





# TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

# Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

**Prison term for assault charge**  
A Covington man who pleaded no contest in July to felony aggravated assault involving the sexual touching of a teenage girl was sentenced Monday, Aug. 24, to 16 months in prison.  
Michael R. Anthony, 34, was accused of sexually touching the girl Nov. 29 in Covington and originally charged with felony gross sexual imposition. That charge was dismissed and a new charge of aggravated assault filed. He previously pleaded no contest and was found guilty by Judge Christopher Gee in Miami County Common Pleas Court.  
The tearful victim said she has had trouble sleeping and other concerns since the incident.  
Anthony said he was “really embarrassed my drinking led to anything that might happen like that.” He said he was “very sorry” and wanted to apologize.  
Gee said he didn’t care if Anthony was drunk or sober and didn’t think he showed remorse. “What you said today was you regretted the accusations. I find that very telling,” the judge said, adding later, “You have visited on her a trauma she will be trying to get over for a long time.”  
Gee said Anthony had a long record of misdemeanor convictions, many involving violence primarily against women. Those factors, the judge said, “should cause you to be concerned about who you are and what you are.”

**Elections board hires clerk**  
The Miami County Board of Elections hired Janelle Flaharty of Troy as a new clerk for the Board of Elections staff during its Aug. 21 meeting.  
Flaharty said she has been a poll workers for the office and has a background that includes IT experience.  
Flaharty was hired to take the position vacated with the hiring this summer of long time office employee Bev Kendall as the elections director. The hiring is effective Sept. 8.

**Council approves notes, agreement**  
Troy City Council voted at its Aug.

17 meeting to issue bond anticipation notes for the \$1.5 million purchase of the Huelskamp Farm adjacent to Paul Duke Park on Troy-Sidney Road.  
The 117-acre farm’s purchase was OK’d earlier this month by council. The land off North Troy-Sidney Road is owned by Paul and Jill Huelskamp. It will be used for expanding Duke Park.  
The city expects more than \$1.1 million of the cost will be covered by grants now in the works, Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director said.  
In onther business, council approved an agreement between the city and the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority for the authority to issue revenue bonds for financing the StoryPoint senior living project off Towne Park Drive.  
The city has no financial responsibility and no oversight over the project but IRS rules require the city approve an agreement related to the issuance of bonds,  
The port authority will issue the bonds to pay for the StoryPoint housing senior housing program. It will own the facility and lease it to the StoryPoint operators. Lease payments would pay off the bond. The project will cost around \$35 million. Council earlier was told the project would feature senior living options from independent to memory care.

**Troy man in prison for theft**  
A Troy man convicted of theft by deception involving unemployment benefits was sentenced Monday, Aug. 24, to a year in prison.  
Scott C. Gibson, 47, was accused of using deception to obtain unemployment benefits from the Miami County Job and Family Services Department between Jan. 28 and Aug. 9, 2014.  
Prosecutors said Gibson was accused of stealing \$8,257 in benefits. He pleaded no contest and was found guilty in July in county Common Pleas Court.  
Gibson told Judge Christopher Gee he made “a very bad mistake” and hoped to be sentenced to probation so he could repay the money. Gee said Gibson knowingly filed weekly claims of unemployment while he was working. He sent him to prison and ordered him to pay restitution and court costs.

## Area Road Closures

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

**Monday, August 17**  
**9:24 p.m.** – To E. Peterson Rd. for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was located, and the driver was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.  
**Tuesday, August 18**  
**12:19 a.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 75 mile marker. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and no license plate light. The passenger was cited for open container. Both individuals and the vehicle were left at the scene until a valid driver could pick them up.  
**10:06 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Wayne St. at Dorset Rd. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and was so cited. His passenger was a licensed driver, and she took possession of the vehicle.  
**10:19 a.m.** – A woman called to report that her boyfriend’s wallet was missing after he stayed at Upper Valley Medical Center. He was involved in a motorcycle accident and was Careflighted to the hospital. Security footage was reviewed, but no theft of a wallet was observed.  
**11:20 a.m.** – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of a theft. A woman reported that \$42 in cash was missing from her office. The case is pending further investigation.  
**1:33 p.m.** – To the Miami County Safety Building for a report of a theft. A man reported the theft of his cell phone from the third floor of the Municipal Court building. He said that there may be surveillance footage of the theft. The matter is pending further investigation.  
**2:23 p.m.** – A woman came to the Sheriff’s building at the fairgrounds and turned in a \$100 bill that she found on the ground at the horse stables. It was entered into the property room.  
**8:44 p.m.** – To the Miami County Fairgrounds. A wanted suspect was seen at the fair. Deputies located the subject sitting on a bench. As deputies approached, he stood up and started to walk away. Deputies caught up with him and he became defensive and started arguing. He asked if he was being detained and started cursing. He was forcibly handcuffed and seated in the golf cart. He was advised to stop cursing, and he responded that he was over 18 and could say anything he wanted. He smelled of alcohol and gave several different names and dates of birth. He kept trying to stand up in the golf cart and continued cursing. He was transported to the Miami County Jail for the outstanding warrant.  
**Wednesday, August 19**  
**2:45 a.m.** – To Piqua-Troy Rd. for a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located in Troy, but the suspect has not been located.  
**7:54 p.m.** – To S. Market St. for a report of vandalism. A man reported

that an inner pane of his business’ front window was damaged. The deputy reported that he believed the damage was caused by stress, not by vandalism.  
**11:41 p.m.** – Traffic stop in the 2100 block of N. County Rd. 25A. The plates were registered to a Ford, but they were on a Toyota. The driver said that they just got the vehicle a few weeks ago and the plates had not been changed over yet. The registered owner was called, and she said the vehicle was sold to someone in Dayton, and she had no idea why they would be on a Toyota. The driver said he did not know the registered owner, and that someone gave him the plates to use. The driver was cited for having an inoperative headlight and for fictitious registration. The vehicle was towed.  
**Thursday, August 20**  
**7:40 p.m.** – To Honeysuckle Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that medications and a credit card were taken from her home. She said that the card was used at various stores in Troy and Dayton. The case is pending.  
**Friday, August 21**  
**9:12 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Washington Rd. near Rt. 41. The driver said her license was suspended. She was cited for that and for an equipment violation.  
**Saturday, August 22**  
**12:43 p.m.** – Traffic stop on 25A near UVMC. The driver was cited for driving under suspension. A valid driver was called to the scene to drive the vehicle.  
**Sunday, August 23**  
**2:02 a.m.** – Traffic stop on 25A near Swailes Rd. The driver was charged with OVI and speed.  
**5:37 p.m.** – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of an assault. A patient was asked to change from street clothes to a hospital gown, but said “I’m going to hurt somebody so I can go to jail.” The patient then began fighting staff by hitting, kicking, spitting, biting and making threats of bodily harm. Four staff members were assaulted. She was charged with four counts of assault and one count of menacing.  
**Monday, August 24**  
**1:25 a.m.** – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a disturbance. A patient was yelling at hospital staff and ripped a bandage off of his arm. A security officer tried to calm him down, but instead he became more agitated. The patient charged the officer and he was tased. Another security officer tried to calm him down, but the patient struck that officer in the chest. He also threatened to kill the security officers and anyone else who tried to restrain him. He was charged with two counts of assault and one count of menacing and taken to the Miami County Jail.

## Area Property Transfers

Property Address	Date	Buyer	Seller	Price
927 N MARKET ST	8/7	JRS INVESTMENTS LLC	STUDABAKER JEFFREY R	\$0.00
1263 SKYLARK DR	8/7	KENNEDY DALE A & FLORENCE	SPICER EVELYN L	\$82,500.00
532 PENNSYLVANIA AVE	8/7	CHAVIS DONALD ALFRED & CASEY L CAUGHELL	WILLIAMS MATTHEW J	\$96,000.00
734 OLD NEWTON PK	8/7	NUTT MELANIE E & JAMES CS	DAVIS ROBERT A & SARAH J SCHMITMEYER	\$174,400.00
OLD NEWTON PK	8/7	NUTT MELANIE E & JAMES CS	DAVIS ROBERT A & SARAH J SCHMITMEYER	\$174,400.00
150 JEAN CR	8/7	COOPER ROBERT MICHAEL	ANDERSON WAYNE K & GISELA C	\$153,750.00
165 FINSBURY	8/10	GILHOOL JUDITH M	KISTER ROGER W & CRYSTAL K	\$132,000.00
714 SCOTT ST	8/10	BILLHEIMER JOSHUA E	STREIN LLC	\$94,500.00
2858 CARRIAGE WEST CT	8/10	SCHOKMAN JOHN STEFANO & JENNY C SUN	CHARVILLE RICHARD K & CYNTHIA M	\$277,000.00
31 TAMPLIN DR	8/10	31 TAMPLIN DRIVE LAND TRUST	PENNYCUFF JENNIFER L	\$55,071.00
1326 YORKTOWN DR	8/11	FOSTER CAROL R	ROOP DANIELLE E	\$85,000.00
518 MIAMI ST	8/11	SHIREY JOHNTHAN W	FAY RYAN & KYRA	\$95,000.00
2322 LARKSPUR DR	8/11	JACKSON LAURIE	DENLINGER & SONS BUILDERS INC	\$457,200.00
1217 RED MAPLE DR	8/11	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWL LLC	DENLINGER & SONS BUILDERS INC	\$56,000.00
420 N WESTON RD	8/11	LIGHTNER GARY L & @ (3)	LIGHTNER GARY L & @ (4)	\$0.00
814 S CRAWFORD ST	8/11	SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	PNC BANK NA	\$0.00
345 W ROSS ST	8/11	DUGAN MICHAEL J & LAUREN M	FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION	\$0.00
1005 STONYRIDGE AVE	8/12	SCALICE JOLYNN M	STRAWSE JOLYNN M & ANTHONY G SCALICE	\$0.00
416 GARFIELD AVE	8/12	BABYLON JENNIFER H	MARTIN BARBARA A	\$116,500.00
1609 GRAY HAWK CT	8/12	NVR INC	STONEBRIDGE MEADOWS LLC	\$32,500.00
2241 E MURPHY LN	8/12	HALL RUSSELL & RENE	HORTON CHAD	\$251,000.00
2630 ASHGROVE CT	8/12	THOMPSON DONNA L	GATES GARY	\$213,450.00
1330 KENTON WY	8/12	FARR DONNA J	LUCAS STEPHEN G (TOD) & @ (2)	\$182,000.00
1044 S NUTMEG SQ	8/13	CHAVIS PAMELA J	CHAVIS DARYL L & PAMELA J	\$0.00
1250 GETTYSBURG DR	8/14	WAITES JAMIE L & KATHY	WAITES JOHN L & JESSE L & JAMIE L	\$0.00
1122 N MARKET ST	8/14	SANDERS LUCY GRIMES (TR)	SANDERS LUCY KYLE GRIMES	\$0.00
128 S ELM ST	8/14	JACOMET JASON B	JACOMET JASON B & JUNE G NICHOLAS	\$28,200.00
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# Miami County Foundation Announces Partnership Program

The Miami County Foundation is pleased to announce a new business partnership program. The Foundation was established in 1985 by Richard Hunt, whose vision was to serve the citizens of Miami County by providing financial support for community based programs, the arts, community development, scholarships and human services. The purpose of the newly formed business partnership program is to grow the Foundation financially and through public awareness. The Foundation Board of Directors currently manages more than 13 million dollars and annually distributes approximately \$400,000.00 in grants to more than 200 organizations, and schools in and around Miami County.

Foundation Board President Andy Pratt said, "The new business partnership program will allow the Foundation to provide more support to important community based programs designed to help Miami County citizens. I couldn't be more grateful for the tremendous support that we have received from

our business community." The Foundation's Executive Director Cheryl Stiefel-Francis stated, "I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our new business partners and am hopeful that many additional local businesses will choose to partner with the Foundation so that we can help more people." Foundation business partners have pledged to make annual financial contributions to the Foundation over an extended period of time. The Foundation is pleased to acknowledge the following business partners: Bruns General Contracting, Edward Jones, Scott Oda Financial Advisor, Ever-Green Turf & Landscape, Excellence in Dentistry, Fifth Third Bank, Hemm's Glass Shops, Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance, KSM Metal Fabrication, Lopez, Severt & Pratt Co., L.P.A., Merrill Lynch-Mark Henestofel, Minster Bank, Muzzy Broadcasting, One Call Now, PSC Crane & Rigging, RW Earhart Co., Scott Family McDonalds (Scott M&A), The Orr Felt Company, Troy Ford and Unity National Bank



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# Food Council to Coordinate Locavore Dinner

By Nancy Bowman

A dinner menu comprised of entirely locally grown/produced items prepared by five Miami County chefs will be the centerpiece of a Locavore Dinner in the making for Sept. 17 at Staley Mill Farm in Bethel Township.

The Miami County Food Council is coordinating the farm-to-table dinner bringing together area producers and area chefs.

The council is made up of area food producers from cattle raisers to produce growers to bakers along with a few business people, said Debbie Char of the Bulk Barn and Deli in downtown Troy.

The dinner will feature meals by the chefs who have prepared menus for small plates each will serve to event attendees. Food items needed to bring the plates alive will be purchased from local growers and producers.

The food will be prepared by chefs Todd Uhlir of Basil's, Jonas Coomer of LaPiazza, Damion Bumgarner of The Caroline, Art Chin of Greenfire Bistro and Nick Hoover of The Coldwater Café.

Each chef will take a protein provided by a local producer and prepare an entrée and side dish, Char said. Hoover and Coldwater Café will handle desserts.

"You are going to have little meals and then Nick is doing individual Dutch apple pies for

dessert," Char said.

The event has several purposes such as giving growers an opportunity to see what can be done with local food and putting farmers in direct contract with chefs who will be exposed to another source of foods.

Many of the farmers involved in the dinner also participate in area farmers markets, but the event will give the public more exposure to what is available locally, Char said. The farmers will be on hand at the serving stations answering questions along with the chefs.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with tours and whiskey tasting at Staley Mill's Indian Creek Distillery. Food serving will be from 6-8 p.m.

Tickets for the Locavore Dinner are \$40 individual or \$75 a couple. Cash and checks will be accepted for ticket purchases.

Char is taking reservations for the dinner at the Bulk Barn at 4 W. Main St., Troy, or by calling 332-8001. Information also is available from Brian Raison at OSU Extension, 440-3948. There is a Miami County Locavore Dinner page on Facebook.

"This is just a win-win for everybody. We are trying to give everybody a little information about what's going on," Char said. "I did not realize how much is actually produced in this county, what a variety of things are produced in this county."

# Hayner Seeks "CHALK ON THE WALK" Participants

Artists and student artists are invited to participate in a chalk art competition in downtown Troy on Friday, August 28th on the Northeast quadrant of the Downtown Troy Square. The event is being held in conjunction with Troy Main Street's "Streets Alive" event. Artists may begin working at 3:00 P.M. with judging for cash prizes and other awards beginning at 8:00 P.M. The Hayner Center will provide art chalk for artists who have pre-registered for the event by Tuesday, August 25th. "Chalk on the Walk" entries must be pre-planned around the theme: There's No Place Like Home. Entries will be judged with the following criteria: 1.) Originality, creativity and artistic technique 2.) Adherence to the theme 3.) Best use of color and chalk media. A complete prospectus is available on Hayner's website [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org) or may be obtained at the Hayner.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00

p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays.

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, please visit our website at [www.troy-hayner.org](http://www.troy-hayner.org) or call (937) 339-0457.

# Health Partners to Streamline Patient Care

Officials of Health Partners Free Clinic, serving approximately 1,100 patients in Troy, now have more options to streamline their patient's healthcare management through their partnership with CareMessage, a non-profit patient engagement platform.

The San Francisco-based organization has built a data-driven solution for healthcare organizations to streamline care management and has developed interactive text message-based mobile programs to improve health outcomes.

Health Partners Executive Director Justin Coby said, "The Clinic has greatly benefited from the technological abilities that CareMessage offers at a very reasonable price. This partnership will allow Health Partners to build stronger and more personal relationships with our patients in the hope of combating adherence barriers."

Coby explained they can send automated pre-appointment information that includes

easy patient response to confirm their appointments. Patients will also be able to submit survey replies, garner information on current health topics, and receive a personalized health education program. Mass text communication will alert all patients to any special program or offerings at the clinic.

Patients facing chronic health conditions will be able to submit medical information between regular office visits, Coby said. This includes text reminders regarding a patient's self-monitoring and an easy-to-understand explanation of medical terminology.

Coby said the new system will also streamline the clinic's recordkeeping efforts behind-the-scenes. With CareMessage, staff members can access data records quickly and more easily to help patients.

CareMessage can be found at [www.caremessage.org](http://www.caremessage.org). For additional information, contact Hannah Rapp (415-370-0336; [hrapp@caremessage.org](mailto:hrapp@caremessage.org))

# Candidates Protest

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During the discussion and complaints about elections staff not answering candidate questions, Chris Englert, an assistant county prosecutor advising the elections board, said, "The Secretary of State has made it clear the board cannot give out advice," he said.

Huffman said the Secretary of State, which oversees elections in Ohio, has a staff of lawyers because the election process is not simple.

Brumfield was among those questioning why the invalidation rate in the county was so high. He said he checked with neighboring counties and found Shelby County had received 87 petitions and invalidated seven while

in Darke County 114 were received and nine invalidated.

Beth Van Haaren, a Bethel Township and wife of Michael Van Haaren, said it is difficult to find election related information. She urged the board to look at posting an example of a candidate form online so people can see how one would be completed.

At the end of the meeting, Gillis thanked staff for its work. I appreciate all of your work on this ... Things have been kind of tough around here ... with all of the protest stuff we have had," he said. "Keep up the good work."

Board member Jose Lopez did not attend the meeting.

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# Obituaries

**Jeanie Hitchings**

Jeanie Hitchings, age 68, of Troy passed away at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, Ohio. She was born August 8, 1947 in Russett, West Virginia to the late Dale Franklin Sr. and Maxine



Moran Levering. Jeanie is survived by one son, John F. Kimble of Troy; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Monnica and Harvey Snodgrass of Indian Land, South Carolina; Chris Levering

Melis and David Melis of Charleston, West Virginia; and one brother, Dale Franklin Levering, Jr. of Russett, West Virginia. She was a 1965 graduate of Calhoun County High School and was the 1965 Wood Festival Queen in Grantsville, West Virginia. She graduated from Charleston Beauty Academy in Charleston, West Virginia. Jeanie was employed by Manufactured Assemblies Corporation in Vandalia for 25 years. She attended Mid-County Church of Christ in Troy. Jeanie loved the Cincinnati Reds and spending time with her three doves, Smarty, Missy, and Whitey. The funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home in Troy. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com).

**Martha Belle Horner**

Martha Belle Horner, age 83 of Troy passed away at 5:18 P.M. on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at Hospice Inpatient Unit at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She was born May 29, 1932 in St. Paris, Ohio to the late Edgar Sr. and Naoma (Crawford) Williams. She married Roy J. Horner on June 9, 1951 and he preceded her in death on August 5, 2005.



She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law Nellie & Walter Buhr of Port Charlotte, FL., Debra Williams of Knoxville, TN., Violet & Patrick Richmond of Troy, son and daughter-in-law Michael S. & Barbara Horner of Lebanon, MO., two brothers and sister-in-law Edgar Jr. & Zelma Williams of N.C., Tom Williams of CA., three sisters and brothers-in-law Alice & J.C. Dyer of Casstown, Estella Kessler of Troy, Patricia & Chester Conley of St. Paris, grandchild-

dren and great-grandchildren Mandy Freshour (Nic), Belle Freshour, Ethan Freshour, Sara Hoke (Rory) Brody Hoke, Cooper Hoke, Christina Wellman (Jason), Alex Wheeler, Brandon Wellman, Cheyanne Wellman, Kelly Worth (Kevin), Ethan Worth, Ryan Worth, Lauren Worth, Brandy Dills (Dustin), Austin, Brandon, Tiffany Lowe, Garrett, Christopher, Sunie Davis (Tim), Mindy Walker (Chad). Martha was also preceded in death by a brother Carl Williams, sister Rosalie Davis and great-grandson Trevian Kendall.

She was a 1951 graduate of Christiansburg-Jackson High School and a member of First Baptist Church of Troy.

Funeral service will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Dale Christian officiating. Interment to follow at Upper Honeycreek Cemetery, Christiansburg. Visitation will be held on Saturday one hour prior to the service (12:30-1:30) P.M. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

**Margaret M. Kendall**

Margaret M. (Bryson) Kendall, 85, of Troy, OH passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at the Piqua Manor. She was born on February 20, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Cornelius and Anna Marie (Desmond) Bryson. Marge was married to Don L. Kendall for 31 years and he preceded her in death on July 16, 2015.

Marge is survived by her children and their spouses: Maureen and Nick Keyes, Jim and Fran Sheehan and Patti and Greg Rulon; son-in-law: Jack White; sister: Patricia McGee; grandchildren: Matthew (Cheri) Simmons, Brian (Maryann) White, Kevin (Abby) White and Meghan White; great grandchildren: Maddox Simmons, Theo Simmons, Madee White and Bree White; stepsons and their spouses: Chris (Tammy) Kendall, Mark (Miriam) Kendall and Matt (Car-

rie) Kendall; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her husband, Marge was preceded in death by one daughter: Donna White; brothers: Thomas Bryson, Francis Bryson and Charles Bryson; and sisters: Mary Bryson and Anna Marie Bryson.

Marge retired from the Ohio Lottery after more than 20 years of service.

The family will receive friends from 11:00-11:30 AM on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Dayton. Services will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday at the Chapel. Interment will follow at the graveside.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4440 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 120, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

**Geraldine "Gerry" Richardson**

Geraldine "Gerry" Richardson, age 83 of Troy passed away at 8:50 P.M. on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at her residence. She was born on October 14, 1931 in Whitehouse, Kentucky to the late Jonathan and Hettie (Fannin) Boyd.



She married Richard L. Richardson on February 15, 1951 in Paintsville, Kentucky and he survives.

Also surviving sons and daughters-in-law Terry and Phyllis Richardson of Pineville, LA., Robert and Jennifer Richardson of Tipp City, daughter Nancy Neth of Troy, grandchildren Patrick, Jill, Stephanie (Bill), Linda (Donnie), Jason (Tricia) and Nicole, great-grandchildren Kylie, Cole, Cierra, Brianna, Austin, Dayvd, Sydney, Kane, Todd and Matt and several nieces, nephews and cousins and a special nephew Jonathan Lee Boyd.

She was also preceded

in death by son-in-law Kenneth Neth, sisters Georgia Dutton, Lorraine Jones and brothers William Boyd and Earl Lee Boyd.

She was a graduate of Meade High School in Meade, Kentucky and attended Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Geraldine retired from Troy High School after 15 years of service, and was very active in Bowling and worked at Sherwood Bowl (Restaurant/ Bar) for 5 years and was a member of Troy Eagles #971.

Funeral service will be held at 10 A.M. on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Chaplain Candy Null officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home with an Eagles Auxiliary service at 7:00 P.M.

If desired, contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 580 Lincoln Park Blvd., Suite 320, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

# CVB Tells of County Growth

Shopping, visiting, touring and staying in Miami County communities may seem like a natural part of day-to-day life; however, there is much behind-the-scenes work involved in keeping people coming to enjoy all that Troy and the surrounding area have to offer. That work is the full-time responsibility of Diane Thompson (pictured), executive director of the Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau, and her team. Troy Rotarians learned how much work is involved when Thompson spoke at the club's August 18, 2015 meeting.

The executive director since the bureau's inception in 1991, she shared details of the organization's vision and strategic planning process. It includes nine goals and 20 strategic objectives designed to achieve each goal as they work to fulfill promise of the Miami County brand, slogan and logo of Home.Grown. Great. As the county continues to prosper and grow in the tourism business, the bureau has begun to give back through more countywide promotions. This includes a recent video commercial produced, in part, using an aerial drone. More videos are planned to help promote the strengths of local Miami County jurisdictions. To learn more about all the Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau does, visit



their Web site at [www.homegrowngreat.com](http://www.homegrowngreat.com).

Troy Rotary Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at [www.troyrotary.org](http://www.troyrotary.org) and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

# Gibson Receives Lions Scholaship

Valerie Gibson of Troy High School, was chosen as the recipient of the Troy Lions Club Scholarship. Gibson will be majoring in Criminal Justice at Wright State University this fall. She recently attended a Troy Lions Club family picnic where she received her \$500.00 scholarship. The check presentation was performed by Troy Lions Club scholarship committee chair Joe Jackson. The scholarship was awarded based on application

essays on the importance of community service. The Troy Lions Club is a non-profit charitable organization, which has served the Miami County area since 1942. Their primary mission is vision health. For more information call 335-7345 or visit their web site at [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Troy\\_OH](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Troy_OH).

Pictured is scholarship winner Valerie Gibson and Lion Joe Jackson at the Troy Lions Club picnic.



# Fariello Passes

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dled by the Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home in Spencerville. A public celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Grand Lake Hospice, 1122 E. Spring St., St. Marys OH 45885.

**Statement from Skyline Chili**

It is with great sadness, love, respect and admiration that the Skyline Family of employees and guests say goodbye to Mike Fariello better known as "Mr. Skyline of Troy". Mike always embodied Skyline's Core Values of Fun, Simple, Wholesome and Nurturing. These values were a natural as breathing for Mike.

Mike not only represented Skyline in Troy, he represented the community of Troy within Skyline. Mike single-handedly embraced every person who entered his Skyline Chili Restaurant and fostered long term personal re-

lationships. His guests were proud to join him for a meal, bring friends and co-workers for a meal and have their family members work at Skyline.

His smile, ability to connect with everyone and unbridled passion for Skyline Chili cannot be duplicated. Mike was unique!

On behalf of Skyline, I want to thank everyone in the Troy community for your outpouring of love and support. Mike battled cancer like he lived every moment of his life; an infectious passion to love life and always defeat anything in the way of happiness.

Mike's impact on all of us will live on for generations as we share the fond memories of our times with Mike.

Mike is now replacing St. Peter as the greater at the Pearly Gates!

Joe Dominiak  
Executive Vice-President / Friend of Mike Skyline Chili Inc.

# Edison's Enrollment Continues to Rise

Edison Community College will be welcoming more students back to fall classes than it has in a number of years. Fall enrollment is up in both credit hours and headcount compared to the same time last year, with the first set of fall classes beginning on August 24.

"The closer we get to the start of the semester, the more confidence we can have in the numbers," said Scott Burnam, Vice President of Student Affairs. "Right now, we are up almost six percent in credit hours, which drives our funding, over same day last year, driven by an overall increase in headcount of eleven percent."

Compared to the same day last year, new student enrollment at Edison, the most imminent indicator of longer-term enrollment growth, is up more than fifty percent. It stems from new student enrollment increases of eight percent in undergraduate students and a staggering fifty-two

percent in College Credit Plus (CC+), Ohio's dual enrollment program for students in grades seven through twelve.

"Edison has enjoyed success in dual enrollment for years, typically placing in the top three community colleges in the state for percentage of enrollment attributed to the program," added Burnam. "Because of that, we were ready to respond to the increased demand that CC+ generated in ways that other colleges were not prepared to do."

"We are excited to work so closely with more than thirty high school partners to ensure the accessibility of the program to students and families. The number of high school students who are demonstrating college readiness is a real testament to the quality of the high schools we have in our service area."

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# Trojans Open Season Tomorrow

By Jim Dabbelt

After six years at the helm of Fort Loramie, Matt Burgbacher makes his debut tomorrow night as the new head football coach at Troy High School, as the Trojans open the 2015 season at Wayne High School, 7 p.m. against Chaminade-Julienne.



The Trojans, who finished 1-9 last season, returns some solid experience, and after a slow start in the summer, Burgbacher is excited to see what this group of players is capable of.

"It was tough when I got the job in March and was teaching somewhere else," Burgbacher said. "I would get here at 4:00 and didn't get to see the kids in school. I did come to things like track meets to build relationships. Once school ended, we had our coaches in the weight room getting to know the kids."



Over the summer, Burgbacher watched as the kids progressed in the weight room and once July hit, he used his coaching days to get the kids prepared for the start of the season.

"We utilized our workouts, and once we got to camp days, the first couple days was rough," he said. "We were breaking the things they have done in the past, and we utilized all 10 of our days to get on the same page. Last week, we took a sharp right turn and everything started to click."



Burgbacher added the mental aspect was the biggest thing.

"We had to get them to believe in themselves," he said. "They have to believe they can do it."

Several seniors are being counted on for a turnaround this season, and many have the experience to be a key factor.

Drake McDonald returns as an all-conference defensive back, while fellow senior Austin Jacobs also plays a defensive back, and both are

being counted on by Burgbacher.

"Drake is a very good athlete, and both kids have experience," the Troy coach said. "Austin is our leader back there and he gets us into our coverages."

Two other key seniors will return for the Trojans, as Bailey Williams is back at a cornerback

spot, while senior Elijah Pearson returns as a key running back.

"Bailey has played on Friday nights, and that is invaluable," Burgbacher said. "As for Elijah, with the offense we are putting in, obviously the running back position is high profile. He has done a nice job during two-days learning the offense. It is very important to be a tough runner and run hard, and he also has great vision and can see the hole where they are going to open up, and explode through the hole."

Other key seniors will be Christopher Linville, Dallas Shamblin, Jared Bair and Ryan Daum, while key juniors will be quarterback Hayden Kotwica, tight end Will Brumfield, running back Mark Scordia and sophomore Zach Boyer.

"We did get to watch some film from last year and focused on the areas where they struggled and also where they did well," Burgbacher said.

"Our goal is to go 1-0 each week, and stay focused on the task at hand," he added. "We need to focus on com-

peting with everyone on our schedule and give an effort every week. We can build on the future of the program, but they want to win right now. They have the chance to turn this around back to where it belongs."



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# Troy, Troy Christian Sports Notes

Troy Tennis- Troy defeated West Carrollton 5-0. Hannah Essick won first singles 6-0, 6-0, while Maggie Hennessy (6-2, 6-0) and Ashley Bruns (6-0, 6-0) also won a singles match. At first doubles, Zoey Scancarello and Sierra Verstraten cruised to an easy 6-2, 6-0 win. At second doubles, Meredith Pruitt and Katie Sherrick also won 6-0, 6-0.

The Trojans came back with a 5-0 loss to Springboro. Essick lost to Anke Patel 6-1, 6-0, Hennessy fell to Ally Garofoli 6-0, 6-0, and Bruns lost to Christina Fote 6-1, 6-1 in the singles matches.

In doubles, Scancarello and Verstraten lost to Maddy Talbot and Jessa Grossman 6-1, 6-1, while at second doubles, Pruitt and Sherrick lost to Amanda Shamp and Morgan Hillis 6-2, 6-0.

Troy Golf- Troy defeated Greenville last week in boys' golf 169-182. Troy Moore led the way with a 41, Holden Schribner added 42, Nate Uhlenbrock carded a 43, as did Keaton Pfiefer. Also last week, the Trojans defeated Northmont 153-167, as Moore shot a 34 and Schrieber 37.

Moore's average of 37.5 currently ranks him seventh in the GWOC scoring lead.

The girls' team also was victorious over Greenville in easy fashion 175-210. LeeAnn Black led with a 39 for the Trojans.

Troy Volleyball- In what is expected to be a very talented group, the Troy Trojans opened their season on Saturday with a pair of sweeps, defeating Bellbrook and Tecumseh.

They defeated Bellbrook 25-16, 20-25, 25-22, led by Katie Demeo with

12 kills and two digs, while Camryn Moeller added 13 kills and nine digs, Dana Wynkoop dished out 30 assists and 11 digs. In their second game against Tecumseh, the Trojans defeated the Arrows 25-20, 25-19. Moeller led with eight kills, Miranda Silcott added eight digs and Wynkoop dished out 13 assists.

Troy traveled to Tipp last night, then hosts Fairmont tomorrow.

Troy Girls Soccer- The Trojans lost 1-0 to Tipp canoe on Saturday, and will return to action tonight against Fairmont.

Troy Christian Volleyball- Troy Christian opened their volleyball season on Saturday, and fell short to New Bremen in straight sets 25-7, 25-8, 25-13. Troy Christian hosts Franklin tomorrow night.

Troy Christian Girls Soccer- It was a successful opener for the Troy Christian girls' soccer team, as they defeated National Trail 4-0. Gabby Flannery scored first at the 15:00 mark of the first half for the Eagles, who also had goals in the first half from Olivia Glaser and Abby Baker. In the second half, Alyssa Donald scored to wrap up the scoring.

"We moved and created a lot of good chances for ourselves," said Troy Christian coach Brian Peters. Freshman keeper Cara Salazar recorded her first shutout.

Troy boys' soccer opened their season last night at Fairmont, and returns home tomorrow night for a 7:15 contest with Tecumseh at the stadium.

Troy Christian boys' soccer hosts Newton tomorrow night at 7 p.m., immediately following the girls' game against Lehman.

# Niles With Hole In One



Troy resident Tony Niles picked up his first career hole-in-one recently at Miami Shores Golf Course in Troy, as he dropped in a 165-yard drive on the par-three

12th hole.

Niles, who is retired from the Ohio Department of Transportation and current works for the Troy City Schools, used a nine-wood and was shocked when it went in.

"When I hit it, I knew it would be on the green," he said. "I turned around to say something to my playing partners and they told me it went in."

Niles was playing with Bill Doll and Don Wogoman.

The 15+ handicap player plays twice a week, and it was his first ace.

# Eagles Ready To Succeed With Small Numbers

By Jim Dabbelt

With only 30 players on the 2015 edition of the Troy Christian football team, staying healthy is a key factor for success as the new season kicks off Friday night. As the Eagles battle Lima Perry at home, Troy Christian coach Steve Nolan has been impressed with the improvement of this squad, now just prays for no injuries.

"We stayed healthy this summer, so I guess that is a good thing for us," Nolan said. "We have improved in a couple of areas, and had to replace a couple of seniors. We are making progress."

"In the couple of scrimmages we had, the kids really worked hard," he added, stating the Eagles didn't have any 7-on-7 scrimmages. He just used the allotted ten days to work on things.

"We have been together as a group for three years since we got football back at Troy Christian," Nolan said. "We had a good freshman class who are now juniors and they make up the bulk of our team." He stated the Eagles have six seniors, 13 juniors and around 10 freshmen who are making progress.

"We have 30 kids on the team now, and that number has gone up a bit every year."

Five seniors make up the leadership on the Eagles, led by the returning Ohio Division VII co-Player of the Year in running back Luke Dillahunt.

"You have to stop Luke to stop us," Nolan said. "We needed to improve on other aspects of our game, like our passing game, so we are not so one dimensional. Our offensive line is made up of all starters who are back, and they must provide protection."

Also back is sec-

ond-team All-Ohio Chase Hayden, who led the area in interceptions with seven.

"He has been one of our main wide receivers the last two years," Nolan said. "He also brings leadership, and in the first couple of scrimmages, he has scored touchdowns."

Levi Sims, Nate Doman and Jordan Strine also are seniors and ready to be a factor in the success of the Eagles.

Key juniors for Troy Christian includes Jacob Brown and Peyton Spurlock at the cornerback spots, along with linebackers JC Calvert and Caleb Salazar, along with David Blake, Seth Douglas, Hayden Hartman, Peyton Forrer, Matt Boone, and a key sophomore in linebacker Loudin Saulbeamer.

"We have an experienced group ready to play," Nolan said. "We don't have a lot of depth, and when you play teams with two times as many guys that you have, you have to stay healthy. We can stay with them if we are healthy."

"Like every team, our goal is to win more games than you lose," he added. "We want to improve in areas to help us in the playoffs. Since we don't have a conference, our main goal is to get into the playoffs."

Nolan stated how difficult it is to get enough bodies to compete, and said that some of the teams in their division have 50-plus kids.

It all starts Friday night, as Lima Perry comes to town with 18 starters back.

"We played them last year in a shootout, and they are in the same division as us, but all of their boys play football," the Eagles coach said. "We are better than we were, and just need to keep improving."

# Sports Schedule

**Wednesday, August 26**

**4:30 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Tennis vs. Bellbrook  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Soccer vs. Fairmont

**Thursday, August 27**

**4:30 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Tennis vs. Xenia  
**5:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Girls Soccer vs. Lehman Catholic  
**6:15 p.m.** - Troy Christian Girls Volleyball vs. Franklin  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Football vs. Chaminade-Julienne at Wayne HS  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Boys Soccer vs. Newton

**Friday, August 28**

**7:30 p.m.** - Troy Christian Boys Football vs. Perry  
**9:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Cross Country at Moeller Prime-time Invite @ Kings Island

**Saturday, August 29**

**8:30 a.m.** - Troy HS Girls Tennis at Schroeder Invite  
**1:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Volleyball at Miami East  
**1:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Girls Soccer vs. St. Ursula  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Soccer vs. Tecumseh

**Monday, August 31**

**4:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Golf vs CJ/Northmont @ Miami Valley Golf Course

**Tuesday, September 1**

**4:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Golf vs. Piqua at Miami Shores  
**4:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Tennis at Trotwood  
**4:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Golf vs. Carroll @ Kittyhawk Golf Course  
**5:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Cross Country at Lost Creek Reserve Invitational  
**5:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Girls Soccer at Botkins  
**6:30 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Cross Country vs. Lost Creek @ Lost Creek Reserve  
**6:45 p.m.** - Troy Girls Volleyball at Riverside  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Boys Soccer vs. Northmont  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Volleyball at Northmont

**Wednesday, September 2**

**3:45 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Golf vs. Butler HS @ Cassel Hills  
**4:30 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Tennis vs. Stebbins  
**7:00 p.m.** - Troy HS Girls Soccer at Northmont

## Concord Trustees Revisit Water Issues

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the August 28, 2015 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Tom Mercer, Trustee, reported that the County Commissioners completed a walk-through of Clayton Ditches #210 and #587 in Lakeshore-Beechwood-Lakewood area to examine how the drainage in the area might be improved. The residents filed a petition to the commissioners to address the issue although traditionally since the water buildup is on private property it is the property owner's responsibility. The meeting was well attended by area citizens. A public hearing will be held in October. There will be two hearings before the commissioners make a final decision. Some residents were surprised that anyone was having flooding issues. Dan Baker of the County Engineers office took questions from the citizens, many of which he could not answer at that time. According to Mercer, part of the petition process encompasses everyone in the watershed. Notifications were sent to everyone who was identified as living in the flood plain rather than the entire watershed. The biggest question remains whether the cost of fixing the drainage issue is worth the benefits derived. There were more questions than answers. In addition, Baker has recommended that a tile on Windmere be replaced. The current tile will handle a 10-year storm; however, Baker recommends that it be replaced with larger 25-year storm tile. During the Road Superintendent's Report, Neil Rhoades told the trustees that his summer employees have completed their work for the summer and returned to school. In addition, he reported that the Health Department sent a notification to a Maple Street homeowner that they have seven days to clean up their property. In old business, Mercer reported that he had investigated who is responsible for clearing obstructions in the Shenandoah Creek. He found that the responsibility is that of the property owners

whose property the creek runs through, not the township. In addition, Don Pence reported that he has not heard back from Chris Englert, Assistant Prosecutor concerning the motor vehicle operator amendment to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. He will follow up with Englert. In new business, the trustees passed a resolution approving the inter-fund advance of \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. When the real estate taxes are received, the general fund will be repaid. The township received the real estate taxes during the last two weeks. The general fund will be repaid promptly. In addition, the trustees discussed the September 10, 2015 meeting of the Miami County Township Association. Concord Township will host. Pence will contact Jerry Hirt, President, for suggestions on topics of discussion. Two topics that were proposed were best practices and local media coverage. During the public comments, Phyllis Moore of 1750 Greenbrier asked whether the township had solicited bids to take down the four dead trees in the township. She thought the cost was excessive compared to the price she paid for the removal of six trees from her property. Pence said, "For a job this small the township is not required by law to advertise for bids. The township's most pressing concerns are that the contractor carries workers compensation and insurance." Rhoades explained that they did get two quotes from tree services the township has used in the past. One quote was \$300 cheaper than the other was. He also told Moore that one of the trees was almost eight feet in diameter, which substantially increased the expense. Pence said, "If someone is interested in providing the township quotes for services we would be glad to take them." The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 1, 2015 in the Concord Township Building.

## Edison's Enrollment Continues to Rise

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CC+ with Edison. Last year at this time, we had five-hundred and seventy-four students participating." The growth isn't limited to just the College's campus in Piqua. The Darke County Campus (DCC) in Greenville also plays an integral role in the College's enrollment gains. Compared to this same time last year, participation in CC+ at the DCC is up ninety percent in headcount participation and fifty-five percent in credit hours registered. At Greenville High School alone, participation grew from just forty-nine students last fall to one-hundred thirty-six students this year. The legislation that governs CC+ is clearly realizing three of its core intentions. Growth in the program is driven by the state's requirements that all public high schools and colleges participate, and that students and families in public high schools who participate with public colleges won't be charged for tuition or books, removing

a significant cost barrier for many students and families. Students also have a choice in where they pursue their enrollments in the program, and can no longer be limited to just one college or university when looking to enroll. Burnam cautions that these numbers are not yet final but he remains optimistic. "We still have another significant entry point for fall semester in mid-October, for which we are still adding courses to accommodate increased demand for undergraduate enrollments. That's a wonderful problem to have in late August, and our team at both campuses looks forward to maintaining momentum moving forward." "None of this work happens magically. A large number of dedicated people at both campuses across numerous functional areas have worked exceedingly hard to attract and enroll these students. And once these students are enrolled, we remain equally focused on helping them succeed."

## County Approves More Money for Plan Reviews

By Nancy Bowman

Business is brisk at the Miami County Building Department resulting in a request to the county commissioners for more money to pay architects hired to help with project plan reviews. The commissioners recently heard from Craig Thompson, development department director, that through the end of July the department had used most of the money budgeted for the year for the plan reviews. The commissioners Aug. 18 approved the first of two architect contract modifications. They voted to increase to \$85,000 from \$34,000 the contract with Bruns Consulting LLC. A modification of the contract with Candy Goodall of Troy also will be requested soon, Thompson said. The building department has reported good activity all year in Miami County as well as in Shelby, Darke and Mercer counties, which contract with Miami County for permits, project plan review and building inspection services. "It is because of the work load," Thompson said of the need for more dollars for the architects who assist the staff in reviewing plans. Of particular impact has been the number of large commercial projects submitted, he said. Rob England, county chief building official, updated the commissioners on the department numbers so far for the year. In Miami County, revenue for residential and commercial activity

is up around \$84,000 for the year and around \$300,000 for all counties combined. The number of actual permits is down overall, but project size is increasing the revenues, he said. "The size of the projects is driving things," England said. The department is averaging 25 inspections daily in Miami County, where two inspectors work and another is being trained. In other business last week the commissioners: Approved a memorandum of agreement between Miami County Juvenile Court and the Lincoln Community Center in Troy for weekly Saturday programming services. The services will include tutoring, monitoring and conducting activities to assist youth referred by the court with academic and personal growth. The agreement was effective Aug. 3 and will continue through July 31. The cost per session will be \$1,500. Authorized the county transit department to buy two light transit vehicles from Whitworth Bus Sales in Miamisburg for \$59,314 each. The commissioners also heard from Chris Johnson, county operations and facilities director, about a maintenance project replacing 62 can lights on the porticos of the Safety Building with LED fixtures. The change will eliminated more than 51,000 KWh a year and the new fixtures will require less maintenance, he said. The update cost \$3,800.

## Second Year for Second Story Secrets

Second Story Secrets, a walking tour that reveals "what's upstairs in downtown Troy," is back for its second year. The event will be held on Saturday, September 19, 4-8 p.m., beginning at the Mayflower Arts Center, Troy. The tour includes a rare chance to step inside 10-12 second floors, otherwise closed to the public, of buildings around the Troy square. Tour guides are on hand at each location to give history and information about the building. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the Mayflower, and door prizes are all part of the fun. "This year we have an extra secret," said event coordinator, Martha Harris. "We have a secret location that will be revealed only on the night of the tour. It's exciting, and you won't want to miss it." The tour features some of the favorites from last year's event, such as the Masonic Temple, the old Shaughnessey building, and new uses for the Dye building (Caroline restaurant) and upstairs of La Piazza. New locations include the Coleman-Sadleman building (a.k.a. Lipp building), the Elks building, the Hatfield House and of course, the secret location. There are expected to be 10-12 locations total. In addition, restaurants around the square will be offering discounts just by showing your ticket on September 19th only. This is a walking tour and it is advised that no children under the age of 18 attend this event. Tickets are \$25 per person if purchased in advance or \$45 for two until September 14, 2015. Tickets will be \$30 at the door (Mayflower Arts Center). Tickets go on sale Aug. 10, and can be purchased online at [www.second-storysecrets.com](http://www.second-storysecrets.com), or by visiting Partners in Hope, the Mayflower Arts Center, the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, Applied Chiropractic, and Olive Oasis. "We have a limited number of tickets, and this event almost sold out last year, so if you are interested, we recommend getting your tickets early this year," Harris stated. TCW and the Second Story Secrets committee encourage all Trojans to enjoy their downtown on September 19th by taking in Troy Main Street's Taste of Troy event that afternoon and coming to the tour in the evening. Cap it off with dinner at one of our fine downtown restaurants! All proceeds benefit Troy Community Works, a non-profit organization that strives to enhance the long term well-being and livability of the City of Troy by a collaborative approach to sustainable community development. Thank you to MainSource Bank and Unity National Bank for being sponsors for this year's tour. For more information, or to become an event sponsor, call Martha Harris at 937.440.0062, visit [www.secondstorysecrets.com](http://www.secondstorysecrets.com), or find us on facebook by searching Second Story Secrets.

## Edison Recognizes Employee Excellence

Edison Community College recognized two outstanding employees at its annual convocation ceremony on August 17 in the Robinson Theater at the Piqua Campus. The awards speak to College's commitment to quality and sustaining positive employee engagement. "The employee of the semester award is meant to create a culture that recognizes employees and celebrates accomplishments based upon Key Result one of Edison's 5-year strategic master plan which focuses on sustaining positive employee engagement," said Kara Myers, Coordinator of Employee Engagement and Talent Acquisition. "These employees



Rhonda Rich

make a difference to Edison and member of the campus community, go above and beyond expectations, excel as team players, and strive to demonstrate the College's core values." Terry Calvert, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Rhonda Rich, Coordinator of the Darke County Campus were named employee of the semester at the annual ceremony. Awards were Kara Myers and President Doreen Larson. Both recipients received a personal plaque and will have their names engraved on a permanent plaque displayed on campus. All Edison employees who demonstrate a commitment to the performance excellence goals, core values, and

continued growth were eligible to be nominated for the award. Those eligible for the award are nominated by their peers and then selected by the AQIP 4 Valuing People committee. Calvert, a former Naval Aviator and Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who holds a Master of Education degree in Mathematics, goes above and beyond to ensure students are receiving the best education possible. Her willingness to help students has led her to develop curriculum for college algebra and statistics. Additionally, she has developed her own online statistics course that allows for more flexibility in student course offerings. Always presenting her best with a smile on her face, Calvert's commitment to student success is a true testament to the quality of education found at Edison. Rich, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, was nominated based upon her demonstrated ability to ensure office procedures are as effective and efficient as possible while maintaining a positive demeanor. Rich places emphasis on forming lasting relationships with those around her including co-workers, students, and high school administrators. During transitional



Terry Calvert

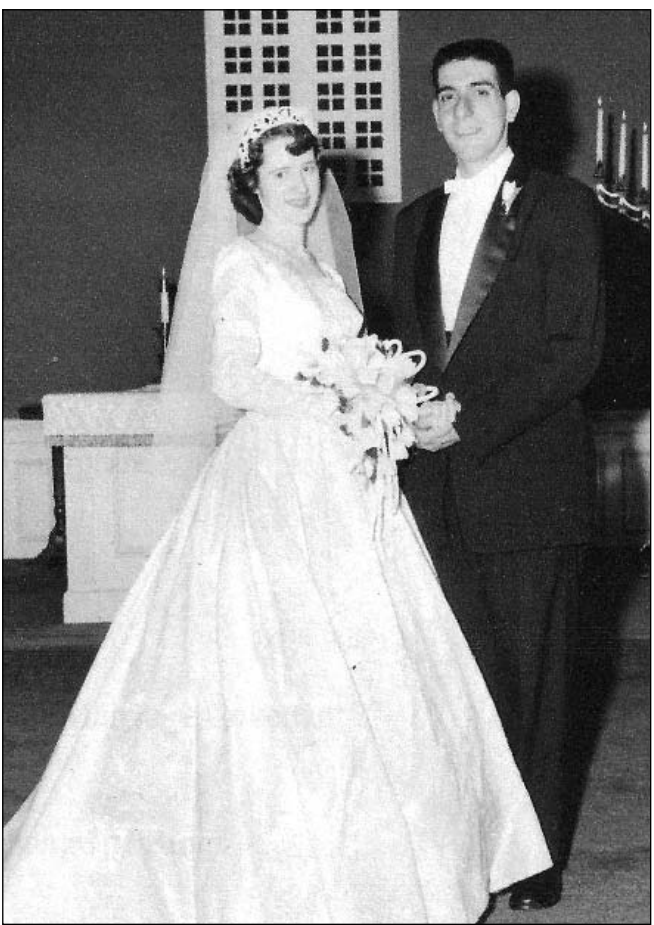
periods, she has proven to be invaluable by taking on leadership roles. Rich exemplifies a steadfast commitment to Edison and its constituents.

## Marriage Recommitment

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"When you say 'in sickness and in health' on your wedding day as a young person, you never imagine a day like today," Ozzi said. "It's a deeper kind of love we have now." Gail said. "We were young and not as sensitive to one another as we have become. Only time can prove us faithful and selfless in

marriage." The couple has three sons and two daughters-in-law: Kenneth and wife Meg, Raymond and wife Anne, and their youngest son, David. Their children live in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and California respectively. Their four grandchildren, David, Kelsey, Kathy, and Kevin live in Illinois, Missouri, and New York.





# Tip Of The Week

By SGT. JJ MAURO  
Tipp City Police Retired

## When To Draw Your Gun

With Ohio now being a concealed carry state, many people are going armed in their every day ventures out in the world. People are forever asking me about when they can draw their weapon. Can the weapon be drawn as a deterrent? Can a weapon be used to detain a person until the police can arrive? When can a "Citizen's Arrest" be made? Understand that I am not a lawyer, judge or jury. What I tell you is my opinion based on my past experience and readings of the law as well as case law. Where I would have not made an arrest of a person involving the displaying of a weapon, other officers very well may make an arrest. The reverse is also true. And my experience is based on Ohio Laws which of course we have 50 other states with their own laws.

To begin with let's explain that a weapon is a "Deadly Weapon." The mere act of drawing the gun can be construed as a "use of force" or even "Felonious Assault" as well as "Aggravated Menacing." There has been numerous cases right here in Miami County of people being arrested and tried for felonious assault for pointing a gun at another person. All the law requires is for a person to cause another to believe they are about to be shot.

Point a gun at a police officer and expect to be shot in response. I can think of three incidents off the top of my head where a gun was in a subjects hand and I was waiting for the gun to turn in my direction at which time I would have fired. A judge I knew for decades was angry with me after one incident because he said I was taking too much of a chance with my own life to not have shot the person.

As for using the gun as a deterrent, that again goes against all good reasoning. Suppose you pull a gun on someone you see walking away with your lawn mower. Unless the mower cost is over \$1,000, it is a misdemeanor. And not a crime of violence.

So you confront the thief and he turns and runs toward you. Are you going to shoot a non-violent misdemeanor? If you don't shoot, will you get into a wrestling match with a gun occupying one hand? The gun is not a deterrent, it is for the defense of yourself or another from serious bodily harm.

Pertaining to the question of making a Citizen's Arrest, there is no such authority in Ohio for that action. A misdemeanor has to be witnessed by a police officer for an on scene arrest to be effected. The only exception to this law is in the case of a security officer who may make an arrest in the case of a person caught shoplifting.

Certainly if you are able to detain a felon, the police would be more than grateful to take that person into custody. A misdemeanor crime of violence also is a situation where you would be justified to prevent another from harm and hold the suspect until the police arrives. Your best bet on a non-violent crime in progress is to be observant, call the police and report exactly what you saw. Obtain as much information as possible to assist the police.

It certainly is not my intent to say you should not carry a concealed weapon. By all means, I wish more law abiding citizens did. What I am suggesting is that you read some cases dealing with ordinary citizens using a deadly weapon and what circumstances were deemed appropriate.

# At Home

By CONNIE MOORE

## King of Country Roads

Along a quiet country road with sunlight-dappled shade, a black-jacketed bird sits regally on his fence. This is his home, for summer at least. Now though, he is contemplating a move to southern regions.

As he ponders the move, a movement in the air a distance from him catches his eye. He is off in a flash, swooping in to snap up some of a swarm of gnats hovering over the ripening soybean field.

As he swings back through the air to his perch, his mate joins him and also his children of this year. They will stay together as a family until relatives join them for a large flock sojourn to their southern, wintering grounds in South America.

This Eastern Kingbird is dressed out in his black tuxedo, white vest and red crown patch. He is truly a king among flycatchers. His call however has been compared to an electric fence buzzing in the hot summer air. If humans would discount his musical abilities,



they have only to hear one of his sweet, phoebe-like spring songs to realize he is multi-talented. His ability to swing through the air is most amazing, too.

It is this flight agility coupled with a fierce, aggressive behavior that enables the kingbird to defend his territory and nest during his summers here. He is able to keep much larger birds such as crows and ravens from devastating his nest which he and his mate build out in the open. Kingbirds can also recognize and eliminate cowbird's eggs which are placed in their nest by hopeful female cowbirds who have no interest in raising their own offspring. Kingbirds do not tolerate anyone slack in parental duties.

As August dwindles down to a few hours of late summer

scents of corn ripening in the fields and roadside lilies, the kingbird and others of his kind gather on high telephone lines, cell towers and barn roofs, waiting patiently for their instinct to signal a departing date.

If nothing of dire consequences befalls them, they will be back to the exact same spot next year, swooping through the air, singing a sweet, romantic spring song and buzzing like an electric fence in summer's heat, in their lives as king of the country roads.

On a larger note, in the same soybean fields that the kingbird patrols for supper, white-tail deer graze on green vegetation. Our evening drives this summer have been all about spotting the once dwindling Eastern cottontail rabbit, but we also thrill to see deer out for their late evening meal.

Our rabbit search began a few years back when we noticed that the furry little cuddly creatures were becoming a rare sight in our area. Due to over-population of coyotes, rabbits took a hit number-wise. After coyote hunts brought the predator into check, rabbits began a comeback. Re-

cently, on a couple of late evening drives we spotted a total of fourteen rabbits of varying sizes. On the same drives we counted eighteen deer.

While the rabbits were spotted along lawn edges close to wooded areas and shaded side yards, the deer were all knee-deep in soybean fields. Their tannish, brown coats stood out like a beacon in the green ocean. Only twice did we get fooled. You see, there are certain large weeds that pop up in amongst the soybeans, that when turned brown, appear in the late sunlight to be deer. Coupled with our aging eyes and bifocals, we thought we could count in another four deer but with a turn-around and a second look-see, we realized the weeds had bested our enthusiasm.

To be fooled by a weed is nature's joke. But to be soothed by the sight of creatures large and small, four-footed or winged and soaring above us, is a blessing of great magnitude.

*We appreciate hearing from readers. Comments? Send to Connie at [mooredcr@juno.com](mailto:mooredcr@juno.com) or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341*

# Gardening Commentary

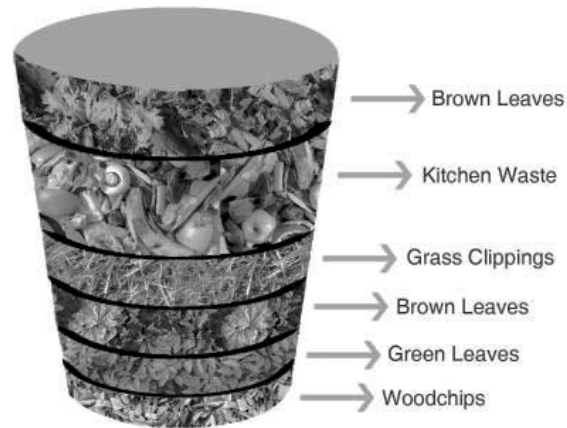
WITH MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

## Composting makes "Cents"

Because most of us that enjoy gardening like to see our plants thriving with as little effort as possible, one way we can have this happen is by providing the best soil conditions for our plants. By regularly adding compost to our garden soils and to the backfill when planting trees and shrubs, the improvement to the growing environment is very rewarding. You can either purchase compost (organic matter) from your local independent garden center or create it from items right around your home. All of the trimmings from your plants, grass clippings, newspaper and kitchen waste can be used to produce this "black gold". Just follow a few basic guidelines noted here and you will be on your way to FREE compost made in your own back yard. It takes 4 to 6 months to make a "batch", two batches a year is a reasonable expectation.

Here are the basics: There are

2 basic forms of organic matter (OM)- brown and green. (1) Brown types of OM are the fall leaves, strips of newspaper, egg shells, straw, twigs and small branches. (2) Green OM would be grass clippings, kitchen scraps like peelings and fruit rinds, weeds before they set seed. Avoid using any bones, meat waste, cooking oils as they will create unwanted odors and attract rodents and other pesky animals. Use a layering system starting with a few inches of chopped brush on the ground, then an 8" layer of brown and green OM with the third layer consisting of about an inch of garden soil to provide the microbes that will go to work and convert the pile to compost. Be sure moisture is added as you go. Sprinkle a small handful of urea fertilizer to feed the microbes. Repeat this layering technique making the pile 3' X 3' and 3' high. Heat will begin to develop in a week or so when you build your compost pile in this manner. This self-generated heat is a result of the microbes in action and will determine how rapidly



the OM is converted into compost for your garden. Be sure to keep the compost pile moist but not soggy. Try to turn the pile once a month and put the edges of the pile to the center. See, you can even burn a few calories when you compost, another benefit. If you Google 'composting at home' you will find many more sources of information with much more detail. I hope this limited amount of info is enough to get you interested in making your own compost which will benefit our environment by recycling your

yard waste instead of sending it to the landfills in addition to making the soil conditions for your plants much improved.

One way to make a quick, inexpensive "compost bin" is by standing some used pallets on end and wiring them together at the corners. This lets in a lot of air and keeps the compost contained and the area neat.

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# Tax Tips

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## Keep Track of Miscellaneous Deductions

Miscellaneous deductions can cut taxes. These may include certain expenses you paid for in your work if you are an employee. You must itemize deductions when you file to claim these costs. So if you usually claim the standard deduction, think about itemizing instead. You might pay less tax if you itemize. Here are some tax tips you should know that may help you reduce your taxes:

Deductions Subject to the Limit. You can deduct most miscellaneous costs only if their sum is more than two percent of your adjusted gross income. These include expenses such as:

- Unreimbursed employee expenses.
- Job search costs for a new job in the same line of work.
- Some work clothes and uniforms.
- Tools for your job.
- Union dues.
- Work-related travel and transportation.
- The cost you paid to prepare your tax return. These fees include the cost you paid for tax preparation software. They

also include any fee you paid for e-filing of your return.

Deductions Not Subject to the Limit. Some deductions are not subject to the two percent limit. They include:

- Certain casualty and theft losses. In most cases, this rule applies to damaged or stolen property you held for investment. This may include property such as stocks, bonds and works of art.
- Gambling losses up to the total of your gambling winnings.
- Losses from Ponzi-type investment schemes.
- There are many expenses that you can't deduct. For example, you can't deduct per-

sonal living or family expenses. You claim allowable miscellaneous deductions on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. For more about this topic see Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions or call us anytime.

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# Financial Focus



Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

## Four Tips to Help Maximize Social Security

*Incorporating Social Security into a retirement strategy is a smart move*

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

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

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

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

2. **Know your situation.** Retirement income planning is critical. Social Security has many nuances, so a personalized approach is necessary to get a better grasp of your retirement future. By using your current information from the Social Security Administration, financial representatives may be able to create scenarios to give you an idea of how the age you begin receiving distributions can affect the monthly amounts you will receive. For example, if you're divorced or widowed, a financial representative will be able to calculate the different ways you can claim benefits and how they can affect your retirement strategy.

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

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

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

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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# What To Do in Troy

## Preschool in the Park "Nature Experiments"

August 29, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon  
Lost Creek Reserve

The Miami County Park District will hold its Preschool in the Park "Nature Experiments" program on August 29 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve 2385 E. St. Rt. 41 east of Troy. Join a park district naturalist as she leads the group in song, story, play and a toddler sized hike. There is a \$3 fee for each class. Class size limited to 12, class minimum is four. Pre-registration required. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at [MiamiCountyParks.com](http://MiamiCountyParks.com), e-mailing [register@miamicountyparks.com](mailto:register@miamicountyparks.com) or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

## Downtown Farmer's Market

August 29, 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.

## Local Author Visit at Library

August 29, 1:00 p.m.  
Troy-Miami County Public Library  
The Troy-Miami County Public Library is hosting a local author visit and book signing with Patricia Zimmerman at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2015; join us as Zimmerman discusses her newly

published book, "Self-Empowerment: The Only Way to Heal."

Zimmerman is a local published author and founder of White Dove Circle of Light and Love, a non-denominational spiritual church. Learn how the mind, body, and spirit work together to create well-being or disease, how to listen to your body, what integrated healing is and how it works. Learn what true healing is and how to heal from the inside out. Healing should be for everyone, not just for those who can afford it. The library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio. For more information, please contact the library at 937-339-0502 ext. 124 or visit Zimmerman's website at [www.patriciazimmerman.com](http://www.patriciazimmerman.com)

## Tai-Chi for Health Class

August 31, 11 a.m. to Noon  
Fred Verceles will be teaching the newest form of Tai Chi in a four week session beginning Monday, August 31, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the YWCA. "Verceles has been teaching Tai Chi for 15 years and is excited to offer this new class which focuses on chronic health conditions including heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, etc.," said Beth Royer, YWCA Program Director. "The movements will be gentle, smooth and continuous as participants concentrate on improving balance, relaxation and breathing," she continued. "Tai Chi enhances one's overall health and quality of life," said Verceles. For more information on membership requirements or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

# Letter To the Editor

To the Editor,

Summers in Troy, Ohio seem to pulsate with activity, and that is also true for Troy Lunch Club's summer program feeding the children of Troy. There are 5 sites in Troy where lunches, prepared at the Troy High School kitchen, are served to children ages 1-18 or 21 if on an IEP. This program requires many helping hands. It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of Troy Lunch Club, I extend our thanks and appreciation to the following organizations and individuals. For financial assistance many thanks to the Altrusa Club, the First Lutheran Church, the First United Methodist Church, the Miami County Foundation, the Summer Food Service Program of the U.S.D.A. and O.D.E. , the T. H.O.U. Board of Garden Manor Apartments and the Troy Foundation. Thank you so much to Sharon Babcock and Jane Baughman for management of the kitchen and preparation of the food, to Wallick Proper-

ties and Kaitlyn Wessler, Garden Manor Manager, for the use of the Community Room, to Mark Scott for the transportation of meals, to Arnold Collett for monitoring, to Sam Nation, Linda West and Sally and Maizie Sando for giving their time to assist in many ways. We so appreciate the following supervisors: JoAnn Anderson and Kathy Wehrman at the First Presbyterian Church, Cyndy Shreffler at Garden Manor Apartments, Shane Carter and Nicole Burton at the Lincoln Community Center, Sara Wickliffe at Richards Chapel, and Janet Larch, Annette Stine, and Susan Thokey at The Rec. Many thanks to the volunteers from the following churches for helping to pack food at the high school and serve at Garden Manor – Troy Church of the Nazarene, Trinity Episcopal Church, First United Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, St. Pat's Catholic Church, Tabernacle of the Lord Jesus Christ, First Lutheran Church, Church

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of the Brethren, Living Word Fellowship and First Baptist Church of Troy. For special activities and programs, we give our thanks to Lisa Goodall at the Ohio State Extension Office, Linda Raterman of the Miami County Soil and Water Conservation Office, Karen Purke from the Hayner Cultural Center, Janice Brenneman and Dave Michael for music enrichment, Brukner Nature Center, Jane Hum from Y-Knot Stables, Lowe's Hardware for building kits, Rick Teepen and his snakes from the Creation Museum, and Rum River Blend Band. This program's 17 years of success have depended on Troy's community partnership and volunteer spirit. Thank you, Troy!

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# Riverside to Host Session on Guardianship, Trusts, ABLE Act

Riverside Developmental Disabilities will host an information session for people with disabilities, their family members, providers and advocates on the topic of guardianship, estates, trusts, and the ABLE Act. The session will be

held Thursday, August 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Riverside (1625 Troy Sidney Rd., Troy).

The information session is free and open to the public. Recreation activities are available for individuals with developmental disabilities,

if needed. Guests planning to utilize this recreation service should RSVP by August 26 to ensure proper staffing. For more information, contact Al Decker at (937) 440-3061.

## Fall Storytime at the Library

August 31, 9:00 a.m.  
Troy-Miami County Public Library  
Join the Troy-Miami County Library for "Leaf through our books" and other fun things at the library. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015; you can drop in at the Troy library, or call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 to register. Baby laptimes offer stories, songs, and playtime to children from birth to two years old and a caregiver. You can choose 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Wednesdays; this program runs for thirty minutes. Toddler storytime for children, age 2-3 years old, offers stories, songs, and an activity. For the toddler storytimes, you can choose Mondays at 6:30 p.m., or Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; this program runs for thirty minutes. Preschool age children, age 4-5 years old, will enjoy stories, songs, and an activity. The preschool storytimes are offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.; this program runs for 45 minutes. "Family Fun Nights", "Family Movie Nights" and "Saturday Library Adventures" will also be offered during the fall

session; the ten week fall session will begin the week of September 14, 2015. For more information, call the Troy Library at 937-339-0502 ext. 121, or visit [www.tmcpl.org](http://www.tmcpl.org).

## YW Wild Walking Women

September 1, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Piqua YWCA  
Get motivated to walk and get healthier with the YW Wild Walking Women beginning Tuesday, September 1. The ladies will meet to walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 4 week period from 9-10 a.m. Participants will meet at French Park and Joan Beck and Nancy Hirby, facilitators, will guide the group each week. "We promise a fun time, an opportunity to meet new friends and a time to develop your health and well-being," said Beck and Hirby. "Motivation and laughter will keep you going as you get healthier together," they added. For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. Pre-registration is requested. YWCA membership is not required.



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# Hosbrook Graduates from Wilmington College

Whitney N. Hosbrook has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management from Wilmington College. Wilmington College, a career-oriented liberal arts institution affiliated with the Society of Friends (Quakers), is located in southwestern Ohio, approximately one hour from Cincinnati,

Columbus and Dayton. The Blue Ash branch serves a large number of non-traditional students and some students complete course studies through the WC collaboration program with Cincinnati State Technical & Community College.

# Lehmkuhl Selected as Outstanding Teacher

Jacqueline Lehmkuhl, a Troy High School teacher, has been selected as an Outstanding Mathematics Teacher by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Jacqueline Lehmkuhl was a previous District Awardee who was eligible to apply for this STATE level award for Secondary teachers. Lehmkuhl is

being honored not only for her dedication in the classroom but also for her contribution to the profession at large. Lehmkuhl will be honored at a reception to be held Thursday, October 15, 2015, in Sharonville (just north of Cincinnati) at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual conference.

# Hobart Renovations Approved

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The facility's restrooms now are limited capacity. The additional restrooms and fixtures up to code requirements, Siler said. Currently, if more than 2,000 event attendees are expected, the venue has to bring in portable toilets and put them in the maintenance shop to accommodate the crowd.

The multi purpose room will accommodate more than 200 people depending on how the room is set up. This room will be available for rent and serve as another possible revenue source, Siler said.

The project is expect-

ed to take up to a year. Although the plans are to keep the arena operating during the construction, there will be around eight weeks when activity will need to be limited.

Councilman Brock Heath thanked the arena staff for its efforts with the aging facility and equipment. He said he's excited to see what can be done with the proposed additions and updates.

The arena expansion/renovations are part of the city riverfront development project. It also includes a renovated Marina Building at Treasure Island and a Treasure Island Park with amphitheater and other features.



City Recreation Director Ken Siler and City Engineer Jill Rhoades explain the proposed renovations to Hobart Arena

# County Holds Electronics Recycling Drop-Off

The Miami County Solid Waste District will hold an electronics recycling drop-off for residents on Saturday, August 29, from 8 am to noon. The drop-off will be held at the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Building at 2200 N. County Road 25A in Troy.

Instead of landfilling your electronics, this program provides an opportunity to recycle while supporting the mission of Goodwill/Easter Seals Miami Valley, the county's partner for this event. GESMV employs people with disabilities, and is able to responsibly recycle all brands of computers, cell phones, and related equipment through ReConnect, a recycling partnership with Dell Inc.

This is a free drop-off event, with the exception of a charge for the disposal of cathode ray tube (CRT)

televisions. CRT televisions that are 36" or less will be charged \$5. CRT televisions that are more than 36" will be charged \$10. Only cash will be accepted. Flat screen televisions will be disposed of at no cost, along with computers, CPUs, monitors, DVD players, VCRs, cell phones, laptops and miscellaneous computer equipment.

Not able to make it to the August 29th event? Call your local Goodwill store - (937) 339-2211 - and ask about recycling your electronics through the ReConnect program.

For questions about this event or other recycling and proper disposal methods please go to Sanitary Engineering at [www.miamicountyohio.gov](http://www.miamicountyohio.gov) or call the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 440-3488.

# Randy Houser Sets His Sights on Troy

With his inimitably "rich, purling baritone" (The Washington Post) Randy Houser has earned a reputation as "one of Nashville's best voices around" (American Songwriter), but those who have experienced his show for themselves know that Houser's true strength is in his live performance. The chart-top-

ping singer/songwriter and his band have logged thousands of miles on the road, and this fall they will set out for Houser's We Went Tour, playing arenas across the country accompanied by hitmakers Frankie Ballard and Craig Campbell - including a stop at Hobart Arena on Saturday, November 21. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.hobartarena.com](http://www.hobartarena.com) or by phone at (937) 339-2911.



"We've had a blast touring with Luke [Bryan] this summer, and it's been an incredible opportunity to play to some people we might not have played to before," said Houser. "We're really looking forward to building our show this fall, playing the arenas and getting

performance at Nashville's Nissan Stadium, the Boston Globe touted

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# UVMC to Open Comprehensive Wound Center

Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) will open a new comprehensive center for specialized treatment of wounds Aug. 17.

The Wound Care Center and Hyperbaric Services at UVMC will provide specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing sores or wounds that have not significantly improved from conventional treatments.

Chronic wounds affect more than 6.7 million patients in the U.S., and the incidence is rising fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy.

Often associated with inadequate circulation, poorly functioning veins, and immobility, non-healing wounds lead to lower quality of life and ultimately can lead to amputations. When such wounds persist, a specialized approach is required for effective healing. The new Center will offer leading-edge treatments including hyperbaric oxygen therapy, negative pressure therapies, bioengineered tissues and biosynthetics.

percent mean score for patient satisfaction.

"We follow treatment protocols specifically established for each type of wound. We utilize the latest approaches to wound healing and remain current in new scientific advances in wound care," said Gena Cornett, BSN, MBA, Program Director of the new center. "Our state-of-the-art treatment practices and protocols are designed to reintroduce the body's innate ability to heal."

"The center uses an interdisciplinary model of care" said Kay Rickey, RN, MS, CNS, CWOCN, wound care Clinical Coordinator. "This includes infectious-disease management, physical therapy, occupational therapy, laboratory evaluation, nutritional management, pain management, diabetic education, radiology testing, and debridement to address total patient health."

The Wound Care Center® is made up of a team of professionals including physicians with advanced training in wound management and hyperbaric oxygen therapy; nursing staff trained in the care of chronic wounds;



Wound Care Hyperbaric Chamber

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Cooper

By LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

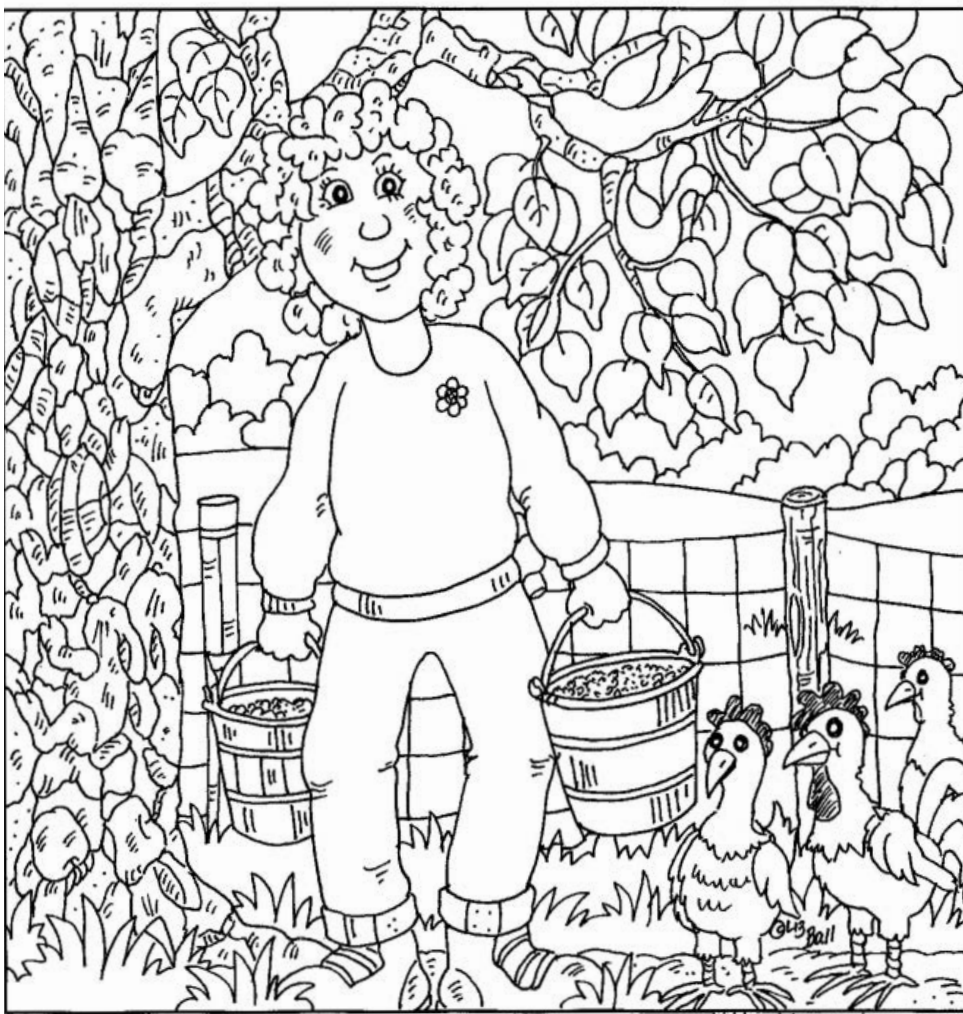
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12. Tolstoy hero	39. Under the weather	21. Secures
13. Harmless cyst	40. Watch chains	24. Drink selling establishment
14. Press food or drinks on someone	41. "Absolutely!"	25. Money in use
15. Famous fiddler	42. Small amount	27. Surpass in number of sales
16. Stand up to	43. Wanted-poster letters	28. Logic game
17. United Nations labor org.	44. Baby's bottom reliever	29. First-aid item
18. Sandpaper roughness measurement	45. It may be easily bruised	31. Put up with
19. Southern veggie	46. Type of boat that tows	32. Container leakage during shipment
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	3. Tom, Dick or Harry	
	4. Undergarments	
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By LIZ BALL



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Trivia Challenge

- Pop Culture**
- Which of the following characters is a villain that might be found in a Spider-Man comic (or movie)?  
a. Penguin  
b. Riddler  
c. Joker  
d. Sandman
  - Known as the "Queen of Disco" in the 1970s, who had hits with the songs "Hot Stuff" and "Love to Love You Baby"?  
a. Donna Summer  
b. Gloria Gaynor  
c. Patti LaBelle  
d. Diana Ross
  - American television personality Julie Chen has been the host of what US reality TV show since its inception in 2000?  
a. American Idol  
b. Big Brother  
c. America's Next Top Model  
d. The Amazing Race
  - Which version of the Windows operating system began rolling out in July of 2015?  
a. Windows Edge  
b. Windows 10  
c. Windows 8.1  
d. Windows 9
  - Which actress portrayed

Sudoku

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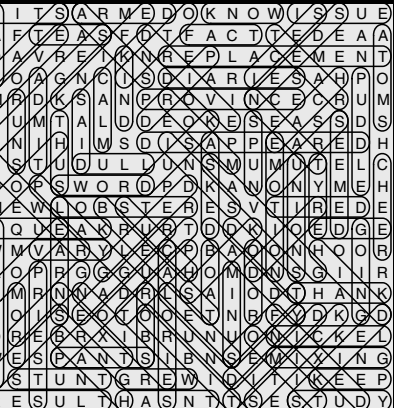
- Princess Leia Organa in the original Star Wars trilogy?  
a. Joanna Cameron  
b. Daisy Ridley  
c. Loni Anderson  
d. Carrie Fisher
- Dead at the young age of 45, who was the flamboyant lead singer for Queen from 1970 to 1991?  
a. Freddie Mercury  
b. Paul Rodgers  
c. Adam Lambert  
d. Brian May
- In which movie did Tom Cruise perform a dance in his underwear to the music of Bob Seger's Old Time Rock N Roll?  
a. A Few Good Men  
b. Risky Business  
c. Top Gun  
d. Risky Business
- At what burger chain might you order a hamburger called the Whopper?  
a. Wendy's  
b. McDonald's  
c. Whataburger  
d. Burger King
- In which popular movie trilogy, which ran from 1985 to 1990, would you find the character of Emmett Lathrop "Doc" Brown?  
a. Toy Story  
b. Three Colors  
c. Back to the Future  
d. The Matrix
- On the animated sitcom "The Simpsons," who shot Mr. Burns?  
a. Bart  
b. Homer  
c. Maggie  
d. Marge

Last Week's Solutions

Trivia

- Amber Brkich - Survivor - All-Stars took place on the Pearl Islands of Panama.
- Happy Days - Happy Days aired from 1974 to 1984.
- Bruno - Tyson won the match in the third round with a technical knockout.
- Lost - Jack was played by Matthew Fox and Kate was played by Evangeline Lilly.
- Half-Life - In 2009, a poll on GameSpot resulted in Freeman being voted the All Time Greatest Video Game Hero.
- Green Goblin - The Joker and the Penguin are enemies of Batman.
- Futurama - TV Guide ranked Futurama as one of the top 60 Greatest TV Cartoons of All Time.
- Boyz II Men - Relax Your Mind can be found on the album Full Circle.
- Kate Hudson - Kate played the role of Skye Davidson.
- Katy Perry - Lenny Kravitz and Missy Elliott also made an appearance as special guests.

Wordsearch



Sudoku

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# Miami County FAIR

## Bethel Student Wins Cow Costume Contest

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

A unique competition has begun to take off at the Miami County Fair. This year, young owners and their cows dressed up for a cow and owner themed costume competition. What started as a crazy idea became a fun, creative youth activity two years ago when the first competition took place. It has continued to moo-ve along as youth challenge their friends to enter with their cows. This year, the colorful contest was judged by members of the Troy Community Radio staff, Scott Hornberger, Clint Myers, and Lori Burch-Younce. The personality in the arena extended to the stands as the audience called to the entrants, took pictures, and cheered for their favorites. Cowboys, witches, pink zebras, clowns, and princesses were in the parade of costumes to be

judged.

The winner of the competition was a 1-year-old, 1,344 pound cow named Tug and his owner, Brenna Newton, a student at Bethel High School. Their theme, "Just Clowning Around," was a colorful nod to classic circus comedians, complete with polka dots, hats, crazy glasses, and multi-colored hair.

"It was pretty awesome to win," Newton said. "I didn't win last year. But it's just a lot of fun." The costume show was the last in a long line-up of contests for Newton and Tug the cow, who was in the Junior Fair Show, the Open Show, and the Junior Fair Born and Raised Show. He won third in class in the Open Show and Grand Champion in the Born and Raised Show. "I've been so proud of Brenna," Newton's mother said. "She's worked really hard. This was a great end to a busy week."



## Hog Drive Results

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Miami County Fair Grand Championship Youth Hog Drive was won by Tyler Clark this year. His hog was raised by Clark Show Stock. The Reserve second place was won by Brianna Finfrock; third was won by Travis Durst; fourth was won by Abigail Leiss; and fifth was won by Danielle Danielson. The drive was full of squealing, running hogs and their young owners, nicely dressed, guided them around the arena for judging.

A nationally-renowned guest judge was present for this year's Grand Championship Hog Drive. Rex Smith of Indianapolis, Indiana is the president of the Indiana Purebred Swine Breeders. A 1981 graduate in Animal Science at Purdue University, Smith has judged at county, state, and national shows throughout the United States. He has judged at the Miami County Fair two previous times and said that he enjoys judging here.

Smith joked with his audience before the

judging began. "I like how we are able to breed hogs to help us raise our children," Smith said. "To compete at this level takes a lot of commitment and self-sacrifice." He went on to praise the dedication and manners of the children showing their hogs. "Any time you come to Ohio, especially Miami County, they're just so well-behaved and they do a great job," Smith said. "They are very pleasant to be around."

Judges for the hog drive look for specific characteristics in the swine. Among the more important traits, Smith was looking for structural correctness, sound feet and legs, all four feet out on the corners, well-balanced, and well-toned, solid musculature. According to Smith, the Grand Champion was an obvious winner this year.

"The Grand Champion was just a hog that had the most unique and extraordinary amount of muscle coming right out of his shoulder blade, down his back, really well-balanced, super sound, and very comfortable out there," Smith said.

# Miami County Fair Salutes Veterans

By Bonnie L. McHenry

Troy High School Band entertained the crowd as several hundred people filled the stadium at the Miami County Fairground on Wednesday August 19, 2015 to honor the veterans from Miami County who have served our county though the military.

The ceremony began at 6:00 p.m. with the raising of the American Flag by VFW Post 5436, AMV Post 88 and AML Post 43. Once the flag was unfurled, the crowd sang the National Anthem with hands over heart and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted Miller, who organized the event and serves on the Swine Committee for the Miami County Fair, welcomed the crowd and introduced Senator Bill Beagle. Beagle represents Ohio's fifth district, which includes Miami, Preble and parts of Darke and Montgomery Counties, and is a resident of Tipp City. Beagle served as Master

ployment once they have completed their military service. In addition, they help veterans secure home loans, enroll in educational programs and help with burials. Stapleton encouraged the crowd to visit the Veterans Museum at the Masonic Temple in downtown Troy and to share the services they provide with every veteran they know.

Once Stapleton completed his presentation, Beasley returned to the stand and thanked the Troy High School Band and the Color Guard for their performances. He also thanked Unity National Bank and Jim Taylor's Troy Ford for their sponsorship of the program.

Beagle next introduced the keynote speaker, Garl McHenry. McHenry grew up in Markle Indiana and shortly after his 18th birthday enlisted into what was then known as the US Army Air Corps. Trained as a radio operator and aerial gunner, he was assigned to a 10-man crew on a B-24

mission, a piece of flak lodged in the controls on the tail and the plane went into an uncontrolled dive. It dropped from 22,000 feet to 3,000 feet before the pilot and co-pilot were able to wiggle the controls enough to loosen the flak and straighten the plane and level off. The crew returned to base without completing the mission because they had dropped out of formation and would have been a straggler for the entire operation. This would have left them vulnerable to enemy fire.

McHenry said, "The easiest mission we flew was on D-Day. We carried a load of fragmentation bombs to La-Harve, France. Our job was to destroy the gun nests in which the enemy hid with machine guns to prevent the invading forces from capturing the guns. We bombed at 8,000 feet and didn't have to worry about frostbite or breathing oxygen. The anti-aircraft guns were trained on the incoming troops. We made the run over

The English countryside was buried in clouds and fog. Of the seven, that jumped three sprained their ankles and two broke their legs. The five injured were sent back to the United States and the remaining team was broken up and reassigned to other crews.

McHenry spent the rest of the war in the United States. He said, "After I recuperated, I was scheduled to be sent to the Pacific Theater. If the United States hadn't dropped the two atomic bombs, the Pacific would have been my next assignment." He spent the remainder of the war pickling aircraft on the Arizona desert. He was discharged from the service on September 23, 1945 at 7:10 p.m.

McHenry recalls, "Occasionally, you would see a bomber peel out, headed for a crash landing. Sometimes it would be on fire. You saw men jumping out of pieces of aircraft and disabled aircraft. Most were wearing parachutes, but some were not. These men chose sure death rather than ride the aircraft down to a fiery crash. Sometimes the men and/or the parachutes would be on fire. If the men landed safely, the German fighters would kill them with knives, guns and pitchforks. Others were captured and paraded through the cities in disgrace. Some were lucky enough to escape capture and walked to safety with the help of the French underground. All of this embeds in your mind and you carry it the rest of your life."

The fair crowd gave McHenry a standing ovation. Beagle said, "People in my profession aren't rendered speechless easily, but hearing Mr. McHenry's story does that to me." He then introduced Regina Norjones, whose son served in Afghanistan.

Norjones said, "You can't follow that." She went on to say, "My son Logan is in Army Intelligence. When you have a son or daughter that is serving, you understand. You aren't politely listening to Mr. McHenry's story. You are listening in awe. We need to teach kids today these stories and show them what real heroes look like." Turning to McHenry she added, "I'm so thankful for



A Salute to our Armed Forces

of Ceremonies for the event.

Beagle introduced the first speaker, Jeff Stapleton, Executive Director of the Veteran's Service Office for Miami County. Stapleton served in the USMC and spent 25 years in government service. He said, "My office serves as an advocate for all veterans. The county funds our office with a .5 mill levy. We are governed by a commission that meets twice a month to determine the best means to help veterans. We work for every one of you including veterans, their spouses and their dependents. We provide emergency financial assistance with rent payments, prescriptions, utilities, food, eyeglasses, and medical expenses. Every veteran is eligible to receive \$700 three times a year to help with medical expenses that are not covered by other insurances."

He also reported that the agency has recently upgraded their computer system that has enabled them to fill claims directly to the VA. In addition, we will soon be able to provide veterans a military ID card, so that veterans no longer need to carry their DD214 papers. In addition, he said that the Veterans' Services Office works with the VA Medical Center in Dayton. He said, "It is the best in the country." He also explained that treatment at the VA is not income-based. The office works with Job and Family Services to help veterans find em-

Bomber.

McHenry shared his story. After several months of training and a transatlantic voyage, the crew arrived at the Tibenham Air Force Base in England on May 5, 1944. Thus would begin their bombing missions over Germany that would forever change their lives. According to McHenry, the crew bombed railroad yards, bridges, airfields, submarine pens, transformer stations, oil refineries and manufacturing plants. He said, "Our biggest worry during the 31 missions we flew was flak from the anti-aircraft guns when flying over the European continent." He explained, "Flak is a small piece of jagged steel from exploding projectiles fired from anti-aircraft guns. During one mission, a piece of flak ruptured a hydraulic line.

When we got back to the base, we didn't have any brakes to stop us. We tied parachutes to the gun mounts and after the pilot flew onto the landing strip and cut the engines, we opened the parachutes to stop the aircraft."

He said, "On one mission we had 17 holes in the aircraft, some two to three inches in diameter. One of our crew members was hit in the temple and lost a lot of blood, but fortunately he didn't die." On another

the English Channel; we could see smoke and fire coming from the guns on ships in the channel; we could see the landing crafts loaded with men and equipment heading for the beach. But, we dropped our bombs and got out of there."

On the crew's last



mission that they would fly together, they were supposed to bomb a chemical plant in Lugue-shaven, Germany; however, two of the plane's four engines failed and had to be shut down. The plane rapidly lost altitude at a rate of 300 feet per minute. They dropped their bombs in the English Channel and headed back to base. Even after dropping the bombs, the plane continued to lose altitude. The pilot asked seven of the ten-man crew to bail out.

you and your service." She turned again to the crowd and said, "Please give these people, the real heroes the respect they deserve."

The ceremony ended with a "Salute to the Armed Forces" presented by Miami County Horsemen and the Troy High School Band. The Honor Guard gave the veterans a 21-gun salute followed by Taps. There were very few dry eyes in the crowd.



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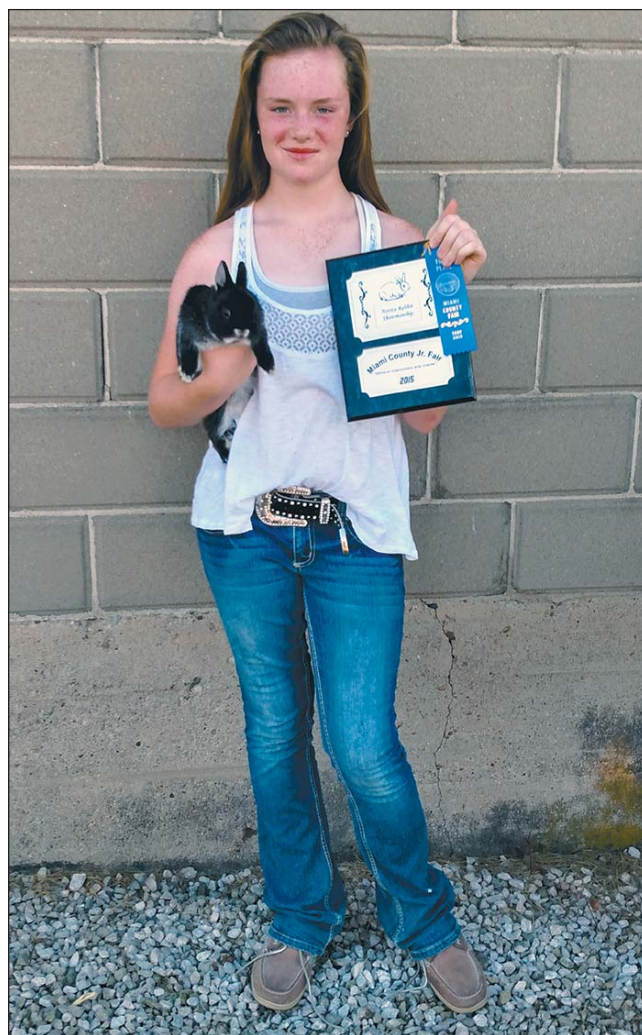
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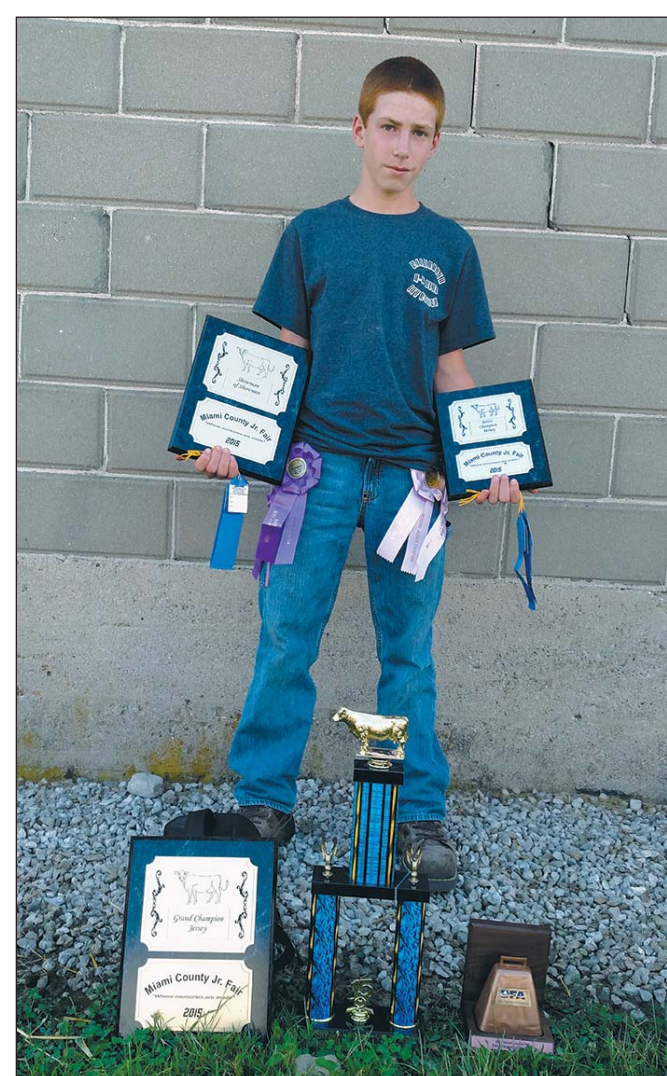
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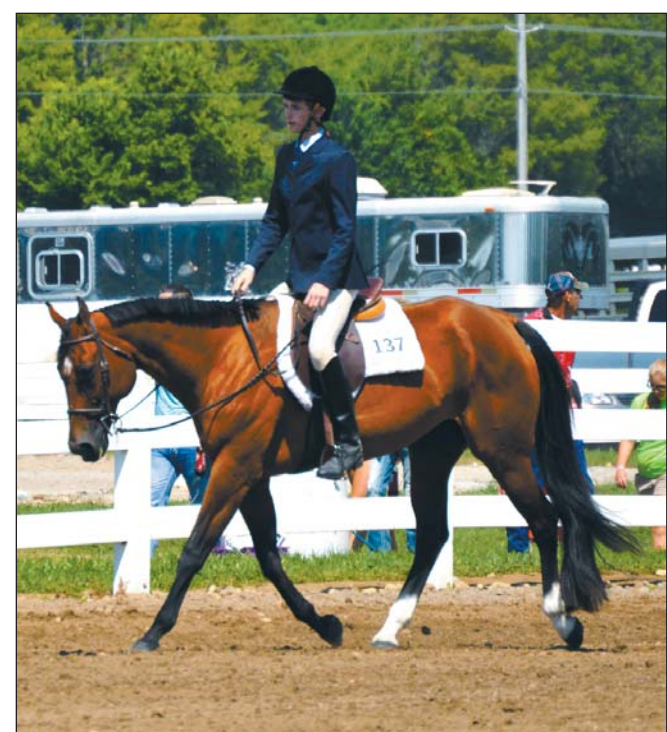
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# Randy Houser Sets His Sights on Troy

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that "the big-voiced and big-hearted Houser is always a treat, but he pulled off one of the most intimate moments seen at the stadium level" and praised him for "reminding everyone in attendance that all you need is a good song and a heartfelt performance to create a powerful and enduring musical moment."

Fans can expect a little bit of everything

on the We Went Tour, as Houser draws from a deep catalogue of songs, from fan favorites like "Boots On" and "Whistlin' Dixie" to smash hits such as "How Country Feels," "Runnin' Outta Moonlight" and "Like A Cowboy." He will also perform new music from his forthcoming Stoney Creek Records album, including his current single, "We Went." With skilled guitar-slinger Frankie

Ballard -- who has two No. 1 hits of his own with "Helluva Life" and "Sunshine & Whiskey" and a Top 5-and-climbing single on the charts with "Young & Crazy" -- and the energetic Craig Campbell ("Outta My Head," "Keep Them Kisses Comin'") rounding out the bill, the We Went Tour will launch in full force in mid-November.



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