

City to Expand Duke Park

By Nancy Bowman

The offer to sell the city of Troy more than 117 acres north of Paul G. Duke Park was one “we don’t believe we want to pass up,” Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said last week.

The city council agreed, voting Monday, Aug. 3, to authorize Titterington to buy the farm property located off North Troy-Sidney Road from Paul and Jill Huelskamp for \$1.5 million.

Council also was asked to OK the sale of bond anticipation notes for the purchase, which Titterington said is expected to be offset by grants and potential sale of part of the property.

“It is an opportunity we don’t believe we want to pass up,” he told council’s community and economic development committee July 29.

Titterington said three grants that could total up to \$1.2 million are in the works, but said he could not yet disclose the sources of those grants and their amounts. The land that possibly would be sold includes some along the Great Miami River and in the flood plain, he said.

The land would be for future park/recreation area. The addition to

Duke Park would be for activities similar to the fields and other offerings at the existing park. The purchase would more than double the park size.

A house and barns on the farm are being explored as a probable site for the park maintenance department’s long-term needs, Titterington said.

“It’s great to have the opportunity to do this,” Councilman Tom Kendall said.

Titterington said closing of the sale could be expected within 60 days following due diligence by the city. That work would include inspections, title check and “any other due diligence as the law di-

rector instructs prior to closing,” he said.

The land lies outside the city limits so annexation would be considered following purchase.



“Building Doctors” Come To Troy

The Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office, the Troy Community Works, Troy Main Street and Troy Historical Society will sponsor a Building Doctor Clinic for old-building owners in Troy, Ohio on August 13 and 14, 2015.

The clinic features Building Doctors Nathan Bevil and Kathryn Fortener of the Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office. It begins with a free seminar on Thursday evening, August 13, from 7-9 p.m. in the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 W. Main St. in Troy. The seminar is open to the public and will feature guidelines for renovation projects and ways to solve some of the most common problems of buildings dating from 1800 to 1955.

On Friday, August 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., the

Building Doctors will visit pre-1955 buildings within five miles of Newark, advising owners on specific technical problems by appointment. The “doctors” examine all kinds of older buildings. Some of the things that typically call for an on-site examination include persistent peeling paint or flaking plaster, a wet basement or deteriorating masonry and plans for additions.

Bevil is the Community Planning & Preservation Manager for the Ohio History Connection’s State Historic Preservation Office, holds a bachelor’s degree in history and historic preservation from Mary Washington College and a Master of Historic Preservation degree from the University of Georgia. He admin-

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Improvements May Come to 911 Center

By Nancy Bowman

Telecommunicators at the Miami County Communication Center (9-1-1) will evaluate a 42-inch touch screen monitor to see if it will replace four monitors now used in their computer aided dispatch (CAD) work.

The county commissioners voted July 30 to purchase one monitor as a test. The touch screen monitor will be bought from MNJ Public Sector for \$1,636.

Center Director Jeff Busch told the commission a group of telecommunicators (previously known as dispatchers) and a supervisor have been evaluating options for furniture and equipment to upgrade the center’s dispatch room. They have visited other centers including the one used by police at The Ohio State University, where a wall monitor is used is for watching campus cameras.

Busch said the telecommunicators now have six

to eight monitors on their desks, depending on the functions assigned. Four of the monitors are for the CAD, which would be combined on the larger monitor.

The monitor also will be used for displays at community events, such as the county fair, to help explain the dispatch center’s work.

“When get out in community we set up an active CAD screen so people can see what is going on while we are talking about it,” Busch said. He noted that the center is trying to get out more in the community to illustrate what its employees do for the public.

In other business last week the commissioners:

- OK’d the purchase of replacement security cameras and additional door reader/lock mechanisms for the Communication Center as part of a county security upgrade project. The cost for the Communication Center camera work is \$14,583 and the door reader/lock mechanisms, \$1,893, for a total \$16,476.
- Agreed to replace the fire system equipment and control modules and add devices necessary to bring the Hobart Center for County Government’s system to current codes. SecurCom Inc. of Minister will receive the contract to do the work, including permits, for up to \$20,682.
- The commission also voted to reject a petition to annex 3,064 acres from Newberry Township to the village of Covington. The commission said the petition states the property would be excluded from the township and instead reflect the boundaries as the village. The commission said the township and, in turn, the commission does not want the land excluded from the township boundaries. The agent for the property annexation has been contacted requesting revision of the annexation agreement.

Treasure Island Renovation to Continue

By Nancy Bowman

The Treasure Island Marina Building renovation project wasn’t completed as scheduled by July 31 with work expected to take the rest of the summer.

Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said last week a new completion date has not been set.

The city also has not selected a restaurant operator to replace the Tin Roof.

An issue with the Marina Building’s awning supports has been resolved and work continues by contractor Bruns General Contracting of Tipp City. The company was awarded a \$959,274 contract to renovate the city owned building near the Great Miami River.

Titterington said the need for added work on the supports was uncovered during project demolition, causing a delay in the roof work.

The marina renovations are part of the city riverfront development

project that also includes work now under way at Treasure Island Park. The third piece of the project will be at Hobart Arena.

City representatives have talked with possible operators for the Marina

tenant(s) arrangements,” Titterington said.

Work has started on the contract for Treasure Island Park Improvements. The contract was awarded to Double Jay Construction for \$1.686 million. That work will

include a gazebo, lighthouse and walking trail along with an amphitheater and new entrance from Elm Street. To prepare for new structures, plans called for the park area to be graded to slope toward the river and help with flooding.

The city council earlier

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, July 27

1:40 p.m. – To the Cherry St. Parking lot for a parking complaint. Parked in the lot was a blue Jeep Wrangler with no plates on it. The deputy ran the VIN and learned that the Jeep had not been registered in Ohio since 2009. He found the vehicle was titled to a Delaware, Ohio resident, but it does not appear that he ever registered the vehicle. Delaware County Sheriff's office was contacted, and they have nothing on the owner. It is unknown how the Jeep got there or who drove it there. IT was towed, and there is a hold on it until the proper owner can be determined.

Wednesday, July 29

1:18 a.m. – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

11:25 a.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A man reported that after leaving Job & Family Services, he could not find his cell phone. He is not sure if it was lost or stolen. He believed that he took it with him to JFS. He said he left his windows down and the phone on the seat. The deputy checked with JFS and no one turned in a phone. He was given a report number to get a new phone.

Thursday, July 30

9:01 a.m. – A Troy-Sidney Rd. resident came to the Sheriff's Office to report a fraud. He said that someone used his personal information to open a Citi Credit Card and charge over \$2000 to the account. He said he has already contacted Citi and they requested a police report.

4:49 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of an assault. A

woman, who is a tech in the behavioral unit, said that her patient was not abiding by the rules on the unit. She said she confronted the patient and the patient became very agitated. She said the patient made threats to her and threatening to hit her. She said the patient came toward her and with both hands pushed her left shoulder. Once she was pushed, she said she called security. She does not wish to press charges, but wanted the incident documented in case there are problems with that patient in the future.

Friday, July 31

2:51 a.m. – Traffic stop on E. Main St. at Floral Ave. The driver was taken into custody for OVI and was later charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

8:27 p.m. – To the Miami County Jail for a report of an assault. A corrections officer had let an inmate out of his cell to use the phone. After completing his call, the inmate said "I don't belong here", refused to go back into his cell and started a physical fight with the corrections officer. Another corrections officer came to assist, the inmate was placed back into his cell and was charged with assault on an officer.

Saturday, August 1

1:48 a.m. – Traffic stop on E. Main St. at Crawford St. The driver was issued citations for OVI, possession of marijuana, open container and lanes of travel.

2:37 a.m. – Traffic stop on Harrison St. at Jefferson St. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and under the influence of alcohol. He was charged with both.

Area Road Closings

- US 36 between Casstown Fletcher and Troy Road, Various lane closures July 27th – October 15th between the hours of 7:30 am and 5 pm. One lane will remain open in each direction through the use of flaggers.

- SR 589 between SR 55 and US 36, Various lane closures July 27th – October 15th between the hours of 7:30 am and 5 pm. One lane will remain open in each direction through the

- SR 41 between SR 201 and Hufford Road, 24 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE June 8th through September 5th. The official detour is: Westbound- SR 201 to SR 55 to SR 202 to SR 41. Eastbound- SR 202 to SR 55 to SR 201 to SR 41

- CR 25A(Piqua) between Looney Road and Indian Ridge Drive, 24 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE June 8th through October 15th. The official detour is: Looney Road to US 36 to Troy/Sidney Road to CR 25A

- CR 33(Eldean) between CR 25A(Troy) and Piqua Troy Road, 24 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE June 8th through November 4th. The official detour is: CR 25A to West Peterson Road to Piqua Troy Road

- I-75 south Ramp to CR 25A near Troy, 24 HOUR RAMP CLOSURE May 6th through September 4th. The official detour is: I-75 south to SR 41 to I-75 north to CR 25A.

- Miami Shelby Road between Miami River Road and River Road, 24 HOUR BRIDGE CLOSURE April 6th through August 10th. The official detour is: Miami River Road to Lockington Road to River Road



- Eldean Road between CR 25A(Troy) and Lytle Road, 24 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE June 8th through November 2nd. The official detour will be posted.

Trib BRIEFS

Troy man accused in Clark County

A Troy man was one of two people charged last week by the Clark County Sheriff's Office in two church burglaries.

Bryce Michael Whitt, 20, faces one charge of breaking and entering and one of safecracking. He and Andrew Marvin Baker, 20, of St. Paris are accused of breaking into the Bethel Community Church of the Nazarene and Medway United Methodist Church in Clark County's Bethel Township.



Bryce Michael Whitt

The sheriff's office said electronics, cash and assorted tools were taken. At the Medway United Methodist Church, vandalism also occurred with damage in the lobby, dining area, kitchen, offices, food pantry storage, children's lobby, youth room and the worship area.

The sheriff's office said additional charges are expected. It also thanked sheriff's departments in Champaign, Miami and Shelby counties for assisting in the investigation.

Skyline fundraiser for manager

Skyline Chili in Troy is holding Mike Fariello Week through Aug. 9.

During the week 25 percent of total sales will be donated to the Fariellos as Mike, the Skyline general manager, deals with cancer.

The restaurant is off West Main Street, west of Interstate 75.

Judge to determine competency

A Miami County judge held a hearing Monday, Aug. 3, to consider the competency of three witness in the upcoming trial of a Piqua man charged with rape.

Judge Christopher Gee asked a series of questions to three people expected to testify in the trial of Harry Reedy, 58, of Piqua. He is accused with felony rape and kidnapping in an alleged June 27, 2014, incident involving a special needs adult.

Reedy has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for a trial before Gee later this month. Also charged in the case is Patrick Anthony, 57, of Piqua. He faces felony kidnapping and complicity to rape charges. He, too, will be tried before the judge.

Both Reedy and Anthony have pleaded not guilty.

Reedy's lawyer challenged the proposed witnesses' competency to testify in the trial.

Council approves enterprise zone

Troy City Council voted Monday, Aug. 3, to approve a tax abatement request for Arc Abrasives' planned \$4.8 million investment in a new building and equipment.

The project by the sandpaper and grinder manufacturer would add 15 jobs to the existing 99 employees.

The company proposes to build a new manufacturing facility at 2219 Corporate Drive to replace two buildings at 55 and 85 Marybill Drive.

The company requested 100 percent property tax abatement for 15 years, Jim Dando, city development director, recommended 75 percent abatement for 10 years. He said the lesser percentage and years of abatement would be consistent with similar requests in the past.

Area Property Transfers

Property Address	Date	Buyer	Seller	Price
320 S PLUM ST	7/27	MINYDSAK GEORGE D & LAURA R	LYON LAURETTA R	\$0.00
205 ASH ST	7/28	HARGER RHONDA H & ROBYN C	HARGER RHONDA H	\$0.00
714 MCKAIG AVE	7/28	HARGER CANDACE F & @ (3)	HARGER RHONDA H	\$0.00
MCKAIG AVE	7/28	HARGER CANDACE F & @ (3)	HARGER RHONDA H	\$0.00
225 ELLIS ST	7/27	S & T VENTURES LLC	SECRETARY OF HUD	\$0.00
1221 WAYNE ST	7/27	TUCKER CARRIE ELLEN	TUCKER CARRIE ELLEN & GLADYS MARIE	\$0.00
LAKE ST	7/27	TUCKER CARRIE ELLEN	TUCKER CARRIE ELLEN & GLADYS MARIE	\$0.00
708 S MULBERRY ST	7/24	WHEELER THOMAS & HOLLY	US BANK NA	\$23,564.00
517 S CHERRY ST	7/24	SWEPTON RANDY ETHAN & KEVIN E	STARK ADAM C & EMILY P	\$179,900.00
1063 LINWOOD DR	7/24	BROWN JANELLE B & CHASE	DOYLE REBECCA M (TOD) & @ (3)	\$103,500.00
1349 SHERIDAN CT	7/28	TRICK KEVIN E	KIMMEL OHIO LLC	\$96,000.00
411 ARMAND DR	7/29	CARGILL LEVOYD	CARGILL LEVOYD & MARGARET	\$0.00
89 DOROTHY LN	7/24	BIGELOW KYLE L & LISA D	HOLDER DONALD JAMES & DARVA LEE	\$169,500.00
2315 WADE PL	7/24	COLE STEVEN R	STETZEL ERIC P	\$250,000.00
649 WILLOW POINT CT	7/27	SMOTHERS VIRGIL R JR & TORRIE S	JAMISON JACK L & KATHY J	\$205,000.00
2256 E GIRARD LN	7/29	PATEL BHAVESH & SONAL	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	\$179,000.00
N KINGS CHAPEL DR	7/28	FIRSTAR BANK NA (TR) & US BANK TROY FOUNDATION	FIRSTAR BANK NA TRUSTEE & US BANK NA TRUSTEE	\$0.00
N KINGS CHAPEL DR	7/28	FIRSTAR BANK NA TRUSTEE & US BANK TROY FOUNDATION	FIRSTAR BANK NA TRUSTEE & US BANK NA TRUSTEE	\$0.00
3020 PARKWOOD DR	7/28	ORDING MARY ANN	ORDING ALTON & MARY ANN	\$0.00
KINGS CHAPEL DR	7/28	FIRST STAR BANK NA (TR) & US BANK TROY FOUNDATION	FIRST STAR BANK NA & US BANK NA (TR)	\$0.00
1308 RED MAPLE DR	7/29	BOX JOSEPH W & CHASITY P	GWINN LYNNE M	\$435,000.00
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Jury Still Deliberating in Bowen Trial

By Nancy Bowman

Editor's note – our deadline is Monday evening, and as of that time there was no verdict. If a verdict is handed down, we will have it on our Facebook page.

A Miami County jury heard testimony over three days and deliberated 10.5 hours July 31 and Aug. 3 before continuing deliberations Aug. 4 in the trial of Frank Bowen in the 2014 murder of Joseph Graley III of Bethel Township.

The remains of Graley, 31, were found Oct. 23 under a pile of brush near a wooded area behind his Scarff Road home in Bethel Township, Miami County.

Bowen, 25, formerly of the Tipp City area returned to the county in late September from South Carolina. Prosecutors said he moved in with friend Graley, 31, because he had no place to stay days before Graley disappeared.

Bowen was charged with murder, gross abuse of a corpse, tampering with evidence and safe-cracking.

During testimony, jurors heard from Graley family and friends about how they became concerned about his whereabouts after he was not seen for several days in October. Testimony showed he was last seen alive Oct. 8. Witnesses said they questioned Bowen, who had returned to the area recently and was staying with Graley, and were told various stories including Graley was out of state at a funeral with his mother, had been placed in drug rehab and he was staying with his mother.

Witnesses testified Bowen said Graley said he was leaving for a time and left him in charge of his house and his drug business. Several testified they'd come to the house and find Graley sitting on the couch – marijuana for sale kept nearby – and playing videogames. Investigators said Graley died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck with a sledge hammer. Bowen's DNA was found on the hammer's handle.

In closing arguments July 31, county Prosecutor Tony Kendall said investigators believed Bowen incapacitated Graley in the bedroom before dragging his body out a back door and continuing the assault in the backyard near a well and wooded area. Blood was found on the door threshold. The remains were found by a cadaver dog beneath the brush and wood.

"You can't ignore that his DNA is on the murder weapon. It is so powerful," Parker said.

Defense lawyer Steve Layman disagreed. "To question Frank's DNA found on a piece of equipment in the house where he lived is ridiculous," Layman, who represented Bowen along with fellow public defender Steve King, said in closing arguments.

In opening statements, Parker, said Bowen was broke, unemployed, homeless and had a young child to support.

Parker said that while others were looking for Graley for days, Bowen continued to stay in the house, telling various stories on his whereabouts, playing Graley's videogames and selling Graley's drugs.

Defense lawyer Steve Layman, a county public defender, said prosecutors were trying to build a case based on pieces of

evidence. "Yes, they have evidence potentially linking him," Layman said of Bowen, adding, though "the facts don't add up."

In testimony July 29, Bryan White, a special agent for the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, said he was called Oct. 23 to Graley's home. He said the body found under the brush had been there "for quite some time."

While checking the wooded area nearby, a sledgehammer with what



was believed to be blood was found and in checking trashcans around the house, the body of one of Graley's dogs also was found, he said. The dog's death also "didn't appear to be natural," White said.

Dr. Lee Lehman, chief deputy coroner in Montgomery County, testified about the Oct. 24 autopsy of Graley.

Lehman said the body examination and autopsy showed Graley sustained "many skull fractures ... too many fractures to be described individually." The toxicology tests showed Graley had abused various drugs but levels found were not lethal.

Lehman said the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head and neck. He also testified he was asked to compare the sledgehammer to the injuries. "This hammer could produce that type of injury or an injury similar to that," Lehman said.

Asked on cross-examination about the number of blows Graley sustained, Lehman said, "There had to be many blows."

The mother Bowen's child, Hannah Domanek, told the jury she was back living in Tipp City with her family.

Domanek said she dated Bowen for almost two years, living with him in South Carolina with his family before they returned to Ohio at the end of September. Bowen was not allowed to stay with her family, she said. He first stayed with a friend for a short time in Piqua before Graley took him in.

Domanek said she last saw Graley on Oct. 5. He was not at his home Oct. 8 when she and Bowen went there after Bowen drove her and her children to an appointment in Troy using Graley's car.

Bowen said Graley had left town for a funeral, putting him in charge of his marijuana business Domanek said.

She said she spoke with Bowen almost daily but only saw him on weekends at Graley's house because he told her he was working a job in Troy. After Graley's death became known, she learned Bowen was not

work as claimed, Domanek said.

Also testifying was Graley's long-time friend Joshua Sanning of New Carlisle.

When he first inquired into Graley's whereabouts in October, Bowen said Graley went with his mother to a funeral in Michigan, Sanning said. When asked again later, Bowen said Graley's mom found out he was using heroin and had put him in rehab, Sanning said.

He testified he asked Graley's mother about the rehab and was told that had not happened. Sanning said he became even more concerned when he went to the house and found Graley's prescription medication and a travel bag he used still in the house.

Those factors "led me to believe Joe hadn't gone willingly," Sanning said.

He called 9-1-1 late Oct. 22, expressing concern about

Graley's welfare but asking to remain anonymous. The same evening, Graley's mother, Terri Coburn of St. Paris, and her boyfriend waved down a Clark County sheriff's deputy asking how to file a missing person's report.

Long-time Graley friend Billie Eason of Englewood and Terri Coburn of St. Paris were among those telling how they visited the home looking for Graley and on Oct. 22 coming to the realization something was terribly wrong.

The women talked about seeing in the bedroom pants with Graley's belt – the only belt he would wear – a chain he used to hang onto his wallet and, his mother said, an iPod in the pants' pocket. Witnesses earlier testified Graley was wearing only underwear when his body was found.

Coburn said she found food in the freezer she'd dropped off the previous week when Bowen told her son was sleeping in his bedroom. He told her Graley had gone camping, Coburn said.

Deputies visited the home late Oct. 22 after receiving the report from Sanning, arrested Bowen on an unrelated warrant and pursued the missing person complaint.

A middle of the night search of a wooded area behind the house turned up a pillow and towel, both with what was believed to be blood on them. By the next afternoon Graley's remains had been located.

Eason said she visited the house several times looking for Graley after attempts to call and text him failed. She contacted Coburn on Facebook and learned Graley was not with her, as Bowen had been claiming.

"At this point, I'd been told so many stories ... I was at a loss. I knew something was wrong," Eason said.

Defense lawyers questioned witnesses about differences in their recorded statements to investigators looking into the missing person and the death and the statements made in court. The defense did not call any witnesses.

Rotary Exchange Student Headed to Turkey

This summer has been a busy time for Troy High School senior, Caitlynn (Caity) Klawon. Rather than relaxing and enjoying the sunshine, she's been going to program meetings, packing and getting ready to head to Samsun, Turkey for the next year as a Rotary Youth Exchange delegate. Klawon applied to take part in the program last Fall, and worked with Troy Rotary Club to be her sponsor. Rotary Youth Exchange facilitates international study for secondary school students ages 15-19. The students are cultural ambassadors during their time abroad and are sponsored and hosted by Rotary clubs. It is a powerful way to promote global understanding and peace. While students may apply for a either short-term or long-term exchange, Klawon opted for a long-term exchange to spend the year living with the Ozdede family while their son is on a Rotary Youth Exchange in Cleveland, Ohio. Klawon will attend classes at Samsun Ses Okullari, a

and at all Rotary meetings she attends while in overseas. On July 17, 2015, Klawon met with Troy Mayor Michael Beamish (pictured) to be inducted as an ambassador of Troy. He presented her

lege to become a dentist. She hopes one day to travel as a volunteer to different countries where her skills and abilities in dentistry can be helpful. Rotary Youth Exchanges are available through



Caity with Mayor Beamish



Otterbein Rotary Exchange Orientation

private school for families new to Turkey who may not know the language and for Rotary Youth Exchange ambassadors. Located on the north coast of Turkey, Samsun is a major port on the Black Sea.

The reality of the commitment began to set in once she was accepted into the program. She has attended several Rotary Youth Exchange meetings to understand her responsibilities as a program participant and traveled to Otterbein College earlier in July to meet with fellow Exchange students. While there, she was presented with an Exchange jacket and patch that shows she's part of the Ohio-Erie Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She will wear the jacket during her travels

with TroyOhioUSA pins to hand out to people she meets in Turkey and gave her a Troy Ohio Seal Medallion to deliver to the mayor of Samsun.

She has the steadfast support of her family as she sets off on this big life adventure. The oldest of five (5) children, Klawon knows that being gone for an entire year will be a challenge for her siblings and friends in Ohio; however, she plans to keep in touch with them via Skype. After she returns, Klawon will attend col-

Rotary International. Visit their Web site at www.rotary.org to learn more about the program. 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, sponsorship for a Youth Exchange or membership, please visit www.troyohiorotary.org.

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Obituaries

Rita M. Brand

Rita M. Brand, age 84, of Troy, Ohio passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. She was born on October 26, 1930 in DeGraff, Ohio to the late Harry and Elizabeth (Hollinger) Hamel. She was married to Vincent E. Brand for 58 years, who preceded her in death on December 9, 2013.

Rita is survived by her daughter, Linda Johnston of Troy; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sonja Brand of Van Buren, Ohio; grandchildren and their spouses, Brian and Kellie Brand of Troy, Jenny and Steve Wright of Troy, Matthew and Emily Brand of Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, Katherine and Adam Fox of Troy, Andrew Johnston of Troy, Rebecca and Chase Scarborough of Canal Winchester, Chelsea Myers of Greenville and Marcus Brand of Van Buren; eight great-grandchildren, Alex and Jackson Brand, Madison and Braden Wright, Vincent and Dominic Brand and Andrew and Anna Scarborough and one sister, Joann Kropp of Troy. In

addition to her parents and her husband, Rita was preceded in death by one son, Bruce Brand.

Rita was a 1949 graduate of Troy High School. She was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #256 of Troy. Rita served as secretary for the Miami County Commissioners office for over 25 years. After her retirement, she was employed with Harborside Healthcare Center. She loved her husband and family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending time with the 49ers club, gardening and reading.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family with interment in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #256, c/o 4495 State Route 589, Casstown, OH 45312 or the Alzheimer's Association, 23215 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 300, Beachwood, OH 44122. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Nellie Irene Dengel

Nellie Irene (Hammonds) Dengel, 87, of Troy, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2015 at Troy Care Center. She was born in Scioto County, Ohio on October 20, 1927 to the late Leslie Monroe and Maggie Odel Sowards. Nellie was married October 10, 1972, to William H. Dengel, Sr., who preceded her in death. Nellie is survived by one step-son, William H. Dengel, Jr. of Troy; one daughter, Melissa Dengel of Cincinnati; one daughter, Tammy Hammonds of Arizona; one sister, Josephine Cooper Breeze of Mansfield and several nieces and nephews. She is also preceded in death by five brothers, Homer Sowards, Omer Sowards, Harm Sowards, Elias Sowards, and Theodore Sowards; and four

sisters Laura Ratliff, Louise Paxton, Minnie Smith, and Velmie Sowards. Nellie was a former member of the First Lutheran Church, Troy. She served in the U.S. Marines and retired from A.O. Smith, Tipp City, in 1986. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Rev. David Ramming officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service, from noon until 1:00 p.m. Interment will be in Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, with graveside memorial by the Veterans Memorial Honor Guard of Troy. Condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

John Edgeworth Mieding

Jon Edgeworth Mieding, age 45, of Troy, OH passed away on Monday, July 27, 2015. He was born in Milwaukee, WI on February 16, 1970 to James R. and Joanne M. (Kenney) Mieding of Troy, OH.

Jon is also survived by brother and sister-in-law: Jason and Andrea Mieding of Jamestown, NC; nephews: Isaac and Gabriel Mieding; wife to be: Meredith Grosvenor; aunt: Judy Mieding of Milwaukee, WI; and a great many cousins and friends.

Jon held a degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and a Masters in Theology. Jon was a NAMI facilitator for the Connection support group. Jon was a NOVA provider for clients at Riverside. In recovery from mental illness, Jon did presen-

tations for groups such as the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services and for Janssen Pharmaceuticals both locally and nationally. Jon's presentations served to educate professionals on the lived experience of mental illness. Jon also worked for Donatos in Troy.

Services were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NAMI of Ohio, 1225 Dublin Road, Suite 125, Columbus, OH 43215 or the Chemistry Department at Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Oelman Hall, Dayton, OH 45435. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com

Helen V. Wilson

Helen V. Wilson, age 73, of Troy, OH passed away on Monday, July 27, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She was born in Bennett, KY on September 28, 1941 to Leona Marie (Bowlring) Archey of Troy, OH and the late Charles B. Archey. She was married to Donald Ralph Wilson and he preceded her in death on January 27, 1991.

Helen is survived by cousins, aunts, and uncles. Helen was a member of the Troy Church of the Nazarene and she was associated with the Bee-

keepers of Miami Valley. She worked as a cook with the Flash Restaurant and Camp Troy.

Services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Miami Memorial Park, Covington, OH.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 4555 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 396, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com

Rhythm & Roots Music Festival Coming to the Hayner

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will be celebrating the roots of our American Musical heritage this fall with an all-day music festival. The Festival will open at 11:30 on October 3rd with a dulcimer presentation by the local organization, the Mountain Dulcimer Society of Dayton. Using two stages and six bands, we will explore the roots of our American musical traditions. At noon the Whipstitch Sallies will bring us the roots of bluegrass. Our roots of rock band will be The Finnigan-Denson Project at 1:00, Roots of gospel will be performed by Sweet Betsy at 2:00. At 3:00 Daniel Dye and the Miller Road Band will explore the roots of folk and Brian Keith Wallen will bring us the roots of blues at 4:00.



Brian Keith Wallen



Daniel Dye

At 5:30 our featured musicians are The Elements with Sandy and Michael Bashaw and Rick Good and Sharon Leahy. Rick Good was a founding member of

the bluegrass group, the Hotmud Family and more recently has performed with the Red Clay Ramblers. He and Sharon Leahy were co-directors of the nationally renowned



Whipstitch Sallies



Sweet Betsy



Finnigan Denson



Elements

group Rhythm in Shoes. Michael and Sandy Bashaw have performed with Puzzle of Light and Theatre of Sound for many decades. They are known for their creative

jazz intonations and innovative concerts. These four musicians come together as The Elements combining the musical sensibilities of both jazz and bluegrass in a new way that neither melds nor fuses the genres. Indeed a traditional bluegrass piece is accentuated with flute and a fine piece of moody jazz may be enlivened with a bit of banjo. This concert will bring new listening and new insight to the roots of our American musical heritage of music.

The festival will also feature Lunch on the Lawn with grilled-on-site sausages from the Troy Meat Shop and fresh-made soup and sandwiches from Troy Bulk Barn and Deli. Plenty of children's activities and fun-stuff will be going on in the Art Studio. In the East Room a variety of our downtown Troy businesses will bring related items to peruse and purchase. Around About Books will have vintage and music related books, CDs and albums. Sound City Music will have a booth of musical instruments and information about music classes. You will find wooden flutes and cigar box guitars hand crafted by local artist Paul Nelson and eclectic vintage items from 3 Weird Sisters as well as other uniquely Troy items. Artist Jenn Noren will do an on-site painting, which some lucky guest will have the opportunity to take home. Do not miss this uniquely Troy happening in lovely downtown Troy, Ohio.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner. For more information regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of Hayner Events, please call 339-0457 or visit our website at www.Troy-Hayner.org for complete details.

Waco to Host Lego Coaches Clinic

Do you still enjoy playing with LEGOS even though you're over 25? Out of curiosity did you to take apart a transistor radio, your mom's toaster, or vacuum cleaner and then rebuild them? Are you competitive? Do you want to help a child dream about future inventions? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider being a First LEGO League Coach.



FIRST LEGO League is a robotics program for 9 to 14 year olds, which is designed to get children excited about science and technology -- and teach them valuable employment and life skills. In FLL, the children program an autonomous robot (using the LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robot set) to score points on a

thematic playing surface, complete a science project, and learn to teamwork.

As part of the WACO Learning Center, sponsored in part by a grant from the Dayton Power & Lights, WACO will be hosting an FLL Coach's Clinic on Thursday, August 13th from 6 - 7 p.m. Please RSVP at 335-9226 or call for additional information. The clinic will be held at WACO Air

YWCA Hires New Program Director

"Beth Royer was recently hired as the new Program Director at the YWCA Piqua," announced Leesa Baker, YWCA Executive Director. "We are excited that Beth as joined our staff. She brings creativity, enthusiasm and dedication to the mission of the YWCA: eliminating racism and empowering women, as we meet the needs of women and their families in our community," she continued.

to the community. My greatest endeavor is to help others achieve a full, creative and empowering life," said Royer.

"I live by one motto by an unknown author," she continued. "There are three solutions to every problem: Accept it, change it or leave it. If you can't accept it, change it. If you can't change it, leave it." "It's a powerful and empowering statement. Everyone should be living the life they



"On this new adventure as the YWCA Program Director, I look to continue popular programs both members and non-members have enjoyed over the years, while bringing new ones

want and being true to themselves," she added.

Royer, a writer and psychology major, lives in Greenville with her husband, Michael, and their daughters Brianne and Emma.

Social Media A Major Issue With Some Athletes

By Jim Dabbelt

Let me preface this story by saying this: social media is an amazing tool. It can be educational, entertaining and consume most of our lives. It can allow today's student athletes in a world of "everyone wants to know what I am thinking" to keep in contact with the outside world and impress a bunch of strangers in a way they never could before.

But it can also be a detriment.

As school starts and another interscholastic season gets underway in a couple of weeks, it is important to know that social media self-control is extremely important. Facebook used to be the thing, now it has become the older generations way on connecting with family and friends. Twitter is still popular in a lot of circles, but it has gone the way of Instagram, Snapchat, and the latest craze Periscope.



All of those platforms can be something that can be very useful for the student athlete, and at the same time, it can cause the downfall of having a chance to play your favorite sport at the next level.

One of the most important things to remember is that nothing you post will ever go away. If you think that it is gone, you had better think again. A simple screenshot by a friend or worse, an opponent, can cause a lot of headaches down the road. Most people don't understand at the time that what you post now, can and likely will affect the chances of you getting a scholarship to college in the future.

Some choose to keep their accounts on "private", which may seem innocent enough to keep certain people from looking into your account. But if you think it is really private, you are fooling yourself.

During your recruiting process, it is normal to go visit a college and meet with the coaches. Just

know this....they WILL know all about you before you step foot onto their campus whether it is a private account of now. I am not saying that one little bad tweet (depending on what it is) will prevent you from getting a scholarship to college, but it COULD. It only gets worse if they see a pattern of inappropriate content.

I can personally tell you of at least one incident where a coach has been aware of a player's social media decisions, and they immediately stopped recruiting that player. And if you don't think coaches from different schools talk, you are sadly mistaken.

It is OK to post updates from your games, and keep the coaches informed on how you are doing. In fact, if you want to create a second account for coaches and scouts only to post only info about your games, that is fine also. But it doesn't give you the privilege of abusing your main account because they will know about it.

Do not post immediately after a game. Win or lose (especially lose), it may not turn out well. If you just to your biggest rival in the final seconds of a game, you will be emotional in the locker room after the game. Do not post anything until you are home, it will allow you time to settle down and collect your thoughts. Posting an emotional tweet or snapchat comment right after a game would not be good.



While you want to stay away from posting about going to a party, or bashing an opponent or even a teammate after they cost you a game (which is always a NO-NO), what you want to do is acknowledge family and friends for their support, and say thank you.

In today's world where they say iPhones can do so much, don't allow it to cost you your education. Social media can be a lot of fun, if you keep it in context.

Troy Post 43 Runner Up In State Tournament

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy Post 43 advanced to the finals of the Ohio American Legion championships, but had their backs against the wall in the finals. They would have to beat Toledo Post 553 twice to bring home the gold, but they lost to Toledo and was named runner-up in the state tournament.

In their opener, Troy defeated Athens 14-1 and never lost the lead once they took the advantage in the first inning. Cory Harsman and Ryan Lavy got the scoring started in the opening inning, before scoring five runs in the fourth and the sixth inning. Brandon Nesbitt picked up five RBIs for the local squad.

Troy came back and defeated Yeager in their second game 4-3 to set up a match up with the top-seeded team from Toledo, and Post 43 suffered a tough 8-1 loss.

On Saturday, Troy played twice, including a chance to come back from the losers bracket for a chance to win the state championship.

They opened the morning with a 6-4 win over Utica, sending them to the finals where they would have to battle Toledo again for the title. Troy would have to beat them twice in order to claim the championship since the event was a double elimination tournament.

Unfortunately for Troy, they lost to Toledo 8-5 for their second loss, and the Post 553 team from Toledo claimed the title.

*Troy also finished fifth overall at the National Amateur Baseball Federation Sr World Series last week in Youngstown, and gained their biggest win of the tournament with a 4-3 win over the

Michigan Bulls.

"This is a grueling tournament that tests a teams pitching staff," said Troy coach Frosty Brown. "Every player played extremely well."

Earning all-series honors included Zach Greenwald and Cody Harsman. Second-team honors went to Trenton Wood and Ryan Lavy.

Troy opened with a 6-0 win over the NJ Devil Cats, as Greenwald pitched a shutout, going the distance.

"Zach was dominating until the sixth inning, and was one pitch from being taken out, when we had a triple play to maintain the shutout."

Troy then suffered a 10-5 loss to the Lookouts, after giving up six runs in the fifth inning to erase any chance of a comeback.

"We had a two run lead going into the fifth, but Brownlee will capitalize on you if you give them extra outs in the inning," Brown said. "I was pleased with Mason Knight's relief appearance in this game."

A comeback win for Post 43 in the third game saw them knock off the Brooklyn Cougars 9-1. Jackson Ford allowed three hits, and gave Troy a chance to advance in their pool.

A big six run fifth inning was highlighted by run scoring hits from Harsman, Lavy and Ford.

Then came the highlight win, a 3-2 win over the Michigan Bulls, as Trenton Wood pitched Troy to the win. Nesbitt had the game winning single for Troy.

The local squad then finished up play with a tough 20-2 loss to the Astro Falcons, the 2012 National Champs.

Trojan Players Preparing For Season

By Jim Dabbelt

With all but three players returning, the Troy boys' soccer team is expecting to challenge for a GWOC North title this season. Trojans coach Richard Phillips has been preparing his team this summer with open fields and a tournament at Northmont last weekend, as they begin practice this week for the 2015 season.

"We are still preparing and trying to find the right mix," Phillips said. "Hopefully we can put it all together this season." "We lost three seniors, and we have some good experience back," he said. "They have been working pretty hard and just finished a tournament at Northmont and go banged up. We are trying to just get healthy now, and continuing to prepare for the season."

The numbers at the open fields have been good, according to Phillips, with a good mixture of the returning kids and the addition of some strong freshman.

"We need to develop the spine of this team, and develop the ability to finish and work on the things we need to do to become a good team."

The goal for the Trojans, according to Phillips is to have a healthy season in order to succeed.

"We have a goal to compete and win the GWOC North, and then go into the tournament and whatever comes out of that will just happen."

Troy will scrimmage Eaton tomorrow to open the pre-season, while also will scrimmage Chaminade-Julienne, Xenia and have the alumni game. That is scheduled for 6 p.m. on August 15, and

alumni can visit the Troy schools website for more information as it becomes available.

* Coming off of a very successful volleyball season, coach Michelle Owen and the Trojans have also used this summer to prepare for what they expect is another stellar year.

"We had a great summer, going to Ohio State camp, hosted a camp in Troy and going to Ashland," Owen said. "We were busy but it was a good thing for the kids."

"The kids have been lifting and in the weight room three times a week this summer, and had some good open gyms in June," she said. "Then we had our team stuff in July with the camps. With three seniors coming back we have good leadership and our attendance has been solid. We have had 80-90% of the kids at our lifting and our camps."

Also over the summer, Troy senior Lauren Freed verbalized to the College of Charleston, and Owen knows she will be one of the key leaders around this year.

"She is key in the weight room and works harder than any kid I have ever coached," Owen said. The amount of time she puts in with her high school and club team has paid off for her first choice. They offered her and she is the scholarship player we have had at Troy since I have been here."

As the season approaches, the Trojans will scrimmage the likes of Alter, Fort Loramie, Jackson Center, Lebanon and Coldwater, which according to Owen will help them prepare for the season.

"Building Doctors"

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isters the Certified Local Government program, manages the Building Doctor program and provides technical assistance to communities on local historic preservation matters.

Fortener is grants manager for the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office. She holds a master's degree in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University. She manages a program of historic preservation grants for local governments, administers legal agreements that govern the preservation of selected historic properties in Ohio and oversees other

contracts.

The seminar and on-site consultations are free with advance registration. To register, visit www.building-doctor.org or call 800.499.2470 or 614.298.2000. You can also contact Gregg A. Harris at 937-339-9601 ext. 314.

The Building Doctor program is made possible in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund, administered by the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office. Each clinic is also made possible by support from local cosponsors.

Treasure Island

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this summer approved issuing \$9 million in bonds to help finance riverfront development projects.

Of the \$9 million, \$8 million would be earmarked for Hobart Arena design and construction

and \$1 million toward the Treasure Island Park work. The marina building renovations and a portion of the Treasure Island Park improvements are being paid from city general fund dollars.

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Staunton Trustees Celebrate DeWeese Family Service

By Bonnie L. McHenry

Former township trustees, township residents and the current Board of Trustees all attended the Staunton Township Trustees Meeting on August 3, 2015 to celebrate and honor the DeWeese family's tradition of service to the community. Michael DeWeese, recently retired fiscal officer, was presented a handcrafted plaque carved in the shape of Staunton Township honoring the family's service. The plaque read "In appreciation for your 17 years of Outstanding Service and Dedication as Staunton Township Fiscal Officer and in recognition of the DeWeese families 114 years of service to Staunton Township." In addition, the plaque named each member of the family who served including J.A. DeWeese, 1928; Arthur DeWeese, 1929 - 1961; Richard DeWeese, 1961 - 1975; Joyce DeWeese-Lesch 1975 - 1998; Michael DeWeese, 1998 - 2015.

In regular business, the trustees approved the payment of the bills and acknowledged the bid for chip and seal and fog and seal provided under the Miami County Engineer's Office under the county program. The contract was awarded to Ray Hensley, Inc. and the cost for chip and seal is \$1.55 per

Strawberry Festival Announces Final Figures

The Troy Strawberry office has announced the final non-profit revenue numbers and attendance count for the successful festival held June 6-7, 2015.

The mission of the Troy Strawberry Festival has always been to support the fundraising activities of the not-for-profit organizations in Miami County. This is the primary fundraising activity for many organizations and this year the event generated over \$378,000 for these organizations.

The larger location of the 2015 Strawberry Festival allowed us to support all the not-for-profits who have participated in the past and allow for participation of additional not-for-profit organizations. The important advantage of the larger footprint is that it provides easier accessibility to those in wheelchairs and people with strollers to navigate so they may enjoy our beautiful downtown area during their visit. The estimated attendance account for the weekend was over 163,000.

Corie Schweser, festival business manager, states on behalf of the festival board, organizers, sponsors and volunteers we are thrilled to see the mission of the festival supported and continue to grow so that the participating not-for-profits receive valuable resources that support their own mission and purposes.

We look forward to seeing the plans evolve as we gear up for another successful strawberry festival on June 4-5, 2016.

sq. yd. While the cost for fog and seal is \$0.50 per sq. yd. The township plans to pave Sayers between Cathcart and SR 55 and use chip and seal on Orbison during the 2015 paving season. In addition, the township will upgrade the ditches and replace a culvert on Orbison. The township is responsible for patching, chipping, and sweeping the roads before work begins for the 2015 Chip & Seal and Fog & Seal Program.

In addition, the township received a \$500 grant for signage. The signs have been ordered and Jeff Cron, Trustee, is completing the construction and painting of the signposts.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for August 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Staunton Township Building.

Grants Training Workshop Offered by Foundation

The Edison Foundation's Academy for Community Leadership is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering its popular fall speaker series. The first of three events will be held on Wednesday, August 12 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Piqua campus.

The Grants Training Workshop will begin with a focused and thought-provoking discussion and workshop with a panel of area foundation executives and will continue with grant research training provided by the Edison Library, which is a Funding Information Network Partner of the Foundation Center, whose mission is to strengthen the social sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy.

Leading the session are Cheryl Stiefel-Fran-

cis, Miami County Foundation; Christy Praker, Darke County Foundation; Karen Wendeln, Piqua Community Foundation; and Melissa Kleptz, The Troy Foundation.

The Academy for Community Leadership exists to strengthen not-for-profit organizations by providing quality educational and training opportunities. This is made possible by support from local community and family foundations.

The cost to participate is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Registration is preferred by August 7 to ensure a seat. For more information or to register, contact Julie Slattery at 937-778-7805 or jslattery@edisonohio.edu. For upcoming event information, visit www.edisonohio.edu/miniseries.

Miami East FFA Visits Optimist Club

Recent visits to Costa Rica's coffee, banana and pineapple plantations, were educational and fun for Marie Carity and Lauren Williams of Miami East FFA.

The trip to Costa Rica was awarded to Lauren Williams for her basil specialty crop project from the national organization, and Advisor Marie Carity was proud to go along on behalf of Miami East. They were very busy with educational and fun activities June 10 - 18, 2015. The trip gave them a global perspective of agricultural and customs diversity.

The coffee plantation visited supplies Starbucks and Maxwell House with product, and the decaf process was interesting. They described how all coffee beans start with caffeine. The banana plantation taught them that new banana plants are started from a portion of the trunk. Finally, the pineapple plan-

tation provided a taste of the fruit without the core we get here in the States.

Lauren Williams will be in her second year of college this fall studying Agricultural Communications at Ohio State University. This summer she is an intern with the Miami County Farm Bureau working with safety officials identifying the locations of life saving rescue tubes for first responders on grain elevator calls.

Marie Carity is very versatile in her approach with the Miami East FFA students teaching welding, concrete principles among other unique topics. She has students at the Downtown Troy Farmer's Market this season promoting home-made paper, herbs and vegetable, and dog treats.

The Troy Noon Optimist Club has been supporting the youth of Troy for 59 years. The Club is involved in sponsoring numerous community activities.

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What To Do in Troy

Madcap Puppets present: Aladdin & Friends

August 7, 1:30 p.m.

Troy-Miami County Public Library

The final summer reading event of the year at the Troy Library at 1:30 p.m. will be on Friday, August 7, 2015. Watch a puppet show, enjoy ice cream immediately following, and don't forget to turn in your completed reading log.

For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 117, or visit www.tmcpl.org.

Spider Sniff

August 7, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Charleston Falls Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its "Spider Sniff" program on August 7 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Join a park district naturalist and discover the fascinating world of these eight-legged creatures as you take a journey on a fun filled, spider-sniffing adventure! Make sure to bring a flashlight. Register by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Concert On the Plaza

August 7, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Prouty Plaza

Get ready to be wowed as The Floorwalkers takes the stage in Troy Main Street's Summer Concert Series. The Floorwalkers with opening act, The Bikewalk get downtown movin' on Friday August 7, 2015 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held in downtown Troy at Prouty Plaza. Please visit www.troymainstreet.org or call 937.339.5455 for more information.

Downtown Farmer's Market

August 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Downtown Troy

Vendors set up on South Cherry street with fresh produce, artisan cheeses, baked goods, eggs, organic milk, maple syrup, flowers, crafts, prepared food and entertainment. Free parking is off of Franklin St. contact Troy Main Street at 339-5455 for more information. The market is made possible through the support of Alvetro Orthodontics, Unity National Bank and a grant from the General Fund of the Troy Foundation.

David Wion Remembers Liberace

August 8, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Troy Hayner Cultural Center

Come celebrate the man and the music as David Wion explores the Liberace style, history and his outrageous and wonderful sense of humor. If you have ever wanted to know more about Liberace or if you still miss that Liberace flair, make sure you catch this concert.

David Wion is well know to this area and has invested himself locally in the, "Young Spirits" youth choir,

the annual, "Twilight Concert" at the Dayton Art Institute and with various local theatre groups over the years. He has a Master's Degree in Composition and a Bachelor's in Performance from Wittenberg University. His own skill and style are well appreciated at the Hayner and we look forward to ... this evening of Liberace.

For more information contact the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 W. Main St. 937-339-0457 or visit www.TroyHayner.org.

5k Trail Run

August 6, 9:00 a.m.

Stillwater Prairie Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold a 5k trail run/walk at 9 a.m. on August 6 at Stillwater Prairie Reserve, 9750 St. Rt. 185 north of Covington. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Participants are encouraged to step outdoors and onto the trail as part of a healthy lifestyle. The 2015 Trail Run Challenge is sponsored by: Up and Running, Speedy Feet, Premier Health Upper Valley Medical Center, Scott Family McDonald's, Miami County Public Health, Brower's Insurance and Miami-Jacobs Career College. Register online at AllianceRunning.com. The cost is \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 for day of registration. For more information visit AllianceRunning.com or MiamiCountyParks.com.

Storybook Trail "Under One Rock"

August 9, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Twin Arch Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its Storybook Trail "Under One Rock" program on August 9 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Twin Arch Reserve, 3147 N. Co. Rd 25A north of Troy. Join a park district naturalist in reading a story along the trail. Register by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Trailing Moms & Tots

August 10, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Charleston Falls Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its Trailing Moms & Tots program on August 10 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 to five years of age. Participants can socialize, play and exercise during this walk. There may even be craft time. Be sure to dress for the weather. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Yoga Classes

August 10, 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Piqua YWCA

Ever thought about taking Yoga

classes? Join Katie Nardechchia for the new 5 week session of Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning August 10. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Monday nights.

"Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual discipline originating in ancient India. The goal of Yoga is the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility and the ultimate improvement of one's health," said Nardechchia

"Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice," added Nardechchia.

Throughout the class a variety of "asanas," (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechchia, "The standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older." Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 937-773-6626.

Focus on Films

August 11, 7:00 p.m.

Piqua YWCA

The YWCA Racial Justice Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 11, at 7 p.m. to discuss Habibi, by Naomi Shihab Nye. The group is facilitated by Linda Grimes, YWCA volunteer.

Liyana and her family have been raised in the US and suddenly move to Palestine to join her father's family. She is confused by the language, culture and traditions until she meets a young Jewish boy. Their friendship is silently forbidden in this land and Liyana now faces a situation to try to make her family understand. The story involves a look into the culture and customs and how a young American-born girl becomes entwined in them.

YWCA membership is not required and all are welcome to join in the discussion. A copy of the book is also available for check out.

For more information, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626 for more information.

Bookmobile in the Park "Superheroes - Dragonflies"

August 12, 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Garbry Big Woods Reserve

The Miami County Park District will host the Troy-Miami County Bookmobile from 2 to 2:45 p.m. on August 12 at Garbry Big Woods Reserve, 6660 Casstown-Sidney Rd. east of Piqua. In addition to a visit from the Bookmobile, a Park District Ranger will take a hike through the park where participants will learn about Dragonflies and what makes them superheroes. All ages are welcome. Register by going to the

program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

Knitting for Cancer

August 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

6 E. Main St.

Cancer Companion is sponsoring a time for knitting items for cancer patients. Those interested in knitting items should bring their needles and yarn and come knit at Lion & Lamb Knit Shop, 6 E. Main St., Troy, on Wednesday, August 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Patterns and some yarns are furnished. Call 339-3133 for more information.

"Cardio" Yoga Classes

August 12, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

YWCA, Piqua

Join Katie Nardechchia for a new 5 week session of "Cardio" Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning August 12. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

"Cardio Yoga is vigorous exercise with cardio, strength building, core work, "Asanas" and meditation all wrapped into one. "It's a great mental workout with more calories burnt," said Nardechchia. "Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout," she added.

"Each class will begin with centering which involves emphasis on the breath. This allows participants to become centered and grounded for the practice," added Nardechchia.

Throughout the class a variety of "asanas," (postures), will be taught and practiced. Some of these postures are seated and some are standing. According to Nardechchia, "The standing postures help us with balance which becomes increasingly important as we get older." Classes end with relaxation which leaves those in the class feeling rejuvenated and most importantly, present in the moment. Students should bring a bath towel, sash and mat to class.

For more information on membership requirements, class fees or registration, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne St. or call 937-773-6626.

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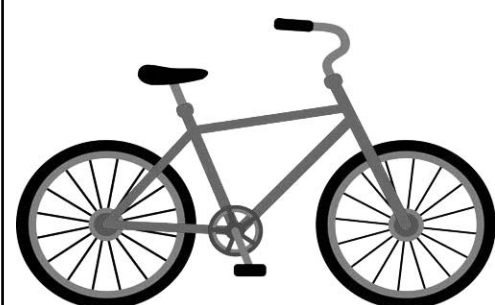
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Garden Challenges
Vegetable gardening always has it's challenges and 2015 certainly has had more than most years caused by the frequent and abundant amount of rain and cooler temperatures. The problems with too much rain for many plants has been widespread covering a multi-state area. Some plants have grown poorly and others have not even survived. Tomatoes, for an example, have grown well in most areas but with the cool, rainy weather have not produced much of a crop. The tomatoes are there but very slow to ripen and some have rather tough skins. Tomato diseases are prevalent, especially leaf diseases like Septoria Leaf Spot. In a season like we have experienced in this area this disease is very difficult to control. The leaves at the base of the plant begin to get spots on them and then this condition begins to move up the plant until most of the plant is infected. Some tomatoes may develop if this fungal disease is not too severe but the number of tomatoes will be greatly reduced. I have talked to people in Virginia and the problem is there too, very widespread. No tomatoes to eat yet, hopefully there will be a some soon. Some people are having problems with squash. The plants are beautiful, there are loads of flowers and the bees are there doing their thing but no fruit. This is could be due to the amount of rainfall and plants being very vigorous and not producing the "right" (female) flowers. Squash, melons and cucumbers have separate male and female flowers and the female flower must be pollinated to produce a fruit. When the plants begin to flower there is an abundance of male flowers and it may take a week or longer for the female flowers to begin to develop. If you want to know more about this interesting phenomenon go to this website and view some videos that show several examples of the two types of flowers. This is an excellent site. https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;_ylt=A-OLEVjwa07RVjiYA-qoYnnlIQ;_ylu=X3oDM-TE0cmIwaXVzBGNvb-G8DYmYxBHBvcwMx-BHZ0aWQDUFJEQkN-LMV8xBHNIYwN-zYw--?p=Squash+Flowers%2C+Male+and+Female&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001 I have heard that potatoes are doing very well with the rainfall we have had. This makes sense since the plant parts we are interested in is part of the root system, called a tuber. We are not interested in the fruit or seeds of the potato or the leaves but the root that is underground and getting plenty of moisture. All you gardeners that have planted potatoes will likely have an abundant crop.

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At Home

by Connie Moore

Pig Wings & Cow Huddles

To be fair, it was fair week last week. While a lot was going on at the Clark County Fair, there was a lot going on that had to do with animals such as cows and pigs, which were not at the fair.

The pig items referred to in the title are now resting in barbeque sauce at an eatery which sets up business every Friday in Yellow Springs. The cows are in a pasture between Enon and Springfield. Of course, you may find these same type pigs and cows in other areas, say for instance, Miami County, Montgomery County and parts and pastures beyond.

In case you're wondering, pig wings are real. Not that they enable pigs to fly. Too many bad jokes start out with, if pigs could fly. Pig wings are the pork shank, cut from the fibula, resulting in a bone and a large piece of meat in the shape of a flag or wing attached to it. They can be deep fried, barbecued or baked.

If pigs could fly, they would have to be the of the "teacup" variety as seen and adored on the website of Dustin and Angel Foster of Greenfield, Ohio. Small-18 lb. to 62 lb., their pigs stand only 11 to 16 inches high. A wonderful size for flying and for pets.

Where did that old saying about flying pigs come from? First, it is an adynaton or a figure of speech in the form of a hyperbole taken to such an extreme as to insinuate a complete impossibility. The line is often used for humorous effect or to scoff at ambitions too big to be realized. A Scottish proverb seems to be the beginning of it. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll used the expression. The movie, The Eagle Has Landed, has a few lines in the script referring to flying pigs. And, the Finnish use the expression, "kun lehmat lentavat", which translates, when cows fly.

Which brings us to cows. Now, we all know cows don't fly. But they do huddle. Many a farmer has predicted a storm on the horizon after watching his herd come together, turn tails to the outside and heads to the inside of a tight circle. It is much like a football player huddle at the start of the Super Bowl.

As to what causes the cows to think to huddle is up for speculation but the most sensible answer is instinct. If cows could talk, well, they might have more to say on the subject but since they don't fly and don't talk, we'll have to be satisfied with instinct.

Since there was no specific recipe for pig wings available, here is a basic one for anything barbecued pork-wise. And for beef, which may be beyond the budget in steak cuts, here are a couple of recipes for the lesser expensive cuts.

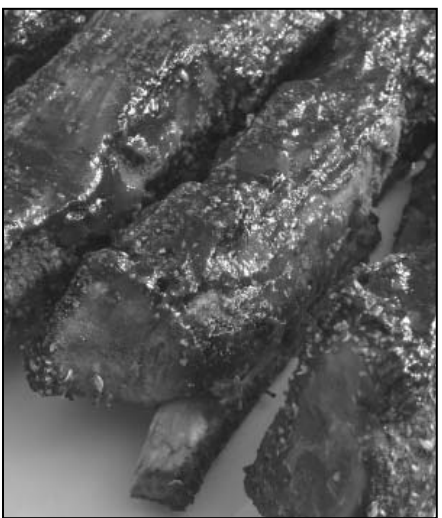
Of course, we could just go vegetarian. But, somewhere in the distance, outside this office door, I hear a snicker and something about if pigs could fly.

Comments are welcome: Send to Connie at mooredcr@Juno.com.

BARBECUED COUNTRY RIBS

- 3 pounds country style ribs
- Adolph's meat tenderizer (no msg)
- Barbecue sauce, favorite

Moisten meat with water. Sprinkle lightly with tenderizer, cutting into serving portions. On open grill, cook ribs about 4 to 5 inches away from heat, turning every ten minutes for about 35 minutes or until meat is no longer pink and just begins to pull away from bones. Baste the last 15 minutes with favorite barbecue sauce. Serve with extra sauce. Ribs can be marinated with favorite rub before cooking if desired. Pig wings may take longer since meat section may be thicker.



EASY CROCKPOT BEEF STEW

- 2 pounds stew beef, trimmed of all fat
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 large russet potatoes, peeled, cubed medium
- 1 cup cubed carrots or baby carrots
- 1 large sweet onion, peeled, cubed
- 1 15-ounce can peas with liquid
- 1 10.5-ounce can tomato soup
- 1 cup water
- Garlic powder to taste or 4-6 garlic cloves, peeled

Brown meat in skillet with a tablespoon or so of oil, turning to brown all sides. Remove with slotted spoon and place in Crockpot. Add rest of ingredients. A bay leaf may be added during cooking and removed before serving. Cook on LOW for 8-10 hours. Half way through time, stir lightly and check to make sure enough liquid is there. If pot is getting dry add water, tomato juice or beef broth. Stew should not be soupy, nor too dry. Can be served with noodles or by itself with crusty garlic bread and salad. Note: Crockpots have specific instructions for many dishes. Check the recipe book that came with the appliance. Adapted from Lazy Day Stew by Elaine Suther in Medway Heritage Cookbook, 2003.

GARDEN/BEEF STUFFED PEPPERS

- 6-8 fresh-picked green peppers
- 1 small sweet onion, peeled, chopped
- 4 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups fresh off the cob corn
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 pound ground chuck
- Salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste
- Wash and remove top from peppers. Remove seeds and white pith. Set aside. Brown onions and ground chuck in skillet. Cook until meat is done. Drain thoroughly. Add seasonings, tomatoes, corn, and rice. Mix well. Stuff peppers with meat mixture. Peppers can be topped with grated cheddar cheese if desired. Place peppers upright in baking dish. Add a cup of water around them. Cover and bake in 350 degree oven for one hour. Remove cover and let cheese brown if desired. Other types of cheese may be used. Hint: Before baking, peppers may be covered with a sauce made of a can of tomato soup diluted with half a can of water. Do not use cheese until baking time is almost finished. Then remove cover, sprinkle on cheese and continue to bake uncovered. Adapted from recipe from Ida Moore in Together We Share Cookbook, 2000.

Rescue Me

Born on January 15, 2013, Nicky is a neutered, male, Tiger-Orange, domestic short-haired cat. Not a great deal is known about Nicky, as he was found starving, dehydrated, and wandering on his own. Fortunately for Nicky, the kind lady who took him in a brought him back to good health was exceptionally kind, and took as long as "it took" to restore him.

His foster reports Nicky is a very loving, laid back, cat who is good with other cats and a very loving cat who would make a great house cat for almost any family.

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Tipp Of The Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro
Tipp City Police Retired

Voyeurism

The word voyeur as used in literature has been so overused that it has become somewhat less than a criminal act and more of a term used to excuse boy's just doing what boy's will do. Certainly with the availability of internet pornography available to any child with a computer, the adolescent mind can get's the better of even the most innocent.

Years ago I investigated a case where a young ladies undies were stolen from her bedroom through an unlocked window while she slept. The boy was eventually charged with burglary as well as voyeurism which are not innocent crimes. Had a

father or neighbor caught the young man, it could have turned very ugly.

But what about the harm this sort of act inflicts on the victim? Although in this case the victim did not know of the intrusion until in the morning, she still felt violated and had lost her feeling of security in her own bedroom.

Back in college, a fellow student who was a Dayton Police Officer told me of a man who would go to Rike's Department Store downtown and ride the escalator up and down continuously. The man would step onto the escalator behind a woman wearing a dress and then place his foot on the step the woman stood on. When approached the officers found the suspect had

a mirror tied onto his shoe and was looking where he should not have been looking.

One case I handled was a step boyfriend who had wired the house with video cameras in order to view his girlfriend's daughter in the bathroom or bedroom. Through no fault of their own each of these women were victims of devious minds.

So how does Ohio deal with these criminals? The penalties range from a misdemeanor of the third degree and rises to a felony five when the victim is a minor child. Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.08 is the actual law prohibiting voyeurism and reads as follows.

2907.08 VOYEURISM.
(A) No person, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the

person's self, shall commit trespass or otherwise surreptitiously invade the privacy of another, to spy or eavesdrop upon another.

(B) No person, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the person's self, shall commit trespass or otherwise surreptitiously invade the privacy of another to videotape, film, photograph, or otherwise record the other person in a state of nudity.

(C) No person, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying the person's self, shall commit trespass or otherwise surreptitiously invade the privacy of another to videotape, film, photograph, otherwise record, or spy or eavesdrop upon the other person in a state of nudity if the other person is a minor.

(D) No person shall secretly or

surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph, or otherwise record another person under or through the clothing being worn by that other person for the purpose of viewing the body of, or the undergarments worn by, that other person.

(E) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of voyeurism.
(2) A violation of division (A) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
(3) A violation of division (B) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree.
(4) A violation of division (D) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
(5) A violation of division (C) of this section is a felony of the fifth degree.

Financial Focus



Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

The Stages of the Life Insurance Cycle

Many of life's different stages offer challenges and rewards – whether you're starting out on your own, raising a family, focusing on your career, or preparing for a rewarding retirement. However, while each life stage is unique, making sure your loved ones are cared for financially is something that needs to be addressed at each stage along the way.

Early career

Surprisingly, when you're young and at your healthiest is the ideal time to get your first life insurance contract. Your family and your financial future are counting on you continuing to earn a living. Because you are young and healthy, a basic policy may be the most affordable depending on your needs. Life insurance will ensure your family is cared for if you're not there.

Growing families (and income)

Young children at home can bring untold joy to a family. This idyllic picture is something that can be easily shaken if an untimely death takes a toll on a family. Term life insurance can offer affordable coverage for you and your loved ones. Term insurance is easily enhanced with optional riders to ensure your protection stays adequate as your family grows and you continue to advance your earning potential.

Legacy and retirement planning

As you enter your peak earning years and get closer to retirement, you will likely face more health risks. Converting from term coverage to permanent life insurance is a way to ensure lifelong financial protection. Permanent insurance is guaranteed to be with you as long as you live as long as you continue to pay the premium and your provider stays in business. This is one of the many reasons you should look for an organization with a track record of financial strength and stability to work with. These types of permanent insurance contracts also allow you to begin to plan your legacy and give you the option to include a favorite charity or cause as a beneficiary to ensure your generosity lives on.

Peak Earning Years (And Peak Taxes Paid)

Life insurance can be a valuable tool for protecting your assets, life and family. However it may also be used for tax advantaged asset growth and a supplemental retirement income stream. A professional financial representative can help you plan for your maximum earnings years and guide you in ways to optimize your coverage to minimize your tax burden and maximize your protection.

Retirement

As you enter your later years, you are now ready to implement your retirement strategy. Continuing to ensure you have the right financial plan in place to meet your needs is critical. These years are also among the best times to work on your multigenerational planning and ensuring your children (and grandchildren) are taken care of in your absence.

Life insurance, like life itself, has many stages and options for you to consider. It is an invaluable tool for a family to ensure that those you leave behind are financially protected and can also have many additional benefits to you and your loved ones beyond the basic death benefits.

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

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Modern Moons

August begins the downward trend of light and warmth. The first day of the month has morning twilight occurring at 6:05 a.m. By the last day, morning twilight occurs thirty minutes later at 6:35 a.m. Evening twilight is opposite. August 1st evening twilight occurs at 9:21 p.m., while August 31 evening twilight shows up 42 minutes earlier at 8:39 p.m.

As we go about our lives, we don't notice the one or two minutes each day, but by the end of the month, we are somehow aware that a larger twilight, of the entire season, has set in. Summer will soon bow out for autumn temperatures and light.

August days are popularly referred to as the dog days of summer. Ancients thought dogs went mad then as they succumbed to the heat and diseases often occurring in August. Native Americans still referred to the moons of August as Heat and Thunder Moons. Also referred to as the Maize or Corn Moon, the Sioux called it Ripe Moon and the Creek-Big Ripening Moon. In Ohio, those are all certainly appropriate moons, for thousands of acres of corn have been growing. A modern moon moniker might be County Fair Moon, as 26 Ohio counties hold their fairs during August.

Fishing/Gardening

By this time every summer, the importance of best fishing days are overshadowed by ongoing debates of best fishing lures and bait. Even as my husband declares that evening fishing just before twilight is best on the 1st and 2nd of August, and morning fishing is best on the 10th and 11th, he is mixing up a batch of catfish bait that his best friend/fishing buddy declares is an all-purpose, no-fail success. While night crawlers and chicken livers have served him well and his tackle box is full of brightly-colored and feathered twisters, shiny, metallic spoon baits, plastic frogs and spiders, he succumbs to peer pressure of gourmet bait chef proportions.

Inside, the pressure cooker is puffing away daily as canning and freezing are uppermost on the gardening agenda. Beans, beets, tomatoes and cabbage all come on at the same time, exerting their own peer pressure. Spinach is sowed again for a fall crop. Herbs are gathered and dried for winter.

Outside the Yard

Anywhere you look in Ohio, a festival is found in August. One of the most jumping, fun times, is the Frog Jump Festival in Valley City, Ohio. Admission and parking are free. Frog jumping contests highlight the August 15-16 event with over 700 frogs registered to vie for prizes. Ohio is home to dozens of species of frogs and toads. Frogs are wet, slightly slimy and hop. Toads are dry land creatures with rough skin and walk instead of hopping. While frogs are jumping in Valley City, wait a week and you can attend the toe-tapping Ohio State Fiddling Contest. A part of the Parade of the Hills Festival at Nelsonville,

Ohio, August 19-22, the fiddling contest is Friday evening at the historic Stuart's Opera House. Four age groups from 12 and under to 55 and older take the stage to fiddle waltzes and hoedowns until a champion is decided. The music will carry you away to an evening of yesteryear proportions.

Word of the Month

Crepuscular: Appearing or flying at twilight. Bats, fireflies, insects and some birds such as the nightjar are crepuscular in nature. Also, a twilight ray of sunlight shining through breaks in high clouds and illuminating dust particles in the air.

Quote of the Month

"The earth has music for those who listen." George Santayana

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Koester Pavilion Program Features Astronaut and Antigravity Treadmill

After two missions to the International Space Station on the Space Shuttle Endeavour, Colonel Greg Johnson can attest it's initially not easy to get one's feet back on the ground.

Johnson, who served as pilot on Endeavour missions in 2008 and 2011, described life as an astronaut including dealing with weightlessness during a July 16 program at Upper Valley Medical Center's Koester Pavilion.

The appearance was part of the introduction of an Alter-G Antigravity Treadmill now in use at Koester Pavilion. The equipment was purchased by the UVMC Foundation earlier this year.

The Alter-G treadmill was designed by NASA to mimic weightlessness and is used by astronauts as they adjust to the Earth's gravity following time in the weightlessness of space. Johnson said astronauts gradually return to their earthly skills but aren't allowed to engage in tasks such as driving for a couple of days.

The treadmill is used at Koester to help seniors recover from surgery, according to Kristy Osting, Koester admissions/marketing director.

"It allows weightlessness to the patient to be able to walk, when they may or may not have been able to do otherwise," Osting said.

Amy Kentner, Koester administrator, approached the UVMC Foundation for potential funding for the equipment last year.

"Amy was very enthusiastic about it and really felt that Koester could make a difference in the lives of their rehab patients with this

machine," said Kathie Scarbrough, president of the UVMC Foundation.

The UVMC Foundation Board agreed to support the Alter-G purchase after seeing how it works, Scarbrough said. "The NASA developed technology is very exciting, and our Board was impressed with it and its potential. She said funding came from the Foundation's Torrence Funds which are dedicated to rehabilitation and long term care needs.

"The rehab patients who go to long term care are not able to handle the

his fellow astronauts via a video presentation. Johnson, who graduated from Park Hills High School in Fairborn, was an Air Force pilot when he joined the astronaut corps. He said his inspiration for becoming an astronaut was Ohio's Neil Armstrong, the first man walk on the moon.

Among the thrills of space is being able to see things you can't see on Earth, Johnson said. Among his treasures - a photo of his grandparents' house in Traverse City, Mich., that he took from space.



Colonel Greg Johnson takes residents of Koester Pavilion and guests on a space journey

more intensive program offered at the hospital inpatient rehab facility," Scarbrough said. "So the Alter-G really helps give patients the boost they need. It keeps them from feeling like they are going to fall so they can concentrate on getting the exercise their muscles need to build back their strength and get back as much of their function as possible."

During the presentation at Koester, attendees from preschoolers to age 90+ took a ride into space with Johnson and

He left NASA two years ago and now is president/executive of the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space, a nonprofit that coordinates Space Station work in what he called a new era of space research following the end of the shuttle program. The Space Station work remains vital, Johnson said, because of its focus on improving life on earth.

"There is so much we can learn up there," he said.



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