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Strawberries Rule!

The organizers had said that if it was a nice weekend, they should have a good crowd at the Strawberry Festival. It was. And they did. Crowded streets and happy vendors were the

result.

Tens of thousands of visitors descended on Troy to take in the entertainment, sample the wares and just have a good time.

All of the vendors we

spoke with reported brisk sales. Many had sold out of their products by Sunday afternoon.

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Williamson and Miller Named Little Miss & Mr. Strawberry

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Little Miss and Mr. Strawberry Competition is celebrating over 30 years at the Strawberry Festival with Marsh Supermarket in Troy as their annual sponsors. The event was well-attended this year with twenty-two participants, six boys and sixteen girls, and their families. All children registered for the competition were under the age of six and showcased talent, ability to converse, and some of the cutest clothes designed to fit this year's theme, Bowling for Berries.

Beginning with a welcome from the Sally

Riechert, chairperson of the event, the panel of judges was introduced. The panel was comprised of John Schweser, a manager at Meijer in Englewood, Linda Dunfee, the Strawberry Queen's Court Advisor, and Becky Pappas from Troy City Schools. Next year's General Chairman for the Strawberry Festival, Nathan Walters, previewed the remaining events of the festival and thanked all of this year's many sponsors including UTC Aerospace Systems, DP&L, Dannon, Meijer, and many others. He alluded to an upcoming decision concerning next year's theme but would not give away any



hints on his decision yet.

As the competition commenced, children were guided on stage by members of the Queen's Court and talked about a broad range of topics from siblings to dinosaurs as Riechert asked them questions based on information parents provided. The children were judged on personality, verbal ability, stage presence, and clothing. Children wore everything from traditional bowling clothes with special strawberry accents to red-and-white sock-hop attire with studded strawberry shoes. Sally Riechert has been the emcee for Little Miss and Mr. Strawberry since 1992. Riechert is deeply connected in the community as an intervention specialist at Concord Elementary School; one can tell by

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Collier-Redic Wins Home Grown Talent

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

This year's Home Grown Talent Show was a remarkable, two-hour display of vocal and instrumental giftedness. It was arguably the most professionally orchestrated talent show at the Strawberry Festival since the talent show was conceived. With well-managed sound, a capable emcee (Eric Roetter), and smooth transitions between acts, the musical performances were a classy demonstration in Prouty Plaza that warmly welcomed incoming festival-goers on Saturday morning.

The process of selecting the artists began with a preliminary round at the Food Truck Rally a couple weeks ago. Due to inclement weather, the registered musicians performed under the

Troy stadium where they received feedback from the judges. According to the judges, the musicians really took their feedback to heart. Tammy Welker Walkup from the band Red Hot Rhythm Review was hoping to see improvement in vocal and physical expression. She later said she was not disappointed. "They had a lot better stage presence and appearance," Walkup said. "Definitely a lot of talent this year. There was never any other opinion on that score but I was so happy to see them step up their game in the area of showmanship."

For the first time, the Home Grown Talent Show presented two songs from each artist. Joe Laber and Ali Ritzenhouse from Hits 105.5 said that they believed using two songs per artist this year, instead of just one, was a "big help."



Even though the difference between many of the artists' final scores was no more than a couple points, judges felt confident that the top three acts were deserving of the titles and prizes they received. "There could have been a lot of top threes. It was a close competition today," Laber said. The judges' panel was comprised of four members, which also included Jen-

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Waymire Fired

By Nancy Bowman

Tina Waymire, a Miami County Sheriff's Office employee for nearly 30 years, was fired June 4 by Sheriff Charles Cox, a decision one of her lawyers claimed was in retaliation for legal action she has filed.

The sheriff said Waymire's behavior "represents serious misconduct and cannot and will not be tolerated."

The deputy was placed on paid administrative leave May 1 as part of what the sheriff would only say at the time was "an investigation."

In his termination letter, Cox listed what he defined as four previous alleged violations for which discipline had not yet been issued along with five current alleged violations. The sheriff claimed it was "clear" that Waymire knew her behavior was prohibited by department policy.



Cox listed alleged violations including: refusing to comply with direct

orders; providing false testimony, statements

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Former Troy Man “Person of Interest” in Homicide Investigation

By Nancy Bowman

The granddaughter of a Tipp City man whose remains were found June 3 in a Kentucky creek and her boyfriend have been identified as persons of interest in his death, according to court documents.



Richard Terrel

The body of William York Sr., 88, was found during the investigation into his disappearance in late May.

His granddaughter, Hope Earnshaw-York, 24, of Tipp City, and boyfriend Richard Terrel, 35, formerly of Troy, have been identified as persons of interest in the death. They had been living with William York Sr. and were found

with William York Sr.'s missing truck early June 3 in Butler Township, Montgomery County.



Hope Earnshaw-York

Prosecutors had not filed charges in the death and continued to review evidence, Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendall said late Monday, June 8. The results of an autopsy performed in Boone County, Ky., and probable cause of death may not be available for several weeks.

Court documents accuse Earnshaw-York and Terrel of using William York Sr.'s credit cards and checks without his permission between May 18 and 26. Terrel is jailed on

\$50,000 bond on a complicity to receiving stolen property charge involving those alleged offenses. Earnshaw-York has not been charged in the thefts.

She is jailed on a warrant issued following her failure to show up for arraignment in May on a county Grand Jury indictment alleging heroin possession. She pleaded not guilty to the heroin charge Monday and remains held on a



William York, Sr.

\$10,000 bond.

Tipp City police reports show Earnshaw-York's heroin possession charge followed

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Lucas Resigns from School Board

By Nancy Bowman

Stephen Lucas, a 15-year member of the Troy City Schools Board of Education, has resigned due to professional obligations.

Lucas, a Troy High School graduate, announced his resignation at the Monday, June 8, board meeting.

"It has been a pleasure serving with Stephen," board President Doug Trostle said. "We appreciate your time and wish you only the best."

Lucas said he has been working in Columbus for the past year and is relocating to that city.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the board. The thing I really enjoy about our board is we all bring a different perspective ... Those perspectives make such a good board," Lucas said.

He has been on the board since 2001, serving as president and vice president over the years.

The board will have 30 days to fill the vacancy and plans to

appoint a new member prior to the July 13 board meeting. The person appointed would complete Lucas' term, which expires Dec. 31.

The board seat will be on the ballot in the November election.

Anyone interested in being considered for appointment to the board seat is asked to contact the board of education office at 332-6700. They should submit a letter of interest and a short narrative as to why they

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, June 1

7:21 a.m. – To S. State Rt. 202 for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone had broken into a garage and stole several items. The case is under investigation.

8:33 a.m. – To Windmere Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that he was unable to transfer the title to a motorcycle that he just traded for. The motorcycle was reported as stolen. The case is pending.

5:58 p.m. – To Swailes Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone broke out the front passenger window of his vehicle and removed his wife's change purse. He said that nothing else was disturbed. He said he checked the area but found nothing suspicious, but notified his neighbors of the theft. There are no suspects.

Wednesday, June 3

7:51 a.m. – To Troy-Urbana Rd. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone had taken most of the aluminum siding from the sides of a home recently sold at Sheriff's auction. She said that she and her husband had not been evicted and were unaware of the foreclosure. She said that her husband had removed the siding, but did not know that he had scrapped it. Eviction paperwork was finally ready and was served on the couple.

Thursday, June 4

12:36 p.m. – A Rusk Rd. resident called to report that someone had opened credit cards in her name. She said that cards for Sam's Club, Pep Boys, Kohl's, Sprint, Sears, Victoria's Secret and Dillards were opened in her name. She said that she is working on the issue, but wanted the incidents documented.

Friday, June 5

9:59 a.m. – A deputy saw a vehicle on 25A near the government complex whose driver appeared to be rigid and nervous when passing the deputy. The rear window was broken out and the driver kept his eyes and head forward and locked his arms while gripping the wheel. The deputy turned around and tried to catch up, and the vehicle pulled into a business that was closed. He continued down the road and waited. The vehicle passed the deputy again, then turned into the lot of another closed business. The driver then exited the vehicle and began walking west on Harrison St. The deputy continued on and drove around the block. He passed the vehicle again on Harrison St. and initiated a traffic stop. The driver said that he was cited for driving under suspension about an hour earlier, and admitted to coming from an area known for drug users and stolen scrap. He said he purchased scrap metal from someone in Vandalia and was headed there to finalize the purchase. He said he stayed in a hotel in Troy overnight. He was cited for driving under suspension and released. His vehicle was secured at the scene and he walked to his hotel in Troy.

10:36 a.m. – A man came to the Sheriff's Office complaining that he was going to be evicted and trespassed from a motel. He said that he was not leaving when requested and asked that the deputy place barrier tape around his room. He then began to rant about drug users and traffickers. He claimed to be of American Indian descent and questioned the "white man's laws" and compared them to "tribal laws" throughout the U.S. He said that he was bringing several fellow Indians to claim their land in Hunt-

er's Ridge near Pleasant Hill. He also claimed land around Troy but failed to reveal it. He also stated that he was pink-slipped by officers in German Township, Clark County, for false accusations of threats toward police officers. He said that he stayed at a Chillicothe hospital and the Dayton VA center for mental problems and that he does not trust non-Indian law enforcement. He said that Springfield Police, German Township Police and the Clark County Sheriff's Office are all corrupt and protect drug dealers. He did not appear immediately dangerous but showed hints of anti-government toward what he called "white man's law." Other law enforcement will be advised to use caution when dealing with him.

1:29 p.m. – Traffic stop on N. County Rd. 25A. The registered owner was listed as having a suspended license. A traffic stop was initiated at the 74 mile marker. Dispatch confirmed that the driver had 3 active suspensions. He was cited for driving under suspension. His passenger was a valid driver and was allowed to drive the vehicle from the scene.

1:48 p.m. – Traffic stop in the 2200 block of S. County Rd. 25A. The driver was found to have three active suspensions and said that he was on his way from work to court over a DUS citation. He did not have privileges. He called for his mother to retrieve him and his vehicle, was cited and released.

Saturday, June 6

5:58 p.m. – A Rusk Rd. resident called to report a fraud. She said that someone put false ads on Craigslist soliciting sex and was using her e-mail and phone number. She suspects her husband, since they are separated and about to be divorced. She said that he has called her several times to seek help with the business and to be intimate with him, but she declined his requests. She was advised to change her passwords and to contact Craigslist and have them remove anything associated with her e-mail and phone number. The husband was contacted and denied any involvement with the ad. He complained that she was not allowing him to see their child, and he was advised that this is a civil issue and to contact his attorney.

Sunday, June 7

12:46 p.m. – To Woodbine Ct. for a report of a domestic disturbance. No further information was given.

10:12 p.m. – To Dogwood Dr. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman reported that she was involved in a physical domestic with her boyfriend, and that they had been arguing all day over little stuff. She said she went downstairs to turn down the A/C and he began to argue. She said that he came to her demanding \$20 and then went for her purse, creating more arguments. She said she tried to call 911 and he took her phone away and threw it in a closet. She said that when she went to get it, he pushed her face into the closet. She said she called 911 and he grabbed the phone again and threw it against a wall, breaking it, then took it downstairs and ran water over it. She said that she is 7 months pregnant with his child. The boyfriend said that he is the only one who has a job and is paying the bills. He said he cannot afford to run the A/C and did not want to pay for it. He said he took her phone because he wanted to talk things out. The boyfriend was charged with domestic violence and taken to the Miami County Jail.

Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Sidewalk substance ordinance questioned

Troy City Council voted 7-1 to prohibit "placing on a sidewalk any substance that cannot be readily removed with non-pressurized water and a broom and without damaging the sidewalk" during its June 1 meeting.

The ordinance was approved as an emergency measure because of last weekend's Strawberry Festival activities. Council's vote also approved continuation of painting of strawberries on streets as part of the city identity with the annual festival.

The vote was met by a comment of "Shame on you" from audience member Bryan Kemper of Stand True Pro-Life Outreach of Troy.

Kemper had commented before the vote about his concerns with the ordinance. He also remarked at a committee meeting days earlier about letter from the Center for Religious Expression expressing concerns about the proposal and alleged violations of First Amendment rights. The letter and Kemper both said legal options would be considered if council approved the ordinance.

Kemper has addressed the city in the past about the organization's use of chalk to place messages on sidewalks downtown.

Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said the new ordinance was a result of safety concerns with use of a silicone substance that becomes slippery when wet.

Councilmember Robin Oda, who voted no on the ordinance, questioned the safety claim associated with the

substance. Kemper also challenged those claims.

Court signs approved

A Conover business will make new directional signs for various departments within the Miami County Municipal Court. The offices are located in the 1880s county Courthouse in downtown Troy.

The county commissioners June 4 approved a quote from Maggert and Sons Woodworking to build the directional signs. The work will include five podium style directional signs and one framed wall mounted board to display court documents for the public's review.

The maximum amount that will be allowed for the signs was accepted at a \$4,936.

Garden, antique show this weekend

The 17th annual Lost Creek Garden and Antique Show will be held Friday, June 12, from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature local vendors and artisans promoting flora, wares and talent along with food and music.

The show is at 1058 Knoop Road, east of Troy off State Route 41.

Admission is \$5. For more information, call 937-335-1904.

Road closed for new overpass

Eldean Road between Lytle Road and County Road 25A north of Troy closed Monday, June 8, for a railroad overpass and road realignment project.

The closing is scheduled 24 hours a day. The projected reopening date is Nov. 30, according to the Miami County Engineer's Office. A detour is posted.

Deputy Waymire

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or information during administrative investigation; failing to request clarification regarding removing confidential and proprietary information from the sheriff's office for personal reasons; violating oath of office; being given direct orders to be truthful during investigatory interviews and instead lying; demeaning a juvenile member of the public; and violating terms of a performance improvement plan.

The detailed investigative report was requested but not released immediately by the sheriff's office.

Waymire said she could not comment on the allegations or her termination. She referred all questions to her attorneys.

"We believe that this termination is in retaliation for Tina pursuing her rights under federal and state anti-discrimination laws," said Jason Matthews of Dayton. He, along with attorney Jason Bristol of Cleveland, is representing Waymire in a federal lawsuit claiming violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. She also has filed a civil rights violations suit claiming she was subjected to an inappropriate work environment.

"Not only does your most recent behavior represent termination offenses, but your pattern of behavior and your dishonesty make it impossible for you to continue your employment here," Cox wrote in the termination letter.

"As an employee of the

Sheriff's Office you are held to a higher standard than other employees of the county. You have been trained and made aware of my expectations in regard to professional and appropriate behavior," the sheriff said.

Matthews said Waymire's "length of service and her dedication to the department and also the love for the job make this a very difficult situation for her."

Sheriff's Major Steve Lord said the complete investigation report would be released once Cox obtains legal advice from the person who'd be involved in arbitration of Waymire's discipline. "We want to be sure her due process is protected," Lord said.

According to her personnel file, Waymire was placed on a performance improvement plan in early February following her job evaluation and told if improvements were not made progressive discipline would be pursued.

Under that improvement plan she was to adjust to change in a positive and professional manner, obey supervisors' requests and get along with and work in harmony with others.

The evaluation said Waymire needed "to be part of a team" and stop "attempting to cause turmoil and spread a negative attitude to other deputies."

Lord emphasized that the sheriff's action June 4 had nothing to do with Waymire's involvement in the rescue of a dog from the river in Troy.

She was given verbal

counseling in early February for alleged actions during the Jan. 12 rescue of the dog. An inter-office memo on the counseling showed the Troy fire department, Troy police and the county Animal Shelter responded to the call.

Sheriff's Sgt. Todd Tennant said he also heard Waymire on the radio at the bridge asking the countywide dispatch center to have the shelter call her cell phone and questioning about the location of a fire department rescue boat.

In the memo, Tennant noted he received an instant message from the dispatch center supervisor noting that firefighters or police had not requested Waymire's assistance.

The dog was rescued by firefighters and brought up to the bridge area. There, according to the memo, Waymire asked dispatch to call a local veterinary hospital and tell them she was on the way with the dog.

A video "showed Deputy Waymire driving away with emergency lights and sirens activated," the memo stated. "The GPS from Deputy Waymire's cruiser showed the vehicle speed at 54 mph between Meadow Lane and Stoneyridge Avenue (in Troy). The speed limit for that area is 35 mph."

Lord said following that incident that the department appreciated Waymire's efforts to help save the dog, but said department employees also have policies that need to be followed.

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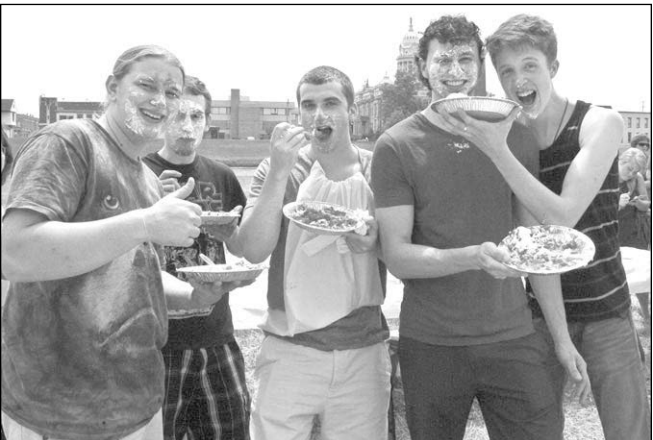
By **Brittany Arlene Jackson**

The Troy levee was a flurry of activity, laughter, and pie covered faces on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, at 1:30 PM. No city festival would ever be complete without a competition highlighting the festival's featured food. Jessica Silvers was overseeing this year's Strawberry Pie Eating Contest which boasted a total of ninety-six par-

Andre Sonntag

Women 18 years old and up, Danielle Tatman
Men 18 years old and up, Tyler Harvey (winner 8 years!)

Many winning and losing contestants returned this year after having experienced the competition previously. It grows more intense each year for those who claim to continue developing strategies for winning after numerous subsequent losses. The division with



ticipants ranging in age from six to sixty years of age.

The pies themselves consisted of a mixture of strawberries, strawberry gel, and whipped cream in tin pie plates. The largest quantities of pie were reserved for the final men and women's divisions of competitors whose pies weighed approximately two pounds each. The winners for each age division was as follows:

Girls 6-7 years old, Mady Winner
Boys 6-7 years old, Kaiden Howard
Girls 8-10 years old, Jasmine Flory
Boys 8-10 years old, Nathan Wyatt
Girls 11-13 years old, Girls Forrest
Boys 11-13 years old, Jacob Cox
Girls 14-17 years old, Haley Howard (6th consecutive year champion!)
Boys 14-17 years old,

the most competitors this year was the final women's division with eighteen total participants. According to judges, Danielle Tatman's time was faster than any other division winner. Her pie was completely consumed in less than 60 seconds.

The final group to compete in this year's strawberry pie eating contest was a group of "Strawberry Festival Celebrities" which included Doug Stone (the festival's General Chairman), Matthew Watkins (festival signs and general volunteer), Dustin Lofton (festival Logistics Chairman) and his wife Brittany Lofton, and Matt Roetter (children's parade coordinator and volunteer). The proud winner of the Strawberry Festival Celebrity Round was Matthew Watkins.



Jr. Miss & Mr. Strawberry

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the interactions on stage, the children know how much she enjoys them.

According to Riechert, you never know what the children are going to say. "It's all very spontaneous," Riechert said. "The parents may tell you not to ask about a pet because their dog just died and the children bring up their dog all on their own." A couple years ago, a contestant boldly announced into Riechert's microphone that she was going to have a little brother, a fact that the father and extended family did not even know yet. The Little Miss and Mr. Strawberry on June 6th, 2015 were significantly milder than in previous years. However, as Riechert says, "This competition is full of fun surprises, mainly because children are."

The winner of this year's title of Little Miss Strawberry went to 4-year-old Scarlett Williamson, daughter of Brandon and Kodi

Williamson of West Milton. The title of Little Mr. Strawberry went to Devin Miller, the son of Robert and Valerie Miller of Casstown, nephew to the Strawberry Festival's 2015 general chairman, Doug Stone. Second place for both Little Miss and Little Mr. Strawberry went to 6-year-old Josie Line, daughter of Brenten and Jennifer Line of Troy, and 6-year-old Gavin Fischbach, son of Andy and Jessica Fischbach of Troy. Third place for both Little Miss and Little Mr. Strawberry went to 4-year-old Sylvia Hules, daughter of Joy and David Hules of Troy, and 6-year-old Gavin Miller (Devin's older brother), son of Robert and Valerie Miller of Casstown. Although special awards were given to the children who placed, trophies were awarded to every contestant, commemorating their participation in this year's competition.

RT Industries Receives 3-Year Accreditation

CARF International announced that RT Industries has been accredited for a period of three years for its Employment Supports, Job Development and Organizational Employment Services programs. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to RT Industries.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

Talent

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nifer Welker, the executive director of Western Ohio TV Consortium out of Piqua.

This year's performers included Don Kuchta of Piqua, Travis Crawford from Casstown, Evan & Aaron Mcelfresh or "Shades of Grey" from Troy (2012 Strawberry Idol winners), Olivia & Taylor Dankworth from Troy, Lisa Collier-Redic of Troy, Mandalyn Lair of Troy, Colin Richards of New Carlisle, Hale Mollette of Pleasant Hill (2014 Strawberry Queen), Chloe Holicki of Cass-town, and brother-sister duo, Jared and Rachel Lacey of Troy. The musical selections ranged in style from big band to soul and kept the audience and judges guessing. Each act had its own unique flavor and sound. In the final judging, third place went to Jared and Rachel Lacey. Second place was awarded to Evan and Aaron Mcelfresh, "Shades of Grey," for their performances of two original compositions. And first place went to Lisa Collier-Redic who sang Whitney Houston's "I Believe in You and Me" and the old gospel song "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Collier-Redic has worked for the city of Troy Water Department for 19 years this August. "There are not a lot of people who can say they enjoy going to work every day. But I love, love, love my job," Collier-Redic said. "I'm the first window people meet when they come into City Hall." In addition to working for the city, Collier-Redic is heavily involved in leading music at a church in the area called Grace Family Worship Center located on 25A. According to the judges, Collier-Redic had "poise that reflected comfort on stage" and her familiarity with performance indicates she is "frequently singing in front of people." Despite the judges' assessment of her competence, Collier-Redic was surprised by her win. "People don't know how nervous I get up there on that stage," Collier-Redic said. "When my head is down before the song starts- that's when I'm praying. I just want God to work through me and use my gift to encourage and bless people."

"We are honored to receive a second Three-Year Accreditation through CARF International," said Blair Brubaker, CEO of RT Industries. "This achievement is a great reflection of the impeccable service provided by our staff for what they do each day."

RT Industries is a nonprofit organization with offices at 110 Foss Way in Troy. It has been providing employment training, placement and support services to people with developmental disabilities in Miami County since 1972.

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Troy Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The Troy Foundation recently awarded 317 scholarships to area students totaling \$480,202 and 31 renewable scholarships totaling \$204,000 for the 2015 scholarship year. These scholarships are established within The Troy Foundation by individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, civic clubs, and through bequests. The scholarships awarded to students

range from \$250 - \$10,000. The Troy Foundation administers nearly 95 scholarship funds each scholarship has its own specific purpose, selection and criteria. Our donors make these scholarships possible and the hard work provided by the selection committees allow these recipients to focus on their future educational goals.

Feed Your Wild Side at WACO

FEED YOUR WILD SIDE by coming to the Jeff Bourboon Meet-n-Greet, June 18th, at 7pm. Jeff Bourboon, a featured 2015 Dayton Airshow Aerobatic Pilot of the jet powered WACO, Screamin' Sasquatch, will be at WACO Air Museum to sign autographs and give a brief presentation at 7 pm.

The one of a kind Jack Link's Jet Waco affectionately known as Screamin' Sasquatch features the Barnstormers-era 1929 Taperwing Waco body, modified in a way that would have shocked its original pilots. In addition to the Taperwing's large Pratt & Whitney 985 radial engine, the Screamin' Sasquatch carries a CJ610 jet engine, which triples the amount of available power. With total thrust exceeding the weight of the airplane, it is uniquely capable of intensely powerful aerobatic flight like no other plane, such as extreme vertical climbs, flat-spins, snap rolls, torque rolls and even a "hover," which the Screamin' Sasquatch can then power itself out of to regain forward flight.

Jeff Boerboon's aerobatic competition background is evident in his air show flying, where he combines raw natural talent with showmanship and precision - aggressively performing highly dynamic and challenging aerobatic maneuvers. Jeff's passion for aviation and aerobatics began at a very

early age. He knew he wanted to be an aerobatic pilot after watching the air show in Oshkosh. He started building and flying model airplanes when he was 5 years old, dreaming of the day he would take to the sky. That dream took off in the Aviation Program at the University of North Dakota. While earning a degree in Airway Science he learned all the basic flying skills including an introduction into the world of aerobatics.

Jeff is a two-time Advanced National Champion and member of the US Advanced Aerobatic Team from 2003-08 and in the summer of 2008 he qualified for the US Unlimited Aerobatic Team. In his rookie year Jeff placed 8th overall and was the top American pilot at the 2009 World Aerobatic Championship in Silverstone, UK. He won the US national unlimited title in 2010 and is a current team member of the unlimited aerobatic team.

Jeff has performed in air shows in the US and around the world. Jeff has been a team member of John Klatt Airshows, Inc. since 2012, flying both formation and solo performances.

The public is invited to gather in the Willis Wing for a brief presentation by Jeff at 7 pm, followed an autographing session. Each participant will receive an autographed copy of a poster of the 1929 jet-powered WACO biplane. The event is free of charge. Donations to WACO Historical Society are gladly accepted. This is made possible in part by Dayton Power & Lights. WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 S. County Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373. For more information, visit www.wacoairmuseum.org or call 937-335-9226.

Obituaries

Katherine Josephine Long

Katherine Josephine Long, age 70 of Sidney, formerly of Troy passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Sidney Care Center. She was born November 11, 1944 in Marion, Ohio to the late Robert and Alma (Dawn) Spain. She married Joe W. Long on July 8, 1961 and he survives. Also surviving daughters and son-in-law Brenda Venturino of Troy, Leslie and Gary Anderson of Troy, son and daughter-in-law Mark and Lisa Long of Sidney, brother Tim Spain of Florida, 8 grandchildren,

21 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother Gary Spain. Katherine was a 1962 graduate of Troy High School, attended Ginghamburg Church and retired as a secretary from Adco Products-Tipp City. Private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneral-home.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Alton C. "Sonny" Ording

Alton C. "Sonny" Ording, age 83, of Troy, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Brandt, OH on October 18, 1931 to the late Herman J. and Clara (Broerman) Ording. His wife of 60 years, Mary Ann (Huter) Ording, survives.



Alton is also survived by four children and their spouses: Michael and Charlotte Ording of Columbus, OH, Thomas and Lorinda Ording of New Palestine, IN, Patricia and Jack Shreve of South Bend, IN and Jeffrey and Eilene Ording of Kansas City, MO; one brother and sister-in-law: Joseph and Penny Ording of Troy; two sisters and one brother-in-law: Dolores Strickland of Pensacola, FL and Nancy and Fred Peacock of Molino, FL; four grandchildren: Alexandra Ording of Washington, DC, Kasey Ording of Key West, FL, Elizabeth (Joshua) Capron of Columbia, MO and MM3 William C. Ording stationed in Goose

Creek, SC; his special family friend: Dr. Jennifer Thorpe of Troy, OH; and his dog: Chelsea.

Alton was a 1949 graduate of Houston High School. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy. Alton proudly served his country as a member of the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was a charter member of Pleasant Hill Fish and Game Club and also a member of Troy Fish and Game Club and the American Trap Shooters Association. Alton enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially trap shooting. He also enjoyed volunteer work as a handyman. He was owner and proprietor of Ording Fruit Market and Garden Center in Troy for 39 years.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy with Rev. Fr. James Duell as Celebrant. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua. Friends may call from 4-7 PM on Friday at Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or St. Patrick Catholic Church, 409 East Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneral-home.com.

Brittany Ashlyn Poston

Brittany Ashlyn Poston, age 31 of Troy passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at her residence. She was born on April 26, 1984 in Boynton Beach, Florida to Dr. Mark and Rebecca "Beckie" Mitch-

ell who survive and live in Troy. Private service at convenience of family. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneral-home.com

Joshua Aaron Short

Joshua Aaron Short, age 30, of Beavercreek, formerly of Troy, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2015. He was born on January 27, 1985 in Piqua to Michelle (Watkins) Ceyler and Vance Short.



fearless, adventurous, and had a unique way of looking at life. He was quick witted, never knew a stranger, and fully enjoyed life. Joshua loved cooking, surfing, discovering, and hanging out in nature.

Joshua was taken away from us far too soon after fighting a battle for his life against heroine addiction. He is deeply loved and going to be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th at Christian Family Fellowship in Tipp City with the Reverend Tonia Shroyer officiating. Friends may call on the family from 4-7PM at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Joshua Short Donation Fund established for the benefit of Joshua's son, Kai Patrick Kim Schelble. Checks are to be made payable to: Joshua Short Donation Fund and addressed to Joshua Short Donation Fund in care of Dan Bensman, 515 East Main Street Suite C, Anna, OH 45302. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneral-home.com.

Downtown Farmers Market Returns for Fifth Season

The Downtown Troy Farmers Market kicks off its fifth season on Saturday, June 13th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on S. Cherry Street. The market has grown significantly each year and has become a major Saturday morning destination for the region.

not only purchase locally-sourced food and products from the surrounding area, but also explore and experience all that downtown Troy has to offer. "Holding the Farmers Market downtown only enhances the vibrancy of the community. Residents and visi-

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A roster of over thirty-six vendors, including nine new vendors, will participate in the market which runs every Saturday through September 19th. Visitors can expect to find seasonal produce, syrups, fresh cut flowers, honey, baked goods, coffee, herbs, meats, dairy, handmade soaps, art, crafts, and much more, all from local vendors. Live music, cooking and art demonstrations are among some of the entertainment planned. This year the market will also feature a special event once a month including a kid's day, shop with the chef, exercise demonstrations, and sample day. Check out the Downtown Troy Farmers Market Facebook page for more information.

Troy Main Street also welcomes Kelly Snyder as the new Farmers Market Manager. "I am excited to be part of the downtown market and look forward to working with all of our awesome vendors. It has been a long winter so I cannot wait to have some fresh produce again" says Snyder.

The market venue allows for shoppers to

tors have access to fresh local produce, clothing boutiques, unique home décor, amazing restaurants, and specialty stops all within several blocks of each other" says Katherine Hayes, Executive Director of Troy Main Street. Several downtown Troy businesses will hold special Saturday hours that correspond with the farmers market to give visitors the extra opportunity to shop. Walk-In Business Map Cards are provided at the market to assist visitors in their exploration of downtown. Free public parking will be available in the adjacent lot, which can be accessed via W. Franklin Street.

The Downtown Troy Farmers Market is presented by Troy Main Street, Inc. and made possible by a grant from the General Fund of the Troy Foundation and sponsors Unity National Bank, Alvetro Orthodontics, and Troy Community Radio. For more information regarding the Downtown Troy Farmers Market please contact Troy Main Street at (937) 339-5455 or visit www.troymainstreet.org.

The Troy School Board welcomed four new teachers to the district. Pictured are Sarah Pacher (Forest), Rory Hoke (Jr. High), Samantha Kennedy (High School) and Courtney Phelps (High School)

Lincoln Film Series Comes to Mayflower Arts Center

The big sculpture of Abraham Lincoln has already arrived, and now Abraham Lincoln is coming to the big screen in downtown Troy. The Mayflower Arts Center, in partnership with Troy Main Street, will host the Lincoln Film Series featuring four films commemorating the life, legacy, and times of Abraham Lincoln.

The Lincoln Film Series begins on Saturday, June 13 with Glory, a 1989 film starring Matthew Broderick and Denzel Washington that chronicles the experience of the first all-black volunteer company fighting during the Civil War. "The film Glory is especially of historical significance to us as several of the soldiers who fought in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment were from Troy, including a few who are buried in Riverside Cemetery" says Lisa Bauer, owner and director of the Mayflower Arts Center.

The series will also showcase Lincoln, starring Daniel Day-Lewis; The Conspirator, recounting the story of the only female conspirator charged in Lincoln's assassination; and a special midnight screening of the cult classic, Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. "We are very excited to offer this unique film

festival and we hope the films we have selected will add to the overall downtown experience this summer, building on the Lincoln sculpture exhibit and commemorating the 150 year anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln" added Bauer.

A full list of show times includes:

Glory | Saturday, June 13 at 7:30pm and Sunday, June 14 at 4:00pm

Lincoln | Saturday, July 11 at 7:30pm and Sunday, July 12 at 4:00pm

The Conspirator | Saturday, August 8 at 7:30pm and Sunday, August 9 at 4:00pm

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter | Friday, September 11 at midnight

Doors open a half hour before show time and tickets can be purchased at the Mayflower box office. Tickets for evening performances are \$8.00 and Sunday matinees are \$5.00. This event is presented by Troy Main Street and the Mayflower Arts Center, and sponsored by the Miami County Visitors and Convention Bureau and Troy Community Radio.

For more information, contact Troy Main Street at 937-339-5455 and www.troymainstreet.org or the Mayflower Arts Center at 937-552-5848 and <http://www.mayflowerartscenter.com/>

School Board

Continued from Page 1 would like to be a board member to Kim Heintz at the board office, 500 N. Market St.

In other business, the board approved a request to place on the Nov. 3 ballot a renew-

executive director, said there always is a concern about the people reading the ballot correctly to understand the money requested is for Hayner, not for the schools. The Hayner mansion was put in the

Board President Doug Trostle commends Lucas on his years of service to the district

al levy for the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center.

The Hayner board has asked that the existing 0.65-mill, five-year and 0.20-mill, five-year issues be covered by one vote on a 0.85-mill, five-year request on the ballot.

Price said the levy would generate around \$545,000 a year. That amount is down by more than \$11,000 from the issue five years ago because of a drop in the district's valuations. Linda Lee, Hayner's

care of the schools in the will of Mary Jane Hayner.

Jolly noted the levy generates more than 80 percent of the center's operating dollars, Jolly said.

Noting that the Hayner mansion had a successful 100th birthday celebration last year, Jolly added that, "Hayner has a bright future."

In other business, Treasurer Price said the district budget continues to track well as the end of the fiscal year.

The board accepted gifts to the schools from the community. The June total was \$10,147 bringing the year's total to \$361,029.

Elected board member Joyce Reives as the board delegate to the Ohio School Board Association's Annual Meeting in November. Board member Ginny Beamish will serve as alternate.

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Troy Christian Junior Expects Breakout Season

By Jim Dabbelt

Ed. Note: Each week during the summer, the Gazette will be featuring a different Troy/Troy Christian returning athlete who looks to prepare for a strong 2015-16 season which starts in the fall.

She's 6-foot-1, working to get better on the basketball court, and is looking to make this summer count. According to Troy Christian girls' basketball coach Dick Steineman, Eagles' junior two-sport athlete Hailey Peters has the potential to become one of the top players to ever suit up at Troy Christian. She is working hard to live up to those expectations.

Peters excelled in the post last season for the basketball team, and she heads into her junior year ready to take her game to another level. She also plays on the varsity soccer team, and will be spending the summer fine tuning her skills for both sports, as

soccer team, and it will be tough to replace the seniors."

Peters knows that basketball will be her ticket to play at the next level, and she looks forward to not only making herself a better player, but has some lofty goals in the Metro Buckeye Conference.

"I really enjoyed last year, I thought we did well as a team last year," she said. "We added a couple of new coaches this year, and more people played AAU basketball and developed their game so we want to win conference this year. We want to beat Miami Valley twice and I think we can do it."

"Also, I want to get out to districts next year. We are a very young team. I think next year (2016-17) could be our best year, there are some good players coming up. But as for this year, I think we will be a lot better."

This summer, Peters is playing with the Dayton Lady Hoopstars Elite team, coached by



she progresses to become an elite athlete.

Peters began her hoops career in elementary school, playing for her father Brian Peters.

"I began in fourth grade and my dad was my coach," she said. "He was really involved in all of my sports." Brian Peters, also the varsity girls' soccer coach, was her basketball coach through middle

longtime area basketball coach Jerry Rex. Peters made the big move to play with one of the top travel programs in the country, and she feels the decision has paid off for her future.

"Coach Rex taught me a lot the past couple of months," she said. "We went to the Deep South (in North Carolina) an exposure tournament in April and it showed me



school until she reached eighth grade. Once Peters got to high school, she played quite a bit during her freshman year, and was a key component in their successful season last year as a sophomore.

"At first it wasn't my favorite sport, since I was big into soccer," she said. "I got to play basketball with Halee Printz (former

Tippecanoe star) when I was younger, and I kind of began to like it more and found it to be more enjoyable."

But Peters still enjoys soccer, and looks forward to playing with the Eagles this fall.

"I play soccer to keep me in shape for basketball," she said. "When I am moved into basketball season, I am already in good shape for the season. Plus I really like to play for my dad."

"We lost a lot talented last year from the

how much more I need to work to get to the next level. It was eye opening."

Peters' squad is also going to Tennessee and Georgia in July to some key exposure events where she can display her talents for college coaches all across the country.

She feels that her defense has gotten a lot better, which is something she needs to work on to prepare for the new season.

Poynter, Haddad Highest Placer Among Area State Participants

By Jim Dabbelt

There were nine events at the state track meet last weekend that was being contended by area athletes, and several of them placed in the top ten in the state in their event.

The two highest placers among the area athletes were Mitchell Poynter of Tippecanoe and Meredith Haddad of Troy Christian.

Poynter, a junior with the Red Devils, finished third overall in the Division One boys' 1600 meter run, as he finished with a time of 4:14.22, two seconds of the state champion Gavin Gaynor of Hudson, who finished the event in 4:12.16. Placing second was Brad Eagan of St. Xavier at 4:13.83. Poynter's time was three second faster than his regional championship time to qualify for the state meet.

Haddad, also a junior at Troy Christian, jumped an impressive 17-feet, 10.75-inches, comfortably settling her into third place overall. Ironically, the state champion in that event was also from the same conference as Troy Christian, the Metro Buckeye Conference.

Junior Taylor Middleton (Miami Valley High School) leaped 18-feet, 4.5-inches for the gold, with senior Carolyn Webster of Fredricktown placing second. Another Dayton area athlete, Allie Thobe of Marion Local, finished fourth.

Troy was represented in five events, and their top finishers both placed seventh overall.

Gracie Huffman, a senior with the Trojans, ran a 57.06 in the 400 meter dash, giving her the top ten finish. Conference for Madison Doss of Wayne finished fifth.

Also earning a sev-

enth place finish was Troy freshman Morgan Gigandet, as she ran to a 10:59.79 finish in the 3200 meter run. Gigandet, who was the second highest placing freshman in the event, was also the highest finishing area runner from the Miami Valley.

Kelsey Walters threw the shot put 38-feet, 9.5-inches at the state meet, landing her in tenth place overall in the Division One girls event. Walters did not break 37-feet in her other two throws, but shined with her second toss, as the Trojans junior was the second highest throwing area athlete (Centerville's Isis Trotman was eighth).

Finishing 13th overall in the 3200 meter run was Troy junior Stephen Jones, as he ran to a 9:35.99 finish. Jones. Nobody was going to beat Kyle Mau of Hudson on this day as he won the event with a 9:00.60, but Jones earned Troy a top-ten finish.

The Troy girls' 400 relay team of Ashley Barr, Celina Counts, Walters and Huffman did not qualify to Saturday's finals, as they placed 13th in the prelim round with a time of 49.15.

Tecumseh also had two members of the boys' squad participating in the Division One field events. Kyle Terrell, a senior, finished 11th overall with a leap of 13-feet, as Matt Peare of Hoover won the event with a vault of 16-feet, 4-inches.

Also, Donte Clark was involved in the high jump, and the senior finished his career with a 12th place finish, jumping 6-feet, 4-inches, and was the only Dayton area participant in that event. The winner of the high jump was Jacob Ross of Davidson with 6-feet, 10-inches.

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Post 43 Continues Strong Start

Troy Post 43 used a strong pitched game and survived for a 1-0 win over Columbus Independence in a baseball game last week. Senior right-hander Chris Heisey more than filled the bill.

"He scattered three hits, struck out four against a very fine Columbus Independence team," said Troy coach Frosty Brown. "He threw a number of curves and change up in critical situations that enabled the defense to

game to preserve the 1-0 win.

"We played great defense tonight," Brown said. "Brandon Nesbitt caught a low line drive down the right field line that could have been a problem. Zach Kirby blocked a number of pitches in the dirt and Ford's play in the last inning saved the game."

Post 43 scored the eventual winning run in the fifth. Greg Peffley lined a single up the middle to lead off the in-



support him."

In the first inning, the Independence loaded the bases with one out. Like any great pitcher

Heisey reached back and struck out the Independence 5th and 6th hitters to end the rally. Heisey did not allow another runner to reach second base until the seventh.

Nursing a one run lead, Independence's, Matt Wisner lined a one out, double to left field putting the tying run on second. Wisner advanced to third on an error setting up a first and third situation. "We had to watch for either a possible squeeze play or a double steal, so the defense was challenged," Brown said. "Heisey then threw an important 3-2 curve ball to the Independence lead off hitter Jay Shapiro, who tapped the ball to first. Jackson Ford took the ball on a short hop and threw to home to nail Wisner trying to score.

With two outs and runners now on first and second, Heisey struck out the final batter of the

ning, Greg Johnson laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt but Independence catcher Ryan Curtis jumped on the bunt and threw a strike to second base to force out Peffley.

"That was the finest play I've ever seen a catcher make" Brown said. It left Troy with one out and a runner still on first. Senior Brandon Nesbitt followed with a single into left field, putting runners on first and second. Senior second baseman Michael Hale grounded into a fielder choice, erasing Nesbitt and leaving Troy with runners on first and third.

Hale and Gregg ran the double steal to perfection and gave us a 1-0 lead. "We had to try it because there just wasn't very many opportunities developing in this game and we had speed on the bases."

The victory gives Troy Post 43 a 3-0 start to the season.

"We will be working on our pick off moves daily during batting practice to make up for our lack of practice time going into this season. We have played 3 good games against 3 quality teams and the Riverbats and Whitehouse are 2 more top notch teams."

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Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Had a sad day this week and it hasn't gotten any better. Maybe after saying my piece here I can get on with my normal life. I'm talking about a visit to the animal shelter. Anyone who knows me is aware that I am passionate when it comes to dogs and innocent children.

So how does a cold hearted police officer get down in the mouth over a visit to the dog pound? I had two small dog beds that my boys had outgrown the first year. Since they are eight years old now I finally accepted what the half unit kept telling me, "They aren't going to get smaller and fit in the beds. Take them to the animal shelter and let some homeless dogs use them."

Okay, so after work I stop in the animal shelter on 25A and get out of the car. As soon as I am seen, all the dogs come to the fence and begin barking to get my attention. Being able to understand Doglish, I know they are trying to attract my attention. "Hey buddy, take me home with you!" Another said, "No, I am more fun to play catch with, pick me!"

The dog closest to the entrance was a white lab that just stood there looking at me. He said nothing, just stared at me. We connected and he knew it. I explained to the worker the story behind the beds and turned to leave. One last look and he was still standing and just looking at me while all the others were still barking for my attention.

So how did the poor guy end up in the animal shelter? You know the story. An owner was careless and let the guy run off without a dog

license around his neck. Over my career I would take a call of a dog running loose and upon catching it, all I had to do was call the on call animal shelter worker, give them the license number and they carried all the dog owners names, addresses and phone numbers matching the dog license. Case over, the family pet was home.

Not for these guys at the animal shelter. No license, no way to contact the owner. Hopefully someone will stop by and adopt the dogs to become a part of a loving family. If not, the end will come, through no fault of their own.

Of course the Ohio Revised Code addresses not only that every dog has to be licensed, but the license has to be worn at all times.

955.10 Tags to be worn.

No owner of a dog, except a dog constantly confined to a dog kennel registered under this chapter or one licensed under Chapter 956. of the Revised Code, shall fail to require the dog to wear, at all times, a valid tag issued in connection with a certificate of registration. A dog found not wearing such a tag to impound, sale, or destruction.

Amended by 129th General Assembly File No.150, SB 130, \$1, eff. 3/13/2013.

Effective Date: 12-12-1988

Come on people. You bought the license, put it on. The dogs get used to wearing a collar.

Notice the last word in the ORC section above, "...destruction." No dog should be destroyed because of an owner's inability to put the license on their family member.

At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

New Neighbors

The month began with one family. Then, apparently satisfied as to the quality of the neighborhood, other families moved in. Jostling for home sites and comfort zones, an air of community was finally achieved.

As we watched out windows, while no moving vans appeared, homes were put together with all manner of material. One home arose from the finest available goods-mud, bits of plastic labels, string and new-mown grass.

Another home was built out of sticks, much like the second little pig in the children's beloved nursery rhyme-The Three Little Pigs. There was no wolf to huff and puff but there were adversaries who would have loved to take the house down. Their chunky size stopped them from entering the front door.

Their joys of living in this area are heard daily, beginning before dawn. It's a bit early for us but who are we to stipulate the timing of another's joy. It begins a couple of streets over with the smallest of voices. Soon a coloratura is running through the trees and streets and into our subconscious brains that haven't even sounded the alarm to plug in the coffee pot. Not that our neighbors will drop by for a cup. They are of another species altogether.

Today all of the neighbors seem to be busy minding their own business. Oh, every-once-in-a-while, there erupts a squabble. The sparrows try to wreak havoc on the house wren's endeavors, grackles squabble with each other and the robins. Robins joust each other for territory rights. How is it they seem to know where all the worms are congregated below the surface after a rain?

One family seems to be able to live in harmony with all. Chickadees have taken their good ole' time about raising their family. Counting the days since they moved in to the east housing, we spoke daily of their sluggishness and the possibility that something was amiss with the family. We should have known better.

After being nosy and Googling their personal lives, we were assured that all was copasetic with the tiny balls of energy. After



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beginning their nest, it takes twenty days to lay the first egg. At one egg a day, another three to ten days goes by. Incubation takes twelve to fifteen days. After hatching, another seventeen to eighteen days are required for mom and dad to feed these children enough to build up strength to fly the coop. So a grand total of sixty-three days is spent at homemaking for this neighbor.

The opposite is found in the cowbird. These derelicts of the bird world show up from the get-go to worm their way into the homes of the unsuspecting. They leave their children-to-be on other's doorsteps as it were, laying their eggs in nests wherever they happen to find one. Do they come back to claim and care for their babes? No. They lollygag around the yard and feeder, sometimes moving on and sometimes staying till snow flies. How the young cowbirds end up knowing who they are species-wise is a mystery. Yet, by late summer they will have joined their kind in wandering flocks, sometimes seen in mass accompanying herds of cattle.

An extended family of six house finches live within walking distance of each other down the street and over a block. Frequently seen in this yard, they seem to blend in even as the father sports a bright raspberry-red jacket. Flashy, yes, but then what else would one wear with the nickname "Hollywood finches". Not native to America, these birds were trapped and sold on the black market in the 30s and 40s. When dealers tried to sell them in New York,

government agents stepped in and the birds flew the coop, thanks to dealers releasing them to keep from being caught. Now these finches are found in just about every state.

Like retired couples that do everything together, the local house finches are seldom seen alone. They prefer to stick together twenty-four-seven and take on challenges according to the old rule, two heads are better than one. Ah, the lessons we can learn from the neighbors.

Coming home from a short fishing trip, we find all is well in the community. Save for a crowd of teenage house sparrows bent on using our backyard as their personal training grounds for flight school, we find our neighbors have stood watch over their houses and ours. We are welcomed home with a suggestion that we share our unused bait with all in a somewhat one-sided block party. We dump the wax worms, night crawlers and little red wigglers out onto the lawn and watch as our new neighbors feast away.

By the way, we've heard that new neighbors are moving in locally at an amazing rate. The housing market is being pressed and the local economy will get a boost this summer as established residents invite the new move-ins to dinner. In fact, two new restaurants have already been set up within a mile radius, featuring outdoor dining at its finest. Summer is in full swing.

Contact Connie at dcrmoores@att.net or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341.

Gardening Commentary

FROM MVG

Caring For Those Container Gardens

Summer weather is here and the care of our plants becomes more important since changes in plant growth happens at an accelerated rate. It's like the metabolic rate in plants speeds up and the demands for proper watering of planters and hanging baskets becomes more critical. The same thing happens to the plants in our landscape but at a much slower pace, the changes are more gradual but they are still happening.

Proper watering practices seem to be one of the most difficult skills for people to understand. It boils down to

being consistent in the care of the plants we have to enjoy for the next couple of months. Providing moisture at the right time and in the right amount is important. Did you know that plants require oxygen at the root zone? When soils become saturated with too much water for an extended period of time, like an hour or longer, air is replaced by water in the soil. Plants need water to keep nutrients moving through the vascular system from roots to the tips of the leaves and blossoms. With the correct amount of water, this process continues effectively to keep the plant healthy and vibrant. With too little water and the plants wilt. This lack of water causes the plants to

stop being able to support themselves and leaves and stems become limp. On the opposite end of the spectrum, if you have been overwatering your plants, the soil becomes water-logged. When your plants sit in saturated soil for a short time this creates a difficult situation for the roots and the plant will usually begin to suffer and wilt. It can resemble a plant when it is too dry, the same "wilting" occurs.

One way of determining if a plant in a pot or hanging basket needs to be watered is to lift the container to see how heavy it is. Another way to see if you need to water your plants is to use the "first knuckle" test. Push your index finger into the soil around the plant you're

getting ready to water, if the soil is moist, do not water. If, on the other hand, the soil feels dry and the soil doesn't stick to your finger, then it is time to water. Moisture meters are available for this purpose but the knuckle test works pretty well.

Just remember, you can kill a plant with kindness. Water well when you do water and then wait until the soil "dries down" before watering again. Your plant will love you for this care and show you by growing well and blooming like crazy. Avoid extreme dry downs, this is when the soil shrinks away from the sides of the container, sometimes the plant cannot be revived from such a situation.

Trimming your containers and hanging baskets occasionally will help to keep the plants growing full and blooming heavily. Where should I cut the stems?, is a frequent question. Here is what you can do: the space on the stem of a plant between each leaf is called a node. It is a good idea to remove 3 or 4 nodes or 3 to 5" of the stems so the plant will put out new shoots that will have more flowers. Any questions about this, send us a note to info@meadowview.com and we will do some coaching.

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Financial Focus



Incorporating Social Security into a retirement strategy is a smart move

The money taken out of your paycheck every month may be unwelcome now, but it can give you monthly income later in life.

However, some question if Social Security will last long enough for those in the work force now to be able to receive these benefits. According to Social Security trustees, enough reserves exist for the system to pay 100 percent of promised benefits until 2033, without further reform. Full benefits are available at age 65 for those born before 1938, gradually increasing to age 67 for those born in 1960 or later. There is more to Social Security than just applying for retirement benefits when you are eligible at age 62 or over. By waiting, you can maximize your benefits, which will increase every year you choose to wait to file for Social Security retirement benefits.

Thrivent Financial suggests you consider these four tips before applying for Social Security.

- Don't assume it won't be there. Social Security is projected to last at least until 2033, so the first mistake is writing it off as a resource that won't be available. Planning early for the role Social Security will play in your retirement will prevent you from being caught off guard and missing out on increased benefits once you are ready to start collecting.

- Know your situation. Retirement income planning is critical. Social Security has many nuances, so a personalized approach is necessary to get a better grasp of your retirement future. By using your current information from the Social Security Administration, financial representatives may be able to create scenarios to give you an idea

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Four Tips to Help Maximize Social Security

of how the age you begin receiving distributions can affect the monthly amounts you will receive. For example, if you're divorced or widowed, a financial representative will be able to calculate the different ways you can claim benefits and how they can affect your retirement strategy.

- Wait to draw. Now that you are planning for it, you can figure out when the right time for you to start receiving benefits. For many people, this will most often be after the age that you are eligible to start collecting full benefits. For every year that you delay, Social Security benefits will increase by a set percentage, eventually putting your monthly benefit above 100 percent. Delaying can also multiply the benefits after it is adjusted for cost-of-living and can potentially reduce the number of years benefits are subject to income taxes. Factors to consider as to when to file for your Social Security benefits include: health status, life expectancy, need for income, future employment, and survivor needs. A financial representative can help you build all of this information into an overall retirement strategy.

- Get your financial house in order. If you delay your Social Security benefits, you will need to have another way to pay for your needs while you are not working. If you planned early enough, you will likely have adjusted your finances so that you are prepared. Again, talking to a representative can help you plan the best option for the interim time before Social Security payments.

Social Security can be confusing, but talking to a representative can help you clarify the role it can play in your retirement strategy. Once you have a strategy in place, you will better be able to enjoy your retirement years, without worrying about

the next paycheck.

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Heywood School Honor Roll

Heywood Elementary School has announced their honor roll for the 4th quarter.

4th grade: Lucas Buschur, Elijah Donnan, Kaiya Godin, Jaemison Kemper, Astryd Littlejohn, Samantha Matthies, Jaden Mayse, Elise

McCann, Araya Osornio, Dominique Pryslak, Cate Rehmert, Harmony Rolf, Molly Rolon-Pawlaczyk, Travis Ross, Dahlia Ros-siter, Savannah Sharett, Charlie Wyatt

5th grade: Alexandra Beckner, Anna Davis, Isabel Duaso, Gabrielle El-

lis, Sophia Fong, Amanda Goodwin, Gage Goodwin, Amaya Jackson, Zoe Jackson, Kaylee King, Kylie King, Ma-dailein Logan, Sophia Matthies, Johnny Michalos, Izaiah Texter, Marah Westcott, Lydia Witters

Cookson School Honor Roll

Cookson Elementary School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

Fourth Grade - James Branscomb, Nickolas Buechter, Peyton Dunn, Chelsea Evilsizor, Elle Freisthler, Collissa Grunden, Leah Hogston, Trinity Hurd, TaMeka Lawrence, Maddison Manson, Rebeckah Meiring, Makenzi Metz, Kaylie Miller, Emma Setler, Samuel Stormer, Aries White, Kadynce Williams, Cory Winter

Fifth Grade - Athena Abner, Nick Anderson, Adam Cartwright, Xander Covington, Kaylee Foster, Connor Francis, Corinne Grunden, Elijah Kimble, Vernai-sha Marsh, Jacey Meek,

Molly Montgomery, Tyler Moser, Haley Studebaker, Jovie Studebaker, Caeli Updike, Connor Watkins, Andrew Wasouf, Amelia Watson, Lillian Wick, Ariyan Wilcox, Lavante Williams, Ashton Young

Straight A's

Fourth Grade - Tara Chaney, Olondo Dillard, Andrew Helman, Ethan Horn, Brianna Montoya,



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Casstown Church Offers Reading Program for Youth

Casstown United Methodist Church will be offering a reading program again this Summer for Youth entering Kindergarten through sixth grade, thanks to the "Live Free" grant provided by the Miami Valley District of the United Methodist Church.

The summer program, which highlights reading skill development lead by college students and church members, will also include crafts, games, music and tips for healthy living. A tasty, healthy lunch and an afternoon snack will also be included.

Plans are in the works

to have special presentations by the Fire Department and/or Sheriff's Department, Brukner Nature Center and a visit from the Troy Library Bookmobile.

"We are excited to be able to offer this fun program for the area youth again this summer," said, Maggie Sykes, Pastor of the Casstown Church. "Last summer we had 33 students attend at least one week. It is a great way to break up the week during the summer."

Todd Rappold, Superintendent of Miami East Schools supports the work the church is doing with this program.

"We encourage all kids to maintain their academic skills over the summer. Reading is a key skill for students of any age."

The program will be offered once a week for six weeks on Tuesdays, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm beginning on June 23, 2015 at the Casstown UMC, 102 Center Street in Casstown.

For more information or to register call Pastor Maggie Sykes at 937-339-4828 or visit <http://Casstownumc.org> to download the registration form from the Children's Ministry page.

Homicide Investigation

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a Dec. 30 report of a disturbance at the home of her parents. Police said in their reports the parents called because Earnshaw-York was attempting to leave with her young son and they feared she was under the influence.

Police said heroin and other drug-related items were found in her purse. Earnshaw-York said she was holding those items for a friend, police said in the report.

A search of William York Sr.'s home June 2 found suspected blood, according to search warrant paperwork filed June 5 in county Municipal Court.

A report by a Bureau of Criminal Investigation agent listed nine pieces of evidence collected in the search including a DVD of what investigators saw in William Your Sr.'s home during the court-approved search.

The search was requested to "determine if any forensic evidence is present" to help investigators determine William York Sr.'s whereabouts, the affidavit signed by Sgt. Jason Moore of the Miami County Sheriff's Office said. York's remains were found the following day.

Among the evidence was a door strip and wood support with suspected blood, laundry basket with suspected blood and swabs of suspected blood from four locations in the entryway and garage, according to reports filed with the court.

In the affidavit Moore outlined the Tipp City Police Department's investigation into re-

ports from York family members that they had not heard from him in several days.

After listening to family members, police determined "conditions were suspicious enough" to enter the home to see if William York Sr. was home and check on his welfare, the affidavit said. The family agreed and entry was made June 1 by four police officers.

William York Sr. was not found inside and his truck was not there. A car owned by Terrel was parked in the garage, but nothing "looked immediately suspicious."

A statewide missing person alert was issued June 2.

The search warrant was requested the following day after York had not returned, family members became more concerned and detectives obtained more information including learning Hope Earnshaw-York and Terrel had been living at the home.

The affidavit noted Hope Earnshaw-York's warrant for a possession of heroin indictment from an alleged 2014 incident. It also noted Terrel "has an extensive arrest record." His most recent conviction in the county was in 2014 for domestic violence, according to Municipal Court records.

Additional information found by investigators included 12 pawns of jewelry and rare coins by Hope Earnshaw-York. A neighbor also had told investigators he had not seen William York Sr. for more than a week and found it out of character not to see him walking and leaving his lawn mower in the yard

instead of put it away following use.

Police in an earlier report said they found 33 cents on a front step along with pennies in the driveway leading up to the home.

Tipp City police reports said a relative making the first welfare check inquiry May 31 said she had called the house and talked with Hope Earnshaw-York, who said William York Sr. was sleeping. The relative said she asked for a return call but one was never received. Other messages went unanswered, which the relative said was unusual, according to the report.

Police reports also show William York Sr. contacted police twice in the months before his death. On May 10, he visited the police department to report seven of his guns missing from a case at the house. He was unable to provide documents for ownership of the guns and said he did not want to pursue the matter further, the report said. In February, he contacted police saying paperwork with notes he'd made in reference to creating a will were missing from the house.

Police were still trying to determine the last time William York Sr. was seen alive. In the search warrant affidavit, Moore said no family member had heard from him in at least a week.

Assisting local police in the investigation have been the Miami County sheriff's office, BCI, FBI, Miami County Prosecutor's Office and Kentucky law enforcement agencies.

Free Family Movie Night at Edison

Edison Community College will offer a free viewing of Despicable Me 2 on Friday, June 12 at 8:30 p.m. The viewing will be held outdoors in the courtyard at the Piqua Campus and is open to the community.

Despicable Me 2 is the sequel to the story of Gru, his adorable girls, and the mischievous Minions. Just as Gru gives up being the bad-guy, the Anti-Villain League recruits him to track down a new criminal mastermind and save the world. Together with secret agent, Lucy Wilde, and the unpredict-

able Minions, Gru must find a solution while also keeping up with his duties as a father.

Despicable Me 2 is rated PG and is an hour and thirty-eight minutes long. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and

snacks. Free popcorn will be provided. The movie will be moved indoors to the Robinson Theater if inclement weather should occur.

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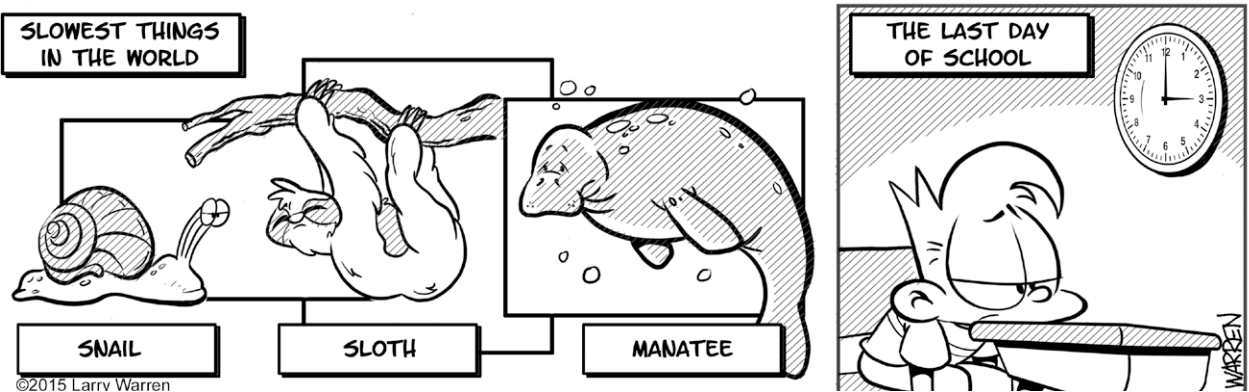
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BY LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

#183

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- 1. Raindrop sound
- 5. Increased by
- 9. "The ____" (Uris novel)
- 12. Second
- 13. Great-____
- 14. Era
- 15. Broadway brightener
- 16. ____ fry
- 17. Color
- 18. Get past the worst point
- 21. At this time
- 22. Walking bird
- 23. Cut
- 26. Islamic opinion
- 30. Voice
- 31. Sizable sandwich
- 32. Bring order
- 35. Sound ____
- 37. Collection of misc. info
- 38. Busy creature
- 39. Amusement park equipment
- 46. Microbrewery output
- 47. Wing like
- 48. Dover ____
- 49. Tanqueray
- 50. Email confirmation message
- 51. Elvis offspring
- 52. Morse Code alert
- 53. Views
- 54. The original "matter"

DOWN

- 1. Breathe heavily
- 2. Location
- 3. Stench
- 4. Herb with purple blue flowers
- 5. Iranian language
- 6. Pear-shaped instrument
- 7. Agency concerned with

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- kids' health

8. Framework of chloroplast

9. Chemistry Nobelist Otto

10. Malarial fever

11. Ridicule

19. Koppel or Kennedy

23. Headgear
24. Thrilla in Manila boxer

25. ____ be good if

27. Ltty-bitty

28. "We ____ Family"

29. Bell ____

33. Disquiet

34. Negotiate

35. Cancels

36. Swell
39. Tattered clothes

40. Assortment

41. Zooming device

42. Christmas candy stick

43. Slog

44. Choice word

45. 500 sheets

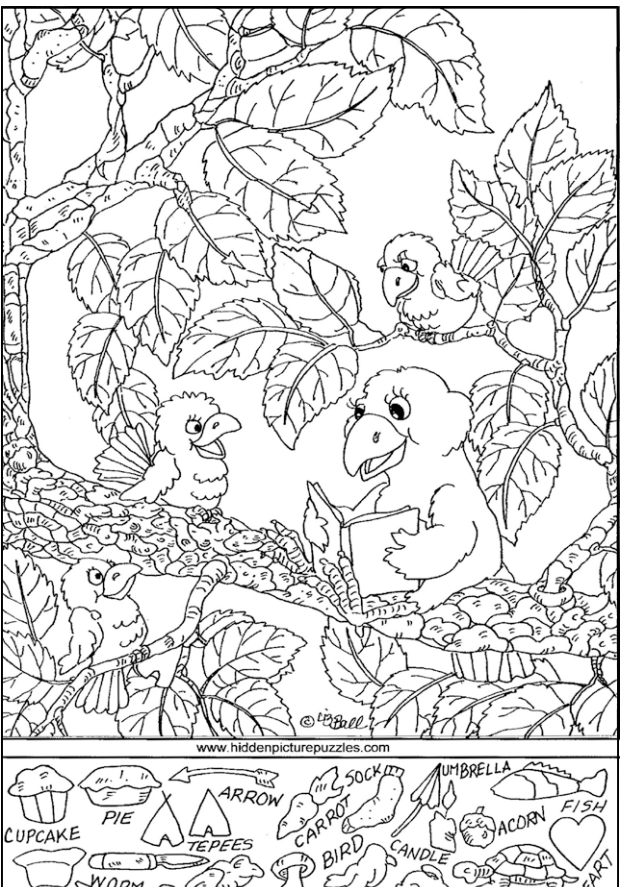
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Trivia Challenge

Popular Culture Trivia Questions

- 11.)Inspired by William Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet, which film won the Best Picture Oscar in 1961?

a. West Side Story

b. From Here to Eternity

c. Gigi

d. The Broadway Melody
- 12.)Winning both seasons she appeared on, who is the only "Survivor" contestant to win the show two times?

a. Rupert Boneham

b. Tina Wesson

c. Sandra Diaz-Twine

d. Rob Mariano
- 13.)Which of the following videos featured on YouTube was the most watched in 2014?

a. Budweiser's Puppy Love

b. iPhone 6 Plus Bend Test

c. Devil Baby Attack

d. Mutant Giant Spider Dog
- 14.)Making its debut in 1965, which of the following board games features a character named "Cavity Sam"?

a. Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots

b. Operation

c. LIFE

d. Splat
- 15.)As of 2015, which of the following artists has sold the most singles, albums and videos?

a. Bob Marley

b. Meat Loaf

c. Cher

d. Tom Petty
- 16.)Accompanied only by his acoustic guitar, which of the following songs was the theme song for the first Elvis movie released in 1956?

a. Trouble

b. Love Me Tender

c. Loving You

d. Jailhouse Rock
- 17.)Which 2003 Academy Award winning film was based on the life of serial killer Aileen Wuornos?

a. Monster's Ball

b. Monster

c. The Devil's Advocate

d. Party Monster
- 18.)In what year was the hamburger fast food restaurant McDonald's founded?

a. 1940

b. 1960

c. 1970

d. 1950
- 19.)A record unlikely to ever be broken, which pro baseball player was hit by 50 pitches in 1971?

a. Milt Pappas

b. Jim Hickman

c. Jim Fairey

d. Ron Hunt
- 20.)What popular video game from 1981 features a character named Pauline?

a. Dragon Quest

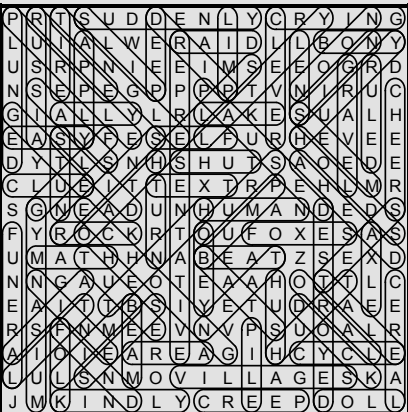
b. Donkey Kong

c. Super Mario Bros.

d. Pac-Man

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- 1.)Phillip Phillips - was the American Idol season 11 winner.

2.)Badminton - The proper name for a birdie is shuttlecock.

3.)Meerkat - Timon was portrayed by Nathan Lane.

4.)Berbick - Ali was 39 years of age at the time.

5.)Led Zeppelin - Filming took place during three nights of concerts at Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1973.
- 6.)Joseph Fiennes - Shakespeare in Love won seven Academy Awards including Best Picture.

7.)The Terminator - was released in 1984.

8.)Irons - As well as tees and balls.

9.)Zack Ryder - Zack Ryder's birth name is Matthew Brett Cardona.

10.)KC and the Sunshine Band - Released in 1979, Please Don't Go was the band's first love ballad.

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We Are IT! Ladies Participate in Global Competition

A team of local young ladies recently returned from Destination Imagination's (DI) global finals, the largest creative thinking and problem solving competition in the world. Held in Knoxville, Tennessee, the team was among more than 13,000 students representing more than 1,400 teams that advanced to global finals.

Destination Imagination is an educational program where teams of students are immersed in the creative process needed to solve open-ended challenges, and then present their solutions at regional and state tournaments. If they win at those levels, teams may receive an invitation to the global finals.

The team consisted of young ladies who participated in Edison Community College's We Are IT!, an annual science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (S.T.E.M.) program. All from Tipp City, team members included London Eberly, Hope Falkowski, Paige Heitkamp, Libby Kaibas, Becca Martin, and Kate Schinaman.

The team, dubbed Double Digits, competed in the Feary Tales category, one of seven challenges that required participants to apply S.T.E.M. principles, improvisation, theater arts, writing, project management, communication, innovation, teamwork, and commu-

nity service throughout the competition. The team placed 39th overall in their category of over 60 teams.

"I am so incredibly proud of these girls. They have shown perseverance and stamina through a very tough process, and they are all so talented," said Team Manager Shawn Falkoski.

Kate Schinaman said of the trip, "I really enjoyed the entire experience... opening ceremonies, pin trading, meeting people from other countries, the workshops... it was all a lot of fun!"



Pictured from Left to Right: London Eberly, Kate Schinaman, Libby Kaibas, Paige Heitkamp, and Hope Falkowski. Not pictured: Becca Martin.

"I agree," chimed in Paige Heitkamp, "we learned so much from the other teams. The Duct Tape ball was a lot of fun, too!"

In addition to the competition, the girls attended the Alice programming language workshop together. They also participated in other

workshops with topics including sound effects, costuming, The Voice music training hosted by The Exchange, and Lion King animal movements sponsored by Disney. Buzz Aldren hosted a workshop and Paula Abdul was also in attendance for dance training.

Destination Imagination has had a positive impact on more than 1.5 million young people and adults who have benefited from taking part in its acclaimed Challenge Program. This year, another 100,000 young people competed in tournaments

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This year will mark the 10th anniversary for Edison Community College's We Are IT! program, which has encouraged over 1,500 young ladies

to explore S.T.E.M. fields. Scheduled for Friday, November 13, this year's one day, hands-on program is open to young women in grades 8-10. Registration information will become available in August. For more information, contact Cathy Barrow by calling 937-778-7885 or emailing cbarrow@edisonohio.edu.

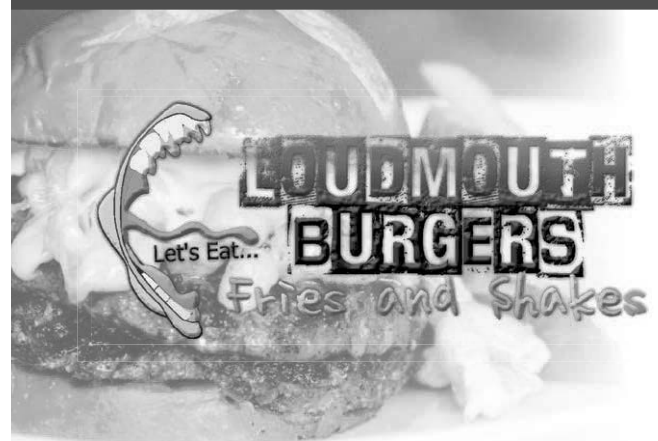
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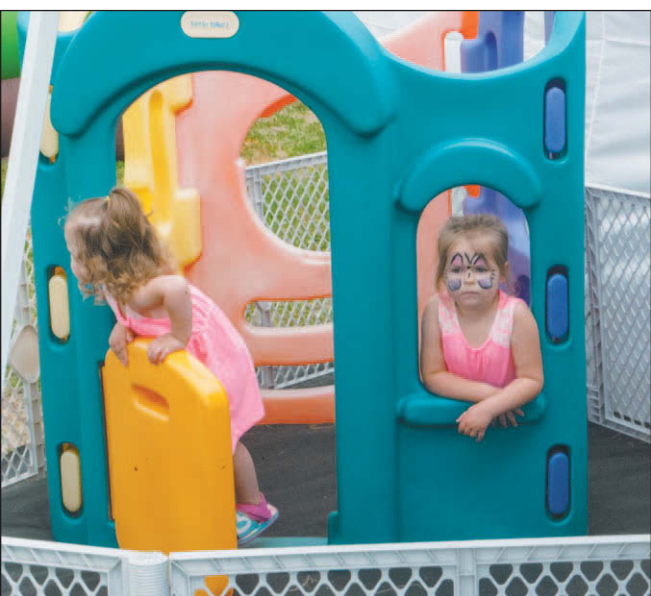


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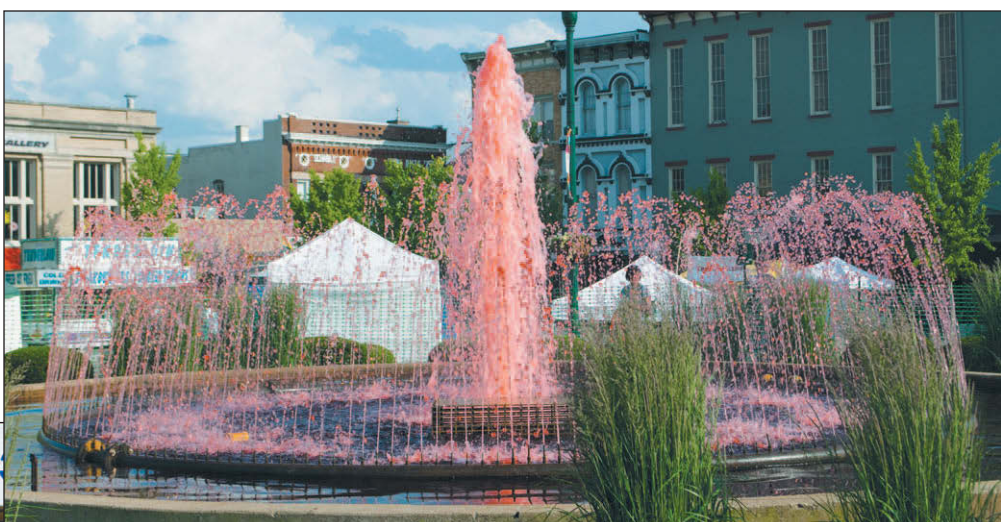
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