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Rape Charges Dismissed

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County prosecutors have dismissed felony rape charges against a Troy man, saying the alleged victim in the case no longer is cooperative.

Michael Slagle, 36, faced three felony counts of rape involving sexual conduct with a person under age 13 between June 1 and Aug. 21, 2015. He had pleaded not guilty and was being held in the county jail since December.

A trial was scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, in Miami County Common Pleas Court. Prosecutor Tony Kendell filed a notice dismissing the charges Monday. The dismissal was with the stipulation new charges could be filed.

Pratt recently heard evidence on motion by Kevin Lennen, lawyer for Slagle, asking for dismissal of the charges. He claimed the victim recanted her claims in a December interview at the

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Primary Eye Associates move

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

It is no optical illusion; Primary Eye Associates has finally moved from its storefront location by Marsh Grocery store where it first opened in 2004 to 10 Dotcom Drive in what used to be the old Rex building. On June 21, the new location had its official opening with a Troy Chamber Ambassador's ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

Not intending to make a Freudian slip, Dr. Scott Schwartz claimed that the building they purchased at 10 Dotcom Drive back in November used to be an "eyesore." After numerous renovations and even a daunting setback in the wake of storms that came through Troy on December 27, Primary Eye Associates now has more room for parking and a larger indoor space where their clients can receive eye examinations, and fittings for glasses. Vision therapy is also a new offering of the practice. It is an advance in optical technology specifically designed



to help with early identification and treatment of childhood disabilities that could prevent learning.

Schwartz and his wife Alexis were particularly instrumental in the relocation of Primary Eye Associates to Dotcom Drive and expressed tremendous gratitude for the involvement of Bruns Development in the process of renovating their

new office. December was a particularly poignant month in the early stages of development. "We were in church with our family in Canton when I received a call from Steve Brewer," Schwartz said. "He said that the entire northeast side of the building had been ripped off by the storms."

Schwartz was emotional recalling the tragedy that al-

most prevented them from completing their new offices. According to Schwartz, approximately 50 neighbors and friends came out to help clean up the debris and dry off the new display cases that had just arrived two weeks prior. "We are so grateful for the way people stepped up that day," Schwartz said. He recognized the hard work of his wife who was responsi-

ble for every detail in decorating and organization.

Dr. Scott M. Schwartz and Dr. Lindsay King are part of a network of optometrists under the cooperative title of Primary Eye Associates based in Sidney. Their other locations include Piqua, Jackson Center, Fort Loramie, and St. Paris, Ohio. Schwartz is an Ohio State graduate who lives in Troy with his wife and two sons. An active member of the community, he participates in the Troy Kiwanis Club, is a member of St. Patrick Church in Troy, and is a current Board Member of the Troy REC.

The Grand Opening celebration was attended by many members of the local business community and City of Troy representatives. According to Mayor Beamish who was present with wife Ginny, "Anyone can see how this will add greater value to our community." Office hours and other information on the new location of Primary Eye Associates can be found at primaryeyecare.org.

Preparations Underway for Hope Over Heroin Event

By Nancy Bowman

Organizers of the Hope Over Heroin event coming July 8 and 9 to the Miami County Fairgrounds have a list of needs to complete first including making sure residents across the county are aware of the project, and its offerings.

The activities Friday evening the 8th and Saturday the 9th are free and designed to provide resources to the addicted and their families as well as offer education to the community, said Aaron Simmons, a Troy firefighter and pastor of the Upper Room Worship Center in Tipp City.

The event is family friendly, he said.

In addition to getting the word out, additional volunteers are welcome – individuals, churches or those with other resources – along with donations of money.

Organizers also are seeking pictures of those lost to heroin/opiate addiction for a walking memorial wall planned for the event. Photos should be sent to: <http://www.hopeoverheroin.com/memorial-form.html>

The Hope Over Heroin organization was started by three pastors in summer 2014 following 14 deaths from heroin overdoses in Hamilton County, Ohio.

The Miami County Hope Over Heroin event is part of collaboration between the

faith-based community, service providers, the Miami County Heroin Coalition and others.

"This event is for everybody. We are hoping everybody comes. It is totally free," Simmons said. "We want to be a part of the communities. We want the community to be part of waging war against this, seeing this effort be successful and seeing addicts set free."

Activities begin Friday, July 8, with a main open-air event featuring live music and speakers including previous heroin addicts sharing their stories. Saturday, July 9, gates open at noon. A free meal of hot dogs, chips, etcetera, will be offered throughout the day. Afternoon activities will include a motorcycle group performance and live entertainment.

At 5 p.m., a prayer march/memorial parade will be held to raise awareness and honor those who have passed away and those who have been affected by addiction, including families. The memorial wall will be part of that activity.

The main event Saturday will be at 7 p.m. with bands and speakers.

Simmons said representatives of many agencies and churches are involved in planning and will be on hand for the event. Among them are those in mental health,

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Phil Dirt & the Dozers brought their unique Rock & Roll styles to Treasure Island on Saturday.

First Treasure Island Concert "A Hit"

By Nancy Bowman

Treasure Island's inaugural concert featuring Surf's Up a Tribute to the Beach Boys was a hit, city leaders said.

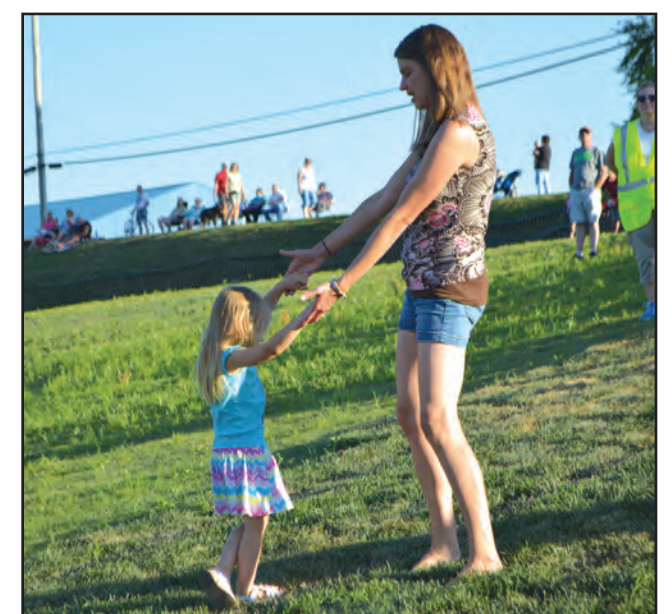
The free concert Saturday, June 25, at the new park along the Great Miami River drew an estimated 1,800-2,200 people, Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said.

More concerts are planned July 9 with Stranger and July 23 with the River Rock Concert

featuring Parrots of the Caribbean.

Titterington said the only real issue at the event was those who didn't realize they couldn't bring coolers, bottles and other items. The prohibition was listed on signs going into the fenced areas as well as on the city website. "The reason is due to the temporary liquor permit and the fact that the state doesn't allow carry in of alcohol," he said.

The city is considering revising policy to allow



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Miami County Sheriff Reports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

12:17 a.m. – To Dogwood Dr. for a report of a disturbance. Everyone involved left before the deputy arrived. It started when a man tried to get his birth certificate back from his ex-girlfriend. A fist-fight between the two took place. The girlfriend had a cut lip but refused medical treatment. The prosecutor’s office will be contacted regarding charges.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:09 a.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a theft. Someone took the patio furniture that was sitting outside of the entrance to the outpatient behavioral health building. There were no witnesses and no security cameras in this area. Pictures of the furniture were provided.

7:27 p.m. – To S. Forest Hill Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone took tools from the detached garage and barn on his property. There are no suspects.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

3:05 a.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 73 mile marker. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and

marked lanes.

4:22 a.m. – A deputy was westbound on Rt. 55 near Barnhart Rd. and saw several pieces of shredded tire on the street. Troy PD was investigating a theft of a vehicle that had a flat tire and could be enroute to Pleasant Hill. The deputy saw grooves in the road from a vehicle driving on the rims and followed them from Rt. 55 to Barnhart Rd. to Fenner Rd and eventually to the Dollar General in Pleasant Hill. The vehicle was parked in the parking lot, unoccupied. Troy PD advised to have the vehicle towed.

11:42 a.m. – To the 2000 block of N. County Rd. 25A for a report of a trespasser. A man was found walking around the Sheriff’s Office Training Center. He was incarcerated for trespassing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

4:13 p.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A at Harold’s Way for a report of found property. The officer arrived to find a bicycle on the side of the road near NAPA Auto Parts. There was no one near it and none of the businesses nearby were open. The bicycle was submitted into property.

Man Pleads in Juvenile Rape Cases

By Nancy Bowman

A Troy man accused earlier this year of the rape of a girl under age 13 pleaded guilty June 23 to that case and another rape after two more victims came forward with allegations of sexual abuse following his arrest.

Thomas Contento, 49, faces up to 20 years in prison at sentencing Aug. 1 in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

He was charged in the first case with five counts of rape for alleged sexual conduct with a person under age 13 between 2003 and 2005.

After those allegations were made public, two others came forward with allegations of sexual abuse, Tony Kendell, Miami Coun-

ty prosecutor said.

A county grand jury subsequently indicted Contento on one count of felony rape of a person under age 13 between June 1, 1994, and Sept. 1, 1997, and two counts of felony rape of a 13 year old between March 1 and April 11, 2005.

As part of a plea deal with prosecutors several of the charges were dismissed in exchange for Contento’s pleas to two felony rape counts.

Prosecutors agreed to recommended nine-year sentences on each of the charges and to recommend the prison terms run consecutively for a total of 18 years. They also agreed to not seek additional charges involving

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Troy Police Reports

MONDAY, JUNE 20

4:00 p.m. – Traffic stop on 25A at Dye Mill Rd. The driver had a suspended license for a drug offense. He said he had driving privileges but he did not have the paperwork with him. He said it was at the court house. He said the vehicle belonged to his aunt and he was on his way home to Englewood. He was cited for driving under suspension and he called his aunt to pick up the vehicle.

4:42 p.m. – Traffic stop on Archer Dr. at Wendy’s. The driver had a suspended license. He said that he had paid all of the fines owed and that his license should not be suspended. He was cited and told not to drive.

9:46 p.m. – To the Royal Inn to look for two warrant suspects. The two were found along with two other warrant suspects. Two of them were in and out of consciousness due to heroin use. All four were arrested and two were taken to UVMC for treatment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7:35 a.m. – An officer found an American Express card in Culver’s driveway. He contacted the owner who said that the card was his, but hadn’t been activated. He said that he had given it to his son to play with and that it could be destroyed.

12:15 p.m. – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 54 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said she was unaware of the speed limit because she rarely uses that road. She was cited for speed.

5:57 p.m. – Traffic stop on Water St. at Elm St. The plates were expired, and the driver said he forgot to renew his tags. He was cited for expired registration.

7:45 p.m. – To Maplecrest Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that his son’s vehicle was broken into overnight. The son said that some headphones and a vaping pipe were stolen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

7:36 a.m. – To S. Ridge Ave. A woman said she found suspected drugs in her son’s room. The substance will be field tested and the son will be interviewed if necessary.

10:42 a.m. – While running radar on Stonyridge Ave., an officer saw a vehicle approaching from the north at 38 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The vehicle turned onto Linwood Dr. and sped away

at a high rate of speed. The officer tried to follow and realized that the vehicle was very fast and taking turns that made no sense. He believed the driver of the vehicle was trying to lose him. He caught up with it on Crestview at Cricket Ln. He asked the driver if he was in a hurry, and the driver said he was just going home. He gave his address, and it was in the opposite direction that he was headed. He said that he did not have a license and that the vehicle belonged to his fiancée. The driver gave permission to search the vehicle and a wallet was found inside. He said his mom found the wallet and gave it to him to return to its owner. The wallet was reported stolen the previous day. The driver was cited for speed and no operator’s license. The owner of the vehicle was called and she was unaware that the driver was driving it. The passenger was supposed to be driving.

4:38 p.m. – Traffic stop on S. Market at Simpson St. Her tags were expired, and she said she must have forgotten to renew them. She was cited for expired registration.

6:01 p.m. – To W. Market and S. Ridge for a report of a non-injury accident. One vehicle rear-ended another. The driver of the following vehicle was cited for assured clear distance.

6:14 p.m. – To Kings Chapel Dr. for a report of a disturbance. Two men were reportedly arguing with each other. A woman advised that the men fled the scene before the officer arrived. Several people were outside and were pointing to the southwest. The officer went to the end of Fox Harbor Dr. and found one of the subjects. He was found to have an outstanding warrant and was arrested. He refused to talk about the incident. The other subject was located by another officer and he claimed that they were only arguing. The woman said she only saw an argument and one of them through a drawer. No charges were filed.

10:44 p.m. – To Imperial Ct. for a report of a disorderly woman. A man reported that she was sitting in the middle of the roadway and said “Hit me” as he rode past her on his bike. The woman was located and appeared to be extremely intoxicated. She spoke with thick slurred speech and had red, glassy eyes. She said that she had too much to drink and could not make it home. She said that there

was no one at her home to care for her. A squad was called and she was transported to UVMC. She was also cited for disorderly conduct.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7:12 a.m. – To Long St. for a report of vandalism. A woman reported that her vehicle had multiple bullet holes on the driver’s side. A detective was called to the scene.

11:02 a.m. – An officer came upon an accident on S. Market near Race St. One vehicle had bumped the rear of another and neither had any damage. The driver that caused the accident was found to be under suspension. She was cited, her vehicle was left at the scene and she left on foot.

11:31 a.m. – An officer was following a vehicle with a registration sticker that expired in April. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver said that she forgot to renew them. She was cited for expired registration.

12:47 p.m. – To Paradise Trail for a report of a possible domestic disturbance. A woman reported that her sister’s boyfriend was arguing with her and her sister. She said that during the argument, he pushed both women into a wall. She showed marks on her arms and knees and said that she wanted him charged. The sister said that they were arguing and that it was a misunderstanding. She said that her sister came in while they were arguing and thought the boyfriend was assaulting her. She said her sister came at her boyfriend and he pushed her away from him. The boyfriend was charged with one count of assault. He was very agitated and was screaming at the RP.

5:34 p.m. – To Lake St. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that he was asleep and received a voice mail from an unknown number. He said he listened to the voice mail and a male voice was calling him a “crackhead” and other vulgar names. The caller said he would “spit in his face when he saw him.” Both the RP and his mother said that they recognized the voice and said they haven’t talked to him since he got out of jail. He wanted to press charges. The suspect’s mother said that the suspect does not live with her and she had no idea how to contact him. The officer played the message for her and her husband but they could not identify

the voice as that of their son. The mother mentioned how the RP is in trouble and not allowed at her home and made reference to the call being made to the RP. The officer asked how she knew it was on the RP’s phone and she changed the subject. The subject was charged with phone harassment and a warrant will be issued since the suspect cannot be located.

8:26 p.m. – To S. Clay St. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone took his driver’s license and social security card from his wallet. He said that two friends were helping him move out and that is wallet was sitting on the living room table. The friends were contacted and they denied taking the items in question. The RP was advised to check the immediate area, since he said that when the friends arrived, he was cleaning out his wallet.

11:29 p.m. – An officer stopped a vehicle that had no front license plate. He found that the driver has never had a license. She said that the vehicle belonged to her “baby’s daddy,” and could not explain why he allowed her to drive his vehicle without a license. He also found that the driver was cited for no operator’s license on April 12, April 26 and June 12. The vehicle’s owner was cited for wrongful entrustment on June 12. She was cited for no operator’s license and display of plates. The officer tried to contact the owner five times but was unsuccessful. He was cited for wrongful entrustment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

12:00 a.m. – To McKaig Ave. to assist a squad. A woman reported that her husband was bleeding in the bathtub. She said he was on blood thinners and had a varicose vein pop. Officers had to break a window to gain access to the bathroom and assisted him until the squad arrived.

1:26 a.m. – An officer saw two juveniles walking north on Ohio Ave. near Staunton Commons. Both were transported to their homes and released to their guardians. They were also charged with curfew violations.

1:27 a.m. – While westbound on W. Main St., an officer saw a vehicle pull out of a business onto Main St. without stopping. He initiated a traffic stop and discovered that the driver’s license was expired. She was cited and released to a friend with a valid license.

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behavioral health and addiction services such as the Tri-County Board. Forty to 50 churches also are involved in a variety of ways.

“We hope this will streamline processes. We are trying to take away every excuse for someone who is hurting or addicted to get help,” Simmons said.

People from all walks of life have stepped forward to help after seeing and hearing about the increase in heroin overdoses and deaths the past couple of years, he said.

The Miami County Heroin Coalition earlier in June outlined its efforts in the months since its formation in January.

At a press conference, Steve Justice, a local lawyer, said around 50 people each month are overdosing in the county.

“We are taking a stand, doing something about this,” Simmons said. “We rallied the churches and said, ‘This is affecting multitudes of people, families, people who

need help.’ Compassion compels you to do something.”

Another Hope Over Heroin event is scheduled the following weekend in Dayton.

Those with questions about the event can email info@theur.net or visit hope-overheroin.com and select the Troy/Miami County event.

Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
2622 Shady Tree Dr	6/14	\$370,000.00	Julian Ralph & Sheryl	Harlow Builders Inc
16 S Short St	6/15	\$203,650.00	Van Tilburg Lilliah J	Tudor Jeffrey A
Peters Rd	6/16	\$40,000.00	Troy Infinity Llc	Cheney S Howard
1262 Peters Rd	6/16	\$40,000.00	Troy Infinity Llc	Cheney S Howard
1226 Vornholt St	6/16	\$108,500.00	Wick Randy T & Sarah J	Hoffman Dale Alan
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591 Glendale	6/16	\$0.00	Shafer William Brian	Shafer Shannon Rae
552 Meadow Ln	6/17	\$97,000.00	Green Jade E	Knife Don C & Syble D
2334 Worthington Dr	6/17	\$45,000.00	O'neal Samuel	Ireland Homes Inc
916 Jefferson St	6/17	\$62,000.00	King Christina M	Steineman Richard W
516 S Ridge Ave	6/20	\$0.00	Christopher Anastasia M (Trustee)	Christopher Anastasia M
1133 Skylark Dr	6/20	\$124,000.00	Schmidt Christian	Bergman Michael A & @ (4)
106 Vincent	6/20	\$96,900.00	Metz Benjamin D & Danielle N Sands	Meiring Karen L
2618 Amberly Ct	6/20	\$172,000.00	George Margaret	Britt Nicolas A & Jennifer A
1520 Wayne St	6/21	\$0.00	Bluebird Investment Properties Llc	Williams John N & Edith Ellen
90 Heather Rd	6/21	\$0.00	Bluebird Investment Properties Llc	Williams John N & Edith Ellen
Peters Rd	6/21	\$40,000.00	Mike Hawk Homes Llc	Troy Infinity Llc
2603 St Andrews Dr	6/22	\$0.00	Eyink Ashley M	Eyink Gregory L
1150 Race St	6/22	\$0.00	Vasquez Joanne & Colleen J Lutz	Hennessey Peggy A (Tod)

Concord Township Trustees Asked to Oppose the Pit

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the June 21, 2016 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Township Resident Cindy Schaeffer spoke to the trustees asking their support in opposing the proposed limestone surface mining operation at the corner of Experiment Farm Road and Farrington Road. According to Schaeffer, The Pit is detrimental to Miami County for several reasons. First, the proposed location is only 1000 yards from the Upper Valley Medical Center.” In

addition, she argued that it would change the economic development of the region, increase traffic and cause damage to the roads because of the heavy vehicles used to haul the limestone. Furthermore, Schaeffer said that the operation would erode property values, reduce agriculture production, and create environmental hazards. She asked the trustees to oppose the operation by contacting the Zoning Appeals Board and expressing their disapproval of the project.

In regular business, Road

Superintendent Neil Rhodes reported that the pavement work on the curve on Barnhart Road was completed on June 8, 2016. He also said that the culvert replacement on Forest Hill is finished. He added, “The pavement has already been patched. The road was closed for about 2 1/2 days; however, we think that this will solve the flooding problems in the area.”

Rhoades also reported that the summer workers have almost completed cleaning out all of the catch basins. Trustee Don Pence commended

Rhoades, “The machine you invented to facilitate cleaning out the catch basins is great.”

In addition, Rhoades reported that the township received bids from the Engineers’ office to pave Forest Hill and Rockingham. He said, “The estimates were within \$1400 of the projected costs.”

In old business, the trustees approved a resolution to adopt the 2017 Tax Budget.

In addition, Trustee Bill Whidden reported that township representatives and the fire department have met and

discussed the new Fire/EMS contract; however, no resolutions have been reached. He said, “Each participant needs to do more research in the areas under discussion before a final contract can be negotiated.”

Whidden also reported that a resident complained about weeds and tall grass at 2555 S County Road 25A. The property is vacant. Whidden said, “Rhoades has contacted the realtor who promised to get someone to mow it.” Whidden agreed to monitor the situation to make sure

that the realtor follows up on the request. If not, the township will mow the property and bill the property owner for the expense.

In new business, the trustees passed a resolution to amend the 2016 permanent appropriations for the General Fund, the Fire and EMS Fund and the Sign Fund to reflect the actual expenses charged to those accounts.

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for July 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.

Edison State Launches New Program to Meet Workforce Needs

To meet the growing demand of the regional manufacturing industry, Edison State Community College will offer a new Equipment Maintenance Technology and Factory Automation certificate program this fall. The certificate program consists of ten courses that can be completed in as little as one year.

The Equipment Maintenance Technology program will prepare students to pursue various career opportunities upon completion including service technician, equipment repair specialist, field service technician, production mechanic, and maintenance technician to name a few.

“Manufacturers in the region have requested programs to assist with the shortage of skilled maintenance technicians,” said Lisa Wendel of the Darke County Economic Development Office. “This program will assist those companies with filling that need. Individuals who participate and complete this program will be heavily sought after by local industry.”

The program will be of-



Professor of Manufacturing/Industrial Management Steve Sykes gives a demonstration to a potential student.

ferred through the college’s Darke County Campus while also serving residents of Mercer, Miami, Preble, Randolph, Shelby, and surrounding counties.

According to Glassdoor.com, students certified in this field will have the potential to make the regional average of \$46,575 annually.

“Manufacturing throughout the region is highly au-

tomated and Equipment Maintenance Technicians are needed to keep today’s advanced technology running smoothly,” said Chad Beanblossom, Dean of Darke County Campus.

Students enrolled in the program will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Greenville High School Advanced Manufacturing Lab to take courses in

circuits, digital electronics, advanced controls, electronic devices, hydraulics and pneumatics, programmable logic controllers, industrial controls, and robotics.

For more information or to enroll, speak with an advisor by calling 937-548-5546 or visiting Edison State’s Darke County Campus located at 601 Wagner Avenue in Greenville.

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the three individuals.

The pleas came in charges from two cases. The victim in the third case, who now lives out of state, said she wanted the charge dismissed unless proceeding was needed to protect other individuals, Paul Watkins, assistant county prosecutor, told Judge Jeannine Pratt.

Contento had been scheduled to go on trial on the initial cases June 24.

He will be sentenced and a sex offender registration designation made under the sex offense laws in effect at the time of the crimes. Pratt ordered a presentence investigation. Contento remains in the county jail in lieu of bail.

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Troy Police Department but a recording of the interview was not given to the defense.

Lennen said he was given a copy of the recording in May and while reviewing it came across a blank section. Before the recording went blank, the alleged victim said more than once she was not certain the alleged acts occurred and the officer was confronting her, Lennen said. After a time, the recording resumed and another officer is in the interview room and the victim again is saying the alleged acts did occur, Lennen said in the motion.

In asking the judge to dismiss, Lennen claimed Slagle’s rights were violated by prosecutors not turning over the recording and said the timing of the 30-minute blank portion of the record-

ing “is suspect at best.”

During a June 13 hearing, Troy Police Capt. Jeff Kunkleman testified he was unaware of the blank portion of the tape until Lennen came across it and notified assistant prosecutor Paul Watkins in May.

Kunkleman said his understanding was the meeting with the alleged victim was to talk with her about the process as the case was going before the grand jury. He said he did not give the recording to prosecutors because he did not believe the alleged victim had recanted her claims.

In her ruling, Pratt said there was no evidence police or prosecutors intentionally withheld the taped interview and no evidence that anyone manipulated the taped interview.

Tips for Animal Summer Safety

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

In the wake of new legislation, the Miami County Animal Shelter is encouraging local residents to protect their animals and their cars by practicing summer safety. A “Good Samaritan” bill was presented and signed into law by Governor John Kasich at the end of May and is scheduled to take effect by August 29, 2016. The new law enables Ohio residents to break into cars where a child or animal is in danger of overexposure to heat.

The law does come with limitations. Doors have to be checked to see if the animal or child is locked in the vehicle. If access to the interior is prevented and the outside temperatures clearly endanger the life of the child or pet inside a vehicle, a person must call 911 to alert the authorities before they can break a window and perform a rescue. Marcia Doncaster, the Director and Dog Warden of the Miami County Animal



Shelter suggests that any would-be rescuers carefully document a situation with a phone camera and dispatcher before breaking into a car. “I imagine the ramifications of this law will take some people off guard,” Doncaster said. “But it will require people to be more careful.”

On an upcoming television program for Piqua TV5, Doncaster will be hosting an episode of “Wags & Whiskers” in which she will address potential issues of summer pet safety with viewers. “When it is just 80 degrees

outside, the temperature in a car can exceed 120 degrees in a matter of minutes,” Doncaster said. “Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death; leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help.”

Animal Shelter associates have seen the effects of heat on pets and are often called by concerned neighbors who wish to prevent abuse of dogs left outdoors. “We usually get a call once or twice a week,” Doncaster said. “I always tell peo-

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

-vs-

MATTHEW K. FOREMAN A/K/A MATTHEW FOREMAN et al.

LEGAL NOTICE

Matthew K. Foreman a/k/a Matthew Foreman, whose last place of residence is known as 410 Glenwood Avenue, Piqua, OH 45356, but whose present place of residence is unknown and Brandy R. Foreman a/k/a Brandy Foreman, whose last place of residence is known as 410 Glenwood Avenue, Piqua, OH 45356, but whose present place of residence is unknown, will take notice that on November 19, 2015, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. filed its Complaint in Case No. 15 CV 00511 in the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, 201 W. Main St., Troy, OH 45373, seeking foreclosure and alleging that the Defendants Matthew K. Foreman a/k/a Matthew Foreman and Brandy R. Foreman a/k/a Brandy Foreman have or claim to have an interest in the real estate described below:


Permanent Parcel #: N44-061290

Property Address: 410 Glenwood Avenue, Piqua, OH 45356

The Defendant(s) named above are required to answer on or before the 20 day of July, 2016.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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Essick Has Eye On Big Prize

By Jim Dabbelt

Ed. Note: The summer series continues in the Troy Tribune, as we look at key returning athletes at Troy High School for next school year.

The key for any athlete is improvement from year to year. Troy senior tennis sensation Hannah Essick is no different.

She has progressed through the ranks as she takes aim for Columbus in her last attempt. Last year as a junior, Essick advanced to the regional tournament where she was eliminated in the first round 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in a classic battle with Abby Rembold of Oak Hills.

Now, as Essick is preparing for her final year with the Trojans, she knows that while her time may be running out to earn a trip to state, her passion is stronger than ever.

“My goal this season is to make it to state,” Essick said. “That has been my goal every year, and every year I get closer.” She knows it will take some incredible effort and hard work to make it happen, but she is ready for the challenge.

“To improve my game, I’ve had a lot of hardships,” she said. “I had to change clubs to improve my game, and I play everyday either three or four hours a day



Hannah Essick is among the area’s top tennis players.

depending on the day. I also will do some off-court training to improve on my game.”

“The thing I work on the most to improve my game is my topspin,” she added. “Before I switched clubs, I was not hitting with topspin but I realize it is a very important technique and I have been working really hard on it.”

“Also I have been working on my foot speed. I have never technically been the fastest so I am trying to improve this.”

One thing that Essick has enjoyed is a lot of success with the Trojans tennis team. Not only did she lead Troy to their second consecutive league championship last year, but she was listed with an overall record of 22-8 last season, putting her among the elite in the area.

“One of my highlights from playing with the Trojans was when I got named

the Athlete of the Year (in the GWOC North),” she said. “It was such an honor and I will never forget that moment when I found that out. My team is awesome and I have had the privilege of playing number one singles since my freshman year.”

“Every year my team and I have earned GWOC North champs which I am super proud of,” Essick added, who was also named first-team all-area.

The love of tennis goes way back for Essick, who started to play the sport when she was very young.

“I got started about 11 years ago when my dad took me to go play racket ball and I loved it,” Essick said. “He was impressed that I could actually hit the ball for my first time so he thought I should start playing tennis. At first I wasn’t the biggest fan of (the sport) but my dad told me I had to play until I won my first trophy and by then, I loved the sport.”

Now fast-forward to her senior year at Troy, where Essick looks forward to what lies ahead, not only this fall but down the road.

“My future goal is to play college tennis,” she said. “I am aiming for Division One or Two, and it is what I have been working on for many years now.”

Essick hopes to major in business.

Lee Aiming To Improve Game

By Jim Dabbelt

Ed. Note: The series continues in the Tribune as we feature returning athletes at Troy Christian all summer long.

Troy Christian junior Kathryn Lee leaves no doubt about her love for sports. The two-sport standout who shines on both the volleyball and basketball courts, summarizes her days with the Eagles in six simple words.

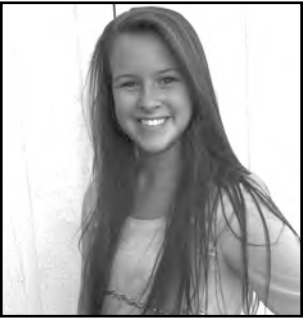
“Sports are my life at school,” she said when talking about her activities at Troy Christian. Lee and the Eagles finished in the middle of the conference in both sports last year, and she is focused this year on improvement in the standings for her team, along with her own play on the court.

“My favorite sport to play with no question is basketball,” she said. “One of my favorite highlights from last year was when we were playing Dayton Christian for the second time and we lost to them the first time. I wasn’t about to lose to them a second time. I am a very competitive person, so you can imagine that I hate losing.”

“I got fouled with five seconds left on the clock, and I got fouled and went to the line. I tied the game

up and we won the game in overtime. The reason it was such a major highlight was when of our best players Meredith Haddad went down with a knee injury and I knew I had to step up in her place.”

She knows that even with her success the first two years with the Eagles, there is a lot of room for



Kathryn Lee is working hard for another good year ahead.



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TROY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average of 3.75 or better the fourth nine week grading period and have been named to the Principal's List.

Freshmen:

Taylor Abdon, Josalyn Abrams, Fatima Al-Jarani, Rachel Anderson, Travis Bertram, Matthew Bigley, Tiyanna Boyd, Cole Brogan, Emily Burleson, John Carpenter, Katherine Castaneda, Kristina Christman, Anya Coleman, Zackary Collin, Lillian Cusick, Taylor Dankworth, Christopher Demeo, Mikayla Dixon, Natalie Dudte, April Dulceak, Mackenzie Evans, Novalee Farris, Megan Frederick, Haley Free, Nathaniel Garber, Lauren Garlow, Colleen Gilfoyle, Gabrielle Glander, Jessica Goodwin, Grace Hartman, Kalee Heitbrink, Allison Hemmelgarn, Brandon Hicks, Kayleigh Hill, Irene Hinojosa Porras, Alexa Holland, Jordan Horstman, Miranda Houshel, Logan Huth, Erika Innes, Samuel Iverson, BreeAnna Jackson, Abby Johnson, Riley Johnson, Garrett Jones, Daniel Katwyk, Austin Kendall, Skylar Kline, Spencer Klopfenstein, Olivia Love, Megan Malott, Kaitlyn McClure, Lydia McGillivray, Cassidy McMullen, Benjamin Merritt, Ciena Miller, Cailou Monroe, MacKenzie Morgan, Blake Morgan, Lily Morris, Laura Murray, Kaleb Nelson, Zachary Niswonger, Mitchell Orozco, Caitlin Palivec, Kasheen Perdue, Seth Plantz, Caroline Rhea, Payton Riley, Katie Robinson, Josephine Rohlf,

Chalea Ross, Davis Ruzicka, Macie Sadler, Molly Sanders, Sabrina Schaefer, Luke Severt, Samuel Shaneyfelt, Joseph Sheehan, Emily Shurtz, Camryn Spencer, Matthew Spencer, Mark Summers, Reina Tanaka, Hailey Taylor, Brandon Thompson, Isabella Tsurkan, Olivia Tyre, Bailey Webb, Jessie Welker, Ethan West, Megan Wheeler, Blake Whitford, Abigail Zielsdorf.

Sophomores:

Nana Adachi, Laura Barth, Emily Becker, Adam Bilitzke, Julia Black, Joel Blount, James Boezi, Krishna Brucia, Terrence Byers, Bridget Carpenter, Meredith Covault, Joseph Dutton, Adam Falknor, Andrew Flamm, Elizabeth Freshour, Jacqueline Fulker, Zoey Geuder, Austin Glover, Mikaela Griffith, Lanie Hagen, Megan Hartley, Melanie Harvey, Maddison Heffner, Tristin Heiligenberg, Kaylee Hermann, Alyse Holter, Abigail Innes, Braden Jamora, Jacob Jergens, Emma Kazmaier, Mayu Kinoshita, Aislinn Klosterman, Xander Magill, Danielle McDonagh, Camryn Moeller, Stephen Moore, Christine Moser, Megan Myers, Savannah Nelson, Olivia Newman, Joshua Niemi, Victoria Noon, Haylie Nulph, Anoop Patel, Elizabeth Pedler, Zachary Reichelderfer, Benjamin Ressel, Kearston Riley, Nicolas Rizkallah, Christopher Robbins, Madison Rougier, Elijah Sadler, Cassidy Scisson, Emma Shigley, Anthony Simon, Andrew Smith, Carly Smith, Jaclyn Smith, Miranda Smith, Charlotte Snee, Hallie Snyder, Cynthia Stanley, Megan Strader,

Jessica Sutherly, Jacob Sweeney, Destiny Tubbs, William Uhlenbrock, Ciera Ulrich, Chiharu Watanabe, John Wehrkamp, Shana Weidner, Hannah Widener, Lauren Zaylskie.

Juniors:

Jacob Anderson, Michala Andrade, Colleen Baker, Nathaniel Balok, Ashley Barr, Jessica Bigley, William Brumfield, Lauren Cardinal, Chaz Copas, Samantha Crotinger, Caitlyn Cusick, Zoyie Davidson, Ally Decker, Katie Demeo, Marshall Dunlap, Meghan Fiessinger, Macy Fuller, Jennica Funderburg, Monique Gagel, Anish Gollamudi, Collin Goltzene, Connor Goltzene, Kathryn Jackson, Sarah Jergens, Luke Johnson, Chloe Johnston, Rachel Kinder, Hannah Kirk, Erin Kirner, Nikita Krishnan, Holland Lively, Srividhya Madireddy, Logan Magtoto, Sunao Masunaga, Dylan Miller, Anastasia Minnich, Justin Mittelstadt, Katelyn Overla, Caroline Pratt, Madeline Ramsey, Austin Rank, Lydia Reedstrom, Cassandra Roache, Derrec Sandifer, Marc Scorida, Hannah Severt, Henry Shaneyfelt, Miranda Silcott, Zane Small, Abby Smith, Zion Taylor, Sean Terando, Allison Tyre, Nicholas Wehrley, Rylie Wheeler, Trey Wiley.

Seniors:

John Alexander, Hope Ash, Mindy Bach, Jared Bair, Brooke Beeler, Abigail Bertram, Leeann Black, Spencer Blackton, Brandon Blier, Jillian Blount, William Boezi, Jessica Brandenburg, Hallie Brubaker, Hena Brucia, Jessica Bryant, Claire Buerger, Courtney

Carmack, Holly Clagett, Carsen Clouser, Kayla Coate, Shannon Cothran, Rachel Culp, Jacob Curcio, Rachel Darrow, Scott Demeo, Bailey Dornbusch, Dominique Drake, Casie Duchak, Lisa Dziko, Zenta Enomoto, Katherine Fetter, Collin Fleischer, Clara Guerra, Brooke Harlow, Sarah Hartley, Savannah Harvey, Allison Helman, Carter Hench, Parker Hench, Melanie Henson, Natalie Henson, Angela Hess, Megan Hess, Tyler Hess, Jordan Hoffman, Haley Huelsman, Mariana Huerta, Madeline Innes, Abbey Jacobs, Austin Jacobs, Caleb Jergens, Stephen Jones, Zachary Kiss, Alexander Kohler, Phebe Kuo, Caleb Leibold, Shane Love, Kaylie Marshall, Troy Moore, Hannah Munday, Caleb Niemi, Kayla Niswonger, Katara Olden, Justin O'Neill, Megan Osman, Alexis Otstot, Jordan Peck, Abigail Pence, Hannah Priebe, McKenzie Pruitt, Saylor Reed, Alexander Riedel, Shelby Rodgers, Noah Roswell, Parker Savard, Zoey Scancarrello, Matthew Schmitt, Lukas Schroeder, Jared Sherrick, Lydia Shigley, Mitchell Silcott, Nicholas Simon, Drezanee Smith, Alisen Soutar, Hannah Stickel, Taylor Stookey, Lauren Swank, Megan Sweeney, Austin Ullery, Brandon Walker, Kelsey Walters, Hannah Weaver, John Yenney

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average between 3.5 and 3.74 the fourth nine week grading period and have been named to the Hon-

or Roll.

Freshmen:

Kiyha Adkins, Jennifer Alexander, Azalia Ali, Grace Avey, Alex Bridge, Marshall Brueckman, Matthew Brush, Blake Burton, Shelby Clark, Joshua Cobb, Erin Cothran, Savannah Crist, Kaelyn Daugherty, Katherine Dunne, Ethan Dyke, Grace Dynes, Zachariah Erwin, Delaney Fields, Aja Fiessinger, Preston Gambrell, Sarah Geer, Alekhya Gollamudi, Trevor Griffith, Michael Hahn, Ariel Hardin, Nathan Henderson, Sydney Hooker, Samuel Jackson, Cade Johnson, Gabrielle Johnson, Ladarria Jones, Matthew Klosterman, Sydney Langenkamp, Sierra Maiden, Nickolas Mittelstadt, Hayato Nakamura, Zachary Nave, Cayla O'Neill, Abigail Otten, Rhiannon Paglione, Katherine Pence, Madison Reed, Yakira Reynolds, Gavin Ruzicka, Jacob Saunders, Megan Sawchek, Holden Scribner, Julia Sentman, Kaitlyn Sherrick, Jordan Shetterly, Fateh Singh, Margaret Snurr, Nicole Usserman, Mikayla Vernon, Masada Warner, Dominic Wenrick, Jesse Westmeyer, Erika Wilson.

Sophomores:

Autumn Arrone, Tyler Batton, Sierra Brown, Emily Clawson, Rase Darrow, Kyle Falb, Morgan Gigandet, Latavya Grasty, Sydney Hafer, Dakota Hamman, Makayla Hammel, Hannah Hargrove, Lauren Heckman, Michael Hess, Meaghann Joseph, Austin Kloeker, Emily Lairmore, David Law, Bingliang Liu, Isaac Lovitt, Kendra Magnuson, Andrew Magoteaux,

Gabriel Martin, Haylea Mattan, Courtney Miller, Molly Miller, Tomoaki Nakayama, Ally Orban, Tyreek Parker, Dipsha Patel, Ryan Pour, Gabrielle Sanders, Joah Schricker, Olyvia Slebo, Alexis Smith, A'Leigha Smith, Deven Sturgeon, McKayla Travis, Anna Walker, Benjamin Walkup, Weaver Walton, Olivia Westfall, Jacob Wheeler, Joshua Witters, Dana Wynkoop.

Juniors:

Nicholas Alexander, Zachary Barnthouse, Troy Breisch, Emily Brinkman, Alexandria Bristow, Douglas Del Cid, Jenna Kaup, Brandon Lewis, Elizabeth Lines, Carlene McGuirk, Kirsten McMullen, Ricky McVety, Matthew Merritt, Rachel Morgan, Hayata Nagata, Connor Oaks, Thomas Palsgrove, Meredith Pruitt, Nicholas Prus, Carter Rehmert, Lauryn Rutan, Matthew Sanders, Taylor Schmitz, Amanda Setser, Peter Sheehan, Samantha Sowers, Megan Studebaker, Jenna Vent, Britney Whitlock, Jenna Zimmerman.

Seniors:

Christian Alexander, Kevin Anderson, Austin Barney, Dawn Bilpuch, Zachary Burleson, Morgan Cockerham, Spencer Covault, Rachel Davidson, Taylor Dever, Grace Dwyer, Alexander Dyke, Lauren Freed, Austin Funderburg, Brett Galey, Jonathan Gaul, Sara Goodwin, Whitnie Langenkamp, Bennett Leckrone, Amanda Major, Jessica May, Haelee Merritt, Michaela Miller, Nicholas Minesinger, Minori Nakada, Johan Trotter, Whitney Webb, Logan Westfall, Bailey Williams.

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Diamondbacks Knock Off Cubs 6-3

By Jim Dabbelt

It didn't take long for the visiting Dayton Diamondbacks to get control of their Dayton Amateur Baseball League against the Miami County Cubs.

After scoring three runs in the opening inning, the Diamondbacks added another two runs in the second to gain control of the game, and defeated the Cubs 6-3 at Market Street Field on a hot

Sunday afternoon.

The Diamondbacks started quick against Cubs starter Scott Jones. Devin Bowles led off the game by reaching on an error, and Steve Bertles reached on a single to immediately put the pressure on the Cubs. One out later, Mike McCutcheon scored the games' first run by singling in Bowles to give the DBacks a 1-0 lead. A wild pitch allowed Bertles to score, and Jason Berger dou-

bled in a third run in the inning, and when the dust had settled the Diamondbacks, based out of New Carlisle, led 3-0.

A threat from the Cubs in their first at-bat was stopped after Jones singled and Kris Brown walked putting two runners on with two outs. Ryan Earley stranded both runners for the Cubs.

In the second, the Diamondbacks struck again. A one-out double from Bowles

followed by a walk to Bertles put another threat in the works for the DBacks. Lonnie Robinson singled in Bowles for the fourth run of the game, then McCutcheon drove in another run with a single to push the lead to 5-0. A hits batsman to Bergman loaded the bases as the DBacks looked to blow the game open early. Earley then flew out to end the threat, but the Diamondbacks led 5-0 after two at bats.

Another threat by the Cubs went for nothing in the third, as did the Diamondbacks in their half of the third, as both teams left two runners on.

In the fourth, the Diamondbacks saw McCutcheon walk with two outs, and Berger was hit by a pitch but they could not score them.

It wasn't until the fifth when the Cubs broke through. Kris Stutz doubled to lead off the inning, fol-

lowed by singles from Jeremy Hayslip and Jason Parlett. Brandon Artz added a later single knocking in the second run of the inning, and the Cubs trailed 5-2.

The Diamondbacks scored in the top of the seventh on a solo homerun by Earley, while in the bottom of the inning, the Cubs rounded out the scoring when Hayslip grounded out to drive in the games' final run.

Trick or Treat Night Set

Trick or Treat for the City of Troy, Ohio, will be Monday, October 31, 2016, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to Perform

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will present the annual concert on the Troy Public Square (Prouty Plaza) on Thursday, June 30, 2016, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

For the set-up, the Northwest quadrant of the Public Square will be closed to parking on June 30. To facilitate the concert, the Troy Public Square will be closed (S. Market Street at Franklin Street, N. Market Street at Staunton Road, W. Main Street at Cherry Street, and E. Main Street at Walnut Street) from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 30.

Historic Adams Street Bridge Light Poles To Sell on eBay

The City of Troy is offering for sale individually three light poles/globes and one light pole without a globe, all of which were removed from the historic Adams Street Bridge. The poles are made of cast iron. Each weighs ap-

proximately 200 lb and is 10.5' high, including the globe. The items may have some damage; bidders are encouraged to view the items. The poles/globes and pole will not be shipped, loaded, or transported by the City of Troy.

The auction will close at 12 o'clock noon, July 6, 2016. Successful bidders must remove the poles between the dates of July 13 - July 15, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM EST.

Persons interested in

viewing the poles must make arrangements to do so by calling 937-339-1410 (City of Troy Wastewater Plant, 1400 Dye Mill Road, Troy, OH). Poles may only be viewed between the hours of 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM EST, Monday-Fri-

day.

Interested parties may access eBay after 12 o'clock noon on June 26, 2016 to submit a bid, for photos of the light poles being sold, and to find information related to payment.

Pink Ribbon Girls Organizing Fundraiser

Pink Ribbon Girls, a local organization, has a mission to balance the fear and uncertainty that breast and other women's reproductive cancers bring to individuals and families by providing direct services, education, and support.

Through the Simply Fight! and NO Age NO Stage programs, Pink Ribbon Girls provides the following FREE direct services to patients and their families undergoing breast and other women's reproductive cancer treatment in

the greater Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Services include meals, housekeeping, transportation, and peer support.

Troy Country Club and the Ladies Golf Association is hosting its 2nd annual Play FORE Pink fund-

raiser for this important cause. At 9:00 am on Saturday, July 23, there will be a golf event to benefit Pink Ribbon Girls and is open to the public, and women of all skill levels. Entry fee is \$75 per player and we are happy to pair you with

players or you can bring your own foursome. If you can't participate in the event, you can visit pink-ribbongirls.org to donate and show your support.

Contact the Troy Country Club at 937-335-1328 to sign up.

Veterans Museum Invites You to the Parade

The annual 4th of July parade is scheduled for Monday, July 4th, 2016, rain or shine, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade will stage at Hobart Arena in Troy before heading east on Staunton Rd., south on Market St., and then west on Main St. until its end at Monroe St. (Troy Public Library). Mr. Michael DeHart was selected as the official Grand Marshal of the

parade this year.

Michael "Mick" DeHart is a resident of Troy, Ohio and is married to Carol DeHart. DeHart served in the 1st Cavalary Division during Vietnam and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant before leaving service. During his tour of duty, DeHart was awarded a Purple Heart, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and an Air Medal as a

testament to his courage and duty to our nation. DeHart was recently nominated and accepted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and is also in the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

Due to the construction on the Market St. bridge, spectators will not be permitted on the bridge this year, but there will be plenty of room downtown.

Parade sponsors include Wes Jones, Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Excellence in Dentistry, Mike Smith, Judy Deeter, Baird Funeral Home, Meijer, and Briton Durand.

For more information about the Miami Valley Veterans Museum or current information on upcoming speakers and events, please visit our website at www.miamivalleyveteransmuseum.com.

The Miami Valley Veterans Museum was established in 2009 as a way to honor, preserve, and perpetuate the contribution that American veterans made while in service. We are open Wednesday and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm and host a monthly breakfast meeting the first Wednesday of each month that includes guest speakers.

What To Do in Troy

Beginning Archery (multi day class)
June 29 & 30,
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Stillwater
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The Miami County Park District will host its Beginning Archery multi-day class on June 29 and 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, 9750 St. Rt. 185 north of Covington. This series of classes will focus on teaching safety and technique. Equipment is provided. Minimum age is eight years old. There is a class minimum of five and class maximum of 12. Class fee is \$20 per person. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Bookmobile in the Park "Sports Olympics"

June 29,
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Garbry Big
Woods Reserve

The Miami County Park District will host the Troy-Miami County Bookmobile "Sports Olympics" from 2 to 3 p.m. on June 29 at Garbry Big Woods Reserve, 6660 Casstown-Sidney Rd. east of Piqua. In addition to story time with the Bookmobile, enjoy an activity with a park district naturalist. Check out books for summer reading with a valid library card. All ages are welcome. Register for the program by sending an email to register@miamicountyparks.com, going to the program calendar at www.MiamiCountyParks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Cincinnati Pops Orchestra in Downtown Troy June 30,

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Downtown Troy Farmers Market
July 2,
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er to the start of the 2016 Downtown Troy Farmers Market. Troy Main Street, Inc. is pleased to announce the return of its successful summer market for a sixth season and excited to reveal extended market dates and hours. The market will begin on Saturday, June 11th and will run through October 8th, 2016 on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 1 PM.

The market features fresh local produce, bread, artisan cheeses, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, locally raised meat, artists' booths, live music, other entertainment, and much more. The location on S. Cherry St, just off W. Main Street, is convenient for shoppers with adjacent parking.

For more information on the market visit www.TroyMainStreet.org or call 937-339-5455.

Toastmasters to Meet

The Miami County Toastmasters meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays 7pm-8pm, Troy Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main St., Troy, OH. Visitors are always welcome - there is no charge. Those interested in improving communication and leadership skills are welcome to attend. We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and per-

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improvement and she is ready for the challenge.

"I really want to improve and sharpen my shot," she said. "I have been working on developing my range and improving my three-point shot. From just putting in the work I have so far this summer, I have seen great improvements. I also want to work on being more aggressive and attacking the basket more this summer. If I put in the work, I will see all of it show up during the season."

In volleyball, Lee also will be working on her game to prepare for a competitive junior season.

"I want to improve my hitting and passing," she said. "Last year I finished the season with the most kills on my team, but I know I can do better this season. Passing has been one of the fundamentals of volleyball that I have struggled with the most, and I have been working especially hard in open gyms to perfect my passing."

Her work continues during the summer, as she has been putting in the time in both sports to improve.

"I had the privilege to attend a basketball camp at Brewton Parker College, and I stayed around to scrimmage some of the college players," she said. "I think at times people underestimate how fast paced college basketball is. I have also been lifting weights to build up my strength."

She credits her family for having a major influence on her decision to play basketball, claiming it also helped her develop leadership skills such as patience, humility and mental toughness. Lee also stated her volleyball coach Mary Jo Weisenbarger for pushing her to become a better person and athlete.

"I want to play at the collegiate level, whether it be for volleyball or basketball," Lee said. "If I had to choose between the two, I would without question play basketball. I will continue to work on my game because playing in college is one of my dreams."

Lee earned all-area honorable mention in volleyball, and second-team all-conference in basketball. She wants to get into the medical field and is undecided exactly what she wants to major in.

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19th Century Republican Convention Delegate Still Remembered

By Judy Deeter,
Troy Historical Society

Down through the history of the United States, many political party conventions have been held to select a candidate to run for the office of President of the United States. Thousands of men and women from across America have participated in the nomination process. In Troy, one 19th century convention delegate is still remembered: George Burgess.

Burgess was a delegate to the Republican Party convention in 1860. There he had helped to nominate Illinois lawyer Abraham Lincoln as a candidate for President of the United States. Doing so was a highlight of his life.

Burgess was not a native Trojan. He was born in Springfield, Vermont on April 4, 1817. He came to Ohio when he was about 17 to attend college in Marrietta. Just before his graduation, however, he became ill with measles and did not finish. In the spring of 1838—probably just after his recovery from measles—he came to Troy. Shortly thereafter, he began teaching boys in a private school in the basement of the old Episcopal Church. (The public school district did not exist at the time.) Some sources say that he began teaching in 1838; others 1839. Records do say that in 1839 he taught



Old Court House, built in 1840. Photo provided by Troy Historical Society

the first Troy school classes in algebra, geometry and Latin and that several of his students later became prominent Troy residents.

Burgess is believed to have taught for two years. About 1840 he began studying law in the office of a Judge Hart. He was admitted to the bar in 1840 and established a practice in Troy. Burgess was one of three attorneys who drew up the constitution for Troy's first bank in 1847: The Miami County Branch Bank of the State of Ohio.

Not much is known about Burgess' private life. He was first married to Hannah Hunt Temple. She died sometime during 1860-1861 (sources vary). His second wife was a Sidney school teacher named Mattie Crowell. He mar-

ried Miss Crowell in 1865. Some sources say that he was the father of several children, but they are not named in either in his obituary or local history books.

His political life may have started in 1848 when he became the Miami County Recorder. He served for three years. In 1851, he became the Mayor of Troy. He served again in 1852 and 1866. In 1856, he gave a speech at a Republican campaign gathering near Pleasant Hill to support candidate John C. Fremont for President of the United States. This was in the early days of the Republican Party.

In September 1859, Burgess heard Abraham Lincoln speak in Dayton at the Montgomery County Courthouse. A few

months later, he was selected by the Miami County Republican Party to be its representative at the 1860 convention in Chicago.

The 1860 convention was held during May 16th to 18th at what is said to have been a temporary, wood framed building named the "Wigwam." Though temporary, it was large enough to hold a crowd of 10,000 people. Burgess' obituary says, "... it was always a matter of pride that he contributed as much as any other man, if not more, to the nomination of Abraham Lincoln (for President of the United States)". (Miami Union newspaper, December 15, 1877. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Burgess spoke at a memorial service for the President at the Presbyterian Church in



Troy City Building with upper stories. Photo provided by Troy Historical Society

Troy.

Burgess was apparently a very good looking man. A caption under the photograph of his home in the book HISTORIC TROY OHIO by the Troy Historical Society says, "He was said to have been the most handsome man at the Republican Convention in 1860...." Another story mentions that he was "suave." Historian Thomas Wheeler in his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY says that Burgess was a tall, handsome, and distinguished-looking man. Ironically, local historians have only found one photograph that is said to be Burgess. The photograph shows a man in his later years of life. Historians have not been able to



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Troy Rotary Installs New Officers

As the 2016-17 Rotary year begins, the Troy club has installed new officers to lead the local organization and its community programs. All positions become effective on July 1st. Richard Bender,



Bender

executive director of United Way of Troy, has been named president following a year in the role of president-elect. As president, he will continue to help Troy Rotary expand its engagement with the community and the programs the club offers. Attorney J. Andrew Wannemacher, Court Administrator for the Miami County Juvenile/Probate Court in Troy, has been appointed as president-elect and will work closely with Bender to learn all the responsibilities of the president's role before stepping into that position for the 2017-18 Rotary year.

Rachelle Miller, executive director of Troy Miami County Library since 2008, will continue in her role as club secretary. As leader of the library, Miller handles day-to-day business and programs at the Troy library, Local History Library, Oakes-Beitman Library in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, as well as bookmobile

services. Howard Cheney, owner of Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home in Troy, will start his 29th year as the club's sergeant-at-arms. A dedicated Rotarian for more than four decades, Cheney is responsible

for greeting all members at weekly meetings and tracking their attendance, having maintained a perfect attendance record himself for the past 38 years.

Thomas Giere, co-owner of Nolan, Giere & Company, will continue in the capacity of treasurer for Troy Rotary. He has held this important position since 1996 and does an outstanding job of working with club members and the Troy Rotary Foundation to provide thousands of dollars of financial support for club programs and scholarships that benefit the community. Andrew H. Johnston will step into the role as past president following his 15-month presidential term. Johnston will lend his leadership, knowledge and know-how to support the newly installed officers. The club appreciates his dedication and commitment to the

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Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Meijer project under way

Meijer Inc. is in the midst of a more than \$6 million remodeling and addition project at its store and gas station in the 1900 block of West Main Street in Troy.

Permits filed with the Miami County Building Department show the work by Pepper Construction includes a \$6 million remodel and addition of the main store. Another \$100,000 remodel-

ing also is in the plan for the Meijer gas station at the front of the Meijer property.

Commission recommends zoning

The Troy Planning Commission agreed June 22 to recommend city council rezone 2.69-acres off East Race Drive property proposed for sale to a business for an expansion project.

The sale of the property by Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties is contingent on the rezoning from sin-

gle-family residential to M-2 light industrial use, said Tim Davis of the city staff. The land is located near Jeep Street and would be sold to Spectracam for a parking lot and storage area, the commission was told. The company is a pattern, model and mold shop.

Habitat for Humanity considered the property for a project but has determined the project is not feasible. The council would hold a public hearing on the proposal during its review of the pro-

posal.

Councilman explains vote

Troy City Councilman Tom Kendall said he voted "no" at the June 20 council meeting on placing the proposed 2.01-mill recreation levy on the ballot because he had not seen a plan for how other funding needed would be raised.

Kendall was the lone dissenting vote in the 8-1 decision.

"I looked at it from the business side,"

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Rotarians Hear Update on UVMC Expansion

More beds, specialty rooms, psychiatric suites, trauma bays and new treatment areas are all in the plans for the estimated \$14 million expansion of the Emergency Room (ER) department at Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC), 3130 North County Road 25A in Troy. Troy Rotarians heard a comprehensive update on the plans from Lisa Weaver during the club's weekly meeting on June 21st.

The ER department will grow from 26,000 square feet to 40,000 once all the changes are finished. In addition to the extra beds and treatment areas, there will be a second MRI and other

equipment added to the facility. The patient rooms will be larger and have identical functionality. These new rooms, in addition to substantial upgrades in technology and connectivity will aid the staff in providing consistent care to patients. The expansion is due to be completed by the end of 2016.

The hospital is projecting caring for over 55,000 clients this year. This represents a 12 percent increase in emergency room visits. The growth is attributed to several factors including changes in health care laws, a lack of family medical professionals and a shift in the overall demographics in the area. UVMC's ER depart-

ment is leading the quality care guideline benchmarks for all of Premier's network of hospitals. This means UVMC is performing better than all others in the Premier network when measured against federal standards. UVMC's quality of care continues to improve as Premier invests in new technology, staff and infrastructure. To learn more, please visit their Web site at www.uvmc.com.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the Dolly

Parton Imagination Library, Rotary's annual Shoe Project and support for summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and WACO Air Museum. Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at 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. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

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The Troy Foundation Awards \$184,623 in Grants

At their June meeting the Distribution Committee of The Troy Foundation reviewed thirty grant applications. The grants were awarded through the General Fund and the Clyde and Kathryn Marr Fund of The Troy Foundation. In the end, The Troy Foundation is pleased to announce twenty-five organizations were chosen to receive \$184,623 as follows:

- **Cove Springs Church** - \$831 - Organ Repairs
- **Reading for Change** - \$944 - Projector and Connectors
- **Miamibucs Chapter of National AMBUCS** - \$1,500 - Amtryke Trykes
- **Miami East Junior High School** - \$1,500 - Muse Machine
- **Miami Montessori School** - \$1,603 - Camp Joy Outdoor Education Program
- **Troy Skating Club** - \$1,711 - Medals and Awards for Summer Competition
- **St. Patrick Catholic School** - \$1,951 - Tech Savvy Kinders Project
- **Overfield Tavern Museum** - \$2,000 - Progressive Publicity for our Local History Phase V
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society** - \$2,000 - Help for the Less Fortunate
- **Troy Christian Schools** - \$2,000 - Young Learners STEM Education
- **Troy Civic Theatre** - \$3,600 - State Replacement and Reinforcement
- **Ludlow Falls Volunteer Fire Department** - \$4,000 - Pages and Com-

munications Upgrade

- **Mayor's Troy International Council** - \$4,000 - Festival of Nations
- **Troy City Schools, Van Cleve** - \$4,200 - Muse Machine
- **Troy City Schools, Van Cleve** - \$4,400 - Kids to College Program
- **St. Patrick Catholic School** - \$4,309 - Furniture for the Center for Early Learning
- **Richard's Chapel United Methodist Church** - \$5,000 - Lunch Program
- **Lehman Catholic High School** - \$6,270 - STEM+MM Innovative Initiative for 21st Century
- **Troy City Schools, Kyle** - \$8,000 - Ohio Reads
- **Troy Junior Football** - \$10,000 - New Scoreboard and Equipment
- **Habitat for Humanity** - \$15,000 - Relocation of the RE-Store
- **Miami County Continuum of Care** - \$17,000 - Rides to Work
- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance** - \$24,135 - Music Discoveries
- **Troy City Schools, High School** - \$28,862 - Refurbish High School Auditorium Piano
- **Troy-Hayner Cultural Center** - \$32,115 - Repairs and Renovations

For more information about the foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit www.thetroyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Aug.15th by 4pm for review at the September meeting.

Renowned sports columnist, Archdeacon, speaks in Troy

Talking to a packed room at the La Piazza restaurant in downtown Troy, award-winning sports columnist Tom Archdeacon had the Troy Noon Optimist Club laughing and crying during his post-luncheon comments on Monday, June 27.

He regaled the Troy audience with stories from his days as a columnist from first the Miami (Fla.) News and for the past 31 years at the Dayton Daily News.

Throughout his career, which goes back more than 40 years, Archdeacon has rubbed elbows with the elite in sports, including Muhammed Ali, legendary coach Don Shula, Olympians, football, baseball and basketball stars. Many have been celebrities of events such as the Kentucky Derby, Indianapolis 500 and more. But in covering the many events for his newspa-



Tom Archdeacon speaking at the Optimist Club meeting.

pers, Archdeacon has made a living by finding the story behind the story which has often come from people at those events who were not in the spotlight.

Because Archdeacon has been such a popular columnist and a person who could find compelling human interest stories, his newspapers have sent him to cover world events such as 9-11 at Ground Zero, the fall of

communism in Russia and events as they unfolded in Cuba. At his side in Cuba and at many events such as the riots in Miami, was photographer Bill Reinke, a Troy resident and former photojournalist at the Miami News and Dayton Daily News. He was also at Monday's meeting.

To Archdeacon, the reason his job has been so rewarding is the diversity of

subjects and people he has met.

"What I have always loved about my job is it's like opening a present on Christmas morning," he said. "You anticipate what's inside each package, but when you open it you find out what makes it tick ... the surprises. Writing stories works the same way."

Prior to Archdeacon's comments, Optimist Club members were reminded they will be putting out American flags for the Fourth of July weekend. At five different holidays, the Optimists place flags at Troy residences and businesses. The money earned helps fund scholarships and other programs benefitting the young people of Troy.

The number of flags put out for this holiday weekend is up to more than 650. To subscribe, call Al Kappers at (937) 339-0511.

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confirm that the man in the photograph is Burgess.

George Burgess was involved in many important 19th century events in Troy. When the Troy Baseball League was organized in September of 1866, he was its first president. (At the beginning of the league, most of the players were over the age of 50 and none knew how to play the game.) When the Troy City Building (then the City Building and Opera House) was dedicated on March 12, 1877, Mayor M.B. Earnhart presented the building to the people of Troy. Burgess accepted the building on behalf of the citizens of Troy. On the 4th of July in 1877, a spectacular celebration was held in

downtown Troy. Burgess is reported to have given a long speech as part of the festivities. (It is noted in Thomas Wheeler's book that Burgess had once been a member of the local military organization Lafayette Blues.)

Old stories say that Burgess always wanted to be a judge. In 1877, he became a judge of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. He was first appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Robert C. Fulton. Then he was elected as Judge. His obituary says, "...it was the Judgeship that he coveted as his crowing ambition in life. Conscious of his ability to fill the position he frankly asked for it at the hands of his fellow-cit-

izens. Further than this he would not go." Unfortunately, he died within in months becoming a judge. Upon his death, the Miami Union newspaper (December 1, 1877) reported, "He had always been a robust man. He was a man of ability and culture. A year ago he attained to a position, for which he was well fitted and which he had long desired..."

Trojans greatly mourned over Burgess' death. Local writer Thomas Harbaugh wrote a poem honoring him titled "The Dead Judge." It was published in the Miami Union newspaper on December 8, 1877. One verse reads:

"The honored chair which he with honor fill'd
So vacant now, a lonely

shadow throws;
The measured voice so often heard, is still'd—
The busy brain hath found repose!"

Though nearly 140 years have now passed since Burgess died, nevertheless, he is still remembered as the Trojan who helped Abraham Lincoln become President of the United States and the most handsome man at the 1860 Republican convention.

For further information about George Burgess, contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com. Information is also available at the Troy-Miami County Public Library Local History Library, 100 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373.

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Kendall said. "So far I haven't seen the plan of how they are going to do this ... to make it happen."

Kendall said he realizes projects are needed but thinks other options should be explored before turning to voters for money.

If approved by voters, the bond issue would generate \$1 million a year for 10 years for a more than \$14 million project. Proposed projects include baseball and soccer fields, improvements at the Senior Citizens Center and addition of

a driving range and update of the clubhouse at Miami Shores Golf Course.

Woman pleads not guilty in crash

A Troy woman pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of vehicular homicide in the February death of a Troy woman following a car-motorcycle crash on West Main Street.

Kathleen Barth, 62, was indicted by a Miami County grand jury in the Feb. 29 crash in which Kristen Stoeckmann, 45, was injured. She later died.

Stoeckmann was a

passenger on a motorcycle driven by Brian Happeard, 48, of Troy when the motorcycle hit Barth's car as she pulled from a business driveway along West Main Street and into the path of the motorcycle. Stoeckman and Happeard were thrown from the motorcycle. Barth told investigators she did not see the motorcycle before pulling from the driveway in the 2300 block of West Main Street, according to police reports.

A pretrial hearing for Barth was scheduled for Aug. 10.

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Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
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Work and a Full Moon

Everybody has heard of the connection with the full moon and crazy activity. I never put much stock into it on the streets since I was mostly dealing with a limited number of people during the phase. Now working in the jail with as many as 140 or so inmates, my mind might be conducive to changing my belief on the matter.

Sure the moon is strong enough to affect our sea levels, thus the high and low tides. A bright full moon was always an excellent source of light on the night shift. But is the full moon strong enough to change our brain functions?

While working the road I do remember relating a domestic violence, a stabbing and a shooting to having taken place during a full moon. Each of those were single incidents and I never gave them much thought.

Recently during a full moon however I had three of 70 inmates acting weird. One who is prone to seizures was in a holding cell and for 5 hours continued nonstop to howl like a wolf, make sounds like a chicken and other farm animals and some sounds I could not discern.

The inmate's sister called and enquired how she was doing since she had a seizure at home earlier that day. I explained the animal calls and the sister said, "Oh that is normal after she has had a seizure. She will tire and eventually go to sleep." Indeed the inmate tired and went into a blissful night of sleep.

The inmate howling got one of our other problem inmates all worked up and he howled as well. Eventually the inmate began kicking and beating on his cell block and had to be restrained to prevent him from hurting himself. The steel doors do not give and an inmate can break bones on them.

The third inmate went off after all the howling and began trashing his cell block, doing enough damage to justify a felony charge of damaging government property. He also had to be restrained.

At the other jail they also had an inmate go off and damage his holding cell. That totals four inmates going bonkers during a full moon. To relate this abnormal activity to the moon is still a bit of a stretch in my mind. After all the clientele here are often here for being off the wall. Now please excuse me while I go shave the hair on my knuckles, they seem to have grown six inches since the moon came up.

Columns & Opinion

Gardening Tips from Meadow View

Container Plants

Should Gardeners Be TThis is the time of year when gardeners with container gardens or hanging baskets become frustrated because their spring investment is starting to look pretty shaggy. If we stop and think about it, these plants in containers are living and developing much like any other living thing. Take for instance your lawn, that is living also and if we don't mow it for 10 days it looks pretty shaggy. The same thing is true for the plants we have growing in baskets or containers. They need attention to keep them looking good...like watering regularly and a steady diet. Some trimming when they start to



Before trimming.



After a trim and some growth.

look straggly, which usually occurs about 4-6 weeks after we have them home. Selected trimming about every 3 weeks will keep them full of

blooms when they have food available from weekly fertilizing or a slow release fertilizer that we apply one time for the season.

If you are like many gardeners right about now, your container gardens and baskets are starting to look pretty sad. I know of gardeners that are having this problem so I am sure some of you are experiencing a similar situation. The question that is asked most frequently is, "How often should I water my hanging basket or container garden?" My response is always "when it dries out". This is like asking "what kind of coat should I wear today", response: "wear the one that will keep you warm" and that will depend on how cold it is outside. Stop and think about it... plant water needs are seldom the same every day because this depends

on several things- temperature, wind, stage and rate of growth. As plants mature in containers and their rate of growth slows down, because they are flowering heavily instead of growing rapidly, they are also becoming "root bound" (the container is full of roots) and they will likely require watering more frequently when it is warmer. If the temperatures become cooler they will not dry out as fast and over-watering can occur causing serious damage to the roots and ultimately this will show up in the tops of the plants with light green and brown leaves. Symptoms of root damage is defoliation because the roots are drowning in too much water or are dried out severely. Let the soil dry out some between waterings and if the plants wilt some that is ok, as long as it isn't a severe

wilt. Fertilizer will not help when the roots are damaged, so keep the soil moist but not saturated and feed regularly (weekly). Imagine if you were drowning and someone offered you a good Philly steak sandwich, you don't need the sandwich right then, what you need is air, this is true of your plants as well. When you keep them growing then they can use the feed.

So the take away is: keep your plants growing by 1) keeping the soil moderately moist, not soaking wet or too dry. 2) Keep them fed so they keep growing and producing flowers and one easy way to do that is with a slow release fertilizer that feeds for the entire growing season with one application.

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At Home

By Connie Moore

Preserving the Garden

Gardeners for the most part are preservers. The idea of raising a garden begins as a way to eat fresh produce during warm spring, summer and autumn months. But then, there is winter.

As we sat or kneeled over the garden bed, seeds were planted, pint-size tomato and pepper plants dug in and hugged with a hearty helping of soil. Thoughts of those fresh vegetables to come ran through our minds. Just short term gratification. Sliced tomatoes, salads of multicolored greens. Red beets covered in a thick sweet-sour sauce. Peas in butter. Green beans with bacon. Oh, we planned all the right ways to cook and eat the bounty.

About halfway from seed to gathering though, we felt a little urge come upon us to do more. If we eat to our fill, we should fill the freezer with the rest. It will taste even that much better when all thoughts of garden soil and butterflies and bees and green are covered up with white snow and black ice.

So, we go in search of canning jars, lids and rings, freezer bags and boxes. We scrutinize freezer space and move contents of two or

three cupboards in search of space for jars of things to come. We search over bookshelves looking for the reliable Ball Blue Book Guide to canning and freezing. Then in the middle of all that, more seeds and tiny plants go into whatever spaces we find outside. Yes, it seems gardeners can get carried away with preserving the garden.

Working in a garden though is something to be enjoyed and relished as we see just how things shape up. A stand of orange carrots yielded two white, one yellow and one purple carrot. Tucked away in the freezer, these oddities will spark conversation on a winter's eve for sure. Beet tops are just wonderful as salad or wilted as spinach might be. Garlic takes two years to grow and does not freeze even in Ohio winters. Cutworms can be stopped from eating through tomatoes with an inverted McDonald's coffee cup. Sugar snap peas can be cut for a bouquet and will keep producing pea pods for weeks indoors.

Sprouting collards look nothing at all like their mature photos. They're one of the new items we're trying. Oh, that's another thing about gardeners. They seem to love to try new veggies or perhaps heirloom varieties. Heirlooms can be a whole story unto themselves.

While researching seeds in general we came across one of the most interesting books about heirloom seeds. Written by Bill Best: Saving Seeds, Preserving Taste can be borrowed from local libraries. It highlights heirloom seeds and the growing heritage of Appalachia. The Sustainable Mountain Agriculture Center in Berea, KY can be googled as well as ohio swallow.com (Ohio University Press) in Athens, Ohio for more information about the author and book. There many wonderful small personal stories from seed savers from generations past.

One of the best catalogs for seed lovers is the Seed Savers Exchange. They too, include history of the seeds they sell and exchange. Their stock is said to be heirloom, untreated, non-hybrid and non-gmo seeds. Go to their website for more info and ordering a catalog. www.seedsavers.org.

And finally, there is the preserving of seeds for next year. An argument could be made for why bother. Next year, stores will carry large racks of seeds, all sorted and named and ready to go. Ah, but will they produce the tender, flavorful vegetables and greens you remember from last year? Saving seeds from those plants will not only give you a better chance of getting the same quality, it also saves money and time. For, that is another thing about gardeners. They like to start early. Pots of soil, little tags to indicate what is where fill tables and

FRESH CARROT SALAD
~~~~~  
1 cup grated fresh carrots  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 cup chopped pecans  
½ cup drained pineapple tidbits  
Mayonnaise  
~~~~~  
In bowl, combine carrots, celery and pecan. Stir well. Add in pineapple and enough mayonnaise to coat. Hint: more carrots can be used and less celery can be used. Find your favorite balance. Just remember the total measurement is two cups.

BUTTERED FRESH CARROTS
~~~~~  
Small fresh carrots  
3-4 tablespoons butter  
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Gather very small carrots, from one inch to three. Wash thoroughly and slice off green top and any thread-size roots. Place in skillet with butter and cook over low until tender crisp, turning and stirring often.

SWEET & SOUR SAUCE FOR CARROTS
~~~~~  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1 cup hot water  
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In saucepan, melt and brown butter, blend in cornstarch and cook stirring constantly over low heat. Add salt. Combine sugar, vinegar and water and blend into cornstarch mixture. Cooking over low heat, stir until thickened. For sweeter sauce add another teaspoon of sugar. To use-pour hot sauce over 4 cups of hot cooked carrots. Stir to coat well. Serve hot. Some cooks serve these carrots much like sweet & sour beets.

slice off top green and any thread-size roots. Blanch whole carrots five minutes in boiling water. Remove to cold water and drain. Cool. Pack in freezer type bags or containers. Can be frozen for up to 12 months. To use, either thaw first or add frozen to cooking liquid and add extra time to cook thoroughly.

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Box 61, Medway, OH 45341. For sugar snap peas growing in water photos, go to Grit Blog Landing-At Home in Ohio.

Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Owning a Small Business Carries Big Responsibilities

Owning a small business can provide a great sense of accomplishment, pride and freedom. It also carries big responsibilities – and risk – for business owners and their families.

Given the day-to-day demands of running a small business, it can be easy for owners to overlook the importance of protecting the true engine of their business: themselves and their employees. No amount of marketing prowess, entrepreneurial spirit, or “elbow grease” can make up for an untimely disability, the loss of a key employee or a lack of business continuation planning.

Using appropriate financial strategies to protect one's small business can help owners strengthen their bottom line and, just perhaps, sleep a little better at night. After all, business owners have a vested interest in protecting their vital investment. Here are some options from Thrivent Financial to keep in mind.

Business overhead expense insurance. This insurance helps business owners meet monthly business overhead expenses in the event they are disabled for a period of time. While that possibility may seem remote, statistics paint a different picture. According to the Life and Health Insurance for Edu-

cation, nearly one in three women can expect to suffer a disability that keeps them out of work for 90 days or longer at some point during their working years. For men, the odds are about one in four. And, one worker in seven can expect to be disabled for five or more years before retirement.

Business overhead expense insurance coverage can help keep a business open by paying approved expenses a business owner may incur while he or she is unable to work. This can help preserve client relationships, protect owners from depleting business assets to pay for overhead expenses—such as rents and employee salaries—to help the owner maintain a healthy credit record, and give owners time to recover or make alternative arrangements without the burden of financial worries.

Key employee solutions. Small business owners are

constantly faced with the challenge of recruiting and keeping good employees. This is especially true of small businesses where perhaps one or two employees have the knowledge and skills that would be extremely difficult for the business to replace.

Financial tools exist to help protect businesses in this situation, offering tax savings for owners and rewarding employees who make the business what it is. These solutions include:

- Key person life insurance, which protects businesses from the potential financial impact of a key person's death.
- Deferred compensation or salary continuation, which provides a valuable benefit to a key employee without increasing that person's current income taxes and offers an incentive to stay with the small business.

A split dollar plan, which

allows the owner and his or her employee to work as a team to obtain the employee's life insurance coverage with the cash value from the insurance growing on a tax-deferred basis that can be later used by either the business or the employee.

- Major medical insurance and disability income insurance, which offer important protection for employees in the case of illness or disability.

Business continuation and valuation. Having the right insurance in place can help small business owners transition their business to the next generation of ownership. For example, a buy-sell agreement identifies a buyer or potential buyer of a business and the conditions under which the sale will occur. This may help settle estates and provide an income stream to beneficiaries. It also helps establish a fair, reasonable price for the

business and generates an acknowledged business value for federal estate purposes.

A qualified attorney can help a small business owner draw up a buy-sell agreement. Once in place, the agreement can be funded through several means, including an arrangement with life insurance or disability income buyout insurance on the owner.

Working with qualified professionals, including an attorney, tax professional and financial professional, can assist small business owners in determining and implementing the options most appropriate for their needs.

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Glenna B. James

Glenna B. James, age 66, of Troy, Ohio passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at her residence. Glenna was born June 15, 1950 in Vester, Kentucky to the late Arthur Burton and Srena (Burton) Burton of Troy.

Glenna is survived by her mother; her three children and their spouses: Jesse and Holly James of Vandalia; Carla and John Ryman of Casstown and Terry and Nicole James of St. Paris; siblings and their spouses: twin sister, Lenna and William Ison of Troy; Otis Burton of Tipp City; Carl and Barb Burton, Ralph Burton and Joyce Lightner all of Troy; grandchildren: Jordan James; Zachary Ryman; Gabrielle Ryman; Frankie James; Paris James; Brittany James and Joshua Middleton; great-grandchildren: Melody James; Emalee Middleton and Jax Middleton.

Glenna was a 1969 graduate of Troy High School. She was a member of New Horizon Church of God, Troy and was a former employee of Brown Bridge/Kimberly Clark and Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She enjoyed gardening, reading books, working puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren.

The family wishes to express special appreciation to Abbey Moss and Anthony Ison for their loving support and care.

A Memorial Service was held at 6:00PM Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at the New Horizon Church of God, 527 N. Market St. Troy, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, Ohio 45373.

William G. “Bill” Woolery

William G. “Bill” Woolery, age 86, of Troy, OH passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit. Bill was born on September 11, 1929 in Troy, OH to the late Foster and Ida (Gray) Woolery.

Bill is survived by his wife of 64 years of marriage: M. Jean (Pearson) Woolery; daughter and son-in-law: Pam and David Pendleton of Mt. Washington, KY; sons and daughters-in-law: Kent and Marsha Woolery of Troy, OH and Keith and Wendy Woolery of Cary, NC; grandchildren: Sarah (Tom) Schneider; Heather Woolery; Jared (Melissa) Pendleton; Justin Woolery and Kendall Woolery and great-grandson: Tristan Pendleton. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his four brothers: Paul, Robert, Eugene and Forrest Woolery; two infant brothers and one sister: Mary Jane Heischman.

Bill was a 1948 graduate of Troy High School. He attended Defiance College and was a graduate of The Ohio State University in 1954 with a Bachelor Degree in Education. He proudly served his country in the US Marine Corp during the Korean War.

Bill was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Troy. He was a former educator with the Troy City Schools. He was a welding engineer and former instructor with the Hobart Welding School. Following his retirement he was employed with the Miami Shores Golf Course in Troy. Bill enjoyed golfing, basket making, woodworking and spending time with his family.

A Memorial Service was held at 12:00PM on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the First United Church of Christ, 120 S. Market Street, Troy, OH with Pastor Dan Fosnight officiating. Interment followed in the Riverside Cemetery, Troy with military honor guard servicesMemorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family through www.bairdfuneral-home.com.

Bud William Runner

Bud William Runner passed away on June 23, 2016 after a three year battle with brain cancer. He was an Aerospace Structures Engineer for almost 20 years with Goodrich, and previously with LTV Aircraft where he worked on the B-2 Stealth Bomber. He is survived by his wife, Ann (Arthur) Runner, daughter Kati and son Jack. In addition he is survived by his parents, Bill & Janice Runner of Lafayette, IN, in-laws John & Corinne Arthur of Lebanon, IN, sister Julie (Runner) Boyce of Lafayette, IN, and brothers Bob Runner of Crawfordsville, IN, Bart Runner of Cicero, IN, and brother-in-law Byron Arthur of Boulder, CO. He was a terrific uncle to Emily, Colin, Rachel, Alex, Olivia, Ashton, Bayleigh, Camryn, Sydney & Drake. He will be missed by many other extended family with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Bud was a Boy Scout leader with Troop 544, and coached T-Ball, softball, baseball and basketball for many years. He was a member of the Miami Draft Horse and Mule Association and the Troy Eagles.

Bud was an active member of the Troy First United Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher, active volunteer, and a strong supporter of the Food Pantry.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 1st from 2 – 5 and 6 – 8 at Baird Funeral Home, Troy Ohio. A memorial service will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 2nd at the First United Methodist Church in Troy, Ohio. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Place Food Pantry, c/o First United Methodist Church. 110 W. Franklin Street, Troy, OH 45373 or Pelotonia Research (Brain Cancer Research), 351 W. Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215 or the Bud Runner Memorial Scholarship Fund (Miami East Education Foundation), c/o 216 W. Franklin Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Ronnia R. “Ron” Messer

Ronnia R. “Ron” Messer age 63 of Piqua, passed away June 22, 2016 at University of Cincinnati Hospital. He was born October 22, 1952 in Dewitt, Kentucky to the late Jess and Martha (Carnes) Messer.

Ron is survived by daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and Andrew Smith of Troy; 2 sons and daughters-in-law Tony and Connie Messer of Piqua, and Chad and Karen Messer of Troy; 4 grandchildren Raymond, Cameron, Andrew, and Braden; 2 brothers Vernon Messer of Dewitt, KY, and Walter Messer of Sidney, OH; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his companion Linda Avey; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Ron retired as a warehouse attendant from Evenflo Corp. in Piqua after 26 years of service. He enjoyed shopping at Walmart, Kroger, and Sears, and spending time with his family.

Funeral service was held 4PM Saturday June 25, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, OH with Pastor Shawn Hess officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

William E. “Bill” Ingle

William E. “Bill” Ingle age 86 of Troy, passed away June 22, 2016 at Koester Pavilion. He was born September 13, 1929 in Bradford to the late Roscoe and Viola (Wintringham) Ingle.

Bill is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Pat and Robert Rahlf of Troy; son Jim Ingle of Green Valley, AZ; granddaughter Alison (Ray) Lester of Kettering; great-grandson Eben Charles Lester; brother Thomas Ingle of Piqua; and sister and brother-in-law Jennifer and Jeff Schilling of Troy.

Preceding him in death was his wife Della “Dolly” Dick, who passed away September 21, 2013; his sister Carolyn and his brother Dick.

Bill was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Troy Eagles #971 for 67 years, and was the oldest living member; America Legion Post #43 in Troy; and a former member of Troy Fish and Game Club. Bill was the owner of the former Ingle TV Sales and Services in Troy.

Funeral service was held 7PM Monday June 27, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. David Ramming officiating. An Eagles Service took place at 6:45PM at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Bernard J. Lemmon

Bernard J. Lemmon, Jr. age 81 of Troy, passed away June 22, 2016. He was born September 18, 1934 in Chillicothe to the late Bernard J. and Helen (Bauer) Lemmon.

Survivors include 2 sons, Bernard J. Lemmon III of Beavercreek, and Mark and his wife Christina Lemmon of Cincinnati; 2 daughters, Susan and her husband Crist Knoop of Ft. Myers, FL, and Kimberly Lemmon of Louisville, KY; grandchildren Sara and her husband Cody Baker, Samuel Lemmon, Courtnee Huffman, and Sabrina Huffman; as well as great-granddaughter Milanee Brown.

He was preceded in death by his sister Constance Koontz and daughter-in-law Lisa Lemmon.

Bernard was a US Army Veteran. He received his Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Akron in 1959. He retired from the former BF Goodrich in Troy after 36 years as a Production Manager. He was a member of St. Patrick’s Church in Troy, the Troy Elks #833, Amvets Post #88 in Troy, Troy Moose, and Troy Fish and Game.

A Memorial Mass was held 10:30AM Monday June 27, 2016 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church with Fr. David Vincent as Celebrant. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Basil T. Hughart

Sergeant First Class Basil T. Hughart, age 84, of Troy, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Hilda P. Hughart. Basil was born on November 24, 1931 in Marfrance Greenbrier County WV to the late Ernest and Hilda Katherine (Lee) Hughart.

Basil attended Troy View Church of God. He proudly served his country as a member of the US Army and was awarded Combat Action Ribbons and Bronze Stars for gallantry in both the Vietnam and Korean Wars. He retired from the Army and later worked for the City of Troy water department retiring in 1992. An avid fisherman, Basil could often be found on the Great Miami River in pursuit of the elusive Saugeye. He also enjoyed gardening and yard work winning the city’s Green Thumb Award on more than one occasion. Basil liked to socialize with his many friends as a member of the unofficial “ Old Men’s Coffee Club” that met at McDonalds. Basil loved his family very much and had an especially soft spot for his grandchildren. No child ever had a better friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

Basil is also survived by one daughter: Pam (Patrick Asher) Zeller of Troy, OH; one son: Bruce (Muriel) Hughart of Eden, NC; two brothers: Emmett Hughart of WV and Charlie Hughart of NC; seven grandchildren: Joshua Hughart, Amanda Hughart, Daniel Hughart, Michael Hughart, Matthew Hughart, Brandon (Laura) Zeller and Nicole (Bryan) St. John; and seven great grandchildren: Broadie, Aurora and Stella Zeller, Riley Purdy, and Jayda and Kylee St. John, Brayden Hughart. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Service was held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, June 27, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 301 Grant St., Ste. 900, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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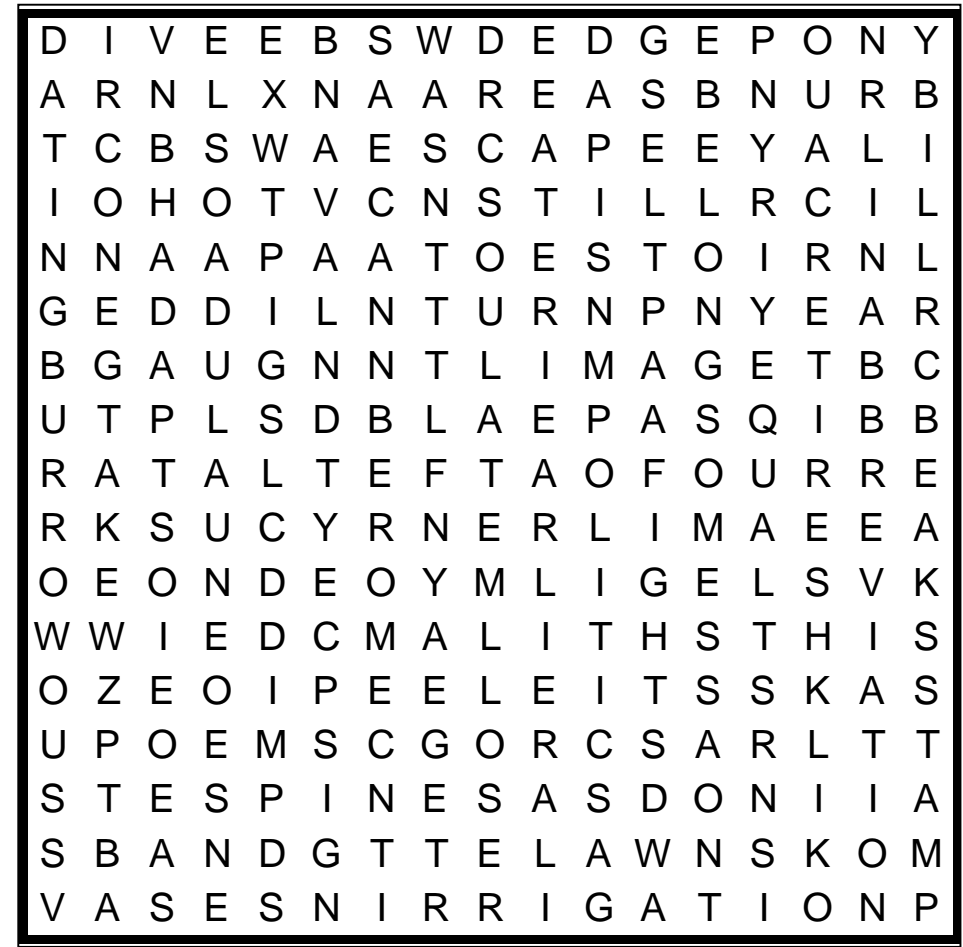
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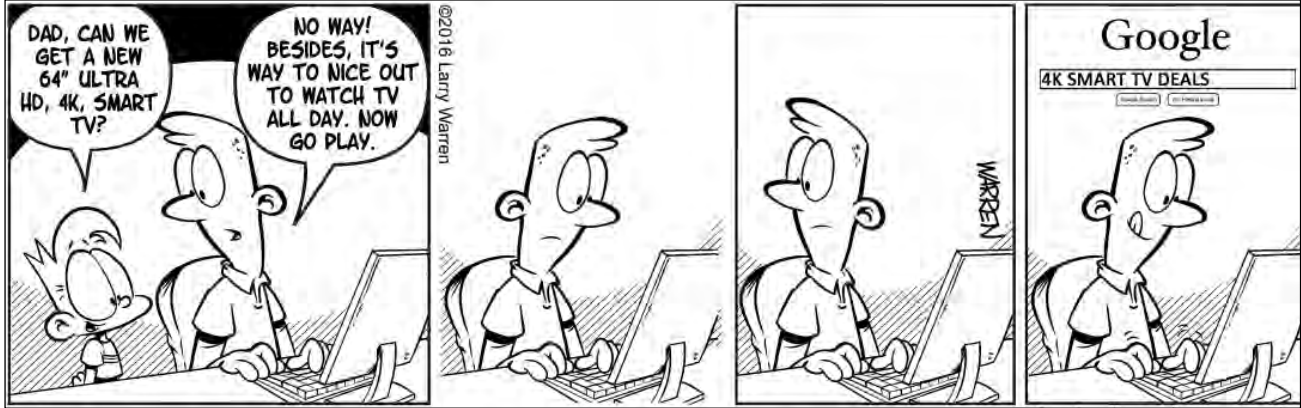
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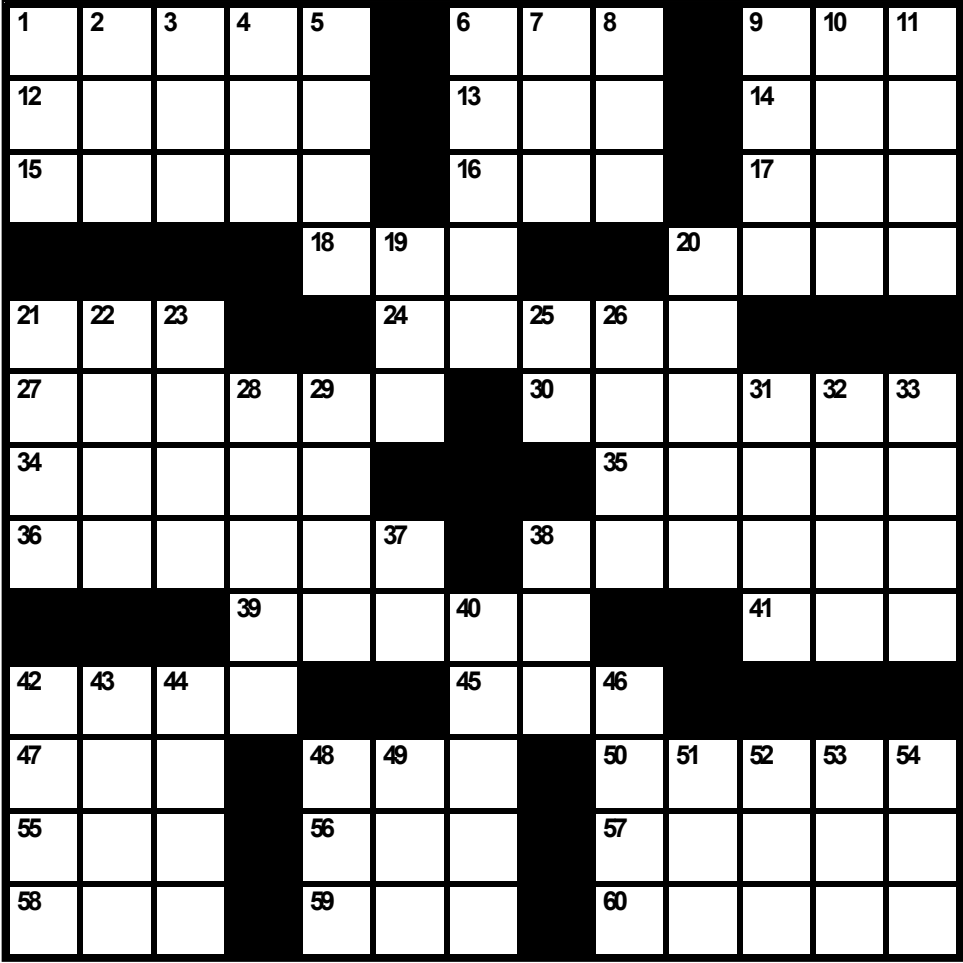
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By LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

#240



- ACROSS**
1. Genesis member, Gabriel
6. Bounder
9. School mo.
12. Japanese cartoon
13. Poem of praise
14. Surprise!
15. Smarts
16. Seating arrangement
17. Towel word
18. Register
20. NHL item
21. To the point
24. Ski trail
27. Vacation destination
30. Scads
34. Short-billed bird
35. Oranges' abode
36. Cry of triumph
38. Soft slipper
39. It might be airtight
41. Holiday ____
42. Speaker's spot
45. Picnic invader
47. Tally up
48. At all
50. Contest effort
55. Returnable envelope, for short
56. Pursue a young lady
57. Sierra ____
58. 1982 Nolte film "48 ____"
59. Ostrich kin
60. Lake Geneva's other name
- DOWN**
1. Ballet move
2. Wind direction
3. Roofing material
4. Type sizes
5. Fishing rod attachment
6. Literally, "dwarf dog"
7. "Much ____ about nothing" Shakespeare play
8. Dawn's moisture
9. Diamond Head locale
10. With it
11. Force companion
19. Select
20. California's San ____ port
21. Architectural feature
22. Lima's locale
23. Bygone leader
25. Like ____
26. W. African coastal country
28. Southern pod veggies
29. Virtual's opposite
31. Pierre ____, French novelist
32. Balance
33. As ____ on TV!
37. Howdy!
38. Trash receptacle
40. Born on the ____
42. Pizzazz
43. Calendar mo. (Jewish)
44. Bad day for Caesar
46. "____ Me Why" (Beatles tune)
48. Inspiration
49. ____ de guerre
51. Name before married
52. Hanks or Petty
53. Biology class abbr.
54. Asian capital

Hidden Treasures

By LIZ BALL



Sudoku

#233

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

9		5						
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	2							3
	1	4			6	3		7
	9	8		2	6			4
4		1	7					
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Trivia Challenge

General Knowledge Trivia Questions

- 1.) In what decade was the butterfly stroke first swam as a separate competition at the Olympic Games?
a. 1960s
b. 1980s
c. 1970s
d. 1950s
- 2.) Based upon an absolute scale, Kelvin is used to measure what?
a. Depth
b. Height
c. Temperature
d. Speed
- 3.) "Krung Thep" is the proper, local name, of which popular city?
a. Beijing
b. Fukuoka
c. Hong Kong
d. Bangkok
- 4.) Kylo Ren murders which character in the 2015 sci-fi film "Star Wars - The Force Awakens"?
a. Chewbacca
b. Hans Solo
c. Princess Leia
d. Luke Skywalker
- 5.) The Japanese poetry of "Haiku" consists of how many syllables?
a. 19
b. 23
c. 17
d. 21
- 6.) An essential part of the ancient Silk Road, the "Khyber Pass" connects Pakistan with which other country?
a. India
b. Russia
c. Afghanistan
d. Iran
- 7.) The American professional baseball team the "Orioles" are based in which city?
a. Chicago
b. Boston
c. Baltimore
d. Denver
- 8.) What can a tiger, a lion and a domestic cat do, that a cheetah cannot?
a. Shed tears
b. Retract their claws
c. Run backwards
d. Replace lost teeth
- 9.) Which 1966 British film took home six Academy Awards including best film, director and actor?
a. The Commitments
b. The Madness of King George
c. A Man For All Seasons
d. Mary Queen of Scots
- 10.) Named Christ the Redeemer, this 38 meters tall statue of Jesus stands atop the Corcovado Mountain overlooking what city?
a. Jerusalem
b. Baghdad
c. Rio De Janeiro
d. Damascus
- 11.) Complete the famous opening line from the classic novel Moby Dick - "Call me...".
a. Jacob
b. Moses
c. Stupid
d. Ishmael
- 12.) Emma Watson plays the role of which character in the Harry Potter films?
a. Hermione Granger
b. Rolanda Hooch
c. Nearly Headless Nick
d. Severus Snape
- 13.) How are the elements with the atomic numbers 89 to 103 known?
a. Transactinides
b. Actinides
c. Inert Gases
d. Lanthanides
- 14.) In ancient Roman religion and myth, who was the God of War?
a. Saturn
b. Jupiter
c. Neptune
d. Mars
- 15.) What animal can be identified as "Siberian" or "Caspian"?
a. Cheetah
b. Jaguar
c. Tiger
d. Lion
- 16.) Released in January of 2008, what is the title of British singer Adele's debut album?
a. 17
b. 29
c. 19
d. 21

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Beware of Home Repair Scam Artists

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine warned Ohioans to beware of home repair scams following the severe storms that swept through the state.

“Some con artists come from out of town to target storm-affected homeowners,” Attorney General DeWine said. “They offer to do the work immediately and take large upfront payments, but then they leave without doing the work. We’re encouraging people to be cautious, especially if someone comes to the door and wants to start the work

right away.”

Storm-chasing contractors track storms and travel to affected communities to offer their services to homeowners who experience damage, such as downed trees or roof damage. In many cases, they visit consumers at their homes and claim they can complete the work immediately.

Unscrupulous contractors may ask for a large down payment, or tell consumers to sign over their insurance checks, but ultimately they perform shoddy work or no work at all.

Consumers can help avoid home repair scams by following these steps:

Research the business. Obtain the name, address, and phone number of any contractor offering to do work for you. Check for complaints on file with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau. Conduct a basic Internet search of the business's name and words like “complaints,” “reviews,” or “scam.” Contact other customers to ask about their experiences with a contractor. Ask neighbors or friends

for recommendations. Don't accept services from a contractor who refuses to provide proper identification.

Get multiple estimates. Consider getting estimates from at least three different contractors. Be wary if one contractor quotes a price that is dramatically lower than the prices other businesses are offering. The contractor later may demand more money or fail to complete the work as promised.

Don't make large payments in advance. Be wary of contractors who demand large upfront payments, such

as half or more of the total cost. Also be wary of contractors who ask you to sign over your insurance check. Try to pay in increments, as the work is completed to your satisfaction.

Get a detailed written contract. Insist on a written contract detailing the costs, the work to be done, the starting and end dates, and any verbal promises made by the contractor.

Understand your cancellation rights. If the contract resulted from a door-to-door sale, you generally have three days to cancel the contract,

according to Ohio's Home Solicitation Sales Act. The seller should give you written notice of these rights.

Consider paying with a credit card. Paying with a credit card generally gives you greater protections to dispute unauthorized charges, especially compared to paying in cash.

Ohioans who have questions about a contractor or those who believe they have been treated unfairly should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.



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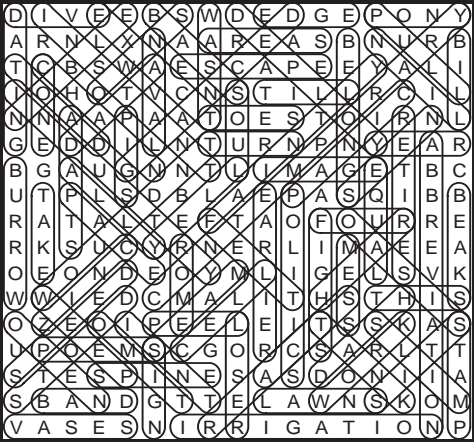
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Sudoku

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5	1	4	2	6	3	8	7	9
3	9	8	1	2	6	7	5	4
4	5	1	7	3	8	6	9	2
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Word Search



Crossword



Trivia

- 1.) 1950s - The 1956 Summer Olympics saw the butterfly swim as a separate competition for the first time.
 - 2.) Temperature - Kelvin is assigned the unit symbol K.
 - 3.) Bangkok - Bangkok is the capital and most populous city of Thailand.
 - 4.) Hans Solo - Star Wars - The Force Awakens is the seventh installment in the Star Wars film series.
 - 5.) 17 - Haiku consists of three lines. Line one has 5 syllables, line 2 has 7 syllables and line three has 5 syllables.
 - 6.) Afghanistan - Khyber Pass is one of the oldest known passes in the world.
 - 7.) Baltimore - The Baltimore Orioles were first established in 1901.
 - 8.) Retract their claws - Non-retractable claws is a characteristic feature of the cheetah.
 - 9.) A Man For All Seasons -
- About Sir Thomas More, A Man For All Seasons is based on a play of the same name by Robert Bolt.
- 10.) Rio De Janeiro - Christ the Redeemer is listed as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.
 - 11.) Ishmael - Written by Herman Melville, Moby Dick was first published in 1851.
 - 12.) Hermione Granger - Emma Watson stated that Hermione Granger was the greatest role model a girl could have.
 - 13.) Actinides - All actinides are radioactive.
 - 14.) Mars - Mars was second in importance only to Jupiter who was the king of the gods.
 - 15.) Tiger - The Caspian tiger became extinct sometime during the early 1970s.
 - 16.) 19 - Worldwide sales of 19 are at approximately 10 million copies.

Edison State Names Employees of the Semester

Edison State Community College recognized outstanding employee performance at its most recent all-campus meeting in the Robinson Theater at the Piqua Campus.

The Employee of the Semester awards speak to college's commitment to quality and sustaining positive employee engagement.

"These employees make a difference to Edison State and members of the campus community, go above and beyond expectations, excel as team players, and strive to demonstrate the college's core values," said Kara Myers, Coordinator of Employee Engagement and Talent Acquisition.

Rick Roberts, Associate Professor of Nursing and Sharon Thomas, College Resource Specialist were named

the spring employees of the semester during the meeting. Kara Myers presented the pair with personalized plaques and reserved parking spaces for the upcoming fall semester.

Rick Roberts, of Pleasant Hill, was selected for his enduring leadership and consistent support he provides to both students and other employees. "Rick is an asset to the nursing program. He has taken charge of many valuable projects and organizing groups to implement necessary changes in the nursing department. Before the sun rises every day, Rick is here and he's always available to help others," said a nominator. Roberts has been employed at Edison State for ten years and holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Wright State University.



Rick Roberts and Sharon Thomas

As a College Resource Specialist, Sharon Thomas, of Troy, is the first person many people speak to when they visit or call Edison State. "Sharon operates with excellent professional integrity... She refuses to lower her respect for others even when those very people fail

to respect her. Her consistent interactions and fairness result in people knowing that she will do her best to assist them regardless of how the day has been going," said a nominator. Thomas has been employed at Edison State for approximate five years and holds an Associate of Arts from Edison State.

All Edison State employees who demonstrate a commitment to the performance excellence goals, core values, and continued growth are eligible to be nominated for the award. Those eligible for the award are nominated by their peers and then selected by the AQIP 4 Valuing People committee.

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unopened, sealed water bottles and also will evaluate the fenced area to determine if it was larger than needed, Titterington said.

The cost to the city for the event was not yet available. Titterington said final numbers were being compiled. Alcohol sales were handled by staff from Hobart Arena. The staff has special alcohol training provided by a company that trains staff at entertainment and sporting venues nationwide.

Mayor Mike Beamish said he was pleased by the event.

"The weather, the crowd, and the band couldn't have been more conducive to this kickoff event for our new signature park. As with any new venue, we will continue to evaluate opportunities to improve the experience but overall I know that the City's investment in this new riverfront amenity will be a positive one for decades to come."

The concerts are part of



Young and Old were dancing at the Phil Dirt concert.

the summer series planned at the park located near the renovated Marina Building. The park and Marina Building projects are nearing completion.

"Both projects are under budget and should definitely be completed within their authorized amounts. No final numbers will be available for months, since we hold retainage to make sure the improvements don't need correcting by the contractors," Titterington said.

The contract for the Marina Building renovations was for just under \$1 million. The contract for the Treasure Island Park work was for \$1.686 million. Preparations are being made for the opening of the new Smith's Boat-house Restaurant later this summer.



This little fellow was dancing up a storm except for when the camera was on him.

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ple, if they're keeping their pet outside, it is required by law that the animal has to have shelter and water." Doncaster specified that shelter, according to law, is a structure with a roof and walls for protection. The underneath of a car is not shelter, according to Doncaster.

The Miami County Animal Shelter gives a list of symptoms identifying an animal suffering from heat stress:

- Heavy panting
 - Glazed eyes
 - Rapid pulse
 - Unsteadiness
 - Staggering gait
 - Vomiting
 - Deep red/purple tongue
- First aid to lower a pet's body temperature includes:

- Moving them into the shade
- Pouring cool (not cold) water over their entire body
- Applying ice packs or cold towels to head, neck and chest only
- Letting the pet lick ice cubes or ice cream but limited access to cold water
- Taking the pet to vet immediately

Pet traveling tips will be offered in more extensive detail by Doncaster and the Miami County Animal Shelter via their website and television broadcast this coming month. For more information on pet summer safety and traveling, see the Miami County Animal Shelter website at www.co.miami.oh.us/shelter