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Sales Tax Holiday Coming

By Nancy Bowman

A new holiday of sorts awaits Ohio consumers in August.

A sales tax holiday was created last year by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. John Kasich.

The sales tax holiday will begin Friday, Aug. 7, at 12:01 a.m. and continue through Sunday, Aug. 9, at 11:59 p.m. The holiday's timing comes as people prepare their children for another school year.

The following items will be exempt from sales and use tax:

Clothing priced at \$75 or less per item;

School supplies priced at \$20 per item or less; School instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less.

Kathi Roetter of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce said the holiday is "a great opportunity for families to save a little money." Noting several other states have

a back to school tax holiday, Roetter said it would be interesting to see how the holiday goes over locally and statewide.

The Troy chamber plans to share with the community information on the holiday on social

"Overall, it will be a nice way to encourage local shoppers in our communities, specifically for those businesses that can use the list of supplies, educational materials and clothing to get shoppers in the door," Sonnanstine

August 7-9, 2015 School supplies priced at \$20 or less; and School instructional material priced at \$20 or less

media. "We have shared information with our chamber members to make sure they are aware and are prepared for the tax holiday," Roetter said.

Liz Sonnanstine of the Tipp City Chamber of Commerce said merchants she contacted were "eager to promote the sales tax holiday, specifically those who sell clothing."

said. "The chamber will support and promote the opportunity if the businesses continue to feel encouraged by the chance to get new and current customers to make their purchases in town."

State Rep. Steve Huffman, R-Tipp City, emphasized the importance of the sales tax holiday in days before students return to Ohio schools

following summer break.

"This bill is very important to me, as eliminating the sales tax on these items both at retail stores and on the Internet will help ensure that all children and students can get what is necessary for the upcoming school year. A good investment in their education is a good investment into their future, and that's what the Sales Tax Holiday seeks to create," Huffman said.

He said the holiday would promote economic growth in the state and put \$78 million back into Ohioans' pockets. The tax holiday also is expected to boost the state's retail sector, which employs one in four state residents.

More detailed information on the holiday is available from the Ohio Department of Taxation at http://www.tax.ohio. gov/sales_and_use/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx.

New Clothing Boutique Opens

By Mike Woody

To bring high quality, stylish clothing for an affordable price to their hometown of Troy was the goal for Ann Chaney and her daughter, Kaitlyn in opening Elizabeth Marie Fashions. Located in the heart of the downtown, the boutique offers a wide variety of clothing and accessories for men, women, and children.

have something for everyone," said Kaitlyn. "All ages come in, mothers buying for their children, as well as shoppers in their teens up to at least 90 years old.

In addition to the merchandise, which is carefully kept trendy, customers are also drawn to the low prices. The majority of items in stock are under \$50. "The word 'boutique,' scares some



The Chaneys have always had a love affair with fashion and are thrilled for the opportu-We want to be affordnity to share it with the able," said Ann. public. Elizabeth Marie Fashions is meant to be a place where people can find what they are seeking in a welcoming atmosphere. "We got tired of having to order everything online for outrageous prices. We wanted to bring a more

affordable option to the downtown," said Ann. The Chaney family has a long history of owning businesses in Troy, including Chaney's Body Shop. With the fashion industry, both mother and daughter are enjoying the opportunity to work together and combine each of their perspectives to cover the whole spectrum. "I can give the perspective of my age group and my mother for her age group. Then we also have Dad who knows the business part, which has really helped a lot,"

said Kaitlyn. The father/husband, Bob, is in the process of opening a New York Bagel shop, just two doors down from Elizabeth Marie Fashions.

Since opening on May 29, Elizabeth Marie Fashions, named after the owner's middle names. Elizabeth (Kaitlyn) and Marie (Ann), has been well received. Business has been steady with several regular customers already established, with whom the staff has formed friendships. "We

people because they think it means things are more expensive, but not here.

For even further incentive, the store offers a loyalty card which gets punched after ever purchase of \$20 or more and once the card is full then \$20 is taken off the next purchase. "There are not many family owned businesses that offer such

a deal," said Ann. Elizabeth Marie Fashions also supports a number of charitable organizations, such as Headbands of Hope. For every headband purchased, \$1 is donated to children's cancer research and one headband is given to a child with cancer. They are also part of Give, Save, Grow for which you purchase a keytag and get discounts at several local businesses. All the proceeds

support a local cause. With Ann, a 1988 graduate of Troy High School, and Kaitlyn, a 2013 graduate of Troy Christian, it was important to the Chaneys that the business be in their hometown. They already have aspirations of opening a second location, which would

also be in Troy. In August, the store's inventory will change to fashions for the fall, including back to school clothing. There will also be sweatshirts for the very popular 'Ohio,' line of clothing. Shoppers are also encouraged to keep

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Election Board to Try Consolidating Precincts Again

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County's Board of Elections said it would take another stab at consolidating voting precincts across the county into vote centers.

A renewed look at consolidation was discussed at the board's July 16 meeting.

The proposal was sparked, in part, by money approved in the new state budget for electronic poll books to process each voter at the polling place on Election Day. Board Chairman Kelly Gillis said those attending a state elections officials conference were told 85 percent of the county's costs would be covered

with state dollars. When the money would be available and how much the county's costs could be will be looked into by Eric Morgan, deputy elections director, Gillis said at the board's July 16 meeting.

Gillis said he and fellow board member Dean Tamplin could visit Montgomery County to discuss how that elections board has consolidated polling places. "There are people driving more miles to vote. You aren't going to vote next door anymore," he said.

The board had tested consolidation in the past around 10 years ago, board member Robert Huffman Jr. said. Lessons learned from that effort, which was problematic particularly in West Milton, could be applied in a new consolidation plan. Among issues was the need for more traffic control to help motorists get in and out of polling locations.

"It is really something we ought to explore in the whole county," Huffman

The county currently has 84 voting precincts, several in the same loca-

Tamplin said the county with the current set up would need 105 electronic poll books. That would include extras including one for each of 12 precincts that are the only one in its particular location along with another 10 percent as insurance. For those locations with multiple precincts, the extra poll books could be shared if needed.

Huffman said he was concerned that election rules have not been changed to keep up with technology. He noted that although electronic poll books would cut down on the number of people needed to run a polling place, four poll workers continue to be required.

"You will have three people sitting there with their thumb in their ear because we have these poll books," he said.

Morgan also was asked to schedule vendors to

meet with the board in coming weeks to review electronic poll book options. Gillis said the board also would need to talk with the county commissioners about the anticipated costs for the local share of the poll

In other business July 16, the board voted to certify more than 2,000 signatures collected in the county on statewide marijuana initiative petitions.

The board was told 486 petitions were submitted with 2,208 valid signatures and 1,601 invalid signatures. Morgan said most of the signatures ruled invalid were of people who were not registered voters or not registered at the address listed on the petition.

Office staff was filing the petitions with the Secretary of State's Office by the 4 p.m. July 16 deadline, Morgan said.

Troy Man Charged with Rape

By Nancy Bowman

Allegations of felony rape of a child against a Troy man were sent to a Miami County Grand Jury for further consideration July 15 after he waived a preliminary hearing in county Municipal Court.

Nicholas S. Fergerson, 19, of Troy continues to be held in the county jail in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond. The bond was set at his arraignment on the first-degree felony charge earlier in the month.

Miami County Sheriff's deputies said charges

were filed after they were called to a Casstown area residence on a report of a possible sex offense



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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, July 13

9:33 a.m. - To S. Market St. A man reported that two vehicles had been broken into and items had been taken from the interior and exterior of the vehicles.

7:15 p.m. – To Lilac Lane for a report of a disturbance. A man and woman stated that everything had calmed down. They said that they were arguing over finances and other feelings that they had kept bottled up inside themselves. Both denied any violence and assured the deputy that they would be quiet for the rest of the night. The male half said that he would stay somewhere else for

Wednesday, July 15

6:38 p.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 75 mile marker. The driver was cited for multiple traffic violations and incarcerated for possession of hashish and marijuana.

Thursday, July 16

12:27 p.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of a theft. A man reported that a flag had been stolen from his business sometime overnight. There are no

Saturday, July 18

12:17 a.m. – Traffic stop on Adams St. at Staunton Rd. The driver and the passenger found to have outstanding warrants from Darke County. Both were arrested and turned over to Darke County deputies. The passenger's mother came to remove the vehicle from the

6:56 a.m. – To Broken Woods Dr. for a report of a burglary. The case is pend-

Sunday, July 19

12:17 a.m. - A Lefevre Rd. resident called to report an incident involving his daughter's boyfriend who also is possibly the father of her unborn child. He said he called his daughter's cell phone and the boyfriend answered. He said that the boyfriend was belligerent and called him names. Subsequent indirect threats were exchanged by text by both parties. He said that his wife convinced him to call to have the incident documented. Texts from the boyfriend continued while the deputy was on scene, one of them saying that he was outside. The deputy waited at the residence until 2:00, but the boyfriend did not show up.

8:12 a.m. - To E. Peterson Rd. for a report of a burglary. The case is pending.

9:37 p.m. - To Spruce St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman reported that she was at the address talking with a friend about some issues. She said that a male subject came from the back yard, became upset over the conversation and took her purse and keys. She said that while the male subject was leaving, she tried to get her keys and he pushed her to the ground. The male subject stated that he overheard the conversation and confronted the RP about it. He said he took her purse and keys and that she grabbed his shirt while he was trying to leave. He said she was choking him so he put his arm back and moved her away from him. The male subject agreed to return her purse and keys and both parties agreed to separate for the night. No charges were filed.

York, Terrell Arraigned on Weapons Charges

By Nancy Bowman

Richard Terrel and Hope Earnshaw-York, already jailed on charges resulting from the May murder of Earnshaw-York's grandfather, pleaded not guilty July 15 to additional charges involving the theft of firearms from his Tipp City home.



Terrell

Terrel, 35, of Troy is charged with the murder of William York Sr., 88, along with felonious assault, abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence. He faces two new charges of receiving

stolen property.

Earnshaw-York, 24, of Tipp City is charged with abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence. She faces three additional indictments for receiving stolen property.

An Oct. 6 trial date for Terrel and Earnshaw-York was scheduled last week by Judge Christopher Gee in Miami **County Common Pleas**

William York Sr. reported guns missing from his Evanston Road home on May 10 to Tipp City police. Relatives reported him missing May 31 and his remains were found June 3 in a sleeping bag in a Kentucky creek.

A Miami County grand jury indicted the two in the death in June followed by the receiving stolen property charges on July 2. Sheriff's deputies said Earnshaw-York and Terrel sold some of the stolen weapons to Olde English

Gun Shop near Tipp City. **County Prosecutor** Tony Kendell said July



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9 additional charges against the two are being

> considered. Terrel's bail on the initial indictments was set a \$750,000. Gee set addi-

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Earnshaw-York

By Nancy Bowman

Troy recycling changes delayed

Changes in Troy's recycling program originally planned for this summer with a new contract awarded to Rumpke of Ohio Inc. have been delayed until fall. Although Rumpke is the current

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

The City Council was told in a written update in mid-May that the containers were expected to be delivered to residents in about eight weeks. In the most recent update, Patrick Tit-

terington, city service and safety direc-

tor, said the new program implementa-

tion would be delayed as Rumpke waits for delivery of compressed natural gas vehicles to use in the Troy program. The vehicles are not expected to be available until October. The new containers will allow the contractor to use an automated system for the driver to empty the container without leaving the truck. The use of

alley collection and move "a number" of alley collections to street collection, Titterington said. Rumpke and the city will work together to provide information on where new containers should be placed for

that vehicle will require the city to assess

Titterington said sample of the new containers could be seen at City Hall near the billing and collections office.

collection and other details, he said.

Six seek elections job

Miami County Republicans are interviewing six candidates for the position of director of the county Board of Elections. Board member Jose Lopez said July

16 most of the candidates were scheduled for interviews July 17 and the board hoped to have a new director on board

soon. The board has scheduled a special meeting for Friday, June 24. The director's position was vacated

RIBRIEFS

June 18 when Todd Krueckeberg of Troy resigned three weeks after he was hired. Lopez said that day that Krueckeberg attributed the resignation to personal

Eric Morgan, deputy elections director, has been running the office during the search for a new director.

Special prosecutor sought in ditch dispute

Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell is asking a judge to appoint a special prosecutor to represent the county engineer's office in an appeal of the county commissioners' denial of a petition to replace at drainage tile in Elizabeth Twp.

Kendell filed the request July 17 in county Common Pleas Court. He explained in the motion that his office is representing the county commission in the appeal by Richard W. King and Vickie E. King of Xenia of the 2014 commission decision.

A special prosecutor is needed to represent the engineer's office because the commission decision was contrary to the engineer's findings involving the petition, Kendell said in the motion. The Kings said in their appeal that

they filed a petition in September 2013 asking for the replacement of a Children's Home drainage tile installed by the county in 1921. They claimed the tile was dilapidated and badly in need of replacement.

The Kings claimed in the appeal the improvement by the tile work would help drain and benefit some 440 acres in the township including his property and that of more than a dozen other property

The court was by the Kings asked to reverse the commission's decision and grant the petition as filed.

Troy Man Charged with Rape

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The child's mother said she received a call from a relative about a possible sex offense against the child.

Detectives interviewed the child, who they said

described sexual contact allegedly made with he by Fergerson on June 21.

The case was bound over to the grand jury after Fergerson waived a preliminary hearing July 14 before Judge Elizabeth Gutmann. Court documents state Fergerson voluntarily waived the preliminary hearing and the case was sent to the grand jury. The documents state there was no agreement for him to plead to any charge.

Attorney General Warns of Rental Scams

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today warned consumers to beware of phony listings for apartment and house rentals.

In the past year, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received more than a dozen complaints about potential rental scams. Consumers who lose money report losses ranging from \$500 to

"Anyone who goes online to find an apartment or a house should watch for scams," Attorney General DeWine said. "If you're asked to wire a deposit before you've even seen the property or met the landlord, it's likely a scam. You also should check with your county auditor to see who truly owns the property before making any payments." In a typical rental scam, a con artist steals

information from a legitimate real estate listing and reposts it as a place for rent on Craigslist or another website. Using information pulled from the legitimate listing, the scammer will list the property's address and photos of the place.

The advertised rent is often low, and the potential renter is told to send a few hundred dollars (or more) to secure the rental. Typically the payment must be sent via wire transfer or prepaid money card. Once the money is sent, it is nearly impossible to track or to recover.

To avoid rental scams, consumers should keep the following in mind:

Be skeptical of ads offering below-market rates on houses or apartments. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Search your county auditor's website for a record of who owns the property. Be aware that scam artists may pretend to be the true owner.

Don't trust potential "landlords" or property owners who say they had to leave the country quickly for business or missionary work. Scam artists often make these claims.

Don't send money until you've had a face-to-face transaction, including actually viewing the property. Also talk to neighbors to get a better understanding of the property and the neighborhood before making

any payments. Beware of requests for wire transfers or prepaid money cards as payment methods. These are preferred methods for scammers, because once the money is sent it is nearly

impossible to recover. Copy and paste an image from an online listing into a search engine to de termine if it has appeared elsewhere online.

If available, read and follow the scam prevention tips provided by any house or apartment-searching websites

Real estate agents and sellers can help protect themselves and their listings by following these tips:

Consider not listing the complete address of the

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Liberace at the Hayner

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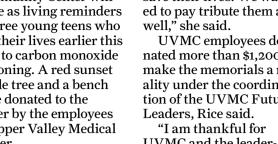
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style, history and his

Hayner cultural Center David Wion is well know to this area and has invested himself locally in the, "Young Spirits"

youth choir, the annual, "Twilight Concert" at the Dayton Art Institute and with various local theatre poisoning. A red sunset groups over the years. He maple tree and a bench has a Master's Degree in were donated to the Composition and a Bachecenter by the employees lor's in Performance from Wittenberg University.



UVMC employees donated more than \$1,200 to make the memorials a reality under the coordination of the UVMC Future



Lincoln Community Center staff and children who visit center surround memorial tree

His own skill and style are well appreciated at the Hayner and we look forward to ... this evening of Liberace. For more information

regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of events taking place at the Hayner Center, call 937-339-0457 or visit www.TroyHayner.org for complete details.

New Clothing Boutique

Continued from Page 1 an eye out for sports gear, featuring all the area teams such as the Buckeyes and Bengals.

Elizabeth Marie Fashions can be found online at www.elizabethmariefashions.com. orders can be made on the website and picked up in the store for no extra

charge. For all orders totaling \$50 or more, shipping is free. Elizabeth Marie Fashions can also be found on Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram.

Located at 117 S. Market Street, Elizabeth Marie Fashions is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attorney General **Warns of Scams**

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Watermark your

photos.

If you find a fraudulent posting based on your listing, notify the website where you found it so that the post can be flagged and removed.

Consumers should report potential scams to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www. OhioAttorneyGeneral. gov or 800-282-0515.

Library Events

Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club

For a lively discussion, join the Troy-Miami County Public Library's adult book club at 6:30 p.m. on Monday July 27, 2015, They will be reading and discussing "Maximum Ride, The Angel Experiment" by James Patterson for the month of July.

The Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month; we read a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles.

'Bookmobile in the Park" at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve with Miami County Park District

Bring your family outdoors and join the bookmobile and a Miami County Park District Naturalist for some "Park Naturalist" Superhero fun at the Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015; enjoy family-friendly activities, story times, bookmobile tours, and Take & Make crafts. All ages are welcome!

To ensure there are enough supplies for everyone, registration is preferred. Call the Miami County Park District at 937-335-6273 to register. For more information, call the Outreach Dept. at 937-339-0502, ext. 114, or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org.

"Dolphin Tale 2" Movie

Join the Troy library for a movie on "the big screen" and freshly popped popcorn for the entire family, as we present the movie "Dolphin Tale 2" at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015; the movie is rated PG and runs for 107 minutes.

The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 121, or visit www.tmcpl.org.

Tree, Bench Donated in Memory of Three **Troy Teens**

A memorial tree and bench at Troy's Lincoln Community Center will serve as living reminders of three young teens who lost their lives earlier this year to carbon monoxide of Upper Valley Medical Center.

them a chance to live, to help them and try and save their lives. We wanted to pay tribute them as

UVMC and the leader-



The tree and bench will call the front lawn of the Lincoln Center home following a dedication ceremony July 10 to honor the teens: sisters Dionanna Alexander-Bishop, 14, and Dejah Alexander-Bishop, 13, and their cousin, Jakia Jones, 13. Jakia's brother, Jahari Ward, 8, was hospitalized in the incident, but survived. He attended the dedication along with his grandmother, Jean Bishop, with whom the children resided. During the dedica-

tion, Becky Rice, UVMC President and CEO, said more than 90 caregivers along with paramedics responded to the UVMC **Emergency Department** when the tragedy occurred. "Lots and lots of people responded to give ship of people in the Future Leaders program," said Shane Carter, Lincoln center director. He also thanked the city and those involved in a new program a carbon monoxide detector to those who need one for their home. Carter said the three

girls and Ward spent a lot of time at the center. Their loss, he said, "brought a lot of people together. It taught us a lot of things." Both Jahari Ward and Jean Bishop had words of thanks for the community following the dedication.

"I want to thank the community for coming out and helping and showing love, doing everything they did for me and my family. I thank them," Jean Bishop said.



Shane Carter, left with tree, talks about memorials to three Troy girls who lost their lives to carbon monoxide poisoning earlier this year

York, Terrell

Continued from Page 2 tional bail of \$100,000 on the receiving stolen property charges July 15. Earnshaw-York was being held on \$150,000 bail with another \$30,000 in bail ordered on the receiving stolen property charges.

Earnshaw-York also is being held on an indictment accusing her of possessing heroin last December. She and Terrel have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Relatives told investigators Terrel and Earnshaw-York were living with William York Sr. in the weeks before his death.

The two were taken into custody early June 3 in Butler Township, Montgomery County, when they were found driving William York

Sr.'s missing truck. Kendell said William York Sr. died May 26 from

blunt force trauma to the back of the head. Information filed earlier with the warrant

that approved a June 2

search of William York

Sr.'s home said Bureau of

Criminal Investigation investigators found suspected blood on several items in the house.

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STREET

Incarceration **Facility** Expansion Still Possible

By Nancy Bowman

Opening a third pod at the Miami County Incarceration Facility "is still on the radar" for the county commissioners, commission President Jack Evans said July 16.

Evans' comments came a couple of days after the commission approved the 2016 tax budget for the county July 14.

The tax budget is the first of two steps the commission must take on its way to reviewing income and expenses before coming up with appropriations for the next year. The appropriations are approved near year's end.

The commissioners have been working with the sheriff's office and the courts on finding the best ways to provide enough housing for offenders, particularly with an increase seen because of heroin-related offenses. To help with housing fe-

males short term, the county has an agreement with Shelby County to keep up to 15 of Miami County's female prisoners a day. The commission pointed

to the housing issue in discussing budget challenges as the county looks to 2016. "With purchasing of

beds for incarcerated females from Shelby County this year and the possible opening of the third pod at the incarceration facility for females in 2016, our budget could be that much tighter," the commissioners said in a written news release. **Evans said Commis-**

sioner Richard Cultice continues to talk with the sheriff's department about its hiring of correction officers and the full commission will be talking again with the department about the jail issues. The four-pod Incar-

ceration Facility located between Troy and Piqua was ciosea for a few years starting in 2010 because of county budget cuts with two pods reopened the past couple of years. Each pod holds 60 inmates with both open pods now designated for male prisoners.

The county also has a jail in downtown Troy

that is used for housing maximum security and female prisoners though its population daily is limited by the state to less than 50. Because opening anoth-

er pod would require more correction officers, Evans said, realistically, it would be the first of 2016 before another pod is ready for prisoners if the decision is made in coming weeks on opening another pod. "We are still looking at it ... It is still on the radar," he said. The tax budget was

described by Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien as "a rough planning tool for what 2016 may look like." The commissioners later

this year will meet with other elected officials and department heads to talk more in depth about their proposed 2016 budget. The tax budget lists just

over \$24 million in general fund revenue for 2016 and expenditures requested at just more than \$29 million. Total revenues for all funds are projected at \$80.9 million with total appropriations of \$89 million. The commissioners

approved the tax budget with a 3-0 vote. They also approved the tax budget for the Troy-Miami County Public Library.

In other business last week the commissioners:

Approved the enterprise zone agreement requested by Clopay for its \$30 million plant expansion on West Market Street in Troy. The agreement includes abatement of some taxes for 15 years. The Troy City Schools Board of Education and the Troy City Council also approved it.

Authorized repairs to the smokestack at the historic Power Plant building across from the courthouse in Troy. The commissioners approved a contract with Midwest Maintenance Inc. of Piqua to stabilize the upper portion of the smokestack with strapping and repair, tuck point and waterproof the smokestack for \$36,334. A second quote from Lee Restoration Ltd. was less at \$35,900 but the company could not commit to completing the work vet this year, the commission was told.

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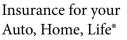
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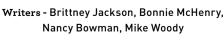
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Margaret (Aldrich) Bur-

ba, age 97, of Troy, passed

away on Wednesday, July

15, 2015 at Hospice of Mi-

ami County Inpatient Unit

in Troy. She was born on

October 12, 1917 in Spring-

field to the late Albert and

Jennie Aldrich. On Au-

gust 1, 1942, she married

Jack Burba. He preceded

Margaret is survived by

special friends: Joyce and

Roger Heffelfinger, Melissa

and Gary Stanley and their

family, Catherine, Caro-

lann, Celia and Cynthia,

family, Alicia, Brandon,

Caleb, Lucas and Arya

and Kathy and Woodrow

Berry. In addition to her

Tracy Heffelfinger and her

her in death in 1985.

Obituaries

Don L. Kendall, age

79, of Troy, passed away

on Thursday, July 16,

2015. He was born in

Painters Creek, OH on

October 7, 1935 to the late

Vivan "Bud" and Grace

(Besecker) Kendall. He

of 31 years, Margaret M.

is survived by his wife

(Bryson) Kendall.

parents and her husband, Margaret was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Margaret was a member

Margaret (Aldrich) Burba

of First United Church of Christ in Troy. She was also a member of AmVets Post No. 88, VFW Post No. 5436, Redman's and Eagles Post No. 871. Margaret was formerly employed by Allen-A Underwear Factory in Piqua and Dettmer Hospital in the cafeteria.

11:30 AM on Monday, July 20, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Lauren Allen officiating. Burial followed in New Carlisle Cemetery in New Carlisle. Friends may call from 9:30-11:30 AM on Monday at the funeral

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Church of Christ, 120 S. Market Street, Troy, OH 45373 or Hospice of Miami County, P.O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

preceded in death by one

daughter: Debbie Davis,

two brothers and sisters-

Robert and Mary Agnes

Copeland, and brother-in-

law and sister-in-law: John

Frank proudly served

his country as a member of

the US Army from 1951-

1954. He was a member

of St. Patrick Catholic

Church, Troy. Frank

attended Chicago A. I.

T. He was a mechanical

engineer at Globe Prod-

ucts, Dayton, OH before

was a handyman to family,

Patrick's Soup Kitchen and

the Men's Home. He loved

being in his workshop

working on his projects.

He loved working in his

yard and being outside

watching the grandkids

ing. He loved his family

and enjoyed the many get

togethers. Frank was an

avid OSU fan and enjoyed

the years. He loved camp-

ing and traveling and was

always ready to go on the

ed many sports activities

and school programs over

the years. He enjoyed his

Friday night out dinners

with his closest friends,

his life to the fullest and

who took great care of

was a caring, loving man

his family; he was always

Health Care, Miami Valley

Hospice of Miami County

for taking such good care

of him over this past year.

Mass of Christian

Burial was held at 10:00

AM on Monday, July 20,

2015 at St. Patrick Catholic

Church in Troy with Rev.

ing. Interment took place

at Riverside Cemetery in

Troy with veterans honor

guard services. A Rosary

Prayer Service was held at

6:30 PM on Sunday at the

funeral home.

Fr. James Duell officiat-

there for others. Thank

Home Health Care and

you to Fidelity Home

Norm and Karen. He lived

next adventure. He attend-

the many road trips over

and great grandkids play-

friends and neighbors, St.

retiring in 1987. Frank

Louise Copeland and

and Eileen Wehrle.

in-laws: Charles and Mary

Francis E. "Frank" Copeland

Francis E. "Frank" Copeland, age 84, of Troy, OH passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Fryburg, OH on June 28, 1931 to the late Edward and Alvina (Fisher) Copeland. He married Mary Ann Wehrle on August 4, 1956. She preceded him in death on October 27, 2001.

Frank is survived by five daughters: Christine



(Ted Dunham) Hutson of Piqua, Susan (Dan) King of Piqua, Julie (Chris Besecker) Moore of Troy, Jeannie (Richard) Gray of Troy and Joannie (Rick Wear) Copeland of Dayton; grandchildren: Jesse (Sarah) Davis, Joshua (Jen) Davis, Ashlee (Adam) Schmidt and Elisa Davis, Nicole (Jayson Warner) Hutson and Jason (Erica) Hutson, Elizabeth (Jake) Michael, Christina King and Victoria King, Dustin (Rebecca) Moore, Aimee Besecker and Patrick Besecker, Amanda (Joshua) Priaulx, Kiley (Mikey) Branch and Emory Gray; great-grandchildren: Amelia and Alexander Davis, Andrew and Aaliyah Lee, Kyen Warner, Vallery and Abby Hutson, Greyson and Isabella Michael, Brooklyn Larck, Madison and Camden Moore, and Anderson Priaulx; sister-in-law: Ruthelyn Schneider; brotherin-law and sister-in-law: Paul and Casey Wehrle;

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Don is also survived by three children and their spouses: Chris and Tammy Kendall of Piqua, OH, Mark and Miriam Kendall of Loveland, CO and Matt and Carrie Kendall of Troy, OH; stepchildren: Patty (Greg) Rulon, Maureen (Nick) Keyes and Jimmy (Fran) Sheehan; brothers and sisters: Bob (Martha) Kendall of Troy, OH, Marilyn (Don) Fisher ents and his wife, he was

Tony Watts) Kendall, Lilly Kendall, Zachary Kendall and Austin Kendall; step grandchildren: Brian, Megan and Kevin White and Matt (Cheri) Simmons; great grandchild: Vaylor. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by one brother: Bill Kendall; and one stepdaughter: Donna White. Don was a 1953 gradu-

ate of Franklin-Monroe High School. He was an avid fan of hockey and baseball. Don enjoyed supporting his family's sports and other activities. Don enjoyed motorcycle riding, bicycle riding, and socializing. He was formerly employed by Hobart Brothers, manager of Empire Restaurant; The Farmer's Buying Service and then retired from Ohio Lottery.

Services will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Friends may call from 4-8 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome. com.

Sharon L. Kessler

Sharon L. Kessler, age 77, of Troy, OH passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at her residence. She was born on February 3, 1938 in Dayton, OH to the late Harvey and Ruth E. (Himes) Pardue. She was married to William E. Kessler, husband of 38

of Casstown, OH, and

of Conway, AK; sister-

in-law: Jane Kendall of

Arcanum, OH; grand-

children: Chelsea (Matt)

Roberts, Morgan (Fiancé,

Karilyn (Frank) Trimble



years and he preceded her in death in 1997. Sharon is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law: David Kessler of St. Marys, OH; Scott Kessler of Troy; and Chris and Barbara Keser: Richard Pardue of Troy; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her husband, Sharon was preceded in death by one infant daughter: Linda; one brother: Ronald Pardue; and one sister: Carolyn Brownfield. Sharon was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ, Troy. She loved spending time with her family. Graveside services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 17, 2015 in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, OH with the Rev. John Shelton officiating. Friends may express condolences to the family through www. bairdfuneralhome.com.

David Andrew Hunter

David Andrew Hunter, age 76, of Troy, OH passed away on July 17, 2015 at the Koester Pavilion in Troy. He was born on May 22, 1939 in Dayton, OH to the late Joseph and Eugenia (Frick) Hunter.

David is survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law: Joseph and Zoa Hunter of Dayton and William and Donna Hunter of Tipp City; sister and brother-in-law: Sharon and Philip Bueher of PA and nieces and nephews.

David was a 1957 graduate of Chaminade High School in Dayton. He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church

in Troy and a veteran of the US Army. He was self-employed as an electrician.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00AM on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy with Rev. Fr. Gene Vonderhaar officiating. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery in

Dayton, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul, C/O St. Patrick Catholic Church, 409 E. Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Friends may express condolences to the family through www. bairdfuneralhome.com.

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David P. Koenig

David P. Koenig, age 45, formerly of Troy, OH; more recently of Las Vegas, NV passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015. He was born on April 12, 1970 in Troy, OH to Ronald and Karen (Naumburg) Koenig of Bradenton, FL. He married Christina L. (Teshka) Koenig on February 01, 1997.



ents and his wife, David is survived by his sister: Lisa Stapleton of Troy, OH and nephews: Bradley and Brett Stapleton.

David served as President of Caprice Builders and was a Past President of the Miami County

Home Builders Association and the Sons of the American Legion, Troy, OH. He was a member of the NAAR - Ham Radio Club. David was a graduate of Miami East Schools.

He was currently an Estimator with Madden, Kneppers & Associates, Las Vegas, NV, a construction consultant and engineering firm. A Memorial Mass

will be held at 10:00AM on August 6, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Trov. OH with interment to follow in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM on August 5, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to Nevada Donor Network, 2061 E Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104 or www.nvdonor.gov.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Betty Louise Neves

Betty L. Neves, age 84 of Troy passed away at 3:05 P.M. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 20, 1930 in Champaign Co, OH., to the late Harold Clement and Helen Lucille (Bishop) Beaty. She married her beloved husband John C. Neves on May 20, 1950 and he survives. Also surviving are daughter and son-in-law Hope and Richard Flory of Brandywine, MD., brothers and sisters-in-law Harold Beaty of Troy, Donald and Carolyn Beaty of Troy, Gary Lee and Cathy Beaty of Sebring, FL., sister and brother-in-law Linda and Richard Scholz of Troy, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren... She was also preceded in death by a son Dennis L.

Neves, sister and brother-in-law Rosemary and Victor Green , sisters-inlaw Betty Jane Rudisill and Mary L. Beaty. Betty was a 1948 graduate of Christiansburg-Jackson High School, graduated from Richard Weston Beauty School and worked 45 plus years as a Licensed Beautician in local area Beauty Shops in Troy. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. David Ramming officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. If desired, contributions may be made to one's favorite charity. Online condolences may be left for the family at www. fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Troy Schools to **Apply for Funding**

federal fund allocations in the 2015-2016 school year earmarked to provide specific programming and services for eligible schools and students in the district. These federal grants include: Title I (academic needs of low-achieving, low income children), Title I-D (neglected, delinquent and at-risk children), Title II - A (teacher quality), Title II-D (Technology), Title III-LEP (language instruction for limited English proficient), Title III - Immigrant (language instruction for immigrant students). Anyone who would like to submit written suggestions outlining the use of these funds is asked to forward their written responses to Eric Herman, Superintendent, Troy City Schools, 500 North Market Street, Troy, Ohio, 45373, by August 10, 2015.

The Troy City Schools

will apply for a series of

A meeting will be held at the Troy Board of Education located at 500 N. Market Street on August 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. A presentation of the intended uses of Title Funding will be made. There will also be an opportunity for public comments and input from program participants and parents regarding the usage of these funds.

The district will also apply for federal funding for the education of handicapped students within the district. The district allocation has been predetermined to be approximately \$986,166.71 for the 2015-2016 school

year. These monies when granted to the district as Special Education IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Public Law 105-17) funds would be used to purchase instructional and related student services for the district's students with disabilities. Equipment and supplies may also be procured with these allocations as long as the expenditures meet the eligibility standards set by

the federal guidelines. As part of an ongoing effort to identify, locate, and evaluate all disabled children ranging in age from birth through the age of twenty-one, the Troy City Schools in cooperation with other Ohio school districts, private schools located in the jurisdiction of the Troy City Schools, and other community agencies, will continue to implement its Child Find Program. Fed eral guidelines establish fourteen different handicapping conditions for which children may not be visible in the community, because they are either pre-schoolers or their parents are not aware of the availability of programming extended by school and community-based providers. If you are aware of a disabled child who may not be receiving educational and/or related services for their handicapping condition, please contact Beth Marshal, the Director of Pupil Services, Troy City Schools, 500 North Market Street, Troy, Ohio 45373, or call

937-332-6700.

Haddad Ready | Troy Post 43 For One Final Run At State

By Jim Dabbelt

Ed Note: The summer series continues in the Troy Tribune featuring a returning athlete at Troy and Troy Christian schools throughout the summer months leading up to the start of fall sports. This week, a look at one of the top returning track standouts in Ohio.

For three years now, Meredith Haddad has been a staple in Columbus for the state track meet, having bettered her finish each year at the meet. Now heading into her senior season, she is not only looking to cap her year off in style, she has high goals in mind for what she wants to accom-

be a pretty good year," she said. "We have worked with (trainer) Zach Vargo on training and have open fields.

Another sport she plays is basketball, and Haddad experienced a good year with the Eagles last year, and hopes to improve on that this season. 'We have been doing

a lot of things during the summer, and I have been working on my shooting,' she said. "Basketball has never been my number one sport, but as a senior I need to step it up and I have been working a lot on my fundamentals so I can continue to increase my role as a leader. Not only as a speaking leader but by example."

Haddad is the lone



Haddad, who has been to state each of her first three years in the long jump, has played varsity in three sports since her freshman year, with a chance to get 12 varsity letters upon graduation. She is a member of the girls' soccer, girls' basketball and track teams at Troy Christian, and has turned her focus onto two of those sports when it comes to her future plans.

One of those sports is track, where she is known for her ability in long jump. As a fresȟman she was fifth in state, and improved one spot each year since, including a third place finish this past June in Columbus as she wrapped up her

junior year. "I was very nervous my freshman year, because I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I just worked with all of my coaches and I had the chance to also go over to Troy to work with them. They helped me with long jump, as did Coach Meredith at Milton."

"Throughout the years, it has gotten easier, but it still a nerve-wracking thing."

While she has made a name for herself in track, another sport she is counting on a big year in is soccer, which begins next weekend with the first day of practice, which for fall sports is August 1.

senior for the Eagles basketball team, but doesn't feel any added pressure to be the leader, as the two juniors they have are both good leaders according to Haddad.

During the summer, Haddad has been trying to balance her time among all of her activities, and looks to improve in all aspects.

"Monday, Wednesday and Friday I do soccer, and Tuesday and Thursdays I go and shoot and work on basketball," she said. "I'm growing in leadership and it makes me be a good example for the younger kids."

"I have played soccer since I can remember walking," she said. "For basketball, I started in fourth or fifth grade." When it comes to track, it is ironic how quickly she picked up the sport. She didn't start any track activities until her freshman year, and three months later, she was finishing fifth at state in the long jump.

"It was so awesome, and totally unexpected," she said. "We even had a vacation planned that week and had to cancel

This past week, she verballed to Cornerstone College to continue her career in both track and soccer. She wanted to choose a Christian school, and will be heading to Grand Rapids, Michigan upon graduation.

Advances To Regional Finals

SPORTS

By Jim Dabbelt

After a successful regular season, the Troy Post 43 baseball team was hoping for a solid run in the regional tournament and beyond. They had two big wins last week defeating Greenville and had a 10-7 win over Sidney to send them into the regional finals. Against Sidney, Troy

used five solid innings from Chris Heisey and they built a 10-3 lead but the Sidney squad fought back to cut their deficit to three runs headed to the eighth before Troy closed the door for the win. "Give Sidney a lot of

credit, they kept battling until the end," Troy coach Frosty Brown said. Zach Kirby came in to try to stop the rally and after a two run double, Kirby recovered with a big strikeout and pitched 1 2/3 innings for the save.

Troy had 17 hits on the day, as six batters came up with multiple hit games. With the game tied at two in the third, Michael Hale blasted a solo homerun to open the inning. A single from Cody Harsman and a walk set up a huge tworun triple off the fence by Jackson Ford, who then came into score on a hit from Adam Gunston to give Troy a 6-2 lead.

An inning later, Trenton Wood doubled off the wall in center and came

into score when Harsman singled, and in the fifth, Ryan Lavy tripled to right field, and came into score when Ford hit into a field ers choice, pushing the Troy lead to 8-2 after five. Hale then hit his

second homerun of the day in the eighth that helped Troy maintain the momentum, part of his four hits on the day. He added another homerun, a single and double, while driving in three runs.

things that we have worked on daily in batting practice all summer, and we are showing a more disciplined at bat," Brown said.

days for Troy Post 43 tryouts for candidates 15-18 year olds for 2016. The tryouts will be held at Duke Park Legion Field on July 27 at 5 p.m., August 22 and August 23

Troy Post 43 Baseball is one of Ohio's most respected baseball programs and participated some of the best tournaments in the country. Over 400 former players have advanced to play at the collegiate level, 44 and two became major league players. Five for-

DAR Chapter in the Parade Judy Deeter & Debbie

Miller prepare the DAR car for the parade. Picture by Becky Miller who also rode in the car.

Members Brenda Cooper and Lora Larck were in the parade as well. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's volunteer service organization dedicated to

promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. Any woman 18 years or older may join the DAR by documenting her lineage to an ancestor, either male or female, who aided the cause of American independence through military, civil or patriotic service. http:// www.dar.org and www. ohiodar.org

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*There are three more

in both American Legion baseball and the National Amateur Baseball Federation. The team travels to have signed pro contracts mer players are currently coaching in college.

STAARS Academy Making Athletes Better

By Jim Dabbelt

For area athletes who are looking to improve their game, training or fitness in the Troy area, STAARS Academy on Dorset Rd, next to Troy Christian local schools offers the perfect opportunities. They have been under new direction of General Manager Kait Stewart since October 2014, and the facility not only hosts excellent training chances for baseball and softball, but also adult fitness classes and personal training with Enhance U, which is training opportunities with former Tennessee Titans and New Orleans Saints slot receiver Tramain Hall.

stands for Strength Technique Agility Awareness Response and Speed, then blossomed into what it is today.

"We have a one year plan, and a three to five year plan, and it is speeding along a lot faster than we thought it would," Adams said. "Getting the likes of Hall and Luis Bolivar in here, the kids have unlimited resources to get better."

"The main thing we do is slow the game down for the kids," Adams said. "They are breaking down their swing and throwing mechanisms and start to diagnosis their own issues. What I am seeing in here, the instructors will stop the kids and help them make the adjust-



'We opened up for kids to come in and get structure and learning for athletics, not just baseball and softball but everything in general," Bryce Adams, a manager at STAARS said. "They have a chance to work in the off-season to come in and work to get better in their sport. During the season they can come in and do some fine tuning."

The facility was previously owned by the Extra Innings franchise, but it became available and now has grown into STAARS.

"My daughter and I would come in here several times per week to get some swings in, and I became good friends with the former owner," Adams said. "I contacted a friend of mine Mark Schutt and he was interested with a vision for kids to come and learn while having fun with things. After he bought it, we sat down and brainstormed on some ideas." STAARS, which

STAARS will also hold a Pro Days where the professional athletes and key instructors come in and help the kids break down their game to get to another level.

"They work and show them how to train the way the pros train, not just physically but also mentally as well," Adams said. "We also do the fall leagues where teams get together on Sundays where the kids can do more than play, also doing instruction along

the way." The long term goal includes outdoor facilities to bring kids in athletical ly, academic purposes, or struggling with the belief in themselves, a place to drop in and help fix their problems. We want the parents to come in and learn about recruiting

also.' STAARS is open during the summer on Monday-Friday from 9:30a-6:30p, and Saturdays from 10a-3p, and by appointment only on Sun day. Interested athletes can contact STAARS at 339-3330.

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Columns & Opinion

From the Pulpit

By Pastor Frey

Worshiping God

The bigness and the grandeur of the world make a person feel small and insignificant in comparison. That is the effect it had on David when he wrote the 8th psalm, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, or the son of man that you care for him?" David was king. Thousands of people respected, honored him and served him. But when he looked at the moon and the stars and the other wonders of the universe, he felt very small. It amazed him that the God who had created these things should pay any attention to an insignificant creature like himself.

When you see pictures from sent back from space of other planets and galaxies, you no doubt feel the same way. You might feel pretty big and important in your home or place of work, but you only have to get out of your small sphere and compare yourself with the vastness of the heavens to see how small and insignificant you really are.

When you look at those things, you can't help thinking about the God who made them. It makes you think of your own smallness and the greatness of God and you are impelled to worship him. How can we worship God?

First you need to know who God is. Is God just some vague force in the world that sees nothing or is God a personal being? And if God is a personal being, who is he? Or are there many gods?

You can't worship God if you don't know who he is. God speaks to us in his Word, the Bible. God tells us that he is not honored when you choose just anything to

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worship. We must know who God is. God describes himself in the Bible as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are not three gods but only one God.

You naturally know there is a god, but you don't naturally know who that God is. The Bible tells us who he is. The Bible also tells us what God has done for us.

Why do we worship him? We worship him because of what he has done. One of the great works of God is the world and everything in it. The world and everything in it did not get here by themselves. When we see the complexity of the world, when we see for example the human body and how intricately it works, we are led to admire the power that made people and the world.

But as wonderful as that work of God is, even more inspiring is the work of Jesus is saving us. Eternal life is not something that we naturally have. Jesus won it for us by his own suffering and death. And so we worship him.

But worship consists of more than grabbing these blessings and perhaps saying "Thanks God" and then forgetting about him. True worship consists not only in thanking God but in serving him.

Do we really appreciate the blessings of God if we are not inspired to serve him? How many people today have no desire to worship God? Going to church is something that they seldom do. Anyone who really appreciates the blessings of God will be inspired to worship God. And he will worship him, not only with his words but also by what he does.

(Pastor Marc Frey is the pastor at Peace of Our Savior Lutheran Church (WELS) New Carlisle, OH www. peaceofoursavior.net)

At Home

by Connie Moore

A Few Words on Watermelon

Just about everywhere you look there are watermelons. Summer would not be the same without the green-shelled, sweet, red fruits. Big ones, little ones, oblong or round, ice-cold watermelons are the perfect end to a picnic, a barbecue, lunch, supper, snacks. Included in today's grocery ads,

you might find a whole melon pictured or maybe a slice with the seeds peeking out. But late 19th century grocers did not have colorful, high-gloss photos of their specials. Simple printed signs in their windows showed the weekly specials. Not that they didn't advertise for the masses. They used their imaginations to grab the attention of newspaper readers. For instance, the following was found in an 1890 local newspaper:

As cold as ice can make 'em, Luscious, ripe and sweet. Just arrived on the market, Have one sent up for a treat. WATERMELONS

Before there were rhymes, there were admonitions of health concerns. "A sick watermelon is more than a match for a well man. It knocks him out the first round. But a healthy watermelon will, not unfrequently, restore a sick man's health."

"A good, ripe, fresh watermelon is a foe of cholera. The Lord made the watermelon to be eaten in hot

One of the most popular late 19th century varieties was the Giant Cobb Gem. Taking over one hundred days to mature, it neverthe-less was grown and shipped into Ohio, even as it weighed in at 125 pounds or more. A smaller version was called Cobb Gem. The Springfield grocery, S. J. Straley & Co. on East High Street advertised it this way: "The Celebrated Cobb Gem watermelon on ice at all times. Finest in the

Two other varieties enjoyed back then were Rattlesnake and Jubilee. Rattlesnake was a large, long and oval melon with rattle snake patterned markings. It was said to have a sweet, rosy red flesh and weighed in at an 90 days to mature. Jubilee was a

good shipper and was oblong and well-rounded at 40 pounds.

Sharing a good eating watermelon is a given and has always brought delight to newspaper readers and reporters alike. In 1888, locally reported by the New Carlisle Sun reporter at Springfield, a fifty-eight pound melon was brought back from Kansas by Rev. Henry Frantz. It had been raised on the farm of Mr. B. C. Garver, who was a former neighbor here in Clark County. The generous Reverend brought the melon to the Stafford and Johnson store where it was cut. Rev. Frantz took half of it home and the rest was divided among forty people. The reporter issued a declaration that "the melon was a daisy, and unanimously pronounced it the best I ever tasted."

While people love the refreshing fruit, horses do not have quite the same disposition towards the sugary, watery treat. In the same year and month that Rev. Frantz and friends were enjoying their melon, a horse owned by Charley Winger of Springfield's Market Street grocery was also enjoying a moment of refreshment.

"The next time Charley Winger, the Market Street grocer, goes out buggy-riding he will see to it that his lady companion does not get generous and feed the horse watermelon. The effects, Sunday evening, were very, very disastrous, and Charley has his Sunday clothes and lap robe at the repair shop." The buggy no doubt took a thorough scrubbing also. Most grocers including the

Arcade shipped in the larger average 45 pounds. It took about varieties of melons to be stacked on display. Temptation at a joking

level overcame workers at the Arcade in downtown Springfield in the summer of 1886. This is how a melon flew off the shelf.

"Some of the workmen about the Arcade got the laugh on Dr. C.W. Dunlap yesterday afternoon. The doctor is an expert shot with a rifle and he owns a Flobert rifle he uses with deadly effect on the rats about the building.

The workmen killed an enormous rat yesterday afternoon and cutting a hole in a huge watermelon, placed the dead rodent in so that only its head peeped cunningly out. The watermelon was then placed in a quiet spot and one of the boys rushed frantically for Dr. Dunlap and pointed out the rat to him.

'Hold on now, boys,' said the doctor in an excited whisper. 'Wait till I get my gun-I'll fix that fellow. Don't move now.'

In a minute the genial doctor returned with his rifle and taking careful aim at the rat's head, blew it clear down into Greene County.

When the doctor learned that the rat was dead before he had ever thought of shooting at it, he walked back into the office without saying a word, followed by the laughter of the jokers."

Our forefathers found watermelons refreshing, medicinal, bragging material and occasionally the fruit of laughter and embarrassment. What about today? What is the latest on that quintessence of summer-watermelon? Next week we'll look at today's watermelon words.

Send your comments to Connie at mooredcr@Juno.com or dcrmoore@att.net.



Gardening is good for your health!

We'll continue from where we left off a couple of weeks ago with more evidence of how gardening is a benefit

EXERCISE Gardening gets you out in the fresh air and sunshine -- and it also gets your blood moving. There are lots of different movements in gardening, so you get some exercise benefits out of gardening in addition to all the other things we mentioned a couple of weeks ago. Unless you're hauling wheelbarrows of soil long distances every day, it probably won't do much for your cardiovascular fitness. But digging, planting, weeding, and other repetitive tasks that require strength or stretching are excellent forms of low-impact exercise, especially for people who find more vigorous exercise a challenge. As a pleasurable and

goal-oriented outdoor

activity, gardening has

another advantage over



other forms of exercise: People are more likely to stick with it and do it of-<u>ten</u>. It's not just exercise for exercise itself, which can become tedious. It's exercise that has a context that reinforces the limberness of your limbs and the use of your hands. You've got a motivation for why you want to grip. You're not just gripping a ball, you want to pull a weed. You tend to loose yourself in the gardening activity and forget you are getting the exercise.

BRAIN HEALTH

Some research suggests that the physical activity associated with gardening can help lower the risk of developing dementia. Two separate studies that followed people in their

60s and 70s for up to 16

years found that those

who gardened regular-

ly had a <u>36% and 47%</u> <u>lower risk of dementia</u> than non-gardeners, even when a range of other health factors were taken into account. These findings are not hard core facts but they suggest that the combination of physical and mental activity involved in gardening may have a positive influence on the mind. For people who are already experiencing mental decline, even just walking in a garden may be therapeutic. The sights, smells, and sounds of the garden are said to promote relaxation and reduce stress.

NUTRITION

The food you grow yourself is <u>the freshest</u> <u>food</u> you can eat. And because home gardens can be filled with fruits and vegetables, it's also among the healthiest <u>food</u> you can eat. Not

surprisingly, several studies have shown that gardeners eat more fruits and vegetables than their peers. Studies of after-school gardening programs suggest that kids who garden are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables. And they're a lot more adventurous about giving new foods a try. Fresh, garden food tastes better than something that has been shipped across the country and then on the store shelf.

GARDENING IS CHAL-LENGING & REWARDING

There is no question that gardening can be challenging and that is what makes it so interesting, mentally stimulating and eventually rewarding. No two seasons are the same from a weather stand point and then there are soil conditions and bugs. But MVG staff members are here to help you or you can call the county agent's office and the Master Gardeners answering the phone can help you solve your problems.

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Born in January of 2001, and my mind changed Princess Di is a spayed, female, mostly white, domestic short haired cat. She is a little lost right now, as the only owner she has ever known, recently passed away. But given love, she will turn herself around and be-

she once was. OK. So my first thought was "How am I supposed to find a home for a 14 year old cat?" But then I held her in my arms,

immediately. Princess Di is one very loving cat. She would make a great cat for an older couple who want a "low maintenance" lap cat who brings no "kitty prob-

lems" into their life. For more information come the spoiled, lap-cat on Princess Di, or any of our other cats, kittens, dogs or puppies: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.

Financial Focus



Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Share your financial and care inventory with those who need to know

Make time to discuss future financial decisions with

Each year, thousands of Americans are thrust into the uncomfortable role of making long-term care decisions for their family members. These emotional decisions can create stressful situations for the entire family in addition to being time-consuming and expensive.

Fortunately, there is a way to help reduce the stress connected to these situations: communication. Discussing plans for long-term care before the need arises can greatly reduce the stress that can arise while dealing with an illness or disability.

"Raising the subject may create some momentary awkwardness for both parents and their adult children," said Matt Buehrer, a Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial. "However, we believe it is far better to discuss longterm care options ahead of time and together decide what makes the most sense for the family."

Thrivent Financial recommends that families ask certain questions regarding long-term care:

 Does the person receiving care prefer to stay at home or at a care facility? Would a family member leave their job to care for a spouse or parent?

 How will long-term care expenses be covered? Is there a long-term care

insurance policy in place? Clear communication can help eliminate the problem of catching a spouse or adult child off guard. It can also help eliminate the burden of uncertainty with difficult decisions. Spelling out the location of insurance policies, as well as care wishes, ensures that family members have the information they need to provide for their loved one's desired care.

Create a financial and care inventory

It is also important to update family members on the location and status of financial and care documents. Having an inventory of financial and health care documents provides family members with a roadmap to critical infor-

mation. It is focused on the "where" information on financial holdings is located; not specific details about the financial holdings. The inventory is not a legal document, and it need not divulge personal or confidential details that you are not prepared to share. It should, however, enable loved ones to quickly locate where you keep your financial, legal, care and legacy records should a crisis occur.

This inventory should be updated at least annually, and copies should be given to family members , a lawyer or executor – or placed in a secure location where those who might need it can access it.

While each family's inventory will differ, the inventory should include information related to where someone can find the following:

- Living wills/health care directives
- Insurance contracts (health, life, long-term care, annuities, auto, homeowners, etc.)
- Wills, trusts and deeds
- Bank accounts and investments/investment accounts
- Credit card accounts and outstanding debt
- Contact information for lawyers, accountants, brokers, agents
- Jewelry and other valuables
- Essential keys
- Instructions related to funeral arrangements
- Personal instructions or messages
- · Location of birth, marriage and military discharge certificates
- Information related to charitable gifts

While it may be a difficult topic, open and honest communication about long-term care can be one of the best ways to prepare for a stress-free financial future.

This article was prepared by Thrivent Financial for use by Tipp City representative Matt Buehrer. His office is at 29 W Main Street in Tipp City and can also be reached at 667-8270.

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Miami County Nonprofits Benefit from Paul G. Duke **Foundation Grants**

Nonprofit organizations supporting education, social services, community events, and youth received an economic boost from The Paul G. Duke Foundation. The Foundation recently announced grants totaling more than \$157,000 to benefit nonprofits in the Miami County area. One grant will help

Habitat for Humanity of Miami & Shelby Counties relocate its ReStore outlet, increasing the outlet's visibility and accessibility. The new, larger ReStore will be located in the Trojan Village Shopping Center. Proceeds from the outlet, which sells new or gently used donated home improvement goods, will support Habitat's local programs and services.

Also, the Duke Foundation will support the area's youngest residents through two grants for reading programs. The first grant will support **Troy-Miami County** Public Library as it rolls out a program that mails free books monthly to children from birth to age 5 to encourage early literacy skills. The second grant, also focused on enhancing early literacy skills, will support Kids Read Now's programs. The summer reading programs will reach almost 5,000 students in grades K-3 in Miami, Shelby, and Montgomery counties.

The nine organizations receiving grants are: The Future Begins Today

To encourage students to plan to attend post-secondary education by working with schools and parents and providing last-dollar grants.

Habitat for Humanity of Miami & Shelby **Counties**

To support relocation of the ReStore outlet to a larger, more visible and accessible location in the Trojan Village Shopping

Health Partners Free

To support provision of medical care, nursing visits, prescription assistance, diagnostic/lab testing, and social service consults.

Kids Read Now

To fund summer reading programs for students in grades K-3 in local elementary schools, including the Piqua City Schools and Troy City Schools.

LifeCare Alliance

To support the Mealson-Wheels and Senior Dining Center programs, which provide nourishing food and socialization for older adults in Champaign County.

Miami County Recovery Council

To support the purchase of equipment and software needed for Phase III of the project to transition to an electronic health record system.

Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, Inc.

To support the annual December Holiday Basket Program to ensure that all families, especially those with children, are able to celebrate and enjoy the season.

Troy Mayors Concerts Inc.

To support the 2015 summer concert.

Troy-Miami County Public Library

To support implementation of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that mails free books to all children in Miami County each month from birth to their fifth birthday to encourage early literacy skills.

The Duke Foundation's Trustees will be reaching out to a variety of nonprofits in the coming months, seeking their input as the Foundation works to enhance the impact of its grantmaking in the Miami County

region. The Trustees look forward to announcing new developments during the coming year.

The Duke Foundation encourages nonprofit organizations in the Miami County area to apply for grants. Grants are awarded in spring and fall each year. Eligibility guidelines and information about submitting grant proposals to the Duke Foundation can be found at www.paulgdukefoundation.org. Deadlines for submission are the first working day in April and in August. The Duke Foundation's

grantmaking efforts focus on programs benefiting children, young adults, and families in the Miami County area. Grants are made in the areas of the arts, education, health, and social services for both general and specific project support, including seed money for innovative programs. The foundation has frequently made challenge grants for projects to encourage matching gifts or additional funding from other

The Paul G. Duke Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, was established in 1983. It has a long history of philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations. Paul Duke, business man and philanthropist, evolved his local Duke Garden Centers into a national lawn and garden service, Chem-Lawn. The proceeds from the sale of that business enabled Mr. Duke to generously support many community projects and charitable programs, all of which is done through the Duke Foundation.

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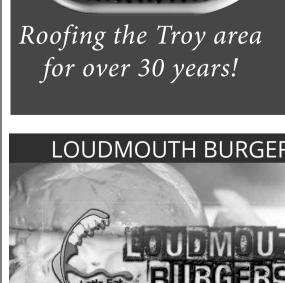
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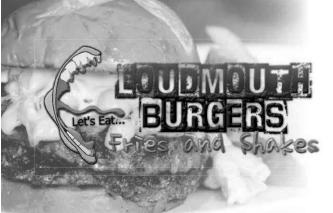


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Across

1. The Lion

4. Adjoin 8. Fox competitor

11. "Dig in!"

12. Vietnam's capital

14. Clawed foot

15. "___is never finished,

only abandoned," Da Vinci

16. Correction

18. Go smoothly

20. Workbench adjunct

21. Montezuma, for one

24. Water barrier

27. Avoid

30. Baby tiger

32. Primps

33. Catania city locale 34. Have another go at

36. Constituted 37. Last

38. Long green

35. Porch along the out-

side of a building

40. Be saturated in 44. Homage

49. Atty group 50. Really awesome!

51. Depend 52. Bubkes

53. Bar bill

54. Amtrak track

55. N.Y. minutes?

Down

1. Flip pages

2. "My name is _ 3. "Beetle Bailey" pooch 4. "Got it!"

5. Loud thud 6. Odd

7. Bartender's supply 8. Burlesque

9. Exclude

10. 100 lbs.

13. Checks for under 21's 17. Physical checkups 19. Lake sport

22. Screwball 23. My country, ___ of

25. Against 26. Fuse 27. Calendar abbr.

28. Concoction

thee

29. Stiff hair

30. Turkish money 31. Rug

33. Hill person: abbr.

35. European city that is a musical and artistic center

37. Knack 39. Jessica's sister

41. Fall off 42. Nile bird

43. Beer ingredient

44. Frequently, in verse 45. Call to Bo-peep

46. Abatement 47. Animation platform

(abbr.) 48. Conger **Hidden Treasures**



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Trivia Challenge Sodoku What Happened First

11) HISTORY OF SCIENCE -WHICH SCIENTIFIC EVENT OR **DISCOVERY OCCURRED FIRST?**

a. Boyles Law **b.** Napier's Logarithms

12) HISTORY OF

a. Coal

b. Wheel

MPIRE - WHICH OF THESE

b. Vandals Sack Rome

d. Visigoths Sack Rome

a. St. Brice's Day Massacre **b.** Forkbeard King of

c. Danelaw occurs

d. First Motte and Bailey

FIRST?

b. Yoshihito

Last Week's Solutions

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c. Kepler's Laws of Motion

TECHNOLOGY - WHICH CAME FIRST?

13) HISTORY OF THE ROMAN

14) HISTORIC EVENTS - WHAT **HAPPENED FIRST?**

England

15) JAPANESE HISTORY -

a. Shoko

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d. Euclid's Elements

c. Fire d. Bronze

EVENTS OCCURRED FIRST? a. Constantinople becomes capital

c. Battle of Adrianople

WHO WAS EMPEROR OF JAPAN

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c. Akihtio

OF THE FOLLOWING BRITISH MONARCHS, WHO REIGNED THE EARLIEST?

a. Charles I b. William III

c. Anne d. James I

> THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, WHICH OCCURRED FIRST? a. JFK Assassinated

b. Berlin Wall Built

17) HISTORIC EVENTS - OF

16) British Monarchs -

c. Vietnam War Outbreak d. Cuban Missile Crisis

18) SECOND WORLD WAR -WHICH HISTORIC WORLD WAR II BATTLE OCCURRED FIRST?

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a. Battle of Kursk

b. Battle of Britain c. Operation Barbarossa

d. Battle of Stalingrad 19) SIEGE HISTORY - WHICH

FAMOUS HISTORICAL SIEGE OCCURRED THE EARLIEST?

a. Leningrad **b.** Mafeking

c. The Alamo d. Luck Now

20) HISTORIC **ASSASSINATIONS - WHICH** OF THE FOLLOWING FAMOUS PEOPLE WAS ASSASSINATED

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a. Sheikh Mujib **b.** Anwar El Sadat

FIRST?

c. Park Chung-hee d. Martin Luther King Jr.

1) Battle of Waterloo - The Battle of Waterloo was fought on June 18th, 1815.

2) John Major - Majors was Prime Minister from November 1990 to May

1997.
3) TV - The invention of the television was the work of many individuals in the late 19th century and early 20th century.
4) USA Buys Alaska - The purchase of Alaska added 586,412 square miles to the United States.

5) Lawrence of Arabia -Lawrence of Arabia was born on August 16th 1888.

8) Da Gama reaches India -A Portuguese explorer, Da Gama was the first European to reach India by sea. 9) Salk's Polio Vaccination - The vaccination was first tested in 1952. 10) Muhammad Born -Muhammad was born around 570 CE in present day Saudi Arabia.

6) Alfred Dreyfus was convicted in January of 1895 and sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's Island.

7) Pythagoras Theorem - The theorem is named after the ancient Greek mathemati-

cian Pythagoras.

Sudoku

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Troy Rotary Club News

The old saying, "Put your back into it," is bad advice, according to Julie Zalar (pictured), Occupational Therapist at Upper Valley Medical Center and supervisor of Work-FORCE. She discussed the four principles of proper body mechanics when lifting objects at Troy Rotary Club's weekly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Calling on a volunteer in the audience, Zalar provided a demonstration of the correct way to lift an object safely. First, you assess the weight of the item you need to lift. Next, step close to the object. Once you are within easy, and

safe, reach of it, bend your knees and squat to hug the item to your body. When you are ready, rise up and move the item to its new location.

WorkFORCE is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary rehabilitation program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Its primary goal is to get people back to work as quickly, and safely, as possible. Through a partnership with other professional providers including physicians, case managers and employers, the program assists injured workers in regaining

their maximum physical performance. Attention is focused on preventing re-injury and returning the worker to his/her job with minimal time lost. Using good body

mechanics can reduce, or even prevent, back injuries, which are the single biggest complaint that brings patients to WorkFORCE. Zalar shared that shoulder injuries are quickly overtaking back problems as the number one cause, due to repetitive, overhead

motions needed in many jobs today.

Data show that, as the working population ages, more of these types of injuries are being report-



ed and that the average age of injury cases is up. Thanks to the more than 40 million working adults who are 65 years old or older, incidents of injuries

has escalated. It is more important than ever, as people work longer for socialization, economic, health and value reasons, to use proper body mechanics for the health and well-being of both the employee and the employer. For more information, visit www.uvmc.com/ Rehabilitation/

Specialized-Programs/ WorkFORCE/

Troy Rotary 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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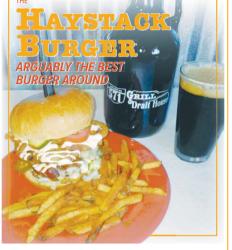
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