

The comfort of the food and atmosphere is only accentuated by the knowledge that Kinnison's grandmother comes in every week to make dumplings for their big Sunday crowd. According to the restaurant staff, grandma is a "capable, kind woman." She also makes the café's fresh pies which include popular flavors like chocolate, coconut cream, and strawberry. After nearly a year of establishing their presence in the community, the 25A Café family feels like they are truly home in Troy, Ohio.

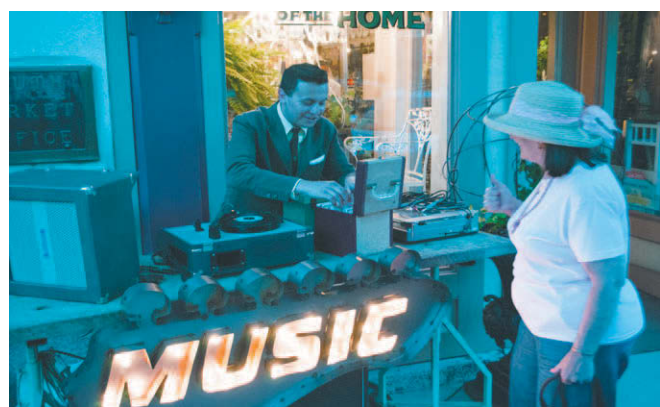
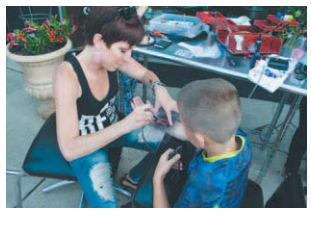
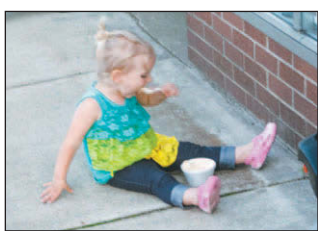
"I love Troy," Kinnison said. "I actually thought about moving once my kids get out of school. We're still won-

dering where and when that might be possible." Her children Austin and Olivia are thirteen and ten years of age. According to Kinnison, they regularly come in to eat before or after games or with their friends. The Café is not only a place that facilitates fun family life but community life as well. Local business owners and associates regularly come for lunch meetings or casual breakfasts with friends.

With an aim to serve and a taste for soul-food, the people of Troy are discovering that 25A Café is the perfect combination of family, business, and satisfying homemade cuisine.

# Shoppers Turn Out for Streets Alive

Troy Main Street sponsored "Streets Alive" last Friday evening, and the streets downtown definitely were alive. The streets were filled with musicians, artists, street sales and, of course, throngs of shoppers.



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