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## McGail Resentenced

**By Nancy Bowman** 

A Miami County judge July 22 rejected a request to reduce Patrick McGail's sentence in the 2013 murder of Nathan Wintrow during a home invasion in Troy, saying McGail continues to show no remorse for his actions and gave false testimony during his 2014 trial.

The case of McGail, now 20, was sent back to county Common Pleas Court and Judge Christopher Gee for resentencing by Ohio's Second District Court of Appeals.

The court ruled a new sentencing hearing was required because McGail should have been sentenced on either a murder charge or aggravated robbery charge, but not both. The sentences had been ordered to run concurrently so that part of the sentence alone would not change McGail's total sentence of 24 years to life.

His lawyers, though, asked Gee to reconsider his order for McGail to serve a six-year term for aggravated burglary consecutive to 15 years to life for murder and three-years for a firearm specification.

Gee said false testimony by McGail at his 2014 trial demonstrated a "callus" and "contemptuous attitude."

He further said McGail was "someone who refuses to accept any responsibility for

your criminal conduct."

The lawyers for McGail -

Candace Crouse and Eric Eckes of Pinales, Stachler, Young, Burrell & Crouse Co. LPA in Cincinna-



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ti – argued those six years should be served concurrently in part because of McGail's efforts at rehabilitation since his conviction by a jury and sentencing in late 2014.

If the judge changed the sentence as requested, Mc-Gail would have been eligible for parole after 18 years instead of 24 years.

Since being sent to the Warren Correctional Institution, McGail has had a number of accomplishments "above and beyond the average inmate," Crouse said. She said he has worked to improve not only himself but also other inmates by tutoring and teaching courses. Those efforts were detailed in a sentencing memorandum filed a few days before the July 22 hearing.

The lawyers said McGail had taught himself French and basic business and investing, using the latter skills to teach businesses class on stocks and trading to fellow inmates. They further stated McGail started a prison jazz band and is writing books.

"Patrick's exemplary re-

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## Flooring and Windows — are Her Passion —

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Laurie's Flooring and Window Fashions is one of those long-standing shops you pass every day on Market Street. They have a reputation for quality and service that is tough to beat and the owner has a knack for interior design.

Laurie Smith grew up watching her father, Larry Lauger, run a flooring business called Carpet One for 30 years in Findlay, Ohio. She kept the books for him, did some sales, and discovered a love for the business. She waited to embark on the journey that resulted in the opening of Laurie's, however, until after she was married and had children. "I did the stay at home mom thing for a while," Smith said. "But when the kids started school, I was ready to do something with that time."

When Smith first opened in 2005 next to K's on Main Street, her business was called The Home Decorating Center. She carried mostly décor items and some flooring. "People were surprised when they found that I carried flooring and that side of the business really grew," Smith said.

Being downtown, there was always an issue with parking. Smith moved to

105 West Market Street 6 vears ago and renamed the business Laurie's Flooring and Window Fashions based on the recommendation of her mother, Peg. The building where Laurie's is now located used to be a high-end interior design store. "I think people still see this building and think of the other business that used to be in here," Smith said. "But when they come by and see our prices and experience our service, we've developed relationships with people who have said they will be customers for life."

Smith moves thousands of yards of carpet and hundreds of blinds every year. Her hard wood floors have been especially popular in recent days. Smith is a different kind of flooring businesswoman, however, in that she wants to hear details about the space where the flooring will be installed. "I don't want people to get something that they think will look good and then be unhappy with later," Smith said. "I want them to be comfortable and peaceful about the decisions they make to buy from me." With a degree in interior design from a design school in New York, Smith helps her customers match colors and styles of

any flooring with any room.

In addition to her knowl-



edge and training in design, Smith's installers have up to 20 years of experience in flooring. According to Smith, the men on her team are highly conscientious of the quality of their work. One of them has been with her from the day of her first install. "The men I had originally hired didn't show up and I was frantic," Smith said. Two gentlemen in a white carpet installation van had just finished eating at K's while Smith was trying to find replacement help to

"It was crazy but I was desperate and asked if they could install carpet," Smith

said. "When they said yes, I hired them on the spot." One of these men was named Joe Fiessinger. According to Smith, Fiessinger has been working for her since that day. He has become one of her most popular installers. "People ask for him by name on a regular basis," Smith said. From humble beginnings to the present day, Laurie's Flooring and Window Fashions has been laying carpet and building positively into relationships

For more information on products and services offered by Laurie's, visit troy. abbeycarpet.com.

with the community.

## Grant Will Help Battle Heroin Epidemic

By Nancy Bowman

A grant from the Paul G. Duke Foundation will help the Miami County Recovery Council (MCRC) develop and execute a community education plan to help battle the deadly heroin epidemic.

"We need to bring people together to talk about the problem, issues and solutions," said

Byron Ewick, recovery council development director, who wrote the grant request.

The two-year grant, whose amount was not disclosed, will pay for a part-time employee and education efforts and associated materials.

MCRC has started interviewing for the employee, who will work closely with the Miami County Heroin Coalition. That organization has organized subcom-



mittees and earlier in July held the Hope Over Heroin two-day event at the county fairgrounds to increase awareness and offer help.

Ewick said the dialogue regarding heroin has started and needs to be enlarged.

"We are in a health crisis. There is more that needs to be done in order to try to implement programs that can intervene and also do some prevention and education that can hopefully prevent," he said.

The employee will help develop a community education plan and work with the coalition education subcommittee on overall efforts to also include prevention,

Ewick said

"We will work with the effort already started here in Miami County to increase the amount of information available," he said. "The more people know and the more aware they are of resources available, the more opportunity we have to treat those who need it and intervene with those who may not have progressed that far along the continuum."

Ewick said the recovery council has gotten busier. Where five years ago, county drug court participants included 20 to 30 percent heroin users, that percentage has grown today to 80 to 90 percent.

"The access to it (heroin) and the deadly results have changed the game," Ewick said. "We have to do things differently because we haven't been successful, and people are dying." Among needs are finding ways to of-

fer assistance in a more accessible way, he said, adding the recovery council in July implemented walk in hours

for those seeking help.

Ewick thanked the foundation for seeing the need and approving grant support. "They recognized the need and they were responsive," he said. "Their willingness to support us and fund us in this project, we are very appreciative of that."

Possible grant money

- Coordinate media campaign to provide information

- Establish and utilize social media, enhance the MCRC website to become education component for exchange/distribution of information

- Public service announcements

- Share information

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### Red Cross Offers Safety Tips for Extreme Heat

Extreme heat kills more than hurricanes, floods, tornadoes & lightning combined

Heat-related incidents and illness are preventable, yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat. Extreme heat, in fact, kills more people each year than hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and lightning combined.

"People don't often think about the dangers of extreme heat, but it can be very dangerous and even deadly," says Lynne Gump, Executive Director of the Northern Miami Valley Ohio Chapter of the American Red Cross. "The Red Cross emphasizes the importance of being prepared for many types of emergencies-tornadoes. home fires, floods-and the kind of heat that we're expecting this weekend is no different. You should know



what to do before and during a heat emergency. It can literally mean the difference between life and death."

Because heat-related deaths are preventable, people need to be aware of who is at greatest risk and what actions can be taken to prevent a heat-related illness or death. Here are a few tips on how to beat the heat and stay safe:

• If you don't have to be

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### A Family Mexican Restaurant

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#### **Miami County Sheriff** Reports

**TUESDAY, JULY 19** 

8:12 p.m. - To 3rd St. for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that he had been taking care of his mother and that two male subjects were trying to "cause problems" with him. The two male subjects said that the man keeps coming over after being told to leave. The man was highly intoxicated and keeps returning to the two subjects' property. The intoxicated man tried to punch one of the male subjects but missed. The subject swung back hitting the man in the eye. No one wished to pursue charges. The intoxicated man was taken to UVMC for treatment.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

12:24 p.m. - To E. State Route 55 for a report of a theft. A man reported that several items were taken from his residence.

12:47 p.m. - Traffic stop in the 2100 block of N. County Rd. 25A. A passenger was found to have an active warrant and transported to the Incarceration Facility. The driver was given a verbal warning for a turn signal violation and a marked lanes violation.

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 21**

8:02 a.m. - To Ashwood Ct. for a report of a theft. Several items were taken from the residence.

9:32 a.m. - To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. One individual was found to have an active warrant out of Marion County, Indiana. He was taken into custody and transported to the Miami County Jail.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 22

**12:39 p.m.** – To S. State Route 202 for a welfare check. The subject, who has serious health problems, was three hours late

for work and was not answering

his phone. The deputy arrived to find the subject's vehicles at the residence and the garage door was open. The deputy found the door to the residence from the garage unlocked, went inside and called out for the subject. He heard a faint response and found the subject upstairs. He was disoriented, short of breath and purple as if suffering from a breathing illness. He refused a squad and a medical check. He said he was very ill and had just been released from a two-day stay at the hospital. He said that he had called into work sick.

6:27 p.m. - To E. State Rt. 41 for a report of a custody dispute. A man was at the residence trying to take his biological daughter. The man had no custodial rights to the girl. The resident told the man that he could not take the girl, and the resident said that the man threatened him with bodily harm. The man left when the resident told him that he was calling the police. The resident asked that the incident be documented.

9:44 p.m. - Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. at Virginia Ave. for an inoperative license plate light. The driver said that he did not have a valid license. He was informed that BMV gave instructions to tow the vehicle and confiscate the plates. He was cited for driving under suspension and got a ride home. The vehicle was towed and the plates sent to the

10:05 p.m. - Traffic stop on 25A at Eldean Rd. for an inoperative license plate light. The drug dog was walked around the vehicle and did not alert to anything. A consented search yielded nothing illegal. The driver was issued a warning for the license plate

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 23**

2:26 a.m. - Traffic stop on Grant

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### **Scammers Preying** on Law Enforcement **Sympathies**

By Seth Gecko

The Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association has notified all 88 Ohio county Sheriffs of a scam that is making the rounds.

Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer notified the association of the scam.

'Yesterday afternoon I received a phone call from 740-739-6045 (Pataskala, Ohio) and the male on the phone identified himself with the police and sheriffs fund raising drive," said Fischer in an email to the Association. "He proceeded to tell me that they are asking for donations to a fund which gives money to families of law enforcement who have been killed in the line of duty as well as provide hard to get funding to police

and sheriff departments. At this point he asked me if I was prepared to donate \$100 to this cause."

Fischer said he informed the caller that he was a Sheriff and wanted to know how he could apply for some of the dollars earmarked for agencies.

"Needless to say, the male disconnected and our conversation ended."

"These are sick people trying to make money from Law Enforcement deaths," said Association Executive Director Bob Cornwell.

"Charity scams money away from legitimate organizations," Attorney General DeWine said. "While we encourage people to be generous, we also

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#### **Troy Police Reports**

**MONDAY, JULY 18** 

**7:55 a.m.** – To S. Clay St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that two bicycles were stolen from her front porch. She said that they were last seen at around 3:00 a.m. and that she recently purchased them at a garage sale, so she did not have serial numbers. They were described as a gold Mongoose BMX-style bike and a blue mountain

10:59 a.m. - to S. Union St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone stole her walker from in front of her residence.

**2:51 p.m.** – A man came to the police station with a phone harassment complaint. He said that a female subject has been making unwanted phone calls to him and has been texting him. He said he wanted an officer to call her and warn her because he knew that it would make her stop. The female was called and seemed to be expecting the call. She said that she was upset over all the things the man has done in the past and blames him for her grandchildren being in foster care. She agreed to stop contacting

6:47 p.m. – Traffic stop on Stonyridge at Rudy. The vehicle was clocked at 39 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he was in a hurry to meet with a realtor to view a home. The driver was found to have no valid license. He was cited and the passenger, who was a licensed driver, took control of the vehicle.

**7:05 p.m.** – To S. Clay and E. West St. for a disorderly complaint. A man wearing khaki shorts, a red shirt and carrying a blue backpack was reported to be drinking beer and threw the can in a yard. The man was located on Clay St. at Young St. He denied throwing a beer can in a yard. He gave consent to search his backpack and the search yielded a can of beer and a bag of what appeared to be marijuana. He was cited for possession of marijuana. The marijuana was submitted into evidence.

10:26 p.m. - Traffic stop on W. Canal near Short St. The driver was cited for expired registration.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 19**

1:02 a.m. - Traffic stop on W. Main near Dorset. The driver was found to be under suspension. He was cited and called for a valid driver to take control of the vehicle.

8:57 a.m. - An officer saw a vehicle enter the construction area from S. Ridge and turn onto McKaig. The vehicle did not stop at the stop sign and did not try to turn around until the driver saw the officer's cruiser. The driver then tried to back out of the area. The

636 S Union St

215 N Elm St

officer initiated a traffic stop and cited the driver for driving on a closed

**11:21 a.m.** – To W. Market St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that a package was delivered to her home on July 10. She said she checked with the Postal service and the package was delivered. She said that she was out of town that day and believes that the package was stolen. There are no suspects.

3:12 p.m. – To McKaig Ave.

for a report of a possible sex offense. A 17-yearold girl stated that she had dated an 18-year-old boy for one day. On June 10, while at church, he tried to kiss her but she pushed him away. She then went to get coffee and he came up behind her and put his hand on her stomach, then on her butt. She believes that he squeezed it. The officer asked if it was for gratification, showing affection or being silly. She said she believed it was out of affection. Her father soon arrived and was filled in on the situation. He said he did not believe any crime was committed and that he believed that there was more to the story than what she told the officer. The boyfriend was contacted and he said that they met up at church. He said that they were kissing and cuddling on a couch. He said he grabbed her butt but she did not show any indication that he was doing anything wrong. He said she did not run off. He said the last time they talked was at a pool party a few days ago when they broke up. He said that prior to their break-up, she had been messaging him on Facebook. He said that she did not object to any of his actions and he thought that this was "typical relationship stuff." No charges were

**4:37 p.m.** – To the Troy Pool for a report of an accident. A woman reported that she was in the driveway to exit the pool and 11:57 a.m. - To Kroger for as she was about to pull out onto Staunton Rd. she was struck in the rear by another vehicle. The other driver related the same story. No citations were issued since it occurred on private property. Both drivers exchanged information.

7:23 p.m. – An officer saw a vehicle on the closed portion of McKaig. He initiated a traffic stop at Monroe and Main Streets. The driver said that he was dropping off a friend on McKaig Ave. and described the area near Crescent. He was advised that was before the road was closed and that he should have taken an alternate route. When the officer asked for his license, he said he did not have it with him. The officer then learned that his license was not valid. The driver said that he does not have a valid license but is trying to get one. He was cited for driving

on a closed road and driving without a license.

10:28 p.m. - An officer

saw a pickup truck in the left lane passing vehicles in the right lane well in excess of the 35 MPH speed limit. He was unable to get a steady reading on radar due to the traffic, but was able to get a brief reading of over 60 MPH. The truck was stopped at Ridge Ave. when the officer caught up with it, and it rapidly accelerated and the officer clocked it at 49 MPH. He stopped the truck at Norwich Rd. The driver agreed that he had been speeding and said that he was trying to pass another vehicle. The officer said that he believed he was traveling in excess of 60 MPH and the driver nodded his head. He was cited for speeding (49/35 because that was the speed that the officer

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was able to verify).

12:08 a.m.- Traffic stop on W. Main St. The driver was found to be under suspension, and said that he was going home from work and that he should not be driving. He was cited for driving under suspension and walked to a friend's house.

1:11 a.m. - An officer saw a male subject riding a skateboard in the street on the square. He was cited for a toy vehicle in the street.

8:18 a.m. – To Stephenson Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her Samsung tablet was missing. She thinks it was stolen but can't prove who took it.

8:58 a.m. - Traffic stop on S. Stanfield Rd. near W. Stanfield. The driver was cited for expired registration and given a warning for speed.

on Race at Market. The driver was cited for expired tags, expired license and open container.

a soliciting complaint. A man in a wheelchair and a woman in a red shirt were reported asking customers for money. The officer checked the area and saw a woman coming out of a vehicle near the cash advance store. He ran the plate and found that the owner had an active warrant for drug abuse with a statewide pickup. As the woman and another female exited the cash advance store, the officer approached her and informed her of the warrant. He then learned that there was a man in her vehicle who also had an active warrant, but was outside of the pickup area. None of the three had valid licenses. One of the women was covered in sores. The officer asked if she used heroin and she said that she did. She produced a needle that was in her bra. The other woman also had a syringe and so did the man. They said

they went to the cash advance store to get money to buy drugs. All three were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. The woman with a warrant was taken to the Shelby County line and turned over to authorities there. The needles were taken into evidence to be destroyed.

2:21 p.m. - To W. Main St.

for a report of a theft. A store employee reported that a woman had left with a large amount of clothes and did not pay for them. An employee said she grabbed the woman by the arm but the woman pushed her away and left on foot. The woman was located nearby and returned to the store. She was found to have an active warrant from Michigan which was within the pickup area. The woman admitted to taking a purse and filling it with clothing and trying to steal all of the merchandise. The woman said that she was enroute to Atlanta with two guys that she had met four months ago. She was placed under arrest for theft. Due to her size, she was placed in the front seat of the cruiser and transported to Troy PD. Michigan authorities were contacted and advised of the local charges against the woman, and she was taken to the Miami County Jail on the warrant and local charges of theft and possession of criminal tools.

2:31 p.m. - To S. Elm St. for a report of a hit/skip accident. A woman reported that someone had struck her vehicle while it was parked on the street in front of her home. The driver's side mirror was broken. Another broken mirror, probably from the suspect vehicle, was also found at the scene. There were no witnesses and no suspects.

9:08 a.m. - Traffic stop 4:50 p.m. - A Murphy Lane resident called to report fraudulent use of his credit card in Florida. He said that he has contacted his bank and they requested a police report.

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 21**

12:52 a.m. - Traffic stop on W. Main St. near the railroad tracks. The vehicle had run the red light at Elm St. The driver was unaware of the violation and wondered why the vehicle next to him did not move when he did. He said that he was extremely tired and was coming home from work. He was cited for a red light violation.

1:01 a.m. - An officer saw a vehicle enter the traffic circle from W. Main St. The vehicle was rapidly accelerating and its tires were screeching. It continued around the circle at a high rate of speed and exited southbound on Market St. The officer initiated a traffic stop. The 17-year old driver was cited for peeling tires. His mother was contacted

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#### **Local Property Transfers**

**Property Address** 780 Maplecrest Dr \$123,000,00 1010 S Crawford St 7/8 \$69,500,00 2510 Chamomile Ct 7/11 \$0.00 114 E Franklin St 7/11 \$106,000,00 1327 Golden Eagle Dr 7/12 \$159,900.00 7/12 1355 Surrey Rd \$81,000.00 884 Maplecrest Dr 7/13 \$0.00 S Union St 7/13 \$21,000.00

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## Miami County Tourism Generates \$165.8 Million in 2015

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County Visitors Bureau today released statistics detailing the impact of tourism in the Miami County area for the year 2015. These statistics are a result of an integrated consumer-based research study spear-headed by the Tourism

Ohio and conducted by Tourism Economics and Longwoods International. The Miami County Visitor Bureau is one of 50 county/city convention and visitor bureaus, cities and economic development organizations that took part in the study.

"Direct visitor spending and employment figures are

when evaluating the importance of tourism to our economy," states Diana Thompson, Executive Director of the MCVB. Direct visitor spending is the financial input made by consumers into the local economy for tourism-related (only) purchases such as lodging, food, gas, shopping, etc. "By contributing to our quality of life, leisure destinations play an important role in shaping our business climate," continues Thompson.

According to this report, Miami County's direct sales impact is \$165.8M in 2015. The report also indicates that tourism directly supported 2,492 tourism related jobs.

The methodology used to prepare this report includes: • a survey of travelers con-

ducted by Longwoods International • STR data on hotel metrics

including room demand, revenues, and occupancy rates • Statistics Canada data on

spending in Ohio, • Sales tax data on lodging,

retail, recreation sectors available from the Ohio Department of Taxation and Local lodging tax data

collected directly from the For Miami County travel information, please contact the MCVB at (937) 339-1044

or visit our website at Home-

## **OK Power Plant Work**

**By Nancy Bowman** 

The historic power plant building next to the Great Miami River in Troy will receive exterior repairs.

The Miami County commissioners July 21 approved an agreement with Lee Restoration of Delphos to tuck point the damaged mortar on the brick exterior and chemical clean and water seal the exterior.

The company will be paid up to \$33,592. The agreement includes a \$3,000 contingency for unforeseen brick replacement that might be needed as the project progresses. The commissioners were told two other quotes, both higher in cost, were received.

The power plant was built in the 1880s in conjunction with the county Courthouse located across Water Street. Work was done last year on the plant's smokestack.

In other business, the approved commission a quote from SmartBill of Hebron, Ohio, for monthly printing and mailing of water and sewer bills for the county Sanitary Engineering Department.

A maximum cost of \$30,000 for two years was approved. The department will continue to pay the postage for the bills,

the commission was told. commissioners also held a public hearing and then approved a

request for hospital facilities revenue bonds for \$37.5 million for Premier Health Partners Obligated Group for Upper Valley Medical Center.

Michael Sims of Premier Health Partners said the action was to refinance existing debt to take advantage of low interest rates.

By the county issuing the debt, it allows Premier to take advantage of the county tax-exempt

"The county has no obligation, it is strictly on Upper Valley Medical Center being responsible for paying the interest and the principal payments on all of the debt," Sims said.

The commissioners July 20 heard from Teresa Brubaker, director of the county Department of Job and Family Services, about a rapid response project for employees of the Orr Felt Co. that closed in June.

Brubaker said the office is working with 28 people impacted by the closing. The average years of service of employees was 21 years, she

The workers participated in a program providing information on resume preparation, interviews and other search skills. The office has received funding to help with services, including possible job training, for the former employees, Brubaker said.

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about treatment options, support groups

Conduct town hall meetings, community forums

Develop and distribute information including dangers/available interventions, resources for family and friends

Community posters, newsletter, articles, publications for school websites

Explore character education programs, schoolbased curriculum.

## Commissioners | Jail Can't Hire Enough COs

**By Nancy Bowman** 

The Miami County Sheriff's Office has had success in hiring new correction officers for the county's jails but also is losing COs primarily to other law enforcement jobs, Chief Deputy Dave Duchak told county commissioners July 19.

Duchak met with the commission, at their request, to provide an update on efforts to open a third pod at the county Incarceration Facility (IF) located between Troy and Piqua. That 60-person pod would be used to house female inmates. The two IF pods now open are for males.

The commission and sheriff's office last year looked at the costs of opening another of the four IF pods versus continuing to house up to 15 female inmates a day in Shelby County. The county has contracted with Shelby County for those beds since August

After the review showed little difference in costs, the commission in November gave the sheriff's office the go ahead to open the pod for females. Once that pod is open, the commissioners asked sheriff's personnel to attempt to rent some of the beds to other counties/agen-

Sheriff's office leaders said little work needed done on the IF facility before opening, but more correction officers would need to be hired. A spring or summer opening was discussed but won't happen.

"It has taken a lot longer than I think you thought," President Commission Richard Cultice said.

"We want to get the pod open as fast as anyone else. We want to make sure it is done right," Duchak said.

The hiring process has been ongoing, he said.

Eight new COs have been hired since January in an attempt to increase staff for the IF and the downtown Troy jail from 44 to at least 50. The downtown jail is used primary to house violent offenders, male and female.

During that time frame when eight new hires were made, eight employed COs left – one for retirement, five to other law enforcement agency jobs and two to nonlaw enforcement jobs.

Duchak said the jail is competing for employees with many law enforcement agencies that are recruiting and hiring because of retirements and decisions to fill police positions cut during the recession.

"It is going on nationwide with law enforcement recruiting," he said. "There is massive recruiting ... and a lot of COs want law enforcement jobs."

GrownGreat.com.

Cultice asked if the courts are releasing inmates to make room for those being arrested. Duchak said the municipal court judges have worked with the sheriff's office to control the jail population and police are issuing summons to appear in court to nonviolent females who are charged.

The department has had applicants for jobs but Duchak said the hiring process including security clearances takes time. The people being hired are "good qualified people," he said.

Cultice also asked for any suggestions on retaining employees once they are hired. Duchak said retention might be better discussed during labor negotiations. "I just want to be sure

we are doing what we need to do. If there are issues, we need to be aware," Cultice

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outside in the heat, then don't go outside. Stay inside. Your neighbors will forgive you if you don't cut your grass when it's this hot.

• If you don't have air conditioning, visit places that do-malls, libraries, bookstores, movie theaters. Make a day of it.

• If you have to work outside, slow down and rest frequently. No one is going to get mad at you for not going fast enough in this heat.

• Wear light, loose-fitting clothing. Tight-fitting cloth-

ing holds the heat in and doesn't allow it to escape.

• Drink a lot of water, even if you're not thirsty. It's easy to get dehydrated without noticing when it gets

• Check in on your neighbors, especially if they're older, disabled or don't have access to air conditioning.

• Don't forget your pets. If they're outdoor pets, bring them indoors where it's cooler for the weekend. If not, check on them frequently and make sure they have plenty of water and a shady place to rest. • Be prepared for power

outages. This kind of heat often stresses the power grid and leads to outages. If you don't have an emergency disaster kit, now is a good time to put one together. Be prepared to survive three days without electricity. Here are 30 items you should have ready to go in the event of a disaster.

The Red Cross also offers two apps to provide information about heat safety. The Red Cross Emergency App provides information on 17 different types of emergencies, including what to do before and during heat emergencies. It also lists symptoms of heat-related illnesses and what to do if someone has them. The Red Cross Pet first Aid App has tips for pet owners on how to keep animals safe in extreme conditions. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our office, website or Facebook page.

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wrote.

Eckes asked Gee to look at McGail's young age – just shy of 18 at the time of the death - as a mitigating factor. He also reviewed defenses raised during the trial including allegations that another man, who was not charged in the Wintrow death, planned the robbery as part of retaliation over a drug deal.

McGail declined comment before the sentencing.

Members of the family of Wintrow, who was 20 and

cord while incarcerated is the father of a young son the best evidence of his re- when he died Oct. 30, 2013, habilitation," the lawyers spoke against any reduction in sentence. They and the child's mother described their daily struggles to deal with his loss.

> Ryan Saunders, an assistant Clark County prosecutor appointed special prosecutor in the McGail case pointed out McGail's youth was not mentioned at the original sentencing. He, too, said McGail has not accepted responsibility for his actions. "Nate Wintrow is gone ... because of what this defendant and his buddies did that night," Saunders said.

trial showed McGail "was son Sowers of Troy admitlogical age" and had developed leadership skills in a civil air patrol program. Evidence also showed McGail was a willing participant in planning and carrying out a robbery, the judge said.

While efforts at rehabilitation might be commendable, Gee said, "It doesn't necessarily compel the court to infer ... the defendant has been rehabilitated in the absence of any expression of true remorse."

Prosecutors said McGail was the mastermind of a

Gee said evidence at the robbery that went awry. Jamature beyond his chrono- ted shooting Wintrow by accident after he and Mc-Gail broke into his Canal Street home. Brendon Terrel of Troy admitted going to the house with McGail and Sowers but staying outside during the break in and robbery. Sowers and Terrel testified against McGail and were sentenced to 18 years to life and 14 years, respec-

The events of that October evening, Gee told Mc-Gail, "will never go away for the inhabitants of that

## **SPORTS**

## Columbus Scores In Triplicate To Win DABL All-Star Game

By Jim Dabbelt

The magic number for the Columbus all-stars was three as they battled the Dayton all-stars in the amateur baseball All-Star Game at Carlton Davidson Stadium in Springfield. Columbus only scored in three innings, but scored three runs in each of the innings en route to a 9-4 victory over Dayton.

The Dayton team included players from all of the teams in the Dayton Amateur Baseball League including the New Carlisle Knights, the Diamondbacks and Miami County Cubs.

It didn't take the Columbus team long to score to set the tone in

this game. Matt Copeland doubled to open the game off of Dan Miller, and later came in to score on a sacrifice fly to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. Later in the inning, a walk and double was followed up by a dropped ball in right field, allowing two unearned runs to score giving Columbus a 3-0 lead after a half inning of play. Dayton fought back in

their half of the inning, when Chris Haycox singled in a run to put Dayton on the board. They loaded the bases in the inning when Taylor Fisher reached on an error, but the Cubs Scott Jones was retired to keep

their deficit at 3-1. The next inning was

another scoring inning for Dayton, as Brian Roscoe of the Mudcats reached on an error, and David Geiger of the Ducks also reached on a fielders' choice, as both runners were safe on the bases. The Wolves' Todd Barhorst ripped a double to drive in Roscoe, closing the Columbus lead to 3-2 after two innings. After a scoreless third,

the Dayton squad finally caught the Columbus team in the fourth. David Light from the New Carlisle Knights reached on an error, and then with two outs, Geiger reached on another error setting up Barhorst who drove in another run with a single, tying the game at three.

Then came the two innings that aided the Columbus team to the win. They scored three times in the fifth and sixth inning to open a tie game and give them a 9-3 lead.

After an RBI in the fifth, Columbus scored two more runs on an error to take a 6-3 lead. In the sixth, it was 8-3 when Aaron Corber launched a solo homerun to make it a six run lead.

The final run scored in the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Cubs' Chris Brown tripled to lead off the inning, and scored when Tom Cokeley hit a sacrifice fly to close the scoring, as the final three innings saw limited baserunners.







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# Peters Looks To Finish Eagles Career Strong

By Jim Dabbelt

Ed. Note: This continues the series featuring top returning athletes at Troy Christian High School.

For the past three years, Hailey Peters has continued to grow both on the soccer field, and the basketball court. The 6-foot-2 Troy Christian senior has made a steady name for herself in both sports, playing on the defensive side of the ball in soccer, while handling things in the post for the Eagles during the winter.

But for Peters, her history of both sports goes back to the days of elementary school. Even though she gets the privilege of playing varsity soccer for her dad Brian now with the Eagles, both of her parents have planted the seed in her a long time ago to help influence her to enjoy doing what she loves to do... play sports.

"My family is very big into sports, and both of my parents (Heather and Brian) have been a huge influ-



Hailey Peters expecting big things her senior year with the Eagles.

ence since day one," Peters said. "They both encourage me to work as hard as I can and give it my all. I can't thank my parents enough for the time they take out of there day. They would both stop what they are doing to take me to a game, practice, or just to get in the gym to shoot. I am extremely fortunate to have such loving and caring parents. They have made me the person I am today."

While she enjoys soccer

and playing in the fall for her dad, her passion and love seem to lean toward basketball.

"My sophomore year my sister played as a senior for me and it was so fun getting to play with her," Peters said. "Also, being able to be a part of such an encouraging team and they always makes me feel good. Over the past three years I have been surrounded by girls who help me and push me to be better."

Peters has been working tremendously in the off-season to become the player she is today, and has had many people along the way that she credits for making her a successful player..

"I stared play GBA when I was in 6th grade for the Miami Valley Hawks" Peters said. "Gary Thompson was my coach and I am extremely thankful to have the opportunely to play for him. Although he is a loud coach, he taught me to be strong with the ball and to not be afraid

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## Johnson Takes Over Trojans Basketball —— Program ——

By Jim Dabbelt

For Aaron Johnson, he has plenty of big dreams for the Troy girls' basketball program. The new varsity basketball coach at Troy High School has been with the program for just under a month now, and while he is enjoying basketball camp this week, he looks forward to what lies ahead when the season starts in November.

"I have coached many of these girls in the past, and I have enjoyed watching what (former coach) Nathan Kopp has accomplished," Johnson said. "My daughter is going to be a sophomore on this team, and I want to take this program to the next level off of what he accomplished. I have a passion for basketball and for the city of Troy."

Kopp headed to Xenia to take the athletic director position with the Buccs, leaving the program in the hands of Johnson, who has been working to grow the

program.

"We have not had a freshman basketball team in years at Troy, and my short term goal at Troy is to get the interest up," he said. "I want

three teams here and after I got the job, I was talking to some kids. I spoke to the fall coaches about sharing athletes with so many athletes in the building."

"I am working to get the kids to believe they can play multiple sports."

He also has long term plans for the program, and that is for the Trojans to be considered among the best teams in Ohio.

"I want Troy to be mentioned among the teams in Ohio that teams don't want to play," Johnson said. "Teams want to play Troy now, and I want teams to not want to play us. We want the kids to play tough and tenacious and play to the last second. We want to build up the resume by winning some league and sectional titles."

Johnson is a former boys' assistant coach under both Barry Egan and Tim Miller on the boys side at Troy. He was also an assistant football coach with the Trojans, and coached track at the school.

"I have two major rules about the game," he said. "I want the kids to have fun and bring the excitement into the game. Also we want to play hard. Players make mistakes and that's ok. If you aren't making mistakes, you aren't doing anything. You have to learn from them."

"I also demand perfection. We will play to the level of the kids, and we hope we can get up and down the floor and play good defense. We will have to outlast our opponents and it's our goal every night."

Johnson looks forward to taking over a team that he expects to compete in the GWOC American North Division, a division that will consist of Piqua, Sidney, Greenville, Butler, and the newcomer Tippecanoe.

"The GWOC is a pretty even conference with no dominant teams, on any given night anything can happen," he said. "There is no juggernaut, and we have to come ready to play every night. We have a chance every night and that is great with that much parity."

"There is some outstanding talent, and our girls have to know we can beat anyone if we play with great effort and intensity. That's the biggest thing I hope to teach the kids."

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and said that she knew he was out, but was to be home by 1:00 a.m.

2:48 a.m. – To Imperial Ct. for a report of a theft. A man reported that his bicycle was stolen sometime within the past 6 hours. He was unable to provide a make, model or serial number.

9:40 a.m. – To the car wash on S. Dorset Rd. for a report of a found license plate. The owner of the plate was identified and the officer took the plate

10:20 a.m. – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. at Michigan Ave. for a vehicle clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The officer discovered that the plates on the vehicle were expired. The driver was cited for expired tags and given a warning for speed.

11:22 a.m. - To Stephenson Dr. for a report of vandalism. A woman reported that her vehicle was egged over the past two days. She said that other vehicles and buildings also were egged. Upon closer examination, she found that her windshield had been cracked. There was no egg on the windshield, but a rock might have been thrown at it. She requested a report for her insurance company.

1:43 p.m. – An officer saw a vehicle entering the square stop for the light at the crosswalk, then proceed through on a red light and bear right at the circle. He initiated a traffic stop, and the driver said he thought you could go through the red light after stopping if you were traveling right. He was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

1:58 p.m. – Traffic stop on E. Main St. near Crawford. The driver refused to provide his license until the officer told him why he was stopped. He was advised that it was because of his loud muffler. The

driver said that hit was a work car and he refused to have the muffler fixed. He was cited for loud muffler.

2:07 p.m. – To S. Market St. for a report of a theft. A store employee reported that a pack of Juicy Fruit gum was stolen.

2:47 p.m. – To the 700 block of W. Main St. for a report of an accident. One vehicle had backed into another. A woman reported that there was a disabled vehicle in front of her, so she backed up to change lanes and backed into another vehicle. She said she looked in her mirror but did not see the other vehicle. She was charged with improper backing.

7:27 p.m. – To S. Walnut St. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone stole the battery from his vehicle. There are no suspects.

Friday, July 22

8:15 a.m. – An officer clocked a vehicle at 51 MPH in a 35 MPH zone on Staunton Rd. near Ohio Ave. He initiated a traffic stop on N. Market near Staunton Rd. The driver said he was just going to work. He was cited for speed.

8:18 p.m. – Traffic stop Traffic stop on N. Market St. The driver said that she was aware she was doing 53 MPH in a 35 MPH zone, and that she was running late for work. She was cited for speed.

1:05 p.m. – To Ford Ave. for a report of vandalism. A man reported that his vehicle was keyed overnight.

1:21 p.m. – An officer saw a blue Ford dually parked on S. Market St. in front of the Morris House. The rear of the truck was about 5' into the roadway. The officer asked around to see if anyone knew who was driving it, but no one knew. He called for a tow truck, and a few minutes later, a man came to the truck. He was advised of the parking issue. The man pointed out another truck that was also parked, but not as long as his truck. He was cited for parking in the roadway.

2:15 p.m. – To the 1800 block of W. Main St. for a report of a private property accident. A driver backing from a parking spot struck the vehicle parked next to him. There was minor damage to both vehicles. Both parties exchanged information.

4:35 p.m. – To N. Market St. for a report of an accident. Two trucks with oversized mirrors traveling in opposite directions clipped each other's mirrors. One of them left the scene and was never identified.

6:19 p.m. – To Hilltop Dr. for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the male half was gone. The female half said that the two were arguing and he held a knife to her throat and said he was going to kill her. She said he also stole an xBox earlier in the day and may have pawned it. Warrants were issued against the male half for domestic violence and theft.

7:43 p.m. – Traffic stop on McKaig at Crescent. The vehicle was clocked at 41 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that he thought he was doing about 30 MPH. He was cited for speed.

8:59 p.m. – Traffic stop on N. Market St. in the funeral home parking lot. The driver had run the red light at Market and Staunton. He said he ran the light trying to beat the train getting ready to cross N. Market St. a few blocks north. He was cited for a red light violation.

11:50 p.m. – Traffic stop on Main at Ridge for a vehicle with expired tags. The driver said that she did not know her plates were expired and did not know you had to renew them every year. She was cited for expired plates.

Saturday, July 23

12:44 a.m. – To Golden Eagle Dr. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A man reported that his 16-year-old son left the home without permission. The boy will be charged with being unruly.

11:04 a.m. - Traffic stop

in the Walgreen parking lot. The vehicle had plates belonging to another. The driver said that he knew that they were on the wrong vehicle, that he didn't have a license and didn't have insurance. He said he had recently bought the vehicle and didn't have any title paperwork since the owner had passed away. The officer ran the VIN and it came back to a different person. The vehicle was towed and the driver was informed that he must bring proof of ownership with a valid title, proof of insurance and proper registration to get the vehicle released. He was cited for driving under suspension and for fictitious plates.

11:49 a.m. – To Crescent Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her iPhone was stolen from her home. She identified a possible suspect. The officer was able to contact the suspect, who said that she would come to the Police Department to speak with the officer. She did not show up.

2:01 p.m. – To W. main St. for a report of a private property accident. A woman was waiting for traffic to clear so she could pull out onto Main St. She saw a bicycle coming down the sidewalk and, since she was partly on the sidewalk, she backed up to allow the bicycle to pass and struck a vehicle behind her. Both exchanged information.

9:45 p.m. – An officer saw

a vehicle parked on Canal at Mulberry. The vehicle had expired tags and was leaking fluid. The vehicle was towed, and a citation for expired registration will be mailed to the registered owner.

11:41 p.m. – An officer saw a man walking on Staunton Rd. with an open container of alcohol. He was cited for open container.

Sunday, July 24

3:45 a.m. – Traffic stop on Arthur Rd. at S. Dorset Rd. The driver was cited for driving with an expired

9:56 a.m. – To Imperial Ct. for a report of vandalism. A woman reported that someone had damaged her vehicle with a nail or a screw. There were small dents and a small circular hole in the side of the vehicle. The officer could not determine if she had struck something or if someone had caused the damage. She said that she has had problems with several neighbors but did not know who would have caused the damage. She refused to believe that it happened any other way than intentionally. She has a history of filing a report every time she finds a scratch in the paint on her vehicle. The officer did not believe that the damage was done with criminal intent.

12:39 p.m. - To Stephenson Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that he was preparing to move out of his residence and found that his .22 rifle that he kept under the bed was missing. He identified a possible suspect who he believes has a drug problem. His girlfriend said that any number of people could have taken the rifle since they routinely hosted parties with numerous people in attendance. The man was able to provide a serial number, and the rifle was entered into the system as stolen.

3:59 p.m. – Traffic stop on S. Stanfield Rd. at Commerce Center Blvd. The driver was cited for speed (52/35).

7:38 p.m. - To the Royal Inn for a report of harassment. A woman reported that people were harassing her and following her in the Dayton/Trotwood area, but she doesn't think they followed her to Troy. She was given suggestions on how to handle it. The officer then learned that the woman had an outstanding warrant from Montgomery County. She was arrested and taken to the Miami County Jail.

11:05 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main St. The vehicle had only one operating headlight. The officer found that the driver had been warned for the same offense multiple times in the past 3 months. He was cited for an inoperative headlight and was advised to have it fixed before driving the vehicle again.

Monday, July 25

12:13 a.m. – Traffic stop on S. Clay St. near West St. The driver was cited for expired registration and given a warning for a stop sign violation.

1:13 a.m. – An officer saw two individuals in City Park. One was found to be a juvenile. The mother was called and she came to pick up her child. No charges were filed.

5:42 a.m. - Traffic stop on S. Dorset in the Subway parking lot. The vehicle had only one brake light and expired tags. The driver said he knew the plates were expired because he was waiting for his grandmother to send him a check to renew them. The officer then learned that his driver's license was also expired. He was cited for expired registration and expired license and given a warning for the brake light.

## What To Do in Troy= Civic Band To

**Cardio Drumming by Uplift for Teens** July 27, 1:00 p.m. **Troy-Miami County Public Library** 

Join the library for Cardio Drumming by Uplift at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2016; the combination of lighting, music, and fitness drums create a unique movement experience; for all fitness levels. This free program is for teens in grades

For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 or visit www.tmcpl. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

**Bookmobile in the Park** "Out of the Ordinary" July 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Hobart Urban Nature Preserve** 

The Miami County Park District will host the Troy-Miami County Bookmobile "Out of the Ordinary" from 2 to 3 p.m. on July 27 at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 1400 Tyrone in Troy. 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.

**Lettuce Cook -Cooking Club July 28,** 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. **Lost Creek Reserve** 

The Miami County Park District will hold its Lettuce Cook - Cooking Club series on July 28 and August 4 and 11 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 East State Route 41 east of Troy. Be part of a brand new pilot program! Kids ages 11 to 15 years will learn about local produce as they harvest, prepare and cook seasonal recipes using ingredients

Creek Reserve. They will also experience the sense of community that comes from preparing and sharing meals together. Class maximum is 10. Pre-registration is required. Class fee \$25 for the series of five. 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.

**Pinterest Program** July 28, 6:30 p.m. **Troy-Miami County Public Library** 

How would you like to never buy another fabric softener again and cut your laundry drying time in half? Join the Troy Library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, and learn how to make your own dryer balls (as seen on Pinterest); discover how to make your own laundry detergent too. It's easy to learn and fun to do, all materials will be provided.

The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 117.

#### **Health Trekkers** July 29, 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Hobart Urban Nature Preserve**

The Miami County

Park District will hold its Health Trekkers program on July 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 1400 Tyrone in Troy. Take a hike for heath and join park district health and wellness specialist, registered nurse Marion for this weekly low impact walk. Relevant topics such as heart health, diet and nutrition, diabetes prevention, stress relief and many others will be discussed during this twelve walk series. Remember to wear weather appropriate gear and walking shoes for com-Registration not required but highly rec-

from the garden at Lost the program by going to the program calendar MiamiCountyParks. at com, e-mailing register@ miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

**Downtown Troy Farmers Market July 30,** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. S. Cherry St.

vegetables, Fresh homemade treats, and warm, sunny Saturday mornings are right around the corner as we draw closer 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 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 call 937-339-5455.

**Pool Party Celebration** July 31, 7:15-8:45 p.m. **Troy Aquatic Park** 

Bring your family to the Troy Aquatic Park between 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, to celebrate the end of the Troy-Miami County Public Library's summer reading challenge. Admission is FREE for everyone who attends. Check the library website or Facebook page for a rain date, if needed. Parents and siblings are welcome!

The Troy Aquatic Park located at 460 W.

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## Perform August 14

next perform Sunday, August 14 at Treasure Island Park at 7pm. The program is entitled "Pops By The Riverside" and will feature the award-winning vocal group The Quintessentials, from Versailles, Ohio.

These five young men mix barbershop harmony with doo-wop for a unique,

The Troy Civic Band will fun sound that has earned has been arranged by Troy them top honors at vocal competitions and talent shows across Ohio. Also on the program, Conductor Bill McIntosh will feature Pops favorites and a tribute to John Slonaker, retired music educator and trumpet artist. Slonaker will also conduct two selections on the program, one of which

grad Mark Grauer. Mr. Slonaker founded the original Troy Community Band in the 1970's.

Concerts by the Troy Civic Band are free of charge and are made possible by a generous grant from The Troy Foundation, matching funds from The City of Troy, and private contributions.

### Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group to Meet

The Miami-Shelby Ostomy Support Group will hold its monthly meeting Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy.

The Ostomy Support Group's meetings are held the first Wednesday of each

month except January and health care professionals as July. The meeting will be in the hospital lower level Conference Room A.

Programs provide information and support to ostomates and their families, and are beneficial to well. Laura Lockwood from Coloplast Ostomy Co. will be the speaker for the pro-

For more information, contact Robin Medrano at 937-440-4706.

## **MCHGS** to Meet

The Miami County Historical & Genealogical Society invites you to its program, "Grandma's a Cherokee Princess, Now What?". Have you heard tales that Grandma was a Cherokee Princess? Maybe you have heard that your third great-grandfather fought with Tecumseh. Whatever the oral tradition, records can be found to help prove or disprove your Native American heritage. Join us as noted genealogist and blogger, Amie Tennant, gives us an overview of what records exist and how to find them. The program is Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 6:30 pm at the Piqua Public Library, Louis Room, 116 W. High St., Piqua OH and is free and open to the public. For more information contact Stephanie Winchester at 937-307-7142 or stefalx@

## Republican Women to Promote

Voting NFRW, National Federation of Republican Womens Bus "Rosie" will be at Club 55 parking lot on Friday, July 29th from 3PM to 5 PM to help promote voting in 2016.

Carrie Almond the National NFRW President is touring the country for "Destination White House". Come meet her and others. Board of Election personnel will be there to register citizens for voting.

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## —Lions Honor— **Brown for Service**

Garry Brown, of Troy, took top honor at a Troy Lions Club ceremony recognizing years of service. Brown received a membership chevron indicating 45 years of continued community service. The chevron presentation was performed by Past District Governor Karl Cox of Springfield at a ceremony held at the Hayner Cultural Center in front of the local Lions Club. "It is a real honor to present a chevron to someone who has dedicated 45 years of service to Lionism, I don't get to pass out very many with this many years, "said Cox.



Other Lions honored at the ceremony for service anniversaries were Joe Jackson and Steve Kaplan, both receiving 30 year chevrons.

Also during the awards ceremony, Troy Lion and Vice District Governor Joe Jackson received a "Gold-E" award for making over 25 visitations to neighboring clubs. Steve Kaplan also received a "Red-E" award for sponsoring a new

Perfect Attendance awards for the fiscal year 2015-16 were also given out. Those awarded were: Doug Beitzel, Bob Dever, Dick Feierstein, Jeff Feierstein, Joe Jackson, Steve Kaplan, Bob Medley, Sheryl Schlater, Fred Wackler, and Mel Ward.

The Troy Lions Club is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to vision health. The club helps income-eligible individuals obtain eye exams and glasses, and provides pre-school vision screenings. The Troy Lions Club also provides scholarships and supports many community programs. For more information visit their web site: www.e-clubhouse. org/sites/Troy\_OH or call 335-7345.

## Rotarians Hear About —Health Lifestyle

Pain in your chest? Shortness of breath? Feeling lightheaded? Don't ignore what your body might be trying to tell you as these are all signs of a possible cardiac event, such as a heart attack. During their weekly meeting on July 19th, Troy Rotarians heard more about the warning signs and preventive steps for keeping their hearts in top working order. Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), Susan (Sue) Hoying, shared that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, with strokes being among the top four potentially fatal health events.

Hoying's presentation reviewed the signs for heart attacks, brain attacks and strokes, along with suggestions on how to reduce the risks of such problems. If you feel pain in your chest, shoulder, arm or back, are sweating or are suddenly fatigued, you may need medical care. If you see someone who falls

and has chest pain, Hoying recommends calling 911 first and then turning immediate attention to doing CPR. New procedures recommend using only hand compression without mouth-to-mouth for adults. Continue the compressions until medical personnel arrive to relieve you.

She shared that 80 percent of strokes are caused by blood clots. Physical symptoms of a stroke include sudden facial or extremity numbness, confusion or disorientation, loss of speech or difficulty speaking, loss of vision in one or both eyes, dizziness, loss of balance, and/or sudden, unexplained severe headaches. Quick intervention by emergency medical personnel and doctors will help reduce the chances of suffering longterm damage from a stroke.

Healthy eating, exercising, and preventive care all can significantly reduce the risk of heart attacks, lower cholesterol, and lead to a much

longer and higher quality of life. Keeping your body mass index (BMI) down, choosing heart-certifiable foods, and exercising regularly are the best recipe for enjoying a longer, healthier life. Fish, lean white meats, whole grains and poly- and monounsaturated fats are good to include, but sugars, soda, processed flours and trans fats should be avoided and eliminated from vour diet. Hoying shared this suggestion on how to make healthy food choices: "If it has parents, eyes and legs, avoid

Hoying has worked in the Cardiology Department of Upper Valley Medical Center, 3130 North Country Road 25A in Troy, for over 10 years. She holds a bachelor degree in nursing from Capital University and earned both a masters and the CNP degrees at Wright State University. To learn more, visit www.uppervalleycardiology.com or www. premierhealth.com/stroke. It's

worth noting that all Troy firefighters are paramedics, and that means help is only a 911 call away.

Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support several community projects annually. During the 2015-16 Rotary year, over \$23,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including support for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, Rotary's annual Shoe Project, academic and community service scholarships, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and WACO Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www. troyohiorotary.org.

#### Miami Valley Veterans Museum Welcomes **First Mission Continues Fellow**

James Harter will be the Miami Valley Veterans Museum's first Mission Continues fellow. The Mission Continues provides an opportunity for veterans to find purpose through community impact projects and service. Harter will begin service at the museum on July 25, 2016, and be assigned to the museum until January 2017.

Harter is 29 years old and the father of three children. He served in the United States Marine Corps as an infantry mortar man and then as a weapons instructor at the division training center located at Camp Leiuene, NC. Harter served from 2008 to 2012. He is currently a full-time student at Urbana University working towards a degree in education with the aspiration of becoming a history teacher.

Harter will be working

with the museum to help write and prepare education programs that will be available to schools located in the Miami Valley along with a key organizer for an upcoming Korean War Veterans appreciation program.

For more information about the Miami Valley Veterans Museum or current information on upcoming speakers and events, please visit www. miamivalleyveteransmuse-

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.

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St. at McKaig Ave. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

3:11 a.m. - Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at Lytle Rd. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 24**

3:14 a.m. - To S. State Route 202 for a welfare check. A woman asked that deputies check on her 15-year-old daughter who was staying at her father's home for court-ordered visitation. She said her daughter sent her text messages stating that she needed to go to the hospital. The girl said that she was feeling better after taking some medication and didn't think she needed to go to the hospital. She did

not appear to be in any kind of danger. The deputy advised the mother of the situation and stated that he could not forcibly remove the girl from the home based on the information he was given. The mother was just happy to hear that her daughter was feeling better now.

7:26 p.m. - Traffic stop on S. State Route 202. The driver was found to be under suspension and was cited for that and for expired registration.

7:39 p.m. - Traffic stop on County Rd. 25A at the fairgrounds. The driver, who was stopped for speed, admitted that she did not have a valid license. Her passenger also was under suspension. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and for speed. A valid driver picked them up.

## Troy Schools to Apply for Funding

The Troy City Schools will apply for a series of federal fund allocations in the 2016-2017 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 atrisk 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 8, 2016.

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 \$959,135.90 for the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

A meeting will be held at the Troy Board of Education located at 500 N. Market Street on August 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. A presentation of the intended uses of Title and IDEA funds 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.

As part of an ongoing ef-

fort 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. Federal guidelines establish fourteen different handicapping conditions for which children may not be visible in the communi-

ty, 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.

## Trib Briefs

#### **New firefighters** introduced

Two of Troy's four new firefighter/paramedics were introduced to city council at its July 18 meeting.

Chief Matt Simmons said the department hired four new firefighters to fill positions vacated with retirements.

Two of the firefighters were introduced at the July 5 meeting.

Thomas Reed and Patrick O'Neill were in-

troduced July 18. Reed is a graduate of Troy High School and Malone University. O'Neill is from Springfield and worked part

Reed's father, Dave, also is a Troy firefighter, Simmons said.

time in Vandalia.

#### **Terrel murder trial** moved to Oct. 25

An Oct. 25 trial date was set for Richard Terrel of Troy in the 2015 murder of William York Sr. of Tipp City.

Judge Christopher Gee of Miami County Common Pleas Court granted a motion to continue the trial July 8. The new date was set July 15 after schedules of trial participants were

checked. Terrel, 36, is charged with murder, felonious assault, receiving stolen property, gross abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence in the death of York, 88. His remains were found June 3, 2015, in a Kentucky creek.

Terrel has pleaded not guilty.

York's granddaughter, Hope Earnshaw-York, 25, of Tipp City, pleaded no contest and was found guilty in April of gross abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence in the death. She also pleaded to receiving stolen property and drug possession.

#### Man sentenced to one year

One year in prison was ordered July 18 for a Troy man who pleaded to aggravated assault after being accused of sexual contact with a child under age 10.

Brian Clem, 56, originally was charged with 10 counts of gross sexual imposition. He was accused of improperly touching the child in Troy in 2014 and 2015. He later pleaded no contest to aggravated assault in Miami County Common Pleas Court and was found guilty.

The child's parents told Judge Christopher Gee she has suffered anguish and nightmares as a result of the incidents.

Clem asked the judge to consider his case for probation versus prison. He later told Gee he did nothing to the child but did enter the no contest plea. The judge questioned the change of the

charge to aggravated assault. Janna Parker, assistant county prosecutor, said one of the elements of the charge was the victim suffering psychological harm.

#### Two years ordered for Troy man

A Troy man convicted of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor was sentenced Monday to two years in prison.

Shaqwille R. Hickenbottom, 25, was accused of engaging in sexual conduct in Troy with

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#### Maxine C. Wilhelm

Maxine C. Wilhelm, age 90, of Tipp City, OH passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Randall Residence, Tipp City, OH. Maxine was born on September 1, 1925 in Piqua, OH to the late Eugene J. and Allice (Cameron) Christy. Maxine was married to John G. "Jack" Wilhelm and he preceded her in death in 1994.

Maxine is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Douglas and Anita Wilhelm of NV; daughter: Diane Wilhelm of West Milton; grandchildren: Eric Davis; Kendra Davis and D. J. Wilhelm and great-granddaughter: Alliyah Lee.

Maxine was a member of the West Charleston Church of the Brethren and the Tipp City Senior Citizens. She was a former secretary for Bethel Schools and Ron Thuma Insurance Agency.

Services will be held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment will follow in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 - 11:00AM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

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

#### Joyce M. Spitnale (Moye)

Mrs. Lura Joyce Moye Spitnale passed away July 21, 2016 at Otterbein Lebanon Senior Lifestyle Choices at Lebanon OH. She was born June 15, 1921, in Terre Haute, Indiana, the daughter of Ermal Lloyd and Marion Elsie (Boyle) Moye. Her father died when she was two and later her mother married Nelson M. Hunt. Joyce married Rev. Howard Spitnale July 23, 1942 in Whitewater, Indiana. He passed away June 23, 2007. She lived in



Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Cincinnati, Franklin, Napoleon, Zanesville, Wilmington, Troy, and Lebanon, Ohio while her husband pastored United Methodist Churches, served as a district superintendent, and worked at Otterbein.

She graduated from Whitewater High School in Indiana and attended Taylor University in Indiana. She held a variety of jobs, including teaching school and as an Education Assistant at some of the churches. Her last position was for 18 years as an Activity Coordinator at the former Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community. She was a member of Otterbein Lebanon United Methodist Church. She was very active in United Methodist Women holding local, district and conference offices. She dearly loved music and was involved in many choirs both vocal and bell. She was a member of the Warren County and Wilmington Music Clubs. She loved to travel and visited several countries.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law Diana and Rev. Duane Miller, Gladwin, Michigan; one son and daughterin-law Nelson Spitnale and Lynn Wheat, Aiken, South Carolina, former daughter-in-law Sue Munson, Gainesville, Virginia, four grandchildren (and spouses) - David and Loreen Miller, Hudsonville, Michigan; Elizabeth and W. Anderson Williams, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Thomas and Cortney Spitnale, Salem, Virginia; Carrie and Joshua Nowell, Leesburg, Virginia; two step-grandaughters, Carolyn Wheat (Raylene Walls), San Diego, California and Kim Rodrigue, Strasburg, Virginia; nine great grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother and two sisters-in-law - Rev. Mansfield (Jim) and Rosemary Hunt, Willis, Texas; Mrs. Donna Hunt, Columbus Georgia; former sister-in-law Marybeth Hunt, Penney Farms, Florida; brother-in-law and wife Marvin and Millie Spitnale, Delphos Ohio; sister-in-law Phyllis Spitnale, Defiance, Ohio; former sister-in-law, Harriet Healy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, her stepfather, twin brother John M. Hunt, two brother-in-laws Gene and Kenneth Spitnale, and one great grandchild.

A service was held Monday, July 25, at 2 pm at Continental United Methodist Church, Continental, Ohio followed by burial at Cascade Cemetery, Perry Township, Putnam County, Ohio. Rev. Charles Schmunk officiated. A memorial service will be held Saturday August 20 at 11 am at Otterbein Lebanon United Methodist Church at the Otterbein Lebanon Senior LifeStyles Choices, 585 N. State Rte 741, Lebanon Ohio. Rev. George Phillips will be officiating. Memorials may be made to the Otterbein Benevolent Care Fund at Otterbein Lebanon Senior LifeStyles Choices, 585 N. State Rte 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

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## -OBITUARIES-

## **Charles Clifford** "Cliff" Carver

Charles Clifford "Cliff" Carver age 92 of Troy, passed away July 17, 2016 at his residence. He was born January 21, 1924 in Portsmouth to the late James and Ruth (Crabtree) Carver.

He is survived by 4 sons and daughters-in-law: Gary Stewart of Troy, Charles Carver, Jr. and wife Michele of Sayer, PA, Richard and Bridget Carver of Beavercreek, and Douglas Carver of Troy; daughter and son-in-law Judy and Craig Thuma of Troy; 3 brothers: Glenn Carver of Hillsboro, James Carver, Jr. of Portsmouth, and Dale Carver of Lucas-ville; as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

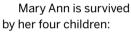
Cliff was preceded in death by wives Hilda Iliene Carver, who passed away in 1961 and JoAnn Stewart, who passed away October 26, 2012; 2 brothers: Oliver and Warren Carver; sister Joan; grandchildren Heidi and Dwayne Thuma; and sister-in-law Jenny Carver.

He was a US Army Veteran of WWII, and a member of Troy Eagles #971, Redman Lodge #222, American Legion Post #43, VFW Post #5436, and Amvets Post #88. Cliff retired in 1981 from General Motors in Dayton after 34 years of service in the Maintenance Department. He loved to fish, and loved all sports.

A funeral service was held 11:30AM Friday July 22, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Craig Thuma officiating. Interment was in Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Tipp City with Military Honors at the graveside by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy. A celebration of Cliff's life will be held 2:30PM on Friday at the Redman's Picnic Grounds.

#### Mary Ann Cusac (Penny)

Mary Ann Cusac, age 86, of Troy, OH passed away on Monday, July 25, 2016 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. She was born on December 17, 1929 in Dayton, OH to the late Edward E. and Gertrude N. (Johnson) Penny. Mary Ann married William George Cusac on April 23, 1950 and he preceded her in death on July 23, 2016.



Mark W. (Karen) Cusac of Covington; Paul E. (Ursula) Cusac of Louisburg, NC; Eve J. (Bob) Cusac Seale of Dayton and David S. (David Thomas) Cusac of Casstown; five grandchildren: Tiffany (Paul) Malleck; Kimberly (Joe) Kesling; Sarah (Edward) Leonard; Kurt Cusac and James Crew; seven great-grandchildren: Makenna, Madelyn, Troy, Keaton, Kooper, Liam and Sam; and sister: Carol Alexander of Riceville, TN. In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her sister: Patty Agenbroad and infant son: Scott.

Mary Ann was a 1948 graduate of Piqua High School.
She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was a member of the Staunton Grange for 68 years; Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #256 for 57 years and the Troy Senior Citizens. She served as a Miami County 4-H advisor for over 40 years. She was employed as a 4-H Program Assistant for 20 years with the Miami County OSU Exten-

sion office.
Services will be held at 12:00PM on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill, OH. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM on Friday, July 29, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

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

#### **Maxine Osborne**

Maxine Osborne, age 82 of Troy, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at her residence. She was born December 18, 1933 in Somerset, KY to the late Ernest and Mae (Connor) Stigall.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years Ray Osborne of Troy; daughter Brenda Osborne of Mountain View, HI; son Michael Osborne of Troy; 5 grandchildren: Caro-



line Rickels, Brandy Odell and her husband Douglas, Avery Osborne, Evan Osborne, and Ryan Cooley; as well as 2 great-grandchildren: Aaliyah Garcia and Jalen Odell.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Maxine was a lifelong member of Hopeful Baptist Church in Somerset, KY and was baptized there in 1946. She loved flowers, and loved to garden.

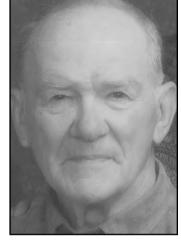
A funeral service was held 10:30AM Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Chaplain Robert Lewis officiating. Interment was in Miami Memorial Park, Covington. Contributions in Maxine's memory may be made to Hospice of Miami County: PO Box 502 Troy, OH 45373.

## William George Cusac

William George Cusac, age 88, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Koester Pavilion, Troy, OH. Bill was born in Republic, OH on February 5, 1928 to the late Ralph W. and Winifred A. (Withrow) Cusac.

William George Cusac married Mary Ann on April 23, 1950 and she preceded him in death on July 25, 2016.

Bill is survived by four children: Mark W. (Karen)



Cusac of Covington; Paul E. (Ursula) Cusac of Louisburg, NC; Eve J. (Bob) Cusac Seale of Dayton and David S. (David Thomas) Cusac of Casstown; five grandchildren: Tiffany (Paul) Malleck; Kimberly (Joe) Kesling; Sarah (Edward) Leonard; Kurt Cusac and James Crew; seven great-grandchildren: Makenna, Madelyn, Troy, Keaton, Kooper, Liam and Sam. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his sister: Mary Alice Young and an infant son: Scott.

Bill was a 1946 graduate of Troy High School. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a life member for over 60 years with the Troy Fish and Game; a 65 year member of the Franklin Lodge #14 F&AM and the Staunton Grange for over 70 years. He was a Miami County 4-H advisor for over 40 years. Bill enjoyed baking cakes and cookies.

Bill retired from BF Goodrich after 44 years of service. He was a longtime proponent of recycling and was employed with Miami County recycling program for 15 years.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00PM on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM on Friday, July 29, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

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## Columns & Opinion

## At Home

**By Connie Moore** 

#### Pop goes the Lid on Summer

It was a simple yet intense sound, a pop. Not like the corn kernels popping for a bowl of popcorn. Nor like the cork being removed from a wine bottle. No, this pop, this patiently awaited sound had its own tone. Metal and rubber on glass. Hot metal cooling down and creating a vacuum. Pop, pop, pop. Three pints of pickled beets sealed.

If you've ever canned, you know that sound. Whether you're aware of it or not, once the hot jars come from the canner, you listen in anticipation of that

As children we stood around or sat on the stairs close by to hear it. Running to mom to report was as pleasant a chore as helping pick and clean whatever went into the jars. We knew it was a very important sound of summer. It meant food during winter months, months when dad's painting and brick-laying work was slack or non-existent.

We froze foods too, after mom and dad could afford a freezer. We knew about dried foods but never did that process. Today more and more are turning to dehydrators for a healthy and easy way to preserve foods. Recently we purchased dried cherry tomatoes at

the Enon Farmers Market to get a better look at this shriveled food bounty we have yet to do for ourselves.

It is perhaps the oldest method of food preservation. Greeks and Romans dried grapes and peas. Persians dried dates and figs. Chinese dried fish and sea vegetation. Native Americans dried corn and squash, besides meat, fish and herbs. Dry food items include those things plus nuts, mushrooms, breads and pastas. First used was the sun and wind, then smoke houses and ovens, then electric dehydrators and freezers.

Canning on the other hand is only about 200 years old. Nicolas Appert is said to be the inventor of the canned method of food preservation. He began his experiments in the late 1700s and by 1803 his canned meats and vegetables were on their way via ocean voyages by the French Navy for testing purposes. By then the tin can had been deemed a stable container. After the global depression of 1873, the United States was exporting canned goods around the world.

Tin cans were eventually replaced by glass jars and zinc lids (later on came the two-piece metal lids of today) for the home canner. Hence, we have the pleasure of the sound of popping closures on our preservation endeavors today.

To use the dried tomatoes we purchased, we had to either put them into liquid which was the recipe, i.e. soup or stew or we needed to rehydrate them. To do that we found two ways. Either cover them

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## Making Sense of Health Insurance

Provided by Michael Dugan, **Benefits Analysis Corp.** 

Editor's note: This is a new column that will appear each week. With all of the changes in the health insurance industry, we thought this information would be useful.

#### Tips for Picking a Health **Insurance Plan**

The Affordable Care Act was supposed to simplify the health insurance purchasing process but most people say the process is more confusing than it was five years ago.

I am a health insurance broker so it's my job to simplify the process and I want to share some tips for picking a good plan.

First, understand the terminology. When you buy a plan on your own it can be like a foreign language. I am going to explain the terminology to you exactly how I explain it to my clients.

The deductible is the amount you pay before the insurance kicks in- similar to car insurance. For example, if you have a \$5,000 deductible it means that you go into your doctor or hospital and show them your insurance card. The doctor or hospital processes the claim then you get a bill in the mail. You pay the bill and that money chips away at your deductible throughout the year. Your deductible starts over in January every

If you pay \$5,000 in that calendar year the insurance company starts paying a certain percentage of your medical bills, which is called co-insurance. The Max outof Pocket is the most you can pay in medical bills in one calendar year. That includes the \$5,000 you paid in deductible and the money you paid in co-insurance after your deductible was met. In my opinion the Max outof pocket is more important than the deductible because it describes the amount you

have to pay if something bad or expensive happens.

Most people know what a co-pay is. However, it's important to know that you usually have a co-pay before your deductible is met (from day-1). Also, the copays don't chip away at your deductible but they do chip away at your Max out-of pocket.

Second, make sure your doctors and hospitals are covered. Always check with an insurance agent or the insurance company directly to make sure your doctors are covered. Many individual plans, like Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, have a narrow network or HMO, which means the insurance only works with a single hospital network like Kettering Health Network. Miami County has been particularlv affected by narrow networks like Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Third, take advantage of any tax subsidies you are eligible for. Tax subsidies are pretty much a discount on your insurance bill. Many people think they make too much money for a subsidy but always check with an insurance agent or online to see if you qualify. For example, a four-person family with income of \$97,000 can still get help paying for in-

Buying the right health insurance plan is important so the purchasing process can seem overwhelming. If you ask the right questions and understand the basic terminology you can find a plan that fits you and your family. You can also contact me or my office for help.

Michael Dugan is a representative of Benefits Analysis Corporation, an independent health insurance agency in Troy Ohio. Michael Dugan is a licensed health insurance broker with an MBA in Health Care Management. Benefits Analysis Corporation can be reached at 937-335-5751 or mdugan@bacbroker.com or visit www.BenefitsAnalysis.

### **Financial Focus**

**Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial** 

#### Final Expense Life Insurance: A simple option for an inevitable issue

Do you have a way to pay for final expenses after you're

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This type of insurance can be designed as guaranteed issue, meaning that you may qualify with no underwriting or medical exam; or simplified issue, which asks a few basic health questionsthough each insurance policy will vary. It can be an option for you if you have medical issues or needs which prohibit you from obtaining coverage.

Many of these products also offer estate planning trusts associated with them, offering options for final expenses and legacy planning. This option offers your family and loved ones the opportunity to continue to support causes you care about after

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#### Gardening **Commentary**

From MVG

#### **Keeping Your Plants Beautiful** This Summer

Two of the most important things to remember about keeping our flowering plants and growing well are watering and feeding. Some gardeners have a difficult time determining when to water and then the next question is, how much? Recently there have had a number of phone discussions with gardeners that are causing this important subject to be explained frequently.

Feeding your hanging baskets & container gardens-

to go but for some reason, while gardeners have good intentions to feed their plants regularly with a water soluble fertilizer like Jack's or Miracle Gro, days or weeks go by and the plants are not fed. Then when it rains no feeding occurs and soon the plants begin to show the lack of feed as the foliage vellows. When this occurs it is almost too late to have the plant respond well when we try to "catch up" on the feeding program.

Thanks to the nursery industry, and their need for a fertilizer that would be somewhat "automatic", a timed release fertilizer was developed. One of the best slow release or timed release fertilizers available to the consumer is called Osmocote. One application in the spring will feed plants for the

A good slow steady feed- entire growing season. There ing program is the best way is no waste and there is no need to follow up with more fertilizer when the proper amount is used. This solves the feeding situation.

Watering-The next big issue is the difficulty of knowing when to water plants. Water thoroughly but not too often. Over watering is very detrimental to plants whether in container gardens, hanging baskets or in the ground. (Newly planted landscapes may need daily watering.) Some gardeners tell us that they water their plants every day, and others have told us they water their plants twice a day. It is important to remember that roots of plants must have adequate oxygen in the soil in addition to water and nutrients. Mother Nature has a wonderful way of doing this but when we take over this function we



must model what we do after her. It is always necessary to allow the soil plants are growing in to dry out some between waterings so the oxygen that was replaced by

water can return to the roots until the next time watering takes place. For plants growing in the ground the oxygen balance normally takes longer to happen after a plant

is established for 2 years or more. For plants growing in pots or hanging baskets the oxygen balance happens quickly, within a matter of a day or so depending on how long the plant has been in the container and what the temperatures are and how much direct sun the plant receives.

So you can see this is not an exact science that is easily explained. This is one of the major challenges for gardeners. Actually plants will give you signals If you are watching them closely you will notice that the foliage of many flowering plants becomes dull and slightly wilted when they need to be watered. Avoid severe drying.

Watch your plants closely and give them what they need and you will be rewarded many times over.

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## Tip of the Week

BY SGT. J.J. MAURO, Tipp City Police Retired

#### The Red Cross

Before I ever became a police I was a firefighter. Growing up in Northridge which had four fire houses they kept busy. Interstate 75 went through Northridge North and Northridge South's jurisdiction. North Main Street (State Route 48) went through Shiloh and Salem Avenue (State Route 49) went through Ft. McKinley. We also had Needmore Rd., North Dixie Dr. and Shiloh Springs Rd. The Harrison Township Fire Department has a lot of area to cover.

I joined the Fire Department in 1975 and worked out of the Shiloh Station on North Main at Markey. The largest fire I ever worked was the Shiloh Congregational at the corner of N. Main and Philadelphia. But what kept me busy at Harrison was the squad runs. With such a large territory to cover and most volunteer firefighter's having day jobs, I ran a lot of the daytime calls for an ambulance. Having a job where I worked as a dispatcher from midnight to eight then staying up all day running squad, there was not much time for sleep or the new bride.

The Shiloh Station was lucky to have a large number of its members being Paramedics. It was the Paramed-

ics job, and still is, to set up the heart monitor, push the drugs and make all the calls. As the Emergency Medical Technician, it was my job to give CPR, mouth to mouth and does all the grunt work. I quit counting after a dozen the number of times I had to give CPR, mouth to mouth breathing or both.

Eventually I became a police officer but was still usually the first on the scene of a call for an ambulance and would start the initial CPR attempts. To this end, the City of Tipp City elected to require all their police officers to become Ohio Certified First Responders. Even after I became a sergeant, I responded to all squad runs as I know the importance of early CPR when a loved one has stopped breathing and their heart stops.

The technology has improved tremendously over the years but the basics are still the same. When a person's heart is no longer beating, chest compressions are the only way for blood to continue being pumped to the brain and other vital organs in the body while the drugs and AED's (defribulators) are able to be administered. We are talking around five minutes for CPR to begin before the brain is damaged severely and no heroic efforts will work. The best Paramedic in the world can do nothing if there isn't an early start of CPR.

So if it is one of your loved ones, a neighbor, friend or coworker who suffers the heart attack and cessation of breathing, are you going to be the one standing there feeling horrible and helpless or are you going to be one to get down on your hands and knees and do all you can to help that person hang on until the Paramed-

ics arrive? It doesn't require

years of training. You don't need any special equipment other than your hands and mouth. A class on CPR is all vou need.

Where I work now must have CPR/AED/First Aid training yearly for the workers. Our trainer recently took a job outside the agency and we were left without a trainer. When the email was sent asking who wanted to take over the training duties, I was selected.

Even with all the experience, I still had to be trained to train. To that end I am taking CPR/AED/First Aid Trainer classes through the Dayton Red Cross. This is what this whole article is about. We could go into the history of the Red Cross, but this is not a historical col-

The Red Cross is a Not For Profit organization. They help the victims when a house burns down. They

help the victims of floods, tornados and hurricanes. The Red Cross makes no bones about how much Hurricane Katrina devastated the organization monetarily. But their number one goal of helping those in need is still ongoing. Please go to their website at Redcross. org or call them at 937-222-

Read their impressive history. Maybe donate some money (tax deductible) or time. No special training is needed to volunteer. They need people to mow the lawn, clean the offices and give out cookies at blood drives. If you have the time, take a class or two. Hopefully you would never have to use it, but a CPR class could save someone's life. Take a class on your own, with a friend, with your family or get your place of work to sponsor a class for employees. They have the trainers.

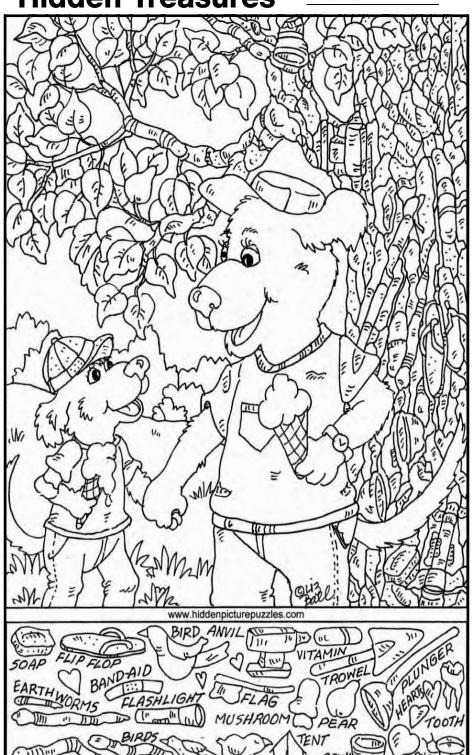
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#### **Hidden Treasures**

BY LIZ BALL

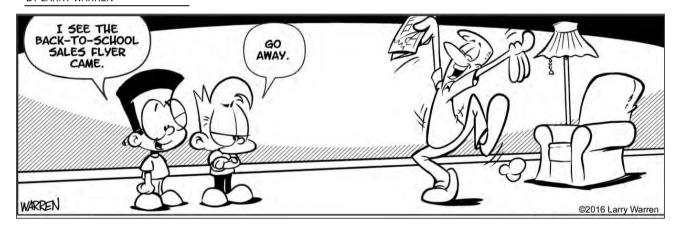


#### Sudoku

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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.

#### Cooper BY LARRY WARREN



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#### **Crossword Puzzle**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. "French kiss" star
- 4. Outward flow
- 7. Certain refrigerant 10. MP vote
- 11. Markdown
- 12. Caffeinated tree
- 13. Osaka cash 14. \_\_\_ side
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- 17. Simpleton
- 18. A question of
- timing
- 19. Slithery swimmer
- 20. Young goat

21. Lofty nest

- 22. Mitigate 24. Supplies assis-
- tance to 25. Cheese dish
- 27. Twisted
- 29. Australasian
- parrots 32. Type of berry
- 33. Sleeved vestment
- 34. Carrier
- 36. Sea danger
- 37. Covered walk
- 38. High quality
- vineyard
- 40. Smokes
- 39. Impress
- 41. Overdo, a role for example

- 42. Snippy
- 43. The best
- 44. Badmouth 45. Canny
- 46. Genetic stuff 47. Some dashes

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Time will tell
- 2. Grommet
- 3. Washer setting
- 4. Before
- 5. Family connection
- 6. Sway, as in rules
- 7. Hit 8. Fugitives
- 9. Traveling show 11. Money when you

are off work 12. Asian kingdom

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23. What every

member

- woman looks for 24. Military take-off
- 26. Italian sauce
- origin
- 27. Colorless solvent
- 28. Battle shout
- 30. Trick-taking card game
- 31. Ankle injury 32. Supports, in a
- way 35. Wells
- 37. Large amount

#### **Trivia Challenge**

#### July 2016 Current Events Quiz

- 1) A hidden mosaic was uncovered during resto-ration work at the "Church of the Nativity" in which
- country? France
- Syria
- Israel
- England 2) Who won the 2016 UEFA
  - European Championship?
  - France
- b. Portugal
- Italy C. d. Spain
- 3) Whose album "Views" topped the Billboard 200 chart at number one in
- July of 2016?
- Drake
- Rihanna b. c. Blink 182
- Twenty One Pilots 4) What name is given to the largest video game tournament in the world,
- which began in July 2016? Revolve
- Evolve b.
- **Evolution** Revolution
- 5) Malcolm Turnbull claimed victory in the general election in which nation in July of 2016?
- Canada
- Scotland b. Australia
- France d.

- 6) President Salva Mararadit called a ceasefire in which nation in July
- of 2016? a. South Africa
- b. Mexico
- North Korea c.
- Sudan 7) Louise Herman won the Archibald Prize in July 2016 for her painting of
- whom? a. Eddie the Eagle
- Oprah Winfrey
- **Barry Humphries**
- Rickey Gervais 8) Which nation's Emperor announced his intentions to abdicate in July 2016?
- Uganda
- South Africa b.
- c. Japan Kenya
- 9) Which TV show received the most Emmy nominations in July of 2016?
- Containment
- The Office b.
- Game of Thrones The Walking Dead
- 10) Who did Donald Trump choose as his running
- **Eddie Spencer**
- Mike Pence
- mate in July 2016?
- Dick Pound
- David Sense c.

- 11) What is the title of the Pokemon game, which stormed the world in July of 2016?
- a. Town
- b. Up
- Go c. Explore d.
- 12) Theresa May became Prime Minister of which
- nation in July 2016? Australia
- b. UK
- France c. Canada
- 13) Osama Bin Laden's son threatened revenge against the United States for assassinating his father in July 2016. What is
- his name?
- a. Mamba b.
- Hamza Damza c.
- Lamia 14) The Permanent Country of Arbitration ruled in favor of the Philippines against which nation in
- July 2016? a. Russia
- b. England
- China c. Japan
- 15) Typhoon Nepartak hit which nation in July 2016?
- Nepal
- Cambodia b. Taiwan
- Russia

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#### TIPP CITY GARAGE SALES

29, 9-4. Moving sale Lots of misc. items, everything must

7/28 & Fri 7/29, 8-3. Big sale in Deercliff Run neighborhood. Clothing, kitchenware, appliances, car accessories and more. Priced to sell.

#### TROY GARAGE SALES

28 31 from 10-6. Household items, queen size air mattress, adult and boys sizes 7-14 clothing, car seats, new Little Tike swing, bedding & much more!

North of Marsh Grocery on N. Market St. Sales on Shaftsbury Rd., Merry Robin Rd., Robin Hood Lane, Tamworth Rd. and Littlejohn Rd. Clothes (all ages & sizes), furniture, collectibles, too much to list.

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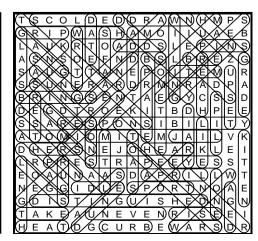
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#### This Week's Solutions

#### Sudoku

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#### Crossword

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#### **Trivia**

1) Israel - The mosaic of an angel was hidden under plaster. 2) Portugal - The championship was held in France from June 10th to July 10th, 2016. 3) Drake - The album was released on April 29, 2016. 4) Evolution - Evolution is an annual

event that focuses entirely on fighting games. 5) Australia - Turnbull is the 29th Prime Minister of Australia.

6) Sudan - The ceasefire was called following days of violence that left hundreds dead.

7) Barry Humphries - Herman won the \$150,000 Moran prize in 2014 for her portrait of Bill Henson. 8) Japan - As of 2016, the Emperor of Japan is the only remaining mon-arch in the world reigning under the title of 'Emperor'

nounced that 2017 season of Game episodes. 10) Mike Pence - Pence is the 50th Governor of Indiana.

11) Go - The game sends players

9) Game of Thrones - HBO an-

into the real world to search for Pokemon monsters. 12) UK - May has been the Member of Parliament for Maidenhead since 1997.

13) Hamza - Osama bin Laden was killed at his Pakistani hideout by US commandos in 2011. 14) China - China decided it would neither accept nor participate in

the arbitral tribunal process. 15) Taiwan - Typhoon Nepartak caused 3 deaths and US\$21.1 mil lion damage.

with liquid (water, wine, juice) and let set for at least sixty minutes or cover with a one-to-one ratio of vinegar and boiling water, letting them soak for 10 minutes. Using the vinegar solution, we then drained and mixed them with olive oil to cover, garlic, rosemary. In a jar with a tight fitting lid they were refrigerated for at least 24 hours. They were ready to use in any recipe calling for a savory tomato flavor, especially nice in pasta dishes.

Corn is the second most

popular vegetable to can, after tomatoes. Here are a couple of recipes using fresh and/or canned corn. Whatever way you choose to preserve the garden and orchard for winter, always follow the latest canning guidelines for food safety.

And smile when you hear that pop!

**Contact Connie at** mooredcr@Juno.com or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341

#### FRIED CORN

4 cups cooked fresh corn 3 tablespoons minced green pepper Salt & pepper 4 tablespoons butter or olive oil

Combine corn, green pepper and seasonings in large skillet in which the butter has been melted. Cook over medium heat, stirring often to prevent scorching. Cook until corn just begins to turn golden tan. Serve hot. Variations include adding onions, garlic, using raw corn cut from cobs and cobs scraped down to include the milky juices. Some people prefer to add a bit of sugar.

#### **BAKED CORN**

½ cup chopped onion ½ cup chopped green pepper 3 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons flour Salt to taste Dash of paprika ¼ teaspoon dry or prepared mustard 1 cup milk ½ cup dry bread crumbs 1 egg, beaten 3 cups fresh corn, cut from cobs

Brown onion and pepper in 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add flour, salt, paprika and mustard. Stir until blended well and add milk. Cook over low and stir until thick. Remove from heat. Add bread crumbs which have been browned in the remaining butter. Add corn and egg, mix well. Pour into greased baking dish. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs. Bake in 375 degree oven for about 30 minutes. Variation: cheese may be added, other seasonings such as garlic, other toppings such as crushed potato chips may

½ cup cracker crumbs

#### CORN-TOMATO SKILLET

1 small green pepper, seeded and chopped

½ cup chopped onion

2-4 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon sugar Dash of pepper

4 fresh tomatoes, peeled, sliced

2 cup fresh corn cut from cobs

In large skillet, cook green pepper and onion in butter until soft. Add rest of ingredients, cooking until vegetables are tender and liquid from tomatoes is evaporated. Stir often.,

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to make a mistake."

My sophomore and junior years I play AAU for the Dayton Lady Hoopstars. My first year "I had coach Jerry Rex. He was an amazing coach and tough me a lot about being aggressive. This year, I had Coach Macie Blinn. I also work out with Maria Moritz, she has

been a huge influence on me and helped me continue to get strong and improve my game." She also credited local trainer Richard Quisenberry for helping her with her game in the past years.

Like any senior, Peters has some goals she would like to reach before stepping on the floor for the last time at Troy

"For the upcoming season I want to average a double-double, I want to be more aggressive and be the best player I can be," she said. "I also want to make my play make the players around me better. As a team, I want to win the MBC. I also want my team to make it to districts

this year in tournaments."

Peters, who wants to continue her career in college and major in elementary education, received first team all-conference as a junior, along with second-team as a sophomore, and was named to the Windy City Classic and Blue Star National allpool team during AAU.

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a girl he knew was 13 years old. The girl, now 14, became pregnant, according to statements made in Miami County Common Pleas Court. He later pleaded

Hickenbottom told Judge Christopher Gee, "It was a dumb decision and I take full responsibility for it."

Assistant Prosecutor Janna Parker asked for a prison term saying Hickenbottom acted irresponsibly and that the girl received no prenatal care for five months.

The girl's mother said she found out about the relationship from text messages to her daughter. The incident, she said, charged her whole family's life. Gee told Hickenbottom he "took advantage of a very vulnerable girl."

He was sentenced to two years on each of three counts of unlawful sexual conduct. The sentences will be served concurrently. Hickenbottom was ordered to pay \$1,032 restitution to the Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Fund.

He was classified a Tier II sex offender. The designation will require him to register his address every 180 days, following prison release, with the sheriff's office in the county where he lives. The registration will be required for 25

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encourage them to be cautious. A little research can go a long way. If you get a call asking for a donation, check it out to make sure it's not a scam."

Signs of a potential charity scam include callers who:

- Make vague claims about a cause.
- Use a name similar to a well-known organization.
- Provide little or no detailed information.
- Refuse to answer ques-
- Refuse to provide a call-back number.
- Use a "spoofed" phone number.
- Demand immediate payment. • Ask for payment via
- wire transfer or prepaid • Ask for payment to an individual instead of an or-

ganization. Not all calls seeking charitable donations are potential scams. Legitimate charities and professional

solicitors, which general-

ly are for-profit businesses paid to collect donations, can and do seek donations over the phone. When a charitable organization calls a consumer seeking a donation, the caller must provide the name of the organization and the location of its principal place of business. Professional solicitors also must provide this basic information.

The Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section maintains a registry of charitable organizations

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#### Butterfly Survey August 1, 2:30 p.m. Stillwater Prairie Reserve

Miami County Park District will hold a Butterfly Survey on August 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, 9750 St. Rt. 185 in Covington. Participants will help Park District naturalists collect data on butterflies in Miami County. Some of the data collected will help with the Monarch Larva Monitoring project which focuses on larval populations and milkweed. For more information on the Monarch monitoring project visit www. mlmp.org/. Register for the program by going to program calendar MiamiCountyParks. com, e-mailing register@ miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

#### Adult Exploration Hike August 2, 9-11 a.m. Lost Creek Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold an Adult Exploration Hike on August 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 E. State Route 41 east of Troy. Join park district naturalist Sassafras Susan to discover the birds, plants and trees across the county, one park at a time. These hikes are a great opportunity to get out in nature and learn together. Walks last about two hours and are not strenuous or fastpaced. Due to weather, trails may be wet. Wear appropriate shoes. 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.

#### Color and Coffee August 2, 1:30 p.m. Troy-Miami County Public Library

Join the Troy Library for a coffee and coloring event. Take a stress break and enjoy a cup of coffee while coloring away the day's anxiety at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016; the coloring pages, colored pencils, and coffee will be provided.

The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street in Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 117.

#### Lettuce Cook – Cooking Club August 4, 5:00 to 7:30

#### p.m.

**Lost Creek Reserve** The Miami County Park District will hold its Lettuce Cook - Cooking Club series on August 4 and 11 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 East State Route 41 east of Troy. Be part of a brand new pilot program! Kids ages 11 to 15 years will learn about local produce as they harvest, prepare and cook seasonal recipes using ingredients from the garden at Lost Creek Reserve. They will also experience the sense of community that comes from preparing and sharing meals together. Class maximum Pre-registration is required. Class fee \$25 for the series of five. 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.

#### Health Trekkers August 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Hobart Urban Nature

**Preserve** The Miami County Park District will hold its Health Trekkers program on August 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, 1400 Tyrone in Troy. Take a hike for heath and join park district health and wellness specialist, registered nurse Marion for this weekly low impact Relevant topics such as heart health, diet and nutrition, diabetes prevention, stress relief and many others will be discussed during this twelve walk series. Remember to wear weather appropriate gear and walking shoes for comfort. Registration not required but highly recommended. Register for the program by going to program calendar at MiamiCountyParks. com, e-mailing register@ miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

#### Trailing Moms & Tots August 8, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Charleston Falls Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its Trailing Moms & Tots program on August 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. This program is for expectant mothers, mothers and tots 0 - five years of age. Participants can socialize, play and exercise during this walk. There may even craft time. Be sure to dress for the weather. 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. 109.

#### Bookmobile in the Park "Fueling the Engine" August 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

#### **Lost Creek Reserve**

The Miami County Park District will host the Troy-Miami County Bookmobile "Fueling the Engine" from 2 to 3 p.m. on August 10 at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 E. State Route 41 east of Troy. 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. 109.

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