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Residents Meet Candidates, Issues

By Nancy Bowman

Voters had the chance Oct. 15 to learn more about the race for Troy City Council's 2nd Ward as well as the city firefighters referendum and requests for renewal levies for the Troy Hayner Cultural Center, Miami County Developmental Disabilities/Riverside and county bridges.

The information was shared during the Meet The Candidate event sponsored by the Leadership Troy Alumni.

Forum participants made opening and closing statements and were asked questions submitted by audience members and from a panel of question-

Council 2nd Ward In the race for City

Council's 2nd Ward seat Republican incumbent Doug Tremblay faces a challenge from Democrat Cynthia Schaefer. Both are Troy High School gradu-

Tremblay said he considers his council service an extension of volunteer-

A retired pharmacist, he has been on council for four years. "My vision for Troy now and the future is a vibrant city with great quality of life at a reasonfirefighters/first responders and her mission is to serve, listen and advocate transparency.

"I want to be elected to Troy's future and all the good work I can do," Schaefer said.



Cynthia Schaefer (Left) and Doug Tremblay

able cost to its citizens. This vision is possible by maintaining a balanced budget while expanding the economic base," he said.

Schaefer is making her first bid for elected office. "I believe that citizen concerns have fell on deaf ears and have not been taken seriously," she said. She said she supports full time

Firefighters referendum

Troy voters will decide a referendum of a city council ordinance that would open the door to the hiring of part-time firefighter/EMT/paramedics. The ballot issue asks, "shall Ordinance O-19-2014 as adopted by the council be approved?" A "yes" vote would support

council's vote, while a "no" vote would be against council's decision.

Tom Funderburg, assistant city service and safety director, said the intent is to take an asset and make the services offered stronger. "This will provide more flexibility and operational coverage while positioning us for continued growth and development," he said. "We need to be proactive with the services provided. We are thinking ahead."

The cost of adding two part timers per shift would be one-third the amount of adding two full timers each shift, Funderburg said.

Bill Sheafer, a retired Troy firefighter, said the proposal is a misguided cost saving measure. "I am not opposed to trying to save costs but the big question is what are you going to give up to try and save?" he said. "One of the downfalls of hiring part timers is they don't stay at one place a very long time

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Fire Dept. Unveils **New Truck**

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The City of Troy and the Troy Fire Department experienced a grand tradition on Sunday, October 18th with the dedication of a new fire truck. The celebration was accompanied by an open house at Station 1

brief and began at 4:00 PM. Platoon Commander Eric Krites was the commander on duty Sunday afternoon. He shared with the gathered crowd the tradition of washing the wheels and pushing the new truck into the fire station by hand.

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Back in the early days of firefighting, the only



Pushing the new truck into the fire station

where the community and local government officials came out to show their support.

The ceremony was

tool the department had was a wagon full of water, pulled by a team of horses

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Two Announce Parks Grow, Bid for Sheriff

By Nancy Bowman

Two long-time area law enforcement officers said late last week they intend to run for Miami County sheriff as Republican candidates in the March primary election.

Sheriff Charles Cox earlier said he would not seen re-election when his term expires at the end of

Recently retired Troy Police Capt. Chris Anderson announced his candidacy Oct. 15, while former sheriff's deputy Steve Cooper said Oct. 16 he, too, is preparing to

No petitions of candidates had been filed as of Friday at the county Board of Elections. The filing deadline is in December.

Anderson, 52, of Monroe Twp. served 31 years with the Troy Police Department. In his announcement, Anderson said he congratulated Cox for his service.

"I know he has had health problems over the past few years and I wish him well during his recovery," Anderson said. "Unfortunately, during the sheriff's fight for his health, his command team has proven to worry more about playing politics and not enough on the department's morale,

development or your safety.

Anderson said he would change the department's "negative culture and bring new energy, ideas and professionalism to the department.

Cox responded to Anderson's remarks by saying he was "disappointed in the statements made regarding his assessment as to the state of affairs" in the sheriff's office. "Anderson's negative misrepresentations of my staff are untrue and he is obviously misinformed. I have been in complete command and control of my office during my recovery from my broken hip," Cox said. "As your sheriff, my office has provided excellent service to this community for 27 vears."

Anderson replied, "I stand behind everything that is in my press release and I believe that my assessment of the Sheriffs Office is exactly as anyone else from outside the organization would see it. The sheriff's response to my press release is typical of the political rhetoric that I am going to see is eliminated from the office.

Steve Cooper, 64, of Tipp City served 34 years with the sheriff's depart-

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Staffing Doesn't

By Nancy Bowman

While the city of Troy plans for the extension of Paul G. Duke Park, it has no plans at this point to increase staffing in the

city park department. Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said a staffing analysis has not been done for the impact of the additional 118 acres of the Huelskamp Farm on park department employee



Patrick Titterington

"The land purchase was a unique opportunity so we wanted to get it while we could," he said. "There are so many questions related to exactly how the property will be laid out, which organization will use /control/ operate/contribute to maintenance and capital that we don't know what

the park department's responsibilities will be at

this point." The land to the north of the existing park was purchased in August for \$1.5 million. Consultants now are working on concept plans for developing the property primarily for athletic fields and the city is working to annex

the land. Among discussed uses for the property have been Troy Junior Baseball fields and a Miracle League field for the disabled. In addition, the county park district plans to seek a grant to buy some of the land along the Great Miami River for conversion to conservation for water and land

protection. The parks department employs seven people full time and has \$46,200 budgeted for temporary employees in 2015. That compares to seven full-time employees in 2011 and \$35,000 for temporary employment services, according to numbers provided by Titterington. The increase in the temporary help costs would be attributed to inflation versus an increase in hours for workers, he

What will happen with future staffing depends

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No Quick Fix for County's Heroin Problem



By Kathy Voytko

Miami County has been facing full jail cells and a revolving door in the court system as the law enforcement and judicial branches of government try to find solutions to the ever increasing use

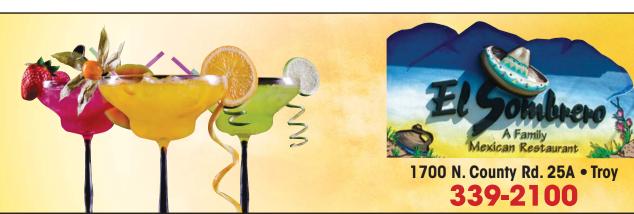
of heroin. Recently I sat down with Chief Deputy Dave Duchak, Jail Administrator David Norman and Detective Major Steve Lord to discuss the situation they are dealing with. One of the biggest problems they face is the short ride down I-75 to Dayton where the Mexican drug trafficking organizations are sending their drug mules. The courier typically has ingested wrapped pellets containing heroin with strict instructions on how to deliver the drug without damaging the capsules or being caught by TSA agents at the airport.

Heroin has become the drug of choice for addicts. Cocaine once ruled the drug user's world, but in the early 2000's heroin became the street drug of choice. **Detective Lord confirmed** that back in 1997 local law enforcement officers were dealing with cocaine and marijuana users. Meth never made its way to Miami County, heroin use

took over instead. The struggle to deal with user arrests has kept the courts across Ohio and the country busy. The real answer would be to cut off the source; however there is big money behind the transport of the drugs and enforcement can be difficult.

Miami County covers 404 square miles and the road patrol is just 29 deputies. Forming partnerships with Montgomery, Darke and Shelby Coun-

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Friday, October 9

6:37 p.m. - To Windmere Dr. A woman reported that she was victim of an e-mail and checking account transfer fraud. She said she was scammed out

7:08 p.m. – To E. Rt. 41 for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a former tenant who had been evicted has been sending threating texts. She said that she received texts from him stating that she was stupid and talking about her children. She said he called her today while she was in Dayton threatening her with bodily harm. She asked that the deputy call the tenant and advise him to refrain from contacting her. The tenant was contacted and told if he called or texted the couple, he may face criminal charges. He was also trespassed from the property.

Saturday, October 10

8:39 p.m. - To Horseshoe Bend Rd. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman reported that she was involved in a verbal dispute with her husband over his alcohol consumption. He had left the scene before deputies arrived. Their son stated that he saw his father throw something and a broom hit his mother in the head. The husband said that he was throwing items in the vicinity of his wife but did not intend to hit her. No one wished to pursue charges.

Sunday, October 11

12:51 a.m. – Two vehicles passed a deputy on Troy-Urbana Rd. at a high rate of speed. They were clocked at 80 MPH. A traffic stop was initiated near Saratoga Dr. Two citations were issued one for reckless operation and speed and one for speed.

4:09 p.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A. A man reported that a woman was trespassing on his property. No further details were given.

Monday, October 12

1:40 p.m. – Traffic stop on Dye Mill Rd. The driver was found to be under a non-compliance suspension. She said that she had just changed her insurance and that it was paid up. She was cited for driving under suspension and was advised to take all paperwork from her insurance company to court

4:49 p.m. - To the 2000 block of E.

St. Rt. 55 for a report of an accident. A driver turning left into a driveway was rear-ended by another driver. The following driver was cited for assured clear distance.

5:13 p.m. – To 4th St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A man reported that his son and his cousin got into a verbal argument over a pair of shorts, but both had left separately before the deputy arrived. He said that there was nothing physical and no threats were made. He said he wanted them to leave because of his medical condition. The deputy was unable to locate either subject.

Tuesday, October 13

3:46 p.m. - Traffic stop on I-75 south at the 76 mile marker. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and expired registration.

3:57 p.m. - Traffic stop on County Rd. 25A near Eldean Rd. The tags on the vehicle and his driver's license were both expired. He was so cited and, since he could not find a ride, he was transported to his home and the vehicle was left at the scene.

11:48 p.m. – To Dogwood Dr. A woman reported that someone had been in her apartment. She did not find anything missing but several items were not in their proper place. There was no forced entry but a back window was found to be unlocked. She asked that the incident be documented.

Wednesday, October 14

4:16 p.m. – To S. County Rd. 25A for a neighbor dispute. After talking with all parties involved, one individual was warned for trespassing.

Saturday, October 17

2:52 a.m. – Traffic stop on 25A at Eldean Rd for a moving violation. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

3:33 p.m. - To Troy-Sidney Rd. A visitor made threats to blow up or harm employees of the business. The RP requested a report and the suspect has been trespassed from the premises.

Sunday, October 18

10:18 p.m. - To Upper Valley Medical Center for a sexual assault complaint. Investigation showed that the address is in another jurisdiction.

Sheriff's Office Warns of Phone Scams

Calls are mostly coming from #323-284-5627. They are claiming to be with the Federal Agencies, including I.R.S. and United States Treasury Department. The caller gives the name of Steve Martin and states that there is a judgement

against the person they are calling. The caller reports that it is their 2nd warning and if action isn't taken, the person will be arrested. These type of calls are scams. If you receive any calls of this nature, do not give any of your personal

numbers, or banking account numbers out over the telephone. If you feel you have been a victim of a scam, you are encouraged to contact your local law enforcement agency.

information, credit card



Mumford Tour Logos will come down

The Troy Gentlemen of the Road logos placed on the east side of the Masonic Temple Building downtown will be coming down, the Troy Planning Board was told Oct. 14.

The logos for the 2013 tour stop in Troy by Mumford and Sons were placed on the blank walls of the building at Main and Cherry streets thanks to a grant the city received from The Troy Foundation.

The goal was to dress up the building visible from the Public Square where thousands turned out Labor Day Weekend 2013 for the music event. Special permission was obtained from the board for the placement because the building lies in the historic district.

Planning Board Chairman Alan Kappers asked about the future of the logos at the end of the board meeting. Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said estimates are in hand for removing them. "We are waiting for the right time," he said.

In other business, the Planning Board:

Approved a request for painting of the building at 210 E. Main St. in the historic district.

 Was told of an application to decorate the exterior of the Mayflower Theater building as part of the downtown holiday activities.

Bigger smokehouse coming for Slim Jims

ConAgra Foods began construction last week on a \$13 million addition to the smokehouse at its Dye Mill Road

The project calls for a building of around 10,000 square feet, said Rob England, Miami County's chief building official. He said the first foundation footer was poured for the project Oct.

England said the company would use the additional space primarily for its Slim Jim snack food.

The project will include the smokehouse and related production equipment for that Slim Jim line, said Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director.

"Anticipated job growth was not given and is not estimated to be great. Rather, this is an expansion of their production capacity," Titterington

The company listed more than 700 employees in reports filed with the city at the end of 2014.

"They are helping the community for sure," England said.

Board hears restroom policy con-

The Troy schools Board of Education again heard concerns at its Oct. 12 meeting about the district's policy allowing transgender students to use the restroom of their gender identity.

The policy, which board President Doug Trostle said has been on the books since the early 2000s, stirred

controversy when parents were notified of its use shortly after school started this fall. The policy became an issue when a junior high student and parents approached school officials about a transgender student's request to use the boy's restroom. David Thomasson of the Troy

Baptist Temple told the board he had several concerns including the district invading other students' privacy. Brad Klepacz, an assistant football coach, challenged legal reasons stated by administrators for the policy and said the policy made him as a supplemental employee uncomfortable. District resident Doug Hill said he was "greatly troubled" by the decision. "Where does it end?" he asked.

Board President Doug Trostle said the safety of all students is paramount. He added that changes to enhance restroom privacy are being considered for the junior high and possibly other district buildings. Any student concerned about using the school restrooms can use single-use facilities available in each building, Trostle

In other business Oct. 12, the board approved the advertising for bids through the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council for two new school buses.

The board also approved a proclamation observing American Education Week Nov. 8-14.

Man sentenced for multiple thefts

A Troy man convicted in a series of breakins and theft east of Troy in January was sentenced Monday, Oct. 19, to four years in prison. Zachary



Lucas, 33, was sentenced in Miami County Common Pleas Court by Judge

Lucas was indicted on 19 felony and misdemeanor charges in the breakins of vehicles, sheds and other buildings. Sheriffs deputies said a photo of Lucas was taken from a camera at one of the properties.

He later pleaded guilty to felony charges of burglary; breaking and entering, two counts; and theft, eight along with misdemeanors of criminal trespass, seven charges, and criminal damaging. In separate cases he pleaded guilty to felony drug related charges involving heroin and cocaine.

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Road Closings

· SR 48 between High Street and Stillacres Drive, 24 HOUR BRIDGE CLOSURE September 28th - October 27th. The official detour is:SR 48 to SR 571 to SR 55 to SR 48.

SR 41 between SR 201 and Hufford Road, 24 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE June 8th through October 30th. 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

Eldean Road between CR 25A(Troy) and Lytle Road, 24 HOUR ROAD **CLOSURE June 8th**

through November 2nd. The official detour will be

posted. 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 CLO-SURE May 6th through December 1st. The official detour is: I-75 south to SR 41 to I-75 north to CR 25A

Area Property Transfers

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New Organization | Miracle League **Makes Giving Back** Easier

Thanks to a new group of caring citizens, giving back to Miami County nonprofits is about to get a little easier. Beginning November 12, 2015, Give Where You Live will begin a quarterly selection of a local 501(c) (3) nonprofit to receive up to \$10,000 to use to help with special projects and ongoing community



The mission of Give Where You Live is to enable a group of caring citizens who have the desire to support charitable organizations benefitting Miami County. Their vision is to encourage a culture of philanthropy and generosity by providing an easier process for residents to give back locally. The organization will meet for one hour,

four times a year. Members may propose specific charities to be considered and a maximum of three will be presented during the meeting. One of the three will be selected to receive the donations collected on-site. Giving back really doesn't get much easier. The goal is to have 100 members, each donating \$100 per meeting. Imagine what an impact \$10,000 might make to a local agency and the good it will do in Miami County. Give Where You Live

welcomes new members throughout the year. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for November 12, 2015, February 11, May 12, August 11 and November 10, 2016. Meetings will be 7-8 PM at the Zion Lutheran Church, 14 West Walnut Street, Tipp City, Ohio. For more information or to sign up as a member, visit their Web site at www.givewhereyoulive. wix.com/miamicounty or e-mail questions to givewhereyoulive.mc@ gmail.com.

Meet Candidates

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fied ... they do not come fully trained."

Troy Hayner Cultural Center levy The o.85-mill, five-

year levy for the Troy Hayner Cultural Center is a renewal, meaning there will be no tax increase. The levy helps pay for operations, programming and maintenance of the cultural center in the Hayner Mansion, which was gifted to the community through the Troy City Schools by Mary Jane Hayner in 1942.

"It's your house. Please vote (to approve) Issue 11 and continue to keep the Hayner Cultural Center as an integral part of the Troy community," said Linda Lee Jolly, Hayner's executive airector. Sne reminded voters that the levy will appear on the ballot as one for the Troy schools but is for the support of Hayner.

Countywide levies Miami County Devel-

opmental Disabilities, or Riverside, has been providing services to people of all ages with developmental disabilities since the 1950s.

Brian Green, River-

side superintendent, said around 900 people now are being served through local programs, agencies and independent providers. The 2.5-mill, five-year levy is a renewal, meaning there will be no new taxes. This levy makes up around 40 percent of Riverside's income, along with a 1.7-mill continuing levy (20 percent of income) and Medicaid (40 percent),

Voters have approved the Miami County Bridge Levy since the early 1950s. Paul Huelskamp, county engineer, said the 0.45-mill, five-year on the November ballot is a renewal, also meaning no new taxes.

The levy money is used to design, build and maintain the county's bridge system. It also is used as matching dollars for grants the county seeks and receives from the federal government for bridge projects. The county's share often is a small percentage of the project cost. "I am proud to say our bridge system is one of the best maintained in the state of Ohio, due to the generosity/stewardship of the people of Miami County," Huelskamp said.

Who is spending what? The event's final question, as always, was how much is being spent on each campaign:

Troy-Hayner: Jolly said \$16,000 in donated funds.

Troy firefighters referendum, firefighters: Sheafer said \$2,000

Troy firefighters referendum, city: Funderburg said \$0

Miami County Developmental Disabilities/Riverside: Green said fundraisers are held to generate campaign dollars: \$4,122

Miami County Bridge Levy: Huelskamp said \$1,500 in donations

City Council, 2nd Ward: Schaefer said \$250; Tremblay said \$160 for yard signs plus \$50-\$100 for door hangers.

Trafalgar referendum

Information also was provided by moderator Tom Dunn on the Trafalgar referendum, which will appear on the ballot in unincorporated Concord Township.

The referendum challenges the Miami County commissioners' vote to rezone 50 acres off Monroe Concord Road from agricultural to single-family residential.

A "yes" vote supports the commission decision while a "no" vote is against that decision. The referendum has appeared on the ballot 18 times since 1995.

Looking Forward to Duke Park

Home

Those behind the nonprofit Miracle League of the Miami Valley want to build a Miracle League baseball field for children and adults with disabilities for a simple reason: to give everyone the opportunity to experience the joy, benefits and complete family experience that come with baseball. Steps, including initial

fund raising, are being taken to create a Miracle League field as part of the expansion of Troy's Paul G. Duke Park. Among those working

on the project are local

board members Bobby

Phillips, Penny Hoekstra and Melissa Nichols. The Miracle League field would include a ball field with rubberized surface accessible to people with mobility challenges

along with a handicapped

accessible playground for

use by the Miracle League

players, siblings and

others.

While other sites were explored in the some 18 months since the Miracle League of the Miami Valley began exploring possibilities, they did not offer the possibility for ball field/playground in the same area as other baseball fields. Concept plans for the Duke Park expansion include fields for activities including the Troy Junior Baseball program.

"Our mission is to make sure this field is in a park with other fields. We want these kids to go and watch their siblings play ball. We want them to go to these fields and play ball themselves,"

By Nancy Bowman

said Hoekstra, board secretary.

The Miracle League of the Miami Valley field would be for those living in Miami County and beyond. The local organization is part of the National Miracle League group, both nonprofits. The closest Miracle League fields now are in Dublin and Springboro. Nichols, who works at

Disabilities, said there is a need for the project. "It is not only for people served by Riverside but for people with disabilities of all ages. There are a lot of other uses for the field as well," she said. Phillips said hopes

Riverside Developmental

are to have competition between other Miracle League organizations, if there is enough interest.

The community involvement in the Miracle League field would be long term with several volunteer opportunities available, Hoekstra said. A game is two innings with each child accompanied by a buddy who helps them take the field, go around the bases and

In addition to Phillips, Nichols and Hoekstra, the Miracle League board includes Wade Westfall, John Frigge, Health Murray, Logan Francis and Jeremy Drake.

The Miracle League of the Miami Valley can be contacted via Facebook at www.facebook.com/miracleleagueofthemiamivalley. National Miracle League information is available at http://www. miracleleague.com/.

Two Vie for Sheriff

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ment before leaving in sion to seek the position. He had been an interim, part-time deputy the past

Cooper said being sheriff is something he has wanted to do for a number of years, adding that several people have encouraged him to run for sheriff for several years. He said his petitions have been circulated, but not yet filed.

'The time is right,' Cooper said. "I want to try to add stability, honesty and integrity back to that office."

Cooper began his career in law enforcement in 1975 with the Butler Twp. Police Department. He was hired by the Miami County sheriff's office in 1981 and was promoted over the years with the lieutenant rank

achieved. Cooper said he was the department's first officer to go to a field training officer school and was in charge of training new deputies. He also attended many other schools for driving instruction and teaches at Sinclair Community College in basic firearms and driving. While at the department he filled several roles including as jail administrator and has served as a Corrections Academy instructor.

He also was the state/ county coordinator for the police and fire games and involved, among others, in the county fair bicycle giveaway project and the department's winter coat project each year.

"I have always come through for the sheriff's office and have always enjoyed helping the people of Miami County," Cooper said.

Anderson is a Troy native and joined the Troy Police Department in 1984. He served as a field training officer, evidence technician and Emergency Response Team member. He retired at the rank of captain.

Anderson attended the Northwestern University Traffic Institute's Staff and Command School and the Police Executive Leadership College. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy. He helped start the Be a Better Biker Camp and helped start and organize the Troy Classic bicycle race. He is an Ohio High School Athletic Association official and works on a crew officiating varsity football games.

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Hobart Institute Hires New Instructor

Joining the staff at Hobart Institute of Welding Technology is Lou Smith. Lou will be teaching the skill of welding to students in the Structural Welding Program and in the Combination Structural and Pipe Welding Program.



tute with nine (9) years of welding experience. He is a 2003 graduate of

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology and will be sharing his education and experience with the students. Lou also served in the United States Navy for 3 years.

"I'm really looking forward to passing on my knowledge and experience on to the next generation of welders," says Lou.

Ron Scott, HIWT Vice President and General Manager, says, "Lou will be a great addition to our staff. He is certainly willing to share his experience and knowledge of welding with others.'

Lou recently relocated from Prattville, Alabama to Piqua, Ohio with his wife. In his free time he enjoys fishing, hunting and cheer on Alabama's Crimson Tide.

New Fire Truck

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to the site of an emergency. After a fire, the wheels would be dried out. They had to unhitch the horses, wet the wheels, and push the wagon into the station by hand. Although the new truck is certainly not the crude device firemen used in the 1800's, the tradition honors a legacy. Officer Gary Simmons,

brother of Chief Matthew Simmons, is the chaplain of the Troy Fire Department and offered a prayer of blessing and protection over the new truck and the men and women it will carry. Following the prayer, sixteen firemen pushed the truck into the station together.



Eric Krites explains the Fire Department Tradition

Commander Krites was part of the four-man team that researched the new engine alongside Josh Havenar, Jeff Krey and Gary Stanley. "This is a piece of history for us." Krites said. "It's exciting to have a tool so perfectly set up to be an all hazards engine." Prior to this month, the Troy Fire Department has not replaced a truck in 22 years.

Loaded with features, Troy's newest engine

underwent two months of research before the city approved the expenditure and the department made its purchase. While a standard fire truck has on 250-350 cubits of storage, Troy's new truck has 700 cubits of storage and carries 1,000 gallons of water. Each side of the truck is devoted to the Fire Departments twopronged mission: hazard management and rescue. The driver's side houses tools, nozzles, saws, etc. for fire emergencies and the passenger's side has a full-capacity EMS station

for rescues. "This truck has everything we need," Fire Chief Simmons said. "With this, we have enough to stabilize whatever the call is... whether it's some sort of trench rescue or water rescue, of course fire events as well."

Although the engine will be a helpful tool, Simmons and Krites agree that the biggest asset to their department is their membership and community. "The truck is great but I can't say enough about the team that drives it," Krites said. "It's like a big family here; when the tone drops and the call comes in, they

answer." The family mentality Krites described was illustrated by the entire force holding off the beginning of the engine dedication ceremony for one of its members, Brett Harshbarger, to arrive after a trip to the hospital that day. According to Krites, "We're building on a lot of tradition and we've built a lot of history with each other at the Troy Fire Department. We want the community to benefit from both."

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Obituaries

Diane Annette (Glenn) Ingle

Ronnie Chaney, 66, loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and grandfather, died Friday October 16, 2015.

Ronnie C. Chaney

Ronnie was born in Troy, OH in 1949 to Donald and Lillian (Nadine) Chaney. He was preceded in death by his father and oldest brother, Donald (Gene). He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane; his children Michael (Liz) Chaney of Tipp City and Kim (Gregg) Jennings of Watertown, TN.; his

mother, Nadine, of Tipp

City; his brother Lonnie of Tipp City and brother, Tim (Richelle), of Springfield; his grandchildren, Samantha, Lauren, Adam, Abby and Chloe; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins in-laws and friends.

Ronnie was employed by the Hobart Corporation in Troy for many years as well as A1 Sprinkler.

Recently retired, you could find him working in the yard, riding his Harley, playing golf and teaching himself to play the mandolin.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Oct 21, 2015 from 5p-8p. at Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home, 327 W. Main St, Tipp City. Services will be held Thursday, Oct 22, 2015 at 2p at Tipp City United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Ronnie's name to a charity of choice.

William Fuller Clift

William Fuller Clift, age 83, of Trotwood, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. He was born on August 23, 1932 in Cameron, MO to the late Vernor and Nina (McBrayer) Clift. His wife of 56 years, Verna (Campbell) Clift, survives.



vived by three children: Robyn (David) Etz of China, MI, William Todd (Patti) Clift of Brownsburg, IN and Jason (Diane) Clift of Grand Blanc, MI; one sister: Velma Helton of Beavercreek, OH; and seven grandchildren: Daniel (Amy) Etz, Kelly

Etz, Cameron Clift, Abigail Clift, Joshua Clift, Hannah Clift and Caleb Clift. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers Marvin Clift and Larry Clift; and two nephews: Larry Clift, Jr. and Billy Clift.

William held a Master's Degree from Miami University and was a teacher with the Dayton schools before retiring after 27 years of service. He attended Troy Christian Church in Troy, OH.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Troy Christian Church in Troy with Pastor Mark Messmore and Pastor Chris Heiss co-officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Beavercreek, OH. Arrangements are being handled by Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Troy Christian Church, 1440 E. St. Rt. 55, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Gloria Carol Comstock

Gloria Carol Comstock, age 83, passed away on August 20, 2015 at Hyde Park Health Center in Cincinnati, OH. She was born on December 6, 1931 in Craig, CO to the late George Miller and Yoleta (Jones) Payton. Her husband, Paul E. Comstock, preceded her in death on May 21, 2014.



Gloria is survived by three children and their spouses: Joni and Tim Allison of New Palestine, IN, Cheryl and Paul Gibboney of Troy, OH and Michael P. and Liz Comstock of Cincinnati, OH; one brother: Ted (Lee) Payton of Newark, CA; six grandchildren: Courtney Allison, A J Gibboney, Patrick Gibboney, Kendra (Mike) Meyer, Frannie Comstock and Clark Comstock and one great

granddaughter: Noelle

Meyer. In addition to

her parents and hus-

band, she was preceded in death by two brothers; George and Robert

Payton. Gloria received her nursing degree from the University of Southern California, with a focus on Pediatric care. Her commitment to the care and comfort of others continued when she moved to Ohio with her husband - including volunteer work for The **United Church of Christ** of West Milton (where she was a member for over 40 years), The West Milton Lions Club, and other community organizations and children's literacy efforts.

Her kindness, compassion and laughter will be missed by all who knew her.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00PM on October 24, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home. Friends may call from 2:30-3:00PM, before the Memorial Service. A reception with refreshments will be held following the service.

Because Gloria loved to read, her family and friends are encouraged to send in or bring to the service their favorite children's book (K – 6th grades) to be donated to area Little Free Libraries, and/or make a memorial contribution in Gloria Comstock's name at http://www.

littlefreelibrary.org

Diane Annette (Glenn) Ingle, age 49, of Piqua, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She was born on December 19, 1965 in Phoenixville, PA to Martin Glenn of Piqua and Adelheid Market. Her husband, Mark Ingle, also survives.



Diane is also survived by her children: Deanna (Brian) Knisley, Mark (Victoria) Ingle, Jr., William Ingle and Tyler

Ingle; sister-in-law: Debra (Kenneth) Blankenship; and grandchildren: Don Knisley, Jesse Knisley, Adena Ingle, Hannah Ingle, Mark Aiden Ingle and Kensley Ingle. She was preceded in death by her grandmother: Lucille Glenn; and her mother-inlaw: Donna Ingle. Diane was a 1985 grad-

uate of Troy High School. She loved reading, computers and spoiling her grandchildren. Diane was a delivery carrier for Dayton Daily News. Memorial service was

at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Baird Funeral Home to help defray the expenses. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome. com.

Mary Elizabeth (Hart) Mott

Mary Elizabeth (Hart) Mott peacefully passed into eternal life with Jesus her savior on October 16th, 2015. Mary was born to the late Samuel and Carrie Elizabeth (Lugg) Hart in Springfield, Ohio, the oldest of nine children. She married Ray Francis Mott on October 26,1940. They moved to Jackson Township where Mary was a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed sewing and being a Cub Scout Leader, 4-H advisor. She and Ray were very proud of their garden and provided family and friends with many wonderful meals and canned goods from



their harvests. Mary went to work at Grimes Manufacturing after her children were married and retired in 1983. After her retirement Mary and Ray enjoyed travelling and socializing with their family, friends and playing Bridge. Mary also enjoyed quilting and made over 25 beautiful quilts after she retired which she often gave away for weddings or special occasions. Mary was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church where she made many friends. She was very fond of her friends and caregivers at Sterling House/ Brookdale Senior living of Troy, where she lived for the past 4 years.

Mary is survived by sisters Dorothy Beatty and Nancy Strader. Her children Rev. Wayne R. (Gloria Leapley) Mott of Clyde, Ohio and Cinda (Bob) Bright of Troy, Ohio; Grandchildren, Sheri (John) Timmers, Wayne R. (Kathy) Mott, Bill R. (Lisa) Bright, and Brad H. (Louise) Mott; 12 Great Grandchildren: Josh Camden, Bree Leach, Matt Kiser, Scout Mott, John R. and Kathrine ElizabethTimmers, Ashley Wiggall, Andrew Wiggall, Emily Bright, Bradley, Brian, and Benjamin Mott, and one Great Great Grandson, Bohen Leach, as well as many much loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents Mary was preceded in death by sisters Bertha Hart, Edna Moore, Thelma Giles, Gee Gee Gracy; and brothers Samuel and Roger Hart.

Mary's love for God permeated everything she did and she read her Bible every day. She was generous with her love and resources and always remembered those in her life on special occasions. Her family will miss her dearly but rejoices that they will see her again when they join her in

heaven. Services were held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. **Burial followed in Honey** Creek Cemetery in Chris-

tiansburg. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Baptist Church, 9903 W National Rd, New Carlisle, OH 45344. Condolences may be express to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.

Donna Louise (Baker) Hill

Donna Louise (Baker) Hill, age 82 of Springboro, Ohio, formerly of Clayton, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Hospice of Dayton. She was born in Clark County, Ohio on October 22, 1932 to the late Willard and Goldie (Young) Baker. She was valedictorian of the 1950 graduating class of North Hampton High School. She graduated from Miami University in 1954 with a degree in education. She retired from the Dayton Public Schools after 30 years of service as a first-grade teacher. One of her greatest joys was teaching voung children how to read. She was a 38-year member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization of women educators, where she held many local and state offices. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Teri and Brad Smith of Springboro, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Sara Hill. Grandchildren: Alan's daughter-Breann and her husband Jason Zickafoose of San Antonio, Texas, Teri's sons- Spencer and Tyler Smith, Ron's

daughters- Emily, Madelyn, and Rachel Hill. Great Grandchildren: Lucy and Alan Julian (AJ) Zickafoose. Brothers and sister-in-laws: Vernon and Carolyn Baker of Springfield, Karl and Jeanne Baker of St. Paris, numerous nieces and nephews and many lifelong friends. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Edward E. Hill, oldest son Alan D. Hill, brothers Richard and Lewis Baker, sister Doris Bacon. Memorial services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home (1124 West Main Street Troy). The family will receive friends on Thursday one hour prior to the service (11:00-12:00) p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Casstown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave nue, Dayton, Ohio 45420. Envelopes will be provided. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.

Roman J. Kehres

Roman J. Kehres, age 77 of Troy passed away October 16, 2015 Private memorial. Contributions may be made to charity

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

Dennis M. Ullery

Dennis M. Ullery, age 70, of Troy, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at his residence. He was born on December 9, 1944 in Troy to the late Donald and Bernice (Stambaugh) Ullery. His wife, Victoria (Burton) Ullery, survives.

Dennis is also survived by his children: Lisa Glover, Chris Ullery, Dennis Ullery, Jr., Daniel Ball and Christina Ball; sister: Cathy Williamson; brothers: Kim Ullery and Doug Ullery; fifteen grandchildren; and friends: Jess King and family. In addition to his parents. Dennis was preceded in death by one brother: Jamie Ullery.

Dennis proudly served his country as a member of the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired truck driver with MMS Trucking in

Springfield.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Jess King officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy. Military honors were presented at the cemetery by Troy VFW Memorial Honor Guard.

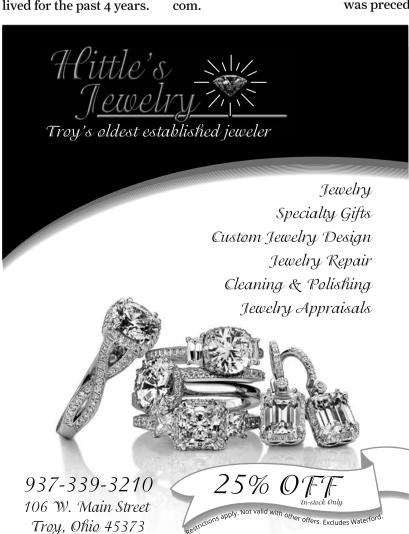
Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome. com.

Gary Eugene "Woodie" Iddings

Gary Eugene "Woodie" Iddings, 65, of Troy passed from this world on Sunday October 11, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center. He was born January 20, 1950 in Troy, Ohio and attended Troy City Schools. He retired from Spears Expediting and was a member of the Troy Eagles 971. Gary served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 and was with the 18th Airborne Corp. Gary

was preceded in death by his mother, Frieda M. Iddings and his father, Willard E. Iddings. He is survived by his children, Scheally and Simon Young of Piqua, Ohio, Stephanie and Michael Randazzo of Troy, Ohio and Ian Iddings of Seattle, Washington. Grandchildren

include Stephanie and Russell Moyer, Tausha Young, Andrew Randazzo, Alex Randazzo, and great-grandchilren Logan, Payton, and Judah Moyer. He is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law Terry and Debbie Iddings of Troy, David and Phyllis Iddings of Troy, Norman Iddings of Troy, Kimberly Anderson of Piqua, Ohio and Tina Curtis of Jacksonville, Florida. Gary also had many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. Memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, October 23, 2015 at the Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Simon Young officiating. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Visitation will be held one half hour prior to the service from (12:30-1:00 P.M.) at the funeral home. Military Honor Guard service will be held at the graveside by Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard Service of Troy. Online condolences may be left for the family at www. fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com.





Sheriff Asks for \$90,000

The Miami County Sheriff's Department will need another \$90,000 in its budget to pay Shelby County to house female prisoners through year's end, Sheriff Charles Cox told county commission-Cox notified the com-

missioners of the amount needed via letter following recent budget meetings with the commissioners. The sheriff, Chief Deputy Dave Duchak and administrative assistant Rena Gumerlock met with the commissioners again Oct. 13, this time to review the 2016 proposed

In the letter, Cox said the \$90,000 would be for housing up to 15 females a day in the neighboring county for the months of September through December.

Money was not earmarked in this year's sheriff's budget for the out of county housing as the commissioners and sheriff's administrators continue to discuss costs for opening a third pod at the county Incarceration Facility versus the out of county housing. The cost for Shelby

County prisoner housing has been around \$25,000 a month. The fee per day is \$55 per prisoner. The letter dated Oct. 9

noted that only \$11,000 was available to pay a bill received for September The commissioners

earlier asked for the amount needed for the rest of the year so money could be set aside for the housing bills. Cox also told commis-

sioners in the letter that "barring any unforeseen or emergency expenditures my budget should take care of all remaining sheriff's office expenditures through the end of 2015."

Commissioner Richard Cultice said during the Oct. 13 budget review that a separate discussion would be held on which option would be chosen for housing the increase in female prisoners. In other business last

week the commissioners heard from Chris Johnson, director of operations and facilities, about needed projects at the David L. Brown Youth Center facility located east of Troy.

The facility houses a Juvenile Court program for teen boys. Johnson outlined pro-

jected costs of a minimum \$147,500 to a maximum of \$402,500 for work ranging from repairs to the center building, which is the former county children's home, to needed barn repairs and issues with the property well. Commissioners said

those issues could be discussed with court officials during their upcoming meeting on the 2016 budget. * The commissioners

also approved the filling of a new position of fulltime county maintenance manager, which will have a pay range of \$50,000 to \$52,000. Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said the position does not increase department staffing, but will result in changes in job responsi-

City Parks

Continued from Page 1 on how the additional property is developed, used and maintained and on "future financial situations," Titterington said.

The park department today includes a superintendent and six full-time staff including a mechanic who works on equip-

The city outsources paving of the bike paths, major tree removal work and some specialty work on ball fields. However, Titterington said, "Nothing routine and ongoing is outsourced."

While the city outsources work for capital improvements or maintenance projects for city departments, the park department "probably does more of their own capital projects because they have staff who know what they are doing regarding construction, carpentry, etc.," Titterington said.

Staunton **Trustees Approve Payments**

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At their October 19, 2015 meeting, the Staunton Township Trustees approved payment for the truck that the township recently purchased. Trustees also issued

a notification to township residents that they should ensure that their mailboxes are in excellent condition. Although the trustees try to ensure that no mailbox is harmed during the snowplowing season it is often unavoidable for mailboxes that are too close to the road or not properly secured from being damaged in the process of plowing township roads. The township has completed all mowing and trimming for the summer. If additional services are needed, residents should contact the township

Deputy Sarah Farley reported that there has been little criminal activity in the township. Most of the activity has occurred in the western part of the township closer to the Troy City limits. She requested that all township residents report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.

In addition, the park district has requested that they be permitted to block off an 18-inch tile that is draining from a pond located on the SR 41 park location. However, according to the township representatives, it is illegal to stop any natural flow of water. The township will work with the park district to monitor the situation.

The township trustees unanimously endorsed the approval for the renewal of a 0.45 mill bridge levy for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of bridges in the county for five years commencing in 2016, with the first tax due in 2017.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for November 2, 2105 at the township building.

Rotarians Host Jolly

Miami County residents are very fortunate to have the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center available with all the events, programs and projects that it offers year round. Troy Rotary Club hosted Linda Lee Jolly, the center's executive director since 1990, at their October 13, 2015 meeting to hear more about the center and its upcoming renewal levy on the November 3rd

Located at 301 West Main Street in Troy, the mansion was built in 1914. It was donated to Troy City Schools by Mary Jane Hayner in the 1930s. Initially, it served as a public library for over 30 years. Once a new library building was completed, the center evolved into a cultural focal point for Troy and Miami County. Annually, over 40,000 people visit or participate in the center's programming.

Each year, eight rotat-

ing exhibits and over 60 events are offered, including concerts, performing arts events, children and family activities, antique seminars, poetry readings, workshops, speakers, and international cultural events. Over 90 civic groups hold their meetings and events there each year. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is also available for public use, such as rentals for private events, receptions and weddings. Throughout 2014, the mansion's 100th birthday was celebrated with events, programs and events. The center was also named the "2014 Institution of the Year" from the Ohio Museum

Association. The upcoming levy renewal on the November 3rd ballot is vital to allow the center to continue to provide the programs and events that are so important to the community. The ballot includes a request to combine two

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existing levies as a single renewal of the current .85 mill levy in order to keep the present level of taxes paid unchanged. That means no resident will pay more for this wonderful structure than they do currently. For more information on the center and the levy, visit www.troyhayner.org and www.voteforhayner.org. Remember, it's YOUR house. Early voting has begun in Miami County and all registered voters are encouraged to cast their ballots on, or before, November 3, 2015. For more information on early voting, visit www. electionsonthe.net/oh/ miami/images/Absentee-

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

No Quick Fix for County's Heroin Problem

Continued from Page 1 ties is one way to keep minimally ahead of the problem. The female jail popula-

tion has tripled according to Lt. David Norman in recent months. The cost of treating inmates while they are incarcerated has risen significantly for the county. When an inmate comes to the facility with drugs in their system, they begin the process of detoxing. Norman described the coming down off of a heroin high as very painful such as a very bad case of the flu with joint pain. They must keep the inmates hydrated because of the intestinal consequences of not being high. The officers noted that 70% of the inmates in Miami County are chemically dependent.

brain on drugs" showing a fried egg has not seen a similar campaign launched to educate the young people of today in nearly three decades. The Miami County

Sheriff is partnering with

Health Board to try to de-

velop a new program that

the court system and

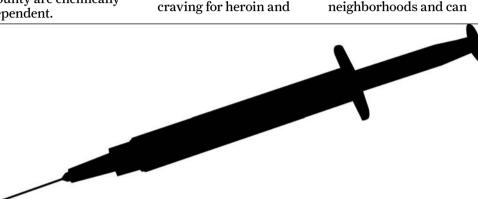
the Tri-County Mental

would help inmates who are released and truly wish to change their habits and find a clean life. The program being proposed would allow drug users to begin working toward sobriety at the time when they are most at risk which is when they walk out of the prison doors. Former users would need to commit to a long term treatment plan that includes medi-

cation to help reduce the

from a family of some stature in the community but had chosen the wrong path to heroin instead of the family business. He had achieved the status of a trustee at the facility and told us repeatedly how he was looking forward to being considered for the Vivitrol program. News is spreading fast about the potential for change, but it is unclear how many inmates will truly pass the screening process. As we discussed how

the community could help with the heroin problem being faced in Miami County the officers stated that they wanted to "partner with the community". "There are so many more eyes" they said and explained that residents know their neighborhoods and can



Some of the statistics shared by Duchak were eye opening. The young women who enter the jail are sometimes pregnant and using drugs. The county must not only take care of their medical needs, but also their pre-natal treatment and the unborn child who is receiving the same illegal drug from their mother. Two inmates gave birth in the month of September while serving time with the average being 8-10 babies born per year.

The county sees its share of overdose calls. To date the number is around 50 users within the county. One of the biggest problems being faced in Ohio is the closure of mental health institutions. This puts the burden back on the local taxpayers as numbers of inmates increase and funding for therapy does not exist.

Jail overcrowding is a problem as well. The maximum security jail in downtown Troy holds 48 inmates. The 25A facility will hold 120. The county has had to send 15 females to Shelby County due to the overcrowding prob-

Chief Duchak believes that the decline in the close knit family is contributing to the problem of drug use. He noted that many young people are looking for instant gratification and use the term "it's not my fault" quite freely.

Another problem law enforcement agencies are finding is that there is no federal program to educate citizens about the dangers of heroin and other drug use. The presidential candidates are also skirting the issue on both sides of the aisle. The popular 1980's campaign of "this is your brain" showing an egg followed by "this is your

social / mental health

The program will come at a cost to the county; however the inmate who wants to truly change will be able to receive some assistance. Vivitrol is an injected drug that is estimated to cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per injection. Naltrexone is the pill form of the medication which costs around \$20 per month and is covered by public and private insurance. An inmate who would qualify for the program would receive the drug in a manner decided by a physician.

While on the medication, the goal is to work with the former drug users to seek counseling and support to change their cognitive behavior. They would only be on the drugs for a short duration as this is not a "fix for the rest of their lives. The medications serve as gap filler until the individual can recover using various forms of therapy and life style adaptations to return to society as a productive individual and not return to the streets of Dayton looking for a heroin connection.

The screening process is still in the planning stages as are the details of the program. It does however offer hope to both the law enforcement agencies and inmates who may be truly ready to

break the cycle. While visiting the 25A facility, Lt Norman provided a tour of this California style center. We were stopped just outside the kitchen by a young man who was eager to speak with "the reporter". He discussed how he had come to be incarcerated and filled in details of what he had learned about the possible opportunity to change his life. He noted that he came

call the dispatch if they see suspected drug activity on their street.

Many heroin users are gainfully employed while using their drug of choice. The story of a nurse who had a family but turned to heroin and is now living on the streets was hard to understand.

Many users are stealing from retailers both large and small and selling the items to pay for their habit. Car break-ins for spare change visible from the window happen across the country. Home break-ins are also a source of easy cash because dealers will take electronics instead of cash. Dealers can sell the game systems, cell phones, computers and televisions.

Hard working families are paying the price for the heroin epidemic each time prices are raised at the store to cover losses. Modern day Bonnie and Clydes are walking into banks and other financial institutions to grab some cash to support their drug habit leaving employees and customers frightened long after the robbery is

Without a federal campaign to find the drug lords across the border in Mexico or to shut down the couriers who travel the roads and skies to get to big cities and places that dot the map like Dayton, containment of the problem will not happen. Law enforcement agencies across the country are frustrated with the lack of additional funding from the state or the federal lawmakers to help put more officers on the

Heroin appears to be here to stay until the next cheap high comes along. At \$5 a cap, it is affordable and just a few miles down the interstate for users across the Miami Valley.

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Eagles Fall Short Troy Volleyball Troy Notes: To Arcanum

It was a must win for the Troy Christian football team on Friday night, and it was a rough Homecoming game for the Eagles, as they fell to the Arcanum Trojans 20-18, sending the Eagles down to their third defeat of the season.

"It was a field position type of game," Troy Christian coach Steve Nolan said. "Luke had his usual game, but we didn't execute some of our offense. The kids played much better on defense, and they are continuing to make improvements.

Arcanum would score again with seven minutes left in the game to take a touchdown and two-point conversion lead at 20-12, and the Eagles would need a late miracle to earn the win in front of their Homecoming crowd.

With just over three minutes left in the game, Troy Christian would score on a pass from Hayden Hartman to Jacob Calvert, but their conversion would come up short, and the Trojans would escape with the

"We just lost a close



Arcanum scored midway through the opening quarter, but the Eagles came right back with a touchdown from Luke Dillahunt, the first of two scores for the senior running back in the first half.

Troy Christian would hold onto the slim 12-7 advantage heading into halftime, but the Trojans would come back to take the lead in the third, one that they would hold onto the rest of the game.

one tonight," Nolan said. "We went for two and had a missed assignment. I was impressed that our defense held them to under 200 yards in the game." Trov Christian returns

to action on Friday night, as they host Miami East.

*Troy Christian also had their Homecoming festivities on Friday, and named Tom Null and Abi Taylor the Eagles King and Queen for 2015.





Troy Christian's Homecoming King Tom Null and Queen Abi Taylor

Sports Schedules

Wednesday, October 21 **6:00 p.m.** - Troy Christian Volleyball Sectional vs. TBA @ Tippecanoe HS 7:00 p.m. - Troy Christian Boys Soccer Sectional vs. National Trail

Thursday, October 22 6:00 p.m. - Troy HS Volleyball vs. TBA @ Center-

7:00 p.m. – Troy HS Girls Soccer @ Centerville -

Sectional Tournament

Friday, October 23 **7:00 p.m.** – Troy HS Football vs. Butler (Senior 7:30 p.m. - Troy Christian Football vs. Miami

Saturday, October 24 10:00 a.m. - Toy Christian Cross Country District Meet @ Miami Valley **12:30 p.m.** – Troy HS

Cross Country District Meet @ Miami Valley CTC 3:00 p.m. - Troy HS Volleyball Sectional Tournament @ Centerville **7:00 p.m.** – Troy HS Boys

Soccer Sectional Tournament @ Fairmont

Heads To Sectionals 22-0

By Jim Dabbelt

After losing the opener of the GWOC championship game, the Troy Trojans reminded everyone who the team to beat from the league this year, coming back with victory over Beavercreek 23-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-14.

To get to that point, the Trojans battled Centerville in the semi's, and again, after coming away with an opening game loss, Troy knocked off the Elks 27-29, 25-14, 25-16, 25-16. 'We started game one

and came out and had a

Also adding 22 kills was Lauren Freed, who is showing she is back and ready for a strong tournament run. 'She sees the ball well

and she has a lot of skill in the back row." Against Centerville, in

addition to the big games from Demeo and Freed, the Trojans received big games from Camryn Moeller who added four aces, and 45 assists from Dana Wynkoop, while four players had double figures for digs: Freed with 23, Victoria Holland had 19, Moeller 13



decent lead, but we weren't playing well," said Troy coach Michelle Owen. "We had bad ball control and serves. They came back to tie the game at 20, and it was back and forth. We had 10 unforced errors, and I felt we were back on our heels."

As the night progressed, the Trojans started to settle down and play better.

"They got tired, and we were better conditioned and prepared," Owen said. "Our girls closed out the last three sets well and were able to get the win."

Katie Demeo had 16 kills for Troy, and Troy used the big hitter to lead them to the

'We didn't get our middle well in game one, but we made adjustments and it went to our advantage," Owen said. "She had seven kills in game three, so in transition we would get her the ball."

and Miranda Silcott added 11. Drezanee Smith also contributed four solo blocks in the win.

In the championship game against Beavercreek, Demeo stepped up again with 15 kills, while Freed had 12, while both added five aces.

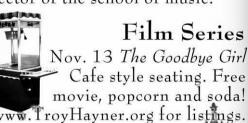
Wynkoop contributed 37 assists, while Holland added 20 digs. Also contributing with 16 digs was Silcott, Freed 14 and Moeller 13.

The Trojans are the number one seed in the Division One sectionals, and they open their tournament play tomorrow night at Centerville High School against the winners of Sidney and Springfield, who played Monday night.

If the Trojans get through their first game, they return to action Saturday at 3 p.m. against either Butler/Fairmont/Piqua, with that game also at Centerville High School.

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Trojans Suffer Tough Defeat

Coming off of their huge win against Trotwood in week seven, the Troy Trojans were hoping to see that momentum carry over this week as they traveled to Sidney last week for a big GWOC divisional game.

cess every day. We don't have the wins, but that is indifferent, we can't reflect on that. We have two tough games ahead of us." 'We still have an

outside chance of a league title if we can win and



After falling behind big in the first quarter, the Trojans not recover as they lost to the Yellow Jackets 52-28, officially eliminating the Trojans from any post season action.

"Give Sidney credit, they played a great game," Troy coach Matt Burgbacher said. "They were ready to play and we weren't. We didn't handle positive adversity well. and didn't have the same focus on Friday night that we need to bring to the table for a big game."

Sidney scored three times in the opening period, as Isaiah Bowser scored on a seven yard touchdown run at the 9:56 mark of the opening quarter, setting the tone for the game and giving the Jackets a 7-0 lead.

Two more scoring runs from Andre Gordon in the opening period of play pushed the Sidney lead to 22-0 after the opening 12 minutes.

Trotwood can beat Butler week 12. We also need momentum going into the off season.'

Hotwica rushed for just under 100 yards on the day, as they accumulated 255 yards rushing. He also threw for 144 vards on the night.

Troy returns to action Friday night as they host Butler in a 7:00 start.

Troy Girls Soccer -The Trojans exploded for seven goals last week as they defeated Fairborn 7-1 in a GWOC cross over game. Kelsey Walters led the way for Troy with two goals, while five other players each scored once, including Sierra Besecker, Bailey Dornbusch, Victoria Miller, Jenna Stone and Whitney Webb. Adding assists for the Trojans were Besecker, Maddie Innes, Ciena Miller and two from

Also last week, Troy hosted Piqua as they wrapped up their home



Hayden Jackson broke through for the Trojans early in the second period, as he caught a 19 yard scoring pass from Hayden Kotwica with 11:53 left in the half, cutting into the Sidney lead at 22-7.

Sidney scored again before Troy cut into the deficit with a three yard scoring run from Marc Scordia, but as time expired, the Jackets kicked a field goal and headed into the half with a 32-14 lead.

"At halftime, we focused on forgetting about the first 24 minutes and how we shot ourselves in the foot," Burgbacher said. "We know how our offense is, we can score quickly."

The Jackets lead progressed in the third when they scored two more times in the endzone to take a 45-14 lead into the fourth quarter.

Hotwica did score on a two-yard run with 8:02 left in the game to cut the Sidney lead to 45-21, and with just over three minutes left in the game, Sam Jackson broke loose for a 64 yard touchdown for the Trojans to close out the scoring.

games left," Burgbacher

said. "It has been a pro-

"There were some positives we can build on, and our seniors have two

schedule, **Troy Boys Soccer -**The Trojans headed into the tournament with some momentum, with a pair of wins last week. They defeated Piqua 4-1, behind goals from Jake DIffenderfer Gabbard, Caleb Leibold, Tristan West and JT Yenney. Assists came from Peyton Hampton and two from Grant Holland.

Troy then defeated Springfield 4-0, as Leibold scored twice, with goals also from Holland and Collin Hubbell. Assists on the goals were from Diffenderfer Gabbard, Hubbell and Ben Schreiber. **Troy Golf** - Troy

Moore shot a 73 last week in the boys' Division One District tournament at Weatherwax Golf Course placing him third overall in the event, and qualifying him for the state meet this week.

Troy shot a 324 and placed ninth overall in the districts, with other Troy scores from Holden Scribner 77, Tyler Lambert and Nate Uhlenbrock each added 87 and Keaton Pfeiffer 89.

LeeAnn Black shot an 88 as the lone Troy qualifier in the girls' district meet, and did not qualify for the state meet this week.

Troy Christian Shuts Out Bethel

By Jim Dabbelt

Both Troy Christian and Bethel wanted to head into the post season tournament this week with some momentum. A win in this country matchup would go a long way heading into the sectionals.

Troy Christian scored twice in the first five minutes of the game, and made it stand up as the Eagles defeated the Bees 2-0 in a non-conference girls' soccer game last week in Troy.

and Miami Valley. If Greeneview, the #5 seed was victorious, Bethel will travel to Jamestown tomorrow at 7 p.m. If Miami Valley pulled the upset, they will travel to Bethel.

*Also last week, the Bethel boys' soccer team defeated Tecumseh 4-3 on the Bees' Senior Night. Tecumseh scored first when Brandon Thomas scored on a 30-yard shot over the head of the Bees keeper to put the Arrows up 1-0. Bethel evened the score



Troy Christian's Olivia Glaser battles Bethel's Brodi Voight

"I was very happy with our overall team performance, and I thought we handed the ball well," Troy Christian coach Brian Peters. "We had good movement off the ball, and their enthusiasm and passion was at a high level tonight."

Kinley Blake put the Eagles on the board in the opening two minutes of the game, as the ball got behind the defender on a deep kick from Eagles keeper Cara Salazar, and Blake took it into the net and scored to give the home team a quick 1-0

Following a shot by the Eagles, they struck again. Olivia Glasier took a shot from 25 yards out over the keeper, and as it hit the upper post, it fell into the net to stun the Bees fans, and give the Eagles a 2-0 lead with 35:44 left in the opening half. Liah Billler got the assist and the Eagles were in control early.

when Sam McKenny hit Zach Cohee in stride and he tied the game. The Arrows took the lead right before the half when James Gray scored from 25-yards out to take a 2-1 lead into the intermission.

Bethel came out in the second half, as nine minutes in, Tyler Brueckman passed to Evan Hawthorn who gave it right back for a shot that tied the game at two. Brueckman added another goal to give Bethel a 3-2 lead, but Thomas came back and tied the game again. With just under two minutes left, Cohee scored with 1:40 left to give the Bees the deciding goal.

*Troy Christian's boys' soccer team lost a tough non-conference match last week, losing to Franklin Monroe 2-1. The Eagles then came back and tied Cincinnati Seven Hills 1-1 on Saturday, as they now head into the sectional tourna-



Troy Christian junior Hailey Peters battles for the

ment this week.

last week.

also at 7.

Jon Slone, the record

Troy Christian hosts

National Trail tonight at

tional tournament game.

A win would bring them

hosting Catholic Central,

Bethel opened play last

7 p.m. in their first sec-

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Nicole Murphy nearly added a third goal for Troy Christian as her shot went off the hands off the Bees keeper, but went over the bar.

Bethel had their first serious scoring threat at the 30:22 mark of the first half when Erica Turner ripped a shot that over the bar.

Turner and Brodi Voight each had shots for Bethel before the Eagles' Riley Spoltman just missed from making it 3-0, and the final shot on goal in the half came with 12 minutes left when Molly McKenny challenged Salazar, but the Eagles keeper made the save, and the game went to the half with the

Troy Christian opened up tournament play Monday night at Springfield Catholic, and the winner of that game returns to the field tomorrow night hosting Northeastern, gametime 7 p.m.

Eagles leading 2-0.

Bethel starts their sectional tournament run tomorrow night, as they play the winner from Monday night's game between Greeneview

Tipp, Troy Wins Cross Country League Meets

As the post-season has arrived, the top runners have stepped to the front of the line as all of the area teams competed on Saturday in their respective league championship meets.

Tippecanoe, Tecumseh, Greenon and Northwestern competed in the Central Buckeye Conference meet, Troy in the Greater Western Ohio Conference, Bethel in the Cross County Conference and Troy Christian in the Metro Buckeye Confer-

CBC- Tipp City has no trouble sweeping the boys' and girls' CBC titles, as the boys cruised to a 40 point win. Mitchell Poynter led the way with a title in a time of 15:28.49, while teammates Thomas Chaney (16:22.95), Tim Andrews (16:26.20), Jordan Brown (16:38.49), Keenan Gradell (16:40.17) and Jacob Stillwagon (16:40.39) all placed in the top nine.

Northwestern was third overall with 93 points, Greenon sixth with 166, and Tecumseh ninth with 227.

Northwestern was led by Justin Prack who was third with a 16:13.33, with Ryan Cleland tenth (16:51.65), Kyle Jamison 19th (17:19.90) and Liam Randall 22nd (17:28.52).

Greenon's top time went to Max Pettit with a 16:55.75, placing him 12th overall. Joel Pensworth was 17th (17:17.20), Cameron Haught 24th (17:31.49).

Tecumseh was led by Jack Dague (18:46.52), Caleb Ricks (18:46.67), Trent Studebaker (19:02.35), Garrett Gemmaka (19:31.88) and Reid Hale (19:36.96).

In the girls' race, Tipp won with a total of 21 points, Tecumseh was third with 98, Greenon fifth 159 and Northwestern sixth 187.

Tipp took home second through fifth, as Kaili Titley (19:09.11), Katie Taylor (19:09.28), Abbi Halsey (19:09.29) and Laura Fink (19:18.51) dominated the top five spots. Stephanie Fink was seventh (19:30.10) rounding out their top five scores.

Tecumseh's top runner was Morgan Crowley with a 20:57.99, with Danielle Franklin 25:15.34, Emma Hoover 21:44.53, Breanna Crowley 22:13.38 and Staci Harmon 22:23.61.

Greenon's top runners included Rachel Dewey who ran a 21:46.16, Olivia Blevins 22:37.84, Rhiannon Morlock 23:18.01 and Katie Conley 23:19.99.

schools, Northwestern's top time went to Brooke Smith who placed 14th with a time of 20:43.51, while their other two top 50 runners were Maddie Johnson with a 23:10.80 and Kaylee Parrett 23:42.72. **GWOC- The Troy**

girls' cross country team

not only won the GWOC

North title on Saturday, but tied for the overall conference title with Centerville with 19 points. Troy's Morgan Gigandet claimed the overall title with a 17:26.59, while three of her teammates also finished in the top 15, as Megan Myers ran

18:54.53, Kate Pence 19:03.73, and Emma Shigley ran a 19:09.00. Olivia Tyre also finished with a time of 19:32.70 and Rachel Davidson ran In the boys' race, the Trojans finished second

overall in the GWOC North, falling just short to Butler. Winning the GWOC

title was Troy senior Stephen Jones, who finished at 15:17.39. Parker Hench raced a time of 17:27.39, Andy Smith 17:30.50, then the trio of Pete Sheehan 18:05.87, Carter Hench 18:09.97 and Adam Falknor 18:17.38.

MBC-Troy Christian boys' finished second in their league meet on Friday night. Isaac Flora was the lowest time for the Eagles with an 18:06.32 placing him seventh overall. Right behind him was teammate Nick Pratt with a 18:17.05, and Zach Davidson also finished in the top 15 with a time of 19:02.59. Noah Davidson finished 19th with a time of 20:28.42.

CCC- Today at the **Cross County Conference** meet, Bethel's Korry Hamlin finished as conference runner-up in a time of 16:03. He was followed by Coleman Clark in 11th place in a time of 17:23. Both young men earned all cross county conference honors with their finishes. Connor Whelan finished in 42nd place in a time of 19:01. Benton Wright finished in 51st place in a time of 19:17 and Chase Heck in 53rd place in a time of 19:22. Bethel finished sixth as a

Kaitlyn Balkcom led the girls with a 44th place finish in a time of 23:50. She was followed by Kaylee Baugh in 59th place in a time of 25:42, Eiliana Wright in 61st place in a time of 25:48, Olivia Norris in 73rd place in a time of 29:19 and Morgan Jergens in 77th place of 31:56.

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Leadership **Applications** Accepted

ber of Commerce is now taking applications for the Leadership Troy 2016 program. This program was created by the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Edison Community College. It is designed to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in community organizations. Leadership Troy consists of nine full-day sessions to be held once a month from February through October. The sessions will expose the participants to a variety of social and economic issues and opportunities facing the Troy community. The program will consist of panels, lectures, on-site visit, group discussions, simulations

The Troy Area Cham-

and internship participation on a local community board. Participants are required to serve either an internship on a local community service board, write a research paper, or participate in a team action project. The Leadership Program will be celebrating its 34th year of preparing residents of the Troy area to assume leadership roles

in the community. Applications for the 2016 Class of Leadership Troy are now available at the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, 405 SW Public Square, Suite 330, Monday thru Friday from 8-5 pm, online at troyohiochamber.com or by calling 339-8769. Deadline for returning competed applications is December 15, 2015.

Homebuilders, Elks Sponsor **Monte Carlo**

The Miami County Homebuilder's Foundation and the Troy Elks BPOE # 833 are sponsoring their annual Monte Carlo Night: Evening for the Children on Saturday, October 24. The event is open to the public and they are encouraged to attend. The event raises a large portion of the money needed for their annual program to provide Christmas to needy children and their families all over Miami

The event will be held at the Troy Elks Club at 17 West Franklin Street in Troy on Saturday, October 24. The doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner and games begin at 7 p.m. Admission is a \$10 donation. There will be games of chance including Showdown, Blackjack and Sweet 16 as well as other games. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. Donations to play games of chance are \$25 and players will receive \$1,500 in chips with no rebuys. There will be additional door prizes awarded and 50/50 tickets will be available throughout the evening.

The event will help to fund the Christmas program, which is the 27th year for the Miami County Homebuilder's Foundation and the Troy Elks to raise funds to assist needy children and their families. Over the last 26 years, the organizations have helped over 350 families and almost

1,200 children by providing gifts for the children for Christmas and food for the families. Without this assistance, many of the children would likely not have any gifts on Christmas Day.

Last year's Monte Carlo Night raised nearly **\$20,000** thanks to the sponsors and those who attended Monte Carlo Night. It is hoped that this year will surpass that number. The goal this year is to help at least 110 children.

The committee working on the fundraising event include Bob Rohr, chairman; Roger and Lisa Hawk, local business owners; Jack Jamison, local builder and developer; Mark Robinson, local businessman; Steve Doll, business owner; Gary Nasal, attorney and Miami County Municipal Court Judge and Randy Adams, a long-time member and volunteer for the event.

If anyone cannot attend and is interested in donating door prize items for the event or would like to make a donation to help the children at Christmas, please call 937-489-3711 to donate door prizes or send your donation in a check or money order made payable to Miami County Homebuilder's Foundation and mail it to Miami County Homebuilder's Foundation, 1200 Archer Drive, Troy, Ohio 45373. Those donations can be mailed even after the event on October

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Tip of The Week

By Sgt. JJ Mauro Tipp City Police Retired

Gun Free Zones

It is time for me to weigh in on the so called "Gun Free Zones." Since at this point in my life it is improbable that my becoming President of The United States of America I do not have to equivocate, vacillate or

Plain and simple, placing a piece of paper on a building declaring it a gun free zone means nothing to a miscreant who is intent on killing or wounding as many innocents as possible. Actually it tells the low life that he will be able to kill numerous people who are unprotected before being stopped by people who do

When you see a person with a gun shooting at other people you do not call the local elementary school principle, you do not call the dean of the local college. If you have any sense, you call the police, people with guns.

Where is the logic in forbidding law abiding citizens from carrying concealed weapons when they are dropping their children off at school? To get the CCW license the Sheriff has to run a background check, fingerprint the applicant and assure the applicant went through the necessary training.

Should a law abiding citizen in Ohio make the mistake of carrying concealed at a school or some other forbidden location, that person will become a felon, lose their job, and house and all respect.

In my pocket I carry a copy of the United States Constitution. The framers of this great document knew what it was like to live under the tyranny of a government (The

King of England) bent on subjugating what they considered to be second class citizens.

The Bill of Rights is what gives us our protections FROM the govern-

Amendment I they give us the right of free speech, freedom of religion, free press and the right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The very next Amendment states "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. The muskets our forefathers used to fight off the English Army are today's assault rifles, shotguns and pistols.

I say it right here and now, I will not give up my guns to the government. I will not live under the finger of any government, liberal or conservative who intends to take my Constitutional Rights away.

As a trained police officer who worked the road for over 37 years, even I cannot carry a gun into a gun free zone. So I avoid them. I will not frequent any business that prohibits guns. It has been my honor to back up on duty police officers when I drive by and see them alone with a violator. The wife asked me the other day why I pulled into the Taco Bell and parked then when she saw a lone police officer talking to a citizen, she replied, "Oh, never mind I see why." We left as soon as backup arrived.

The old adage, "It is better to have a gun and not need it than it is to not have a gun and need it." It is your right to carry or not carry, but do not infringe on my right to carry.

Gardening Commentary

By Meadowview Growers

Am I crazy because I want plants in the house?

You are not crazy for wanting house plants around you indoors, they provide a number of very positive effects on life especially in the winter months, or if you do not garden outdoors, in the summer, too. First of all plants have a calming affect on our personalities. They actually reduce stress when we tend them. There is some frustration when your plants do not grow well but since there are many varieties, and some of them are virtually goof proof, there is something for every level of care taker.

Indoor plants improve the environment where we live and work. They tend to purify the air, taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen and they adsorb other substances from the air we are breathing making where we live a better place. The effect on our psyche is another big plus by improving the visual appearance of our surroundings and giving us a sense of nurturing.

One of the problems people have in caring for their plants is that of proper watering. And secondly is the correct light exposure for the plants they are working with indoors. Even in the growing of plants in greenhouses the most difficult thing to learn is proper watering. If you think about it, over 90% of a plant is water and the management of this one item is huge. Fertilization of houseplants is not a big issue, normally a modest feed program once a month is adequate. Some plants require more light

than others and this is the second in tepid water if they are not too most important element to consider. Some plants may even suffer from too much light in a bright sunny, southerly window in the winter months but others require this exposure. Discuss this with the people who are providing the plants or google the plant name to find out this information. Poinsettias for instance require that full sunny window. Some plants to consider having

indoors could be one of your begonias that you grew in a pot outdoors this past summer or a spider plant- this is an easy one. Or how about a poinsettia at Christmas and keep it as a house plant for the winter. African violets do well and if all else fails get a Jade tree or other succulent.

Insect pests is likely the next biggest issue. Aphids and mites can be a problem along with mealy bugs and fungus gnats. Some aphids develop a white cottony substance that protects them from enemies and pesticides. One of the best ways to combat indoor insects is to "shower" the plants

large to handle, rinsing them off once a month. Be sure to wash the underside of the leaves. There are sprays that are safe to use indoors such as Azatin or some of the insecticidal soaps or horticultural oils. Doing a little research will help determine the best action to take. Your local nursery/ garden center is another good source of information.

Following a few basics and watering thoroughly and less frequently are the first steps to having some new friends in the house during the winter months. Use the "1st knuckle test" for determining when to water. If it ain't dry to the first knuckle, wait to water.

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At Home

By Connie Moore

Homestead Creatures

When I began blogging for Grit Magazine two months ago, I had to fill out a survey and bio page. Most of it was easy, but the question of how I would define the term "homesteader" stopped me for almost a day.

Always having thought of where I live as "home", the addition of "steader" put a whole new light on matters. What I finally decided as a working definition that I could agree with was this: A homesteader is a person or family who owns or holds a piece of land on which they establish their home. When we work to establish that home and all its potential and the potential of the land it sits on, being steadfast at the task,

then we are homesteaders. there are more members of our homestead than ever before. Small creatures have turned up to



us when we take time to know our

A little over a month ago a small green frog decided to climb high up in the hazelnut bush to rest and find something nourishing. He was about two inches long and with goldish, brown markings, we assumed he was a green tree frog. But when another, much smaller one appeared on the hanging baskets, small enough to sit on the basket rim, we were obliged to Google his real

Googling can be a challenge at That being said, this autumn times. Yes, it seems there is something about everything in the universe floating about in the space known as the web but to find it enlighten us on just what awaits may take numerous tries. After fi-

of searching for "there is a green frog in our hanging basket" we found that our fellow homesteaders were Cope's Gray Treefrogs.

spots under their large eyes and a tiny splash of yellow on the undersides of legs. They can change color in seconds when going from place to place.

Sticky toe pads enable the frogs to climb surfaces to heights that startle us as we discover them three, four, five feet or more off the ground. This elevated view gives them ample airspace to grab flies, moths, tree crickets and more for supper.

Our frogs were content to rest during the day. They posed willingly as we took their photos for our family scrapbook. While humans are in the getting-ready-forwinter mode, we wondered how these creatures would fair. What compound; they also have three

nally going the most direct route a surprise to learn exactly how they survive the winter.

After burying themselves in leaf debris or under rocks, they freeze. Yes, freeze as in frozen to A map showed them to be prodeath. This marvel of nature prolific in the entire eastern half of duces large quantities of glycerol. the country. They can be mottled That is then changed into glucose gray (hence their name), brown and circulated through the frog's or green, depending on their sur- cells. The glucose acts like an anroundings. There are light colored tifreeze. With it in their cells, the rest of the frog's fluids freezes and its heartbeat and breathing stop. It is frozen. When warm spring air circulates across the ground, the

frog thaws out! Other small creatures to grace our land have been hummingbird moths, assorted butterflies and the large, bug-eyed cicada. None is more intriguing than the praying mantis. Long, lean and green, they have taken over the large clematis on the west side of the house. But in the evening and early morning they can be found on the house itself, probably soaking up the residual warmth on the bricks. They are not as quiet as the tree frog. Their large eyes are

small simple eyes, so they can see us better than we see them. Head rotating to make sure we keep our distance, they take an ambush stance as we snap their photo. Their heads are triangle-shaped, their snout is beak-like, their long front legs are large and designed for catching and holding prey. Sitting upright, those legs are folded in a praying stance, hence the

name praying mantis. Homesteading involves more than planting and harvesting, more than living off the land. It means sharing our piece of earth with all God's creatures, however

small they may be. "On this land we call ours, it is a joyous moment when we come

eye to eye." C. L. Moore-2015 Join me on Grit Blog Landing for more stories and photos. Go to www.grit.com/blogs/blog-landing and look for "At Home in Ohio". Comments? Contact Connie at

mooredcr@Juno.com or via this newspaper.



Born on July 23'd, 2012, Amelia is a spayed female, black, & tan with a white blaze Doxie mix dog. She is both house trained and crate trained, current on all of her shots including rabies, and heartworm negative.

She is a very shy, but extremely loveable little dog who wants nothing more in life than to be your "lap dog." But if you have another dog about her size for her to play with, that would be a huge plus in her life.

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For more information on Amelia, or any of our other dogs, puppies, cats or kittens: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.



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Making money management unmistakable

The U.S. consumer is awash in financial information and tools in preparing for their financial future. An Internet search of the words "financial planning" generates millions of Web hits. With all this financial know-how at Americans' fingertips, it's reasonable to believe they are doing the things to put their financial house Wrong. Americans tend to avoid financial goal setting. If they do set goals, they

focus on a specific one such as saving for college or retirement. However, they often fail to look at the entire picture, including weaving in their personal values into the equation, which can be critical to building a personalized financial program. A holistic approach to managing your finances links decisions about money with matters of the heart. Another common mistake is making a financial decision without understanding

one another. Attention to estate protection, for instance, will affect the resources available to address other needs and desires, such as vacations or giving to charity. Financial professionals can help you with decisions to fit within a universe of other money matters. What are some other areas to consider? Here are some ideas from Thrivent Fi-

its effect on other financial issues. One's choices do not operate independently from

Confusing full-throttle financial strategizing with just investing. The consideration of mutual funds and other investment products in money decisions is only one option in a sea of other financial tools.

Thinking that only the rich should pay time and attention to managing their finances. Monetary worth should in no way sway whether or not one hones financial skills and adopts a financial philosophy.

Believing that it can wait. Time generally helps a well-developed financial program, so getting a jumpstart on retirement planning at a young age works in one's favor. Also, crises can happen at any age, and financial preparation will help a person get out of those unexpected ruts.

Neglecting to re-evaluate financial decisions periodically. Reviews should be done on at least an annual basis. Life events—like marriage, childbirth, job changes, home ownership—should also be signals to revisit financial goals.

Financial information is out there, and the more Americans can learn about financial matters, the better. Building financial knowledge, getting started early, seeking help when needed - these will help make personal money management unmistakable for long-term success.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Please join me in supporting the Miami County Special Bridge Levy on the November 3 ballot.

Miami County has two major rivers and a number of tributary streams that in many ways contribute significantly to our quality of life. However, it presnts a constant challenge to maintain the

culverts on the County, Township and local highway system. Much has been accomplished since the levy was first approved in 1951. It is important to note that funds from the levy have been used to leverage Federal and State funds, thus increasing the effectiveness of these local funds. Much remains to be done, how-

ue to age. It is essential they be maintained for the safety of school buses, fire response, agriculture and the general public.

A Yes vote is for renewal and will not increase vour taxes.

Arthur "Ozzie" Haddad

To the Editor,

YES, it is time to show our thanks and appreciation for the Troy Hayner Cultural . A "YES' vote is vital to our community. The Hayner has been proclaimed "The Institution of the Year" by the Ohio Museum Association and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. And no wonder!! And how can we fail to acknowledge the work

done by the Board members, staff, and numerous volunteers? The huge attendance at the three outside concerts proves the enthusiasm of the entire city. The Hayner provides 73 events a year, including concerts and performing arts. Think of the educational opportunities for families with children, which in any other facility would be very costly. The levy money which supports

the Hayner is a separate Troy Schools levy held in a separate accounting line. As a proud members of our beautiful city it is very important to vote "YES". The goal is to preserve the Hayner as a cultural resource for the present and as an historical legacy for the future generation.

Mrs L Jackson Troy

and encouragement.

We need 20 members to

charter the club—and

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Oct 26, Mon Nov 9, and Mon Nov 23 from 7—8 pm at the Hayner-Cultural Center. We are looking for positive people who want to improve their speaking, listening, and thinking skills, as well as past members who can share their experience

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hope you will want to be part of this great organization. Visit the website www.toastmasters.org or call 937-216-2952 for more information. Olive Wagar

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What to Do in Troy

Hometown Halloween

October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Downtown Troy

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, Main Street will be flooded with little ghouls, superheroes, and princesses! Join us for a morning of happy haunting as Hometown Halloween returns to Troy. Beginning at 9:00 AM, children will line up at the Hobart Government Center to participate in the annual Halloween Parade, costume judging, and downtown merchant trick-or-treat. Event sponsor, MAK Dental Group, will host a new game and entertainment area for the little goblins in the NW Quadrant next At approximately 9:15 AM, the Troy

Noon Optimists will lead the parade down W. Main Street to Prouty Plaza, where the costume judging will take place immediately following. Optimist members and several employees of MAK Dental will be among the judges of the costumes. From 10:30 AM-12:00 PM downtown businesses will be handing out treats to costumed children accompanied by

an adult. Maps identifying the partici-

pating businesses will be distributed at

Prouty Plaza beginning at 10:15 AM and each merchant will have an event decal in the window of their store. Immediately following trick or treating, the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, located at 301 W. Main Street, will host The Boo Bash from 12:00-4:00 P.M. The event is free and open to the public. There will be activities for the whole family including pumpkin decorating, making hand puppets, a games area, face painting, Monster Mash dance hall, slightly haunted Hayner Rooms and a Harry Potter Maze. Lucky the

Clown and his balloon animals will

also be at the Boo Bash. The afternoon

children's story "The Princess and the

Goblin" by Zoot Puppet Theatre at 2:00

and 3:30 P.M. The event is free and open

will include two performances of the

to the public. Downtown Troy's Hometown Halloween is presented by Troy Main Street, Inc. and the Troy Noon Optimists, and is sponsored by MAK Dental Group and Alvetro Orthodontics. Children ages newborn to 6th grade are

Saturday Library Adventures October 24, 11:00 a.m.

invited to participate.

Troy-Miami County Public Library

Explore various traditions through stories during the "Dia de los Muertos" program at the Troy Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2015; then decorate and eat a cupcake. This program is for children age 6 and up and their family. Registration opens October 10, 2015; call 937-339-0502 ext. 123 to register.

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

For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 123, or visit our website at

www.tmcpl.org.

Boo Bash October 24, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center All kinds of family Halloween and fall fun awaits you after the downtown Troy Haloween parade.

From noon to 4pm come join us at Troy Hayner Cultural Center for pumpkin decorating, face painting, balloon animals, games, slightly haunted Hayner Rooms and a Harry Potter themed maze!

Haunted Woods

October 24 & 25, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Brukner Nature Center

Your guide will lead you along the gently rolling, luminary-lit trail and stop at 5 stations along the way so you and your family can learn about the wild creatures of the night. This year we will be introducing two new characters - sure to be a hit with preschool and elementary-aged kids, parents, and grandparents alike! But the fun doesn't stop there; activities also include free face painting, crafts and games, storytelling at a campfire plus cookies and cider after the hike.

This awesome program is only \$3 per person for BNC members and \$5 per person for non-members. Please be sure to have your membership card ready.

Tickets are available on a first come, first-served basis on the night of the event, handed out in the order that you arrive at the gate, so if you want to join your friends please ride together or meet and drive in together!

Gate opens at 6:00 pm with the first group leaving at 6:30 and every 5 minutes after that. Parking is limited, so load up the van (or wagon!) and car-pool (flashlights optional). Enjoy a night out with the family at this fantastic fall event!

Halloween Happening October 24, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Lost Creek Reserve Check out Halloween Happening

which includes a Jack-O'-Lantern Hike sponsored by the Park District VIPs and Trunk or Treat on October 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve. Guests of all ages are invited to drop by and experience a crisp, fall night hike around

the historic Knoop farm aglow with

jack-o'-lanterns. Be sure to stop by the barn at the end of the hike to enjoy a fall treat compliments of the VIPs. The corn maze will also be open from 4 to 9 p.m. Make sure to bring a flashlight.

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Drop-ins are welcome. Registration requested, visit the program calendar at www.miamicountyparks.com or call (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Night Ranger and Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx

October 24, 7:00 p.m. **Hobart Arena**

With 30+ years in the business and more than 17 Million albums sold worldwide, NIGHT RANGER has proven they can still "Rock In America"! In 1983, NIGHT RANGER earned widespread acclaim with their multi-platinum album MIDNIGHT MADNESS, which included their smash hits "SISTER CHRISTIAN", WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES" and the anthemic "(YOU CAN STILL) ROCK IN AMER-ICA" To date, Night Ranger has sold 17 million units worldwide and boasts many platinum- and gold-certified albums. The band released their 10th album, HIGH ROAD, last summer and they continue their non-stop touring schedule, playing to sold-out crowds around the world.

DENNIS DEYOUNG is a founding member of STYX and the lead singer and writer on seven of the bands eight Top Ten Hits. His live concert showcas es all the STYX Greatest Hits spanning the 70's, 80's, and 90's. The set includes all eight Top 10 hits including LADY, BABE, COME SAIL AWAY, TOO MUCH TIME ON MY HANDS, BEST OF TIMES, MR. ROBOTO plus Classic Rock Anthems RENEGADE, BLUE COLLAR MAN, SUITE MADAME BLUE, ROCKIN THE PARADISE and

DENNIS is a legendary singer, songwriter, keyboardist, composer and record producer with a career spanning over 40 years. His voice is one of the most recognizable in the music world today and continues to inspire new generations of fans.

Naturalist Adventure Series "Bird Binocular Vision"

October 25, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve

The monthly Naturalist Adventure Series program "Bird Binocular Vision" will be held on October 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve. Drop by to learn about the fascinating world of birds. While there, visit the "Birdsongs" storybook trail that will be set up along the path. A park district naturalist will be on duty to answer questions. Binoculars, training, and materials will be provided. Meet in the parking lot.

Registration requested, visit the program calendar at www.miamicountyparks.com or call (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Music In the Park "Sunset Songs" October 25, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Charleston Falls Preserve The Music in the Parks "Sunset Songs" program will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve. Join park district naturalist Spirit of Thunder as he plays soft Native American flute music and tells stories as the sun sets at this beautiful park. Meet at the

Registration requested, visit the program calendar at www.miamicountyparks.com or call (937) 335-6273, Ext.

Halloween Cake Pops

October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Piqua YWCA

109. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Join Charissa Engle for this fun "Halloween Cake Pops" class at the YWCA on Monday, October 26, from 6-7:30 p.m. Students in 4th -6th grade will make and decorate "scary" treats just in time for Halloween!

Engle, a baker and cake decorator, will help class participants make and decorate their own individual creations in class. "I love doing this and will encourage the kids to use their creative skills in decorating," she said. "They will love making, eating and sharing some at home too!"

"Fees are available for both members/ non-members for this class," said Beth Royer, YWCA Program Director.

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

Family Fun Night

October 26, 6:00 p.m. Troy-Miami County Public Library

We invite you and your little pumpkin to join us at the Troy library for the program "Pumpkins Galore!" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015. There will be pumpkin decorating, pumpkin treats, and a costume parade; open to all ages, fun for the entire fami-

call 937-339-0502 ext. 133 to register. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio.

ly! Registration opens October 12, 2015;

For more information, call 937-339-0502 ext. 133, or visit our website at www.tmcpl.org.

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ACROSS 35. Hosiery shade 1. ____ for the road 36. E-Bay items perhaps 4. What you might do with hat 42. Big kid event

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Trivia Challenge History Trivia

11) In what year did WWI be-

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12) Where was the Fuhrer of

c. 1939

Nazi Germany Adolf Hitler born?

a. Germany b. Russia

13) In which city was John F.

b. Dallas

c. Washington DC d. Houston

a. 1950s b. 1970s c. 1920s d.

404 BC, who fought in the

b. Sparta and Athens

d. Rome and Sparta

centage of the world's 1939 population was killed during

a. 10 Percent

c. 7 Percent

c. France d. Austria

Kennedy assassinated? a. Chicago

14) During which decade was the United States involved in

the Korean War?

1980s 15) Taking place from 431 to

Peloponnesian wars?

a. Gaul and Athens

c. Pisa and Rome

16) Approximately, what per-

World War II?

b. 5 Percent

d. 3 Percent 17) Code-named Operation Just Cause, which country did the United States invade in De-

cember of 1989? a. Libya

b. Costa Rica

c. Iraq d. Panama

18) Which explorer was killed in Hawaii during his third exploratory voyage in 1779?

a. Ferdinand Magellan

b. Christopher Columbus

c. Marco Polo d. James Cook

19) Taking place in 1951 during the Korean War, who became

the first U.S. jet air ace in history?

b. Joseph McConnell, Jr. c. James Jabara d. John C. Meyer

20) Which King was taken pris-

oner by the Yorkists at the Bat-

a. George Davis, Jr.

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tle of St. Albans during the War of the Roses in 1455?

a. King Henry VII b. King Henry IV

c. King Henry V d. King Henry VI

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS Trivia

1) Sherman - The march ended 2) Madison - James Madison

was the fourth President of the United States. 3) Timothy McVeigh - McVeigh killed 168 people in the bomb attack. 4) Alabama - Illinois joined on the 3rd of December 5) Richard Cromwell - Cromwell became head of the state in 1658.

6) Chicago - Named the Home

Insurance Building, it was constructed in 1885. 7) Dr. Christiaan Barnard - Dr. Charles Best helped to discover insulin. 8) The Manhattan Project - The Manhattan Project was led by the United States with the support of the United Kingdom and Canada. 9) Over Scotland - This tragic event occurred on the 21st of December 1988. 10) Stalin's daughter - Lana was Stalin's youngest child.

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Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club

October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Troy-Miami County Public Library Join us for a lively discussion at the Troy-Miami County Public Library's adult book club at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015; we will be reading and discussing "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave for the month of October

The Book Lovers Anonymous Book Club usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month; we read a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles. The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street, Troy,

For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 120, or visit our website at www.

YW Wild Walking Women

October 27, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Piqua YWCA

Get motivated to walk and get healthier with the YW Wild Walking Women beginning Tuesday, October 27. 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.

"Cardio" Yoga Classes

October 28, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Piqua YWCA

Join Katie Nardechia for a new 5 week session of "Cardio" Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning October 28. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

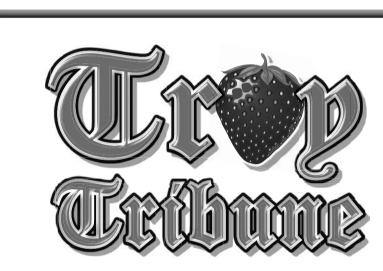
"Cardio Yoga is vigorous exercise with cardio, strength building, core work, "Asanas" and meditation all wrapped into one. "It's a great mental workout with more calories burnt," said Nardecchia. "Interested students can take both the Monday night Yoga classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really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

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

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

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

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Stonebridge Changes Earn Planning **Commission Support**

By Nancy Bowman

Proposed changes in the development plans for the Stonebridge Meadows housing subdivision near Concord school were supported Oct. 14 by the Troy Planning Commission after the developers increased the size of four additional lots proposed for the project's phase

The commission Sept. 9 tabled the proposal outlined by Judy Tomb, representing Summerfield Land Co. Tomb said then the proposed changes involved removing a more than 50-year-old house and adding four lots in

City staff recommended denial in September, noting the new lots proposed would be smaller than presented to the public when the overall development was approved in 2009. Instead

of denying the request, the commission tabled the proposal to give Tomb more time to look at options.

She returned Oct. 14 continuing to propose demolition of the house but this time proposing four new residential lots - three 12,000 square feet and one greater than 15.000 square feet.

"Because she has increased the size of the lots, staff is recommending approval," Tim Davis of the city planning department said.

Some commission members in September said they were hesitant to approve smaller size lots in the development after attempts to secure final plan approvals for this property were stalled by referendum votes a few years ago. The size of lots proposed in earlier development plans were among concerns aired by

The commission voted 4-0 to send the proposed changes to the city council for a public hearing and a decision.

Davis also discussed with the commission the need for completion of a subdivision park, including gazebo, approved as part of the project's third

Tomb said paving of a walking path should be done by month's end and benches for the park should be delivered by the same time. As far as the gazebo, she said plans are to put money for that and a park shelter in escrow until spring.

By then, she said, the homeowners association should have more members. Some association members now are calling to upgrade amenities planned in the park, she

Photography Competition Awards Announced

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is pleased to announce the award winners of its tenth juried photography exhibit, Through Our Eyes 10: Life in the Miami Valley. The opening reception and presentation of awards was held on Sunday, October 11th at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. The exhibit will run until November 29, 2015. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Prizes were awarded for Best of Show, first, second, third place and honorable mention in each of the five categories. The cash awards totaled \$1,800. This year's jurors, Jim Witmer and Diana Thompson had difficult choices to make choosing 26 winning photographs from 103 entries by 51 talented pnotograpners. jim witmer is an award winning career photojournalist who is currently a staff photographer/videographer at the Dayton Daily News Cox Media Group Ohio. Diana Thompson has been the Executive Director of the Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau for 24 years. The following are winners in each diviBest of Show: Ruth McDaniel - Cows in the

Ruralscape 1st Place: Theresa Smith Waterfowl Hunter 2nd Place: Erik Schelkun - Farm House 3rd Place: Hank Deneski, Jr. - Fall Field in Frost **Honorable Mention:** Molly Watson - Dog Days of Summer **Honorable Mention:** Dean A. Shipley - Phaeton in the Country: 1932

Urbanscape 1st Place: Kevin Schelkun - Foggy Clock 2nd Place: Dean Davis -9-11 Memorial – Urbana 3rd Place: Jerry McGlothan - And Justice for Honorable Mention: William Surber - Au-

tumn Run Honorable Mention: Lisa Harris - Remembering **Edward Hopper**

Abstraction 1st Place: Dean Davis -**Troy Fountain** 2nd Place: Erik Schelkun - Vortex 3rd Place: Stephanie S. DeRyke - The Sentinel Honorable Mention: Carole Kerber - Demons **Honorable Mention:** William Surber - Star

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Youth 1st Place: Noah Roswell -**Mayflower Building** 2nd Place: Paula Perotti **Troy Community Park** 3rd Place: Shelby Campbell - Tipp City Downtown Café **Honorable Mention:** Nick Minesinger - Bike **Honorable Mention:** Kaitlin Stoeckman -

Brukner Celebrates 25 Years of Cleaning Up

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

On October 6, 2015, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), District 7, recognized Brukner Nature Center for 25 years of serving the Adopt-A-Highway program. The local non-profit's volunteers and staff began picking up litter along a two-mile stretch

of State Route 55 in Miami County under Robert F. Heidelberg, Brukner's first director. Signs along the route still

indicate the area they have faithfully managed for 25 years.

Deb Oexmann became executive director at Brukner 12 years ago and inherited the responsibility Heidelberg committed to ODOT. She was proud to continue the tradition. "Litter plays a role in harming our wildlife," she said. "It's been worth it to us to do this." Hundreds of thousands of pounds of litter are left alongside local roadways every year.

The privately funded non-profit joined the program not only to protect the environment but to serve the community as well. According to Oexmann, approximately 6 people turn out to pick up litter along their portion of State Route 55 four times a year. "It's only six people and the need is really greater than that. We

try to give back to the community and be good role models," Oexmann said. "Cleaning up the highway is a great way to serve in an area that is often neglected."

Joyce Wolfe has been District 7's Adopt-A-**Highway Coordinator** for 5 years. She oversees 23 groups that have joined the program in Miami County since its

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include their Haunted Woods, concluding on October 24th and 25th. The night trails and luminaries are an event for families who are looking for a fun alternative to scary Halloween activ-

An often highlighted member of the wildlife community during the Halloween season, the bat, will be a subject of

Brukner's project to help the ADOPT A HIGHWAY Organiza-Conservation (OBC) break a world-record. Their goal is to have the largest

number of bat houses built on one day.

Whether it is engaging the community with seasonal activities, helping conservation efforts internationally, or picking up litter, Brukner is one of Troy's many treasures. For more information on events at Brukner Nature Center, visit their website at: bruknernaturecenter.

If your organization or business would be interested in coming alongside Brukner and other environmentally friendly groups to serve the community through the Adopt-A-Highway program, more information can be obtained online at dot.state.oh.us. District 7's Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Joyce Wolfe, can be reached at joyce.wolfe@ dot.state.oh.us.

inception. According to Wolfe, Brukner has been a good example of commitment. "They're picking up these places that get a lot of litter and making the highways look nice," Wolfe said. "It's making it so our employees are able to get to other tasks, like fixing the roadways, instead of having to pick up trash." Wolfe said she is not allowed to name a favorite group in the Adopt-a-Highway program but that Brukner has been a great group.

Brukner's commitment to the environment is matched only by its enthusiasm to educate. With living animals at the Nature Center and numerous programs every month, the non-profit is continually pursuing innovative ways to conserve natural resources and protect wildlife. This month's seasonal programs

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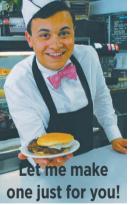
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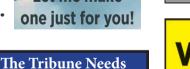
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