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Trick or Treat is Thursday

Beggars Night (Trick or Treat) for the City of Troy will be Thursday, October 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

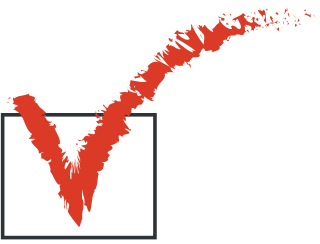
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Local Ballot Issues Explained

By Nancy Bowman

Local issues on the Nov. 3 ballot include a levy for the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, the return of the Trafalgar referendum in unincorporated Concord Township and in Troy a referendum on a city council ordinance setting the wage for a part-time firefighter/paramedic/EMT position.

Firefighters Referendum

Troy voters will decide whether the city will be allowed to implement a 2014 city council ordinance that opened the door to the hiring part-time firefighters/paramedics/EMTs for

the city fire department. The ordinance approved in summer 2014 set pay rates for part-time positions.

Tom Funderburg, assistant city service and safety director, said the intent is to take an asset – the fire/EMS operation – 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.”

Mayor Mike Beamish said now is the time to take the next step to enhance a highly effec-

tive fire department with additional cost effective part time, fully certified members.

The addition of part time fire fighter/paramedics or EMTs will strengthen current operations and better position the fire department for the future, he said. “A vote in favor of Issue 15 will support our fire services and improve safety for our citizens, businesses and visitors to our great city.”

Bill Sheaffer, who retired last year from the fire department after more than 20 years, said full-time employees are important to the fire department and its safe and

efficient operation.

“This would be a step backwards,” Sheaffer said of the city approach.

“You are giving up what I consider quality of services by using part-time services,” he said, adding it takes time for any new employee to learn the job, the community layout and characteristics and the specific procedures employed by each department. Those working part time in the fire/EMS service normally are looking for full-time jobs and will leave for one when the opportunity presents itself, he said.

Sheaffer said he ques-

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Two Seek Council Seat

By Nancy Bowman

Incumbent Troy Councilman Doug Tremblay faces challenger Cynthia Schaefer in the race for the 2nd Ward seat on Troy City Council.

This is the only contested race for a Troy office this fall. Mayor Mike Beamish won re-election over Patty Rose in a Republican May primary.

On the ballot unopposed will be (all Republicans): Council President Marty Baker; 1st Ward, Tom Kendall; 3rd Ward, John Schweser; 4th Ward, Bobby Phillips; 5th Ward, Bill Twiss; 6th Ward, Brock Heath; and at large, Robin Oda, John Terwilliger and Lynne

end of their terms.

Tremblay and Schaefer were asked to answer the same series of questions. Both also participated in a candidate night event Oct. 15. Tremblay is a Republican. Schaefer is a Democrat.

Tremblay, 68, has represented the 2nd Ward on City Council since 2011. He said he is seeking re-election “to serve the citizens of Troy and the City of Troy by providing advice and consent to Troy City Council.”

Schaefer, 68, is a member of the Democratic Central committee. “I am seeking office to advocate, to serve, to listen and to inform by engaging the citizens of our commu-

Voters Face County Issues

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County voters will decide two county-wide issues – both renewals – on Election Day Nov. 3.

The Miami County bridge levy has been around since the early 1950s, while the levy proposed for renewal by the Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities, or Riverside, first was approved in 1992.

A county bridge levy first was approved by voters in 1951 and has been renewed every five years since. The 0.45-mill levy costs the owner of a home with a \$100,000 value \$13.12 a year, according to the county auditor’s office.

The levy generates \$922,20 a year. Since the bridge levy started it has generated more than \$24.5 million.

The county engineer’s office maintains 222 bridges that are 20 feet long or greater; 123 bridges between 10 and 20 feet in span; and 2,693 culverts.

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, said Paul Huelskamp, county engineer.

For example, the cost

of the new Eldean River Bridge under construction between Troy and Piqua is \$2.4 million with the county’s share, \$148,998.

“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.

The average age of then county’s bridges is 41 years, meaning there still is plenty of work to be done, he said. The county has 16 bridges posted with reduced weight loads. One of those is the Eldean Covered Bridge.

The remaining posted reduced weight load bridges are scheduled for replacement over time. Bridges that are not posted have a weight limit of 80,000 pounds. Those that are posted range from 16 tons gross to 30 tons gross.

“What I provide is what people use every day: roads and bridges. My nightmare is when I see on TV where a bridge collapses somewhere,” Huelskamp said. “The bridge levy helps us maintain a level of safety for the citizens.”

Voters also are being asked to approve renewal of a 2.5-mill, five-year levy for Riverside. The ballot language for the levy uses Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities but does not include the better known name of

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5-year-old Gabrielle Rounds with her mother Amorette Dye

A costume competition followed the parade at 9:30 AM on Prouty Plaza and Trick-or-Treating on the square had excited children going to door-to-door at Troy businesses for several hours. Despite the overcast skies and threat of rain, this year’s Halloween-themed activities were more extensive than in previous years. Sponsors like MAK Dental, Alvetro Orthodontics, and Troy Main Street provided jumpies, face-painting, and a photo booth.

Some of this year’s first place winners for the competition are listed by costume, including:

- Infant boys – Thomas the Train
- Boys Age 3 – Olaf
- Boys Age 4 – Fire Truck
- Girls Age 5 – Rapunzel
- Boys Age 5 – Darth Vader
- Girls Age 6 – Angry Bird
- Boys Age 7 – KISS

coordination and creativity. The winning family performed on the stage as the band, Kiss. Connor, Casey, and Chance Haywood delighted the judges with their tribute to the rock-and-roll legend. Second place went to a family of Pacman characters. Rob, Natalie, Rebecca, and Sarah Davies brought their game and all the color and fun that go with it. The third place winners were two Troy police officers and their criminal children dressed in orange jailbird jumpsuits. Micah, Jayden, Landon, Ryleigh, Preston, Lilly, & Julian Webb were happier than most people would be when going to prison, especially when they received their third place trophies.

Tim Davis, the Department Manager for Planning and Zoning in the City of Troy is also a Troy Noon Optimist and the organizer of this year’s

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Douglas Tremblay



Cynthia Schaefer

Snee.

Other elected officials unopposed are John E. Frigge for city auditor and Grant D. Kerber for law director. Both are Republicans. Current Auditor John Stickel and Law Director Jim Livingston are retiring at the

nity,” she said. “I believe citizens’ concerns have fell to deaf ears and have not been taken seriously.”

Personal:

Tremblay: Graduate of Troy High School, The Ohio State University, BS Pharmacy. Married

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TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

Monday, October 19

10:02 a.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A woman reported that her daughter was being unruly while they were at Job & Family Services. The daughter said she understood that she was under her mother's care and control until she turned 18. The woman agreed to let the daughter stay with her boyfriend until 3:00 when she was to return home.

4:40 p.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A deputy saw a vehicle partially in the roadway with its 4-way flashers on. The driver said she drove her friend's car to pick up a friend but it ran out of gas. She was found to be under suspension. She was so charged and the owner responded to pick up the vehicle. The owner was advised that it is illegal to allow an unlicensed driver to operate her vehicle. She said it won't happen again.

9:08 p.m. – To Troy-Sidney Rd. for a report of found property. A bicycle was reported found at the end of a driveway. The vehicle was transported into storage until the owner can be identified.

Wednesday, October 21

8:59 a.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A woman reported that a threat was made over the phone. No further information was given.

6:00 p.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A woman reported an unruly juvenile at the business. No further information was given.

Thursday, October 22

8:58 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center. A nurse reported that a patient had spit on her. The patient was charged with assault.

11:49 p.m. – Traffic stop on Foss Way at N. Market St. The driver was charged with driving under suspension.

Saturday, October 24

8:59 p.m. – To Creekwood Dr. An obviously intoxicated man was bleeding from his nose and chin. The only information he would give was that he and his daughter were at a bar/restaurant in Troy. The daughter, who also was intoxicated, did not wish to cooperate. As the deputy tried to talk to her, she became more and more belligerent. She then went to where her father was and became belligerent with him. She was warned for her behavior and then began screaming at the deputies. Once she calmed down, the squad arrived to tend to the man's injuries.

10:16 p.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A. A man was lying down and appeared to be intoxicated. After being warned, he was taken to jail for disorderly conduct.

Sunday, October 25

1:19 a.m. – To Fenner Rd. for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that he and a friend went to this address to confront a male that was having relations with his wife. He said that the argument was verbal and that the man did not come out of the residence. The residents, who were both intoxicated, said that the two men came to their home and were banging on the door looking for the woman's son. They said that the man physically assaulted them but showed no injuries consistent with their claimed assault. They did not wish to press charges, but wanted the men off of their property. The men were advised that they were trespassing.

Man Gets 9 Years in Prison for Rape

By Nancy Bowman

Nine years in prison was ordered Monday, Oct. 26, for a Tipp City man convicted of the rape of a 15 year old Troy girl.

Judge Christopher Gee said Mark A. Donohoo, 50, would befriend young girls and buy them drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

He was indicted on felony charges of rape, corrupting another with drugs and possessing a weapon while under a disability imposed by a prior conviction.

He was accused of giving the girl a drug or other intoxicant and engaging in sexual conduct with her Sept. 13, 2014, in Troy.

The corrupting another with drugs charge was dismissed by prosecutors as part of a plea deal.

Gee ordered Donohoo to serve nine years for rape and 30 months for the weapons under disability charge. The sentences were to be served concurrently. Donohoo will receive credit for 69

days served in jail.

Before Gee announced the sentence, Donohoo told the judge he was ashamed by his actions. "I made a huge mistake. I am sorry," he said, adding he hoped that over time the damage he inflicted would heal.

Defense lawyer Jack Hemm said Donohoo had support of family



Mark A. Donohoo

and was remorseful for his behavior.

The victim submitted a written statement to the judge but did not speak in court.

Gee outlined Donohoo's criminal record dating to 1988. Among charges were drug abuse, theft, assault,

telephone harassment, stalking, criminal trespass and drug trafficking. The rape offense occurred while Donohoo was on a community control sentence, the judge said.

"It is very disturbing to the court that the defendant's conduct is part of a pattern – he befriends young girls and provides them with drugs and alcohol," Gee said. He referred to an Auglaize County case against Donohoo that he said was initiated by the mother of a 16 year old concerned about Donohoo and his behavior.

"It is unfortunate it has come to this point," Gee said. "I am here to judge you on your conduct. That conduct deserves a substantial prison sentence."

Once release from prison, Donohoo will be classified as a Tier III sex offender. The designation will require him to register his address with the sheriff's office in the county where he lives every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Trib BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman

Woman pleads to intimidating witnesses

A Piqua woman accused of threatening witnesses in a rape case involving a Tipp City woman pleaded no contest Oct. 19 to four felony intimidation charges in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Trishica Leighly, 37, was accused of making threats over the summer against two people who are witnesses in a pending rape case.

Leighly was found guilty, a presentence investigation was ordered and sentencing is scheduled Nov. 30.



Trishica Leighly

The rape case allegedly occurred in summer 2014 when special needs adult from Tipp City was held against her will and raped in Troy. Troy and Piqua police investigated the crime.

Harry Reedy, 58, of Piqua has pleaded guilty to rape and gross sexual imposition in the assault. He was scheduled for sentencing Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Patrick Anthony, 57, of Piqua has pleaded not guilty to complicity to rape and kidnapping. A trial in Anthony's case was scheduled for this week before Judge Christopher Gee in Common Pleas Court.

Driver indicted in Troy man's death

A Miami County grand jury indicated a Sidney man on felony charges of aggravated vehicular homicide and operating a vehicle while under the influence in a March crash on Interstate 75 between Troy and Tipp City in which a Troy man was killed.



Eric Pellman

Eric Pellman, 41, pleaded not guilty to both charges during arraignment Oct. 21 in Common Pleas Court. His bail was set at \$40,000 cash or surety.

State troopers said Pellman was southbound when his vehicle made "a dramatic lane change," overturned and landed on a guardrail on the right side of the highway. Passenger Philip Smith II, 33, formerly of Sidney, died in the crash.

The indictment alleges Pellman had cocaine in his system at the time of the wreck.

His pretrial hearing was scheduled for Nov. 2.

Commissioners hear flooding concerns

Property owners in the Concord Acres area of Concord Township made official comments to the Miami County commission Oct. 22 on a ditch petition with work requested to help deal with flooding of the Clayton Ditch.

Among areas in the subdivision are Beechwood, Lakeshore and Lakewood drives off Barnhart Road near Troy.

Several property owners talked about increased damage to property from flooding along ditch and the financial and emotional costs of those incidents. The proposed work in the petition would cost more than \$400,000.

The commissioners and their lawyer explained the petition process, with the next step being submitting written comments to the commissioners' office by Nov. 2. The commissioners could decide to reject the petition or move forward with another hearing where costs/assessment would be among topics.

The decisions could be challenged in court.

Commissioners approve closings

The Miami County commissioners have approved closing of county offices on Nov. 27, the day following Thanksgiving, and at noon Dec. 24.

The commission voted Oct. 20 to close the offices in recognition of employees. The closing vote affects offices under the control of the commissioners. The exceptions are offices that remain open for public safety operations.

In other business, the commissioners approved trade ins and purchases as requested by the Municipal Court. Approved was the trade in of 20 firearms and purchase of 14 new firearms and nine trainer belts, holsters, magazine holders and handcuff clips.

The trade in value was listed as \$6,680 while the purchase total was \$6,394 for a total credit due the county of \$286. The value of broken items being traded in will be applied to the credit. Any remaining credit then will be used for additional gear for court probation officers under the agreement with Kiesler's Police Supply Inc.

Visitors Bureau Budget Has Rare Deficit

The Miami County commissioners Oct. 22 approved a \$444,628 budget for 2016 for the county Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Diana Thompson, bureau executive director, told the commission Oct. 20 that the budget based on cash accounting shows a \$17,128 deficit for the year due primarily to increased hours for a staff member from two to four days a week. The bureau's projected income of \$427,500 next year includes \$415,000 from the county's 3 percent lodging tax. The 2015 projected income from that source was \$385,000.

The projected 2015 year-end balance is \$2,000. Thompson told commissioners, though, the bureau's total assets were more than \$337,000 as of Sept. 30.

Commission President Jack Evans praised Thompson and the bureau for a video done his year of the county featuring footage taken from a drone. He called the video "superb." A second drone video was being shot last week for use later in 2016, Thompson said.

Sheriff's Office Offers Halloween and Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips

In Miami County, there are approximately 165 registered sex offenders, and we want you to know where they reside so that you avoid those houses when trick-or-treating if you choose to. "We do the best we can in making sure sex offenders live where they tell us, so it is crucial that our citizens visit our website, to see who the registered sex offenders are and where they are living."

Says Sheriff Charles Cox, "Citizens are encouraged to check any addresses where they or their family spend time. Sheriff Cox says "The mapping and address feature found on the website pinpoints exactly where an offender lives."

You will also find many other beneficial tools such as the ability to sign up

for FREE automatic email notifications informing you if an offender moves within a specified radius of any address you register. "If you aren't planning on trick-or-treating in your neighborhood, but will be in a family or friend's neighborhood, register their address beforehand so you know which houses to avoid. You can register any and all of the addresses where your children spend a lot of time; for example friend's, grandparents', or babysitter's addresses" says Sheriff Cox. The alerts are in real-time and sent out via e-mail as soon as a new offender has registered their address with the Sheriff's Office. The benefit of registering for this free confidential e-mail alert service is that it allows us to monitor

your important addresses for you, thereby keeping you up to date of newly registered offenders and making it unnecessary for you to have to check your important addresses daily or even weekly.

The website for the Mi-

ami County Sheriff's Office is www.miamicountysheriff.org. Citizens should click on the link "Offender Lookup" and follow the instructions to check their neighborhood and sign up to receive FREE e-mail alerts.

Sheriff Cox encourages everyone to have a fun and safe Halloween. Knowledge is power and knowing where the registered sex offenders reside in your area can help you make the best choices for safe and enjoyable Hal-

loween activities.

For further information or questions, please call the Miami County Sheriff's Office SORN Division at (937) 440-6000 x6638 and ask for Carol Foster.

Area Property Transfers

| Property Address | Date | Price | Seller | Buyer |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1022 MCKAIG AVE | 10/19 | \$11,000 | SECURITY LENDING LTD | MILLER GERALD LANCE & NA |
| 103 W SIMPSON ST | 10/19 | \$210,000 | PACKARD KEITH R & THERESA E | THANIEL C BREEDING |
| 1301 MAPLECREST DR | 10/19 | \$0 | SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN | ROBBINS LAUREN D |
| 1305 WATERBURY PL | 10/19 | \$119,900 | NOLL NETA L (TR) | DEVELOPMENT |
| 1317 WINDY HILL CT | 10/19 | \$475,000 | PERDZIOLA JOHN G & CHERYL K | MILLS JONATHAN R & BETSY A |
| 1415 GOLDEN EAGLE DR | 10/19 | \$225,500 | NVR INC | WACKLER TERRY L |
| 1901 W MAIN ST | 10/19 | \$0 | NLDC LLC | BEARDMORE ANTHONY A & MARI |
| 2368 BROOKVIEW DR | 10/19 | \$144,000 | AUSSET PIERRE G & @ (3) | ANNE M |
| 878 MAYFIELD DR | 10/19 | \$0 | FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION | HENSLEY DONALD A |
| 914 S MULBERRY ST | 10/19 | \$32,001 | BANK OF AMERICA NA | TROY HOLDINGS LLC |
| 916 KENT LN | 10/19 | \$57,000 | PAJEV MILAN P & TANYA A POPOVA | HOPPER GREGORY T & CHARITY C LOMAX |
| POND VIEW DR | 10/19 | \$44,900 | KEYSTONE LAND DEVELOPMENT INC | GREATER MIAMI VALLEY HOMES LLC |
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Brukner Goes Batty

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

On October 31st at 2:00 PM, Brukner Nature Center is giving the community an opportunity to provide local bats with a place to hang out this Halloween. The workshop will be offered in conjunction with a national initiative sponsored by the Organization for Bat Conservation (OBC) to break a world record for the most bat houses built in one day.

According to the OBC, 85% of wintering bat populations in the United States have decreased since 2011 as a result of a cold-loving fungal infection contracted through the hibernation habits of the species. With barns and homes sealed up tight against infestation and limited spots available for the bats to hunker down during colder months, the bat houses provide safe shelter for the nocturnal creatures.

The bats' cause was taken up by Molly Simonis, a member of the Brukner Nature Center staff. This is her first event done in conjunction with an OBC initiative. Simonis is overseeing the workshop on the 31st, which will include refreshments, a hands-on tutorial, and an address by guest speaker Jasmine Grossnickle, the Miami County Wildlife Officer. "The houses give bat populations places to roost," Simonis said.

"Many Ohio bats won't migrate to caves and need a good place to hibernate." Bat house kits are in the process of being prepared for the workshop. Each kit will be \$30 for participating individuals and families. "You can take them home and put them up either on a post or on the side of your house," Simonis said. "Mine is on the side of our house; I gave it to my dad for Christmas one year."

Simonis went on to say that bats only have one pup at a time; this limit in reproduction capacity has contributed to the recent decrease in population. Miami County is home to 11 species of insectivorous bats, many of which can be found flying around the property of the Brukner Nature Center at dusk.

Although bats are highlighted as a spooky creature during the haunted celebrations of this time of year, during the summer months, bats are responsible for eating 1,000 insects per day. Their contribution to the farming community of Miami County limits the need for insecticides. According to Brukner's executive director, Deb Oexmann, "If you want a mosquito-free backyard, it helps to have a couple bats around."

For more information about the workshop at Brukner and the OBC's efforts nationwide, visit bruknernaturecenter.com or batconservation.org.

Free Clinic Retains Morris

With Open Enrollment for HealthCare.gov quickly approaching, Health Partners Free Clinic wants to remind the community of their in-house Certified Marketplace Navigator, Stephanie Morris. For the third year, Morris is available to inform citizens of their healthcare options, as well as apply for, and enroll or reenroll, in insurance plans through the Marketplace.



Health Partners Free Clinic's mission is to provide free quality healthcare to the uninsured and underinsured citizens of Miami County. In 2013, when the Affordable Care Act was put in to motion, they knew there was going to be a shift in their daily operations and patient profile. Bringing Morris into the clinic was just one more way of reaching out to the community, offering yet another much needed service, helping both patients and non-patients alike.

Funded through a federal grant that has been

filtered down from the Ohio Association of Food Banks and the Ohio Association of Free Clinics, the Navigator Program has become one the most useful tools operating under the ACA.

"Health insurance is confusing," says Morris. As of October 2015, a Miami County resident would have nearly 60 plans, from 7 different insurance companies, to choose from on Health-

Care.gov.

From explaining what tax credits (subsidies) really are, how they are calculated, and how monthly premiums are not the only thing to be looking at from a financial standpoint, to helping people determine what they really need out of an insurance plan and even how to access that care, Morris is there to help. The Marketplace's open enrollment for 2016 begins Nov. 1 and runs through Jan. 31, 2016.

To schedule an appointment call Morris at Health Partners Free Clinic at 332-0894.

Rotarians Run the Gauntlet

When active duty military transition back into civilian life, there can be challenges they face as they reintegrate with families, friends and day-to-day work, according to Brock Heath, Marine Corps veteran, author and motivational speaker. A City of Troy Ward 6 Councilman and Troy High School graduate, Heath shared his insights with Troy Rotarians during their weekly meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Heath is the sole owner of Gauntlet Development, Inc. The firm focuses on training, speaking and personal development for individuals and companies, especially transitioning veterans. He works to help vets adapt to life once their deployments are finished. He also administers the "Blue Vase Hunter Training Series" for high level corporate managers on an individual level, along with groups of employees and stakeholders from companies large and small.

He wrote *How to Succeed in the Civilian World for Military Vet-*

erans (2014) in an effort to help those returning from the recent Gulf War make a more seamless transition back to family and work life. He knows of what he speaks. After his third deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan, Heath recognized that he had to become the husband and father his wife and two children needed. This self-actualization led to his determination to establish Gauntlet Development and the training program. To learn more, please visit www.gauntletdevelopment.com.

Troy Rotary Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section.

Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.

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Our goal is to reach out and help our area with 100 plus members pledging to each contribute \$100 four times a year to local charities. All charities and organizations up for consideration must have a footprint in Miami County, non-profit 501(c)3 and non-controversial. The goal is to keep it local and have an impact that WE can SEE in our county!!

This group is perfect for you if:

- You don't have time in your busy life to volunteer but have been wanting to help those in need in our community
- You want 100% of your donations to go directly to a charity where we live and are interested in learning about new charities
- You want to be part of a powerful group of individuals who make an immediate, direct and positive impact on those in need
- You want the opportunity to present your local charity of choice to a large group of caring people

All members have the opportunity to place their name in a hat at each meeting with the hopes of being one of three drawn to present their charity. Each of the three members have five minutes to share with the group why their charity should receive the group's vote. We listen, we vote, we each write a personal check for \$100 to the charity receiving the most votes. The hidden advantage to our organization is the charity receives this donation without spending a minute of their time or a nickel of their money fundraising. If we hit our goal of having 100 plus individuals join us as Charter Members, we can provide over \$10,000 to a charity at each meeting, that's over \$40,000 each year at only four events. **100 x \$100 = \$10,000 x 4 = \$40,000**

Please consider joining us! Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, there is no reason to call ahead just come on by! If you would like to become a member please fill out a membership commitment form online at our webpage or pick one up at the next meeting.

We will meet on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November from 7:00 – 8:00 pm with the first meeting starting in Nov 2015. Meetings will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of 3rd and Main in downtown Tipp City. Please Join us!

2015 Meeting Date:

November 12th from 7-8 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 14 Walnut St, Tipp City **Website:** www.givewhereyoulive.wix.com/miamicounty

2016 Meeting Date:

February 11th * May 12th * August 11th * November 10th

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Obituaries

Dennis E. Cruse

Dennis E. Cruse, age 74, of Troy, passed away on Friday, October 23, 2015 at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, OH following a brief illness. He was born on November 20, 1940 to the late Herbert K. and Clara (Loudermilk) Cruse. He married Beverly M. Sotzing on June 24, 1968 and she survives.



Dennis is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Todd and Cindy Cruse of Pickerington, OH and Greg and Erica Cruse of Sidney, OH; seven sisters: Cora Hunter and Connie Eggleston, both of Rupert, WV, Renie Greene of Hurricane, WV, Brenda Berry of Tera Alta, WV, Becky Osborne of Meadowbridge, WV, Sarah Dunbar of McCannon, WV and Sharon Neal of Craigsville, WV;

two brothers: Kenneth Cruse and John Cruse, both of Summersville, WV; brother-in-law and wife: Chuck and Dots Sotzing of Huntingburg, IN; and five grandchildren: Madison, Tyler, Troy, Alissa and Brooklyn Cruse and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by two sisters: Faye Small and Betty Cruse.

Dennis was a member of First Baptist Church in Vandalia. He was also a little league baseball coach for fifteen years. He retired from Hydro Aluminum in Sidney, and was formerly employed by Odawara Automation in Tipp City. Dennis proudly served his country as a member of the US Army Reserves. Dennis was a devoted grandfather who enjoyed watching his grandchildren in their sporting activities.

Funeral services were held at 10:00AM on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor David Starry officiating. Burial followed in Miami Memorial Park in Covington.

Betty Marlene Hahnel

Betty Marlene Hahnel, age 83, of Bloomington, IN, formerly of Troy, OH, passed away on Friday, October 23, 2015 at McCormick Skilled Nursing Facility in Spencer, IN. She was born on July 15, 1932 in Dayton, OH to the late Ralph and Bertha Elizabeth (Frey) Durst. Her husband, Joseph L. Hahnel, preceded her in death.



Marlene is survived by her children: Connie (Bruce) Thomas, Daniel (Kathy) Landis and David (Rosie) Landis; daughter-in-law: Lynn Landis; step-daughter: Christine Hahnel; sister: Ruth Maxine Suerdieck; nine grandchildren; seventeen

great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Betty was preceded in death by one son: Timothy Landis; one step-son: Joseph E. Hahnel; two brothers: Gerald Durst and Ralph Durst; and one sister: Mary Ann Alexander.

Marlene was a graduate of Pleasant Hill High School. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Troy and the Elks Lodge. Betty enjoyed golf and ceramics.

Services will be at First Lutheran Church, Troy, OH on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 1:00PM with Rev. Ric Barnes officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery in Tipp City. Friends may call from 11:00AM-1:00PM at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Lutheran Church, 2899 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Mary Margaret Harris

Mary Margaret Harris, age 67 of Troy passed away at 6:13 P.M. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She was born on April 27, 1948 in Troy, Ohio to the late William J. Moton Sr. and Thelma May (Ross) Moton. She was also preceded in death by



three brothers and three sisters. She is survived by brothers and sister-in-law William Moton of Troy, Alvin Moton of

Troy, James Archie of Troy, Freddie and Virginia Archie of Piqua, sisters and brothers-in-law Katie Baker of Troy, Shannon Moton of Troy, Sharon Moton of Troy, Lillian and Fred Hudgins of Piqua, Virginia and Sonny May of Troy. She was a member of St. James Community Church and retired from Villa Convalescent Center, Troy. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, October 29, 2015 at St. James Community Church, Troy. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Patricia K. Hiegel

Patricia K. (Swyers) Hiegel, age 74, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Upper Valley Medical Center Emergency Room, Troy. She was born on September 25, 1941 in Troy, OH to the late Ralph and Lillian (Johnson) Swyers.



Pat is survived by her husband of 52 years, Donald L. Hiegel; son and daughter-in-law: Rob and Connie Hiegel of Casstown; daughter and son-in-law: Julie and Dan Millhouse of Covington; grandchildren: J.T.(Michelle) Hiegel of Troy, Coy(fiance'), Laura Johnson) Hiegel of Casstown and Catey Hiegel of Casstown; Abby (fiance', Aaron Shively), Justin Millhouse and Lydia Millhouse all of Covington and great-granddaughter: Nevaeh Sue Hiegel of Troy; sisters and brother-in-law: Viola and Lee Hartman of Piqua

and Janice Kellogg of Madeira, OH; and also survived by the "Crawford Street Girls"; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Pat was a 1959 graduate of Troy High School and attended the Ohio University. She attended the First United Methodist Church, Troy and was a member of the Cove Springs Grange and the Miami County Farm Bureau. She was a former member of the Miami East School Board. She was an employee of the Miami County Farm Bureau for 18 years and Treasurer with the Miami County Agricultural Society for 18 years. She enjoyed traveling, farming, playing Euchre and especially her grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00AM on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with the Rev. Leonard Benson and Rev. Dave Leckrone officiating. Interment will follow in Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, OH. The family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00PM on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 with grange services to follow at 8:00PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 4555 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 396, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Robert Lee Smith

Robert Lee Smith, age 63 of Piqua passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at his residence. He was born on July 18, 1952 in Richmond, Indiana to Alvin Smith of Independence, Kansas, and the late Iva (Shelley) Smith. Robert is survived by one



daughter and son-in-law, Kelli and Chris Ferguson of Huber Heights; one son, Tyler Smith of Minster; one sister, Janet

Tischler of Texas; and three grandchildren, Christian, Abel, and Carson. Robert was a graduate of Eaton High School, Eaton, Ohio. He retired from Tony's Body Shop in Covington and was previously employed by Chuck Fries Body Shop in Piqua for 20 years. He was a member of the Salvation Army Church, Piqua. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour before the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

WACO Presents B-17 Recovery Lecture

WACO Historical Society is pleased to host guest Bill Albers on Thursday, November 5th at 7pm. Born in Amsterdam, Bill survived a 5 year long German occupation during WW2. He came to the USA in 1965 as an engineer and furthered his studies while in the states. With the exception of a five year stint in Canada, he made the US his home and became a US citizen in 1977. He is now retired and works at Champaign Aviation Museum, rebuilding the B-17G Bomber. The Aviation Lecture Series is sponsored in part by Dayton Power and Lights.

The lecture covers the history of a B-17, which crashed in 1951 and how parts and sections were recovered in the wilderness of Alaska, 130 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska. The crash site was ten miles from

Talkeetna, not far from Mount McKinley. Eight volunteers of the Champaign Aviation Museum spend ten days collecting and preparing the parts for shipment by truck, boat and train to Urbana, Ohio. Come relive the excitement of this memorable ten day journey.

This presentation is scheduled to last forty-five minutes. There is



no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted to benefit WACO Historical Society. The WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373. For more information, visit www.wacoairmuseum.org or call 937-335-9226.

Mayor Holds Annual Prayer Breakfast

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

First Baptist Church of Troy opened its doors and offered a warm handshake, scrambled eggs, and sausage to the community for the 35th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 24th. The event was held in the church's gymnasium and drew more than 100 people. The themes highlighted throughout the morning were that of unity and faith.

Mayor Mike Beamish has been an avid proponent of prayer for the city. "If we want this community to continue to succeed and grow, events like this are essential," Mayor Beamish said. "We have so many people of faith in Troy. This can be one of our greatest assets."



Shane Carter (left) and Mayor Michael Beamish

Several local religious leaders represented their congregations and their faith by sharing in a time of prayer and encouragement. The host pastor, Dale Christian, put forward the intent of the morning saying, "Since this is called the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, we decided it would be good to pray." Pastor Shawn Hess from Grace, Pastor Johnathan Newman of Koinos, Deacon John Taylor from Zion, and Pastor David Richey of Richards Chapel came up to the microphone in sequence and prayed for local families, businesses, and the government. Stan Kriesberg from Beth Jacob Synagogue sang a reading from Psalm 23, also called "The Shepherd's Psalm," out of the Hebrew Old Testament.

Shane Carter, a Troy native and the executive director of the Lincoln Community Center, brought an address that called the people and leaders of Troy to "have the love of Jesus Christ" and to "desire unity, realizing that, while we may be different, we are all God's children." Carter was instrumental

in bringing the Lincoln Center back to life under this same premise four years ago. Driven to revive programs that encouraged him as a young man, Carter braved the challenge of finding resources and directing focused outreach to touch the lives of families and youth in Troy. In 2013, he generated more than \$96,000 in grant revenue and currently oversees more than 50 programs throughout the year.

According to Carter, "many times we look for answers in ourselves and don't find it." Speaking to the difficulties of life for those who experience financial struggles, he challenged prayer breakfast attendees to "get involved in your community in a way you never have before." Through personal testimony and

shared experiences, Carter related his vision for the Lincoln Center with a grand vision for the City of Troy. Even as he and the staff at the Lincoln Center are operating out of the desire to serve and give back to the community, Carter encouraged guests to strive for selflessness. Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King and the Bible, the climax of his plea for unity was taken straight out of 1 Peter 3:8 in the Bible: "Finally, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble."

After outlining the challenges and possible actions leaders and community members could take as individuals to build up the spiritual core of the City of Troy, Carter bottom-lined his view of the source of unity: "The answer to a unified community in my mind is through love, hope, and ultimately, faith in Jesus Christ." For a speech that resonated with those attending the 2015 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Carter was met with a standing ovation.

Square to Close for Rally

On Wednesday, October 28, 2015, the Northwest Quadrant of the Public Square will be closed for the Troy-Piqua Football Game Pep Rally. The Quadrant will be closed to parking from approximately 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The Pep Rally will start at 7:00 p.m.

"Cardio" Yoga Classes at YWCA

Join Katie Nardechchia for a new 5 week session of "Cardio" Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning November 4. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

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

classes and/or the Cardio Yoga class and really get a workout," she added.

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

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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Fire Inspector Speaks to Lions

Troy Lions Club members enjoyed an informative program about the Troy Fire Department from Fire Inspector Dan Stine. They learned that all 33 of the city's fire fighters are also paramedics and that the department makes an average of 10 runs per day. Stine also showed the club members some of a fireman's equipment and demonstrated how quickly a fire fighter can dress in response to a call. The apparel worn covers every inch of a fire fighter's skin. Stine also talked about a home's fire safety program. This includes preparing for a fire, having an escape plan, a meeting place and holding fire drills. Stine finished his talk with comments about fire safety during the upcoming Holiday season. Lions Program Chairman Bob Medley, said, "His talk was very informative and timely too. Good reminders as we approach winter and the holidays."

The Troy Lions Club is a non-profit community service organization serving Troy, Covington, Pleasant Hill, Piqua, Tipp



Troy Fire Inspector Dan Stine

City, and surrounding areas of Miami County since 1942. Their primary mission is vision health. The Troy Lions Club also provides scholarships and supports many community programs. For more information see the Lions website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Troy_OH or call (937) 335-7345.

Local Ballot Issues

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tioned if the city is in the financial position to have to seek to save by using part timers when it has been spending money on recreational project including a new park (Treasure Island).

He said his understanding of government has been it "takes care of necessities and then you make things more pleasant."

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.

The Troy Hayner Cultural Center has been a member of the community since its establishment in 1975. Before then, it was the public library after Mary Jane Hayner willed her home to the community in care of the Troy schools in the early 1940s.

The center is used by about 90 civic and social service organizations and hosts an array of activities from student art exhibits to concerts and classes. Its facilities can be rented for events such as weddings, parties and other gatherings.

Voters are being asked to renew a 0.85-mill operating levy for five years. Two levies of 0.2-mill and 0.65-mill approved in 2011 are being combined into one request, said Linda Lee Jolly, Hayner executive director.

The levy generates \$545,200 annually, which equals about 85 percent of the Hayner budget. The money goes toward operations, programming and maintenance of the 100-year-old mansion.

The cost of the levy to the owner of a home with a \$100,000 value is \$26.02 a year, according to the Miami County Auditor's Office.

The levy will appear on the ballot as a proposed renewal for the Troy City School District but all money generated is for the Hayner Center.

More information on the levy is available at www.voteforHayner.org.

In unincorporated Concord Township, the Trafalgar referendum will appear on the ballot again. The referendum challenges the Miami County commissioners' vote to rezone 50 acres off Monroe Concord Road from agricultural to single-family residential.

Opponents have pointed to various reasons to fight the rezoning over the years.

They have included concerns over traffic, a desire to leave the property as open space and arguments there isn't a need for more single-family housing in the area.

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.

Variety Show Honors Vets

The Miami Valley Veterans Museum in conjunction with Hospice of Miami County is proud to present the inaugural "Tribute to the Troops" Variety Show on Friday, November 6 at The Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street, downtown Troy.

The show is designed to bring to mind the entertainment shows presented to the troops, by the USO, throughout the various wars and conflicts since 1941. The evening will feature live acts with dancing, singing, and presentations of military show footage through the years. Entertainment will include Dayton's own Patriotic Pin-Up Girls, Country singer Rick Sylvester, singers "Songbird" Betty Tasker and Pam Haislip, and The Tapcats. Two performances will take place on Friday, November 6, 2015; the first at 6:00 p.m. and the second at 8:00 p.m. Box Office will open one hour before each performance to allow patrons to view the exhibit of uniforms, posters, photos and items of interest from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and current conflicts. The exhibit is provided by the Miami County Veterans Museum and will remain on display at The Mayflower Arts Center's Lobby Gallery through November 13, 2015.

"The Tribute to the Troops Variety Show was inspired by the USO entertainment shows aimed

at lifting the spirits of our troops during times of conflict. The veteran's sacrifices that were made should never be forgotten. This program is our way of giving back to all those who have sacrificed for us. We want to remember that veterans are the reason why we can have shows like this and for future generations to come," says Mitch Fogle, Executive Director of The Miami Valley Veterans Museum in Troy. Lisa Bauer, Director of the Mayflower Arts Center is excited by the opportunity to collaborate with the MCVM. "Our vision is that this program will become an annual fundraising event for the Veterans Museum. We've been developing this concept together since the spring and look forward to entertaining the community with a great line-up of talent! It is such a wonderful way to honor our Veterans."

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Miami Valley Veterans Museum and advanced tickets can be purchased online through www.mayflowerartscenter.com. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Mayflower Arts Center Box Office Thursday-Saturday, 11-6pm. Prices are \$12 for Veterans and Active Military and \$15 for non-Veterans. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, contact the Mayflower Arts Center at 937-552-5848.

Council Seat

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to Wanda, three children and three great-children. Retired pharmacist.

Schaefer: Graduate of Troy High School, Miami University. Worked in aerospace industry and a volunteer. One daughter, three grandsons.

What are the top three issues this office faces? How would you address them?

Tremblay: "1. Economic Growth 2. Balancing the Budget 3. Maintaining and improving the quality of life in Troy. Current policies and plans are addressing these issues."

Schaefer: Affordable housing: "Wages dipping 5 percent below average, low paying jobs, higher rents and expensive subdivisions make up for a shortage of decent affordable housing that affects all of us ... Community involvement, balance economic development, stable employment close to home and tax incentives can make a big difference." Fulltime firefighters: "As the city grows, full time firefighters and responders are a necessity to keep our community safe." Fiscal conservatism: "To be cost effective by micromanaging without jeopardizing our infrastructure and holding the next generation of Trojans hostage."

What makes you the best candidate for this office?

Tremblay: "My management experience in

private business and leadership experience in many volunteer organizations make me the better candidate."

Schaefer: "I have the guts to be square about pride, loyalty and hard work. My experience while working with my father as a young child taught me how to run a business, be respectable, build self-confidence, be a team player, and be disciplined. I believe I am the best candidate for I have the experience, integrity and the passion to become a city council member."

What would you like voters to know about you?

Tremblay: "I was born, raised and lived my entire adult life in Troy. My entire professional career was spent in Troy. I care deeply about Troy and have volunteered my services in many ways in Troy." Tremblay said he considers service on council as a continuation of his volunteerism. He also is current president of Troy Museum Corporation and president of Stouder Memorial Hospital Foundation, and member, Troy Optimist Club and St. Patrick Church.

Schaefer: "I expect great things from myself and those around me to do what's right for our community. I won't stop until all of my questions are answered in order to make the best decisions for all concerned."

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Students in Gail Ahmed's Music Appreciation class at Edison State Community College learned about the health benefits associated with drumming during a special HealthRHYTHMS® course.

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activity, as well as gaining a different perspective and appreciation for what music has to offer."

Following discussion, students gathered in a circle and the ten-step protocol of the program was introduced. The protocols included an introduction, wellness exercise, ice breaker, ABC's of drumming, rhythmic naming, entertainment building, inspirational beats, guided imagery drumming, wellness exercise and the finale, which required the group play a variety of percussion instruments.

"We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to bring this awareness to the students," added Ahmed.

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Drumming Circle: Edison students in Gail Ahmed's music appreciation class gather in a drum circle to participate in HealthRHYTHMS®.

Facilitated by Darlene Francis, RN, BSN, students were introduced to the mind, body, spirit, and community aspects of drumming as well as psychoneuroimmunology, rhythmology, homeostasis, and beat induction. Students also discussed in detail how these methods could be applied to real-life settings and the theory of beat induction being a trait unique to humans. "The students find this session to be very informative," said Gail Ahmed, Instructor of Music. "They enjoy taking part in a hands-on

strengthen the immune system, improve mood states and reduce burn-out, reduce student drop-out rates, reduce stress on the genomic levels, strengthen the immune system of corporate employees, inspire creativity and bonding in long-term care residents, and serve as a catalyst for quality of life improvement in adolescents.

For more information about HealthRHYTHMS®, contact Darlene Francis Director of Student Health Services by emailing dfrancis@edisonohio.edu.

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Riverside. "We hope voters will be able to understand that the names are one and the same for our organization," said Brian Green, Riverside superintendent.

The Riverside levy is a 2.5-mill, five-year request that generates \$5,325,622 per year; money Green said is instrumental in providing "critical services to our friends, neighbors and family members who depend on us."

The levy costs the owner of a home with a \$100,000 value \$76.56 a year.

Services are provided to nearly 900 county residents from birth to the end of life. Among those services are case management; early intervention; physical, speech and occupational therapies; recreational activities; community housing coordination; community employment training and placement; adult day services; and transportation.

"It is important to note that we also fund services provided by 126 agencies or individual providers who provide direct ser-

vices to people with developmental disabilities. These third-party services include home and personal care services, adult day programming and vocational placement," Green said.

The levy provides nearly 40 percent of the money for Riverside's operating budget. The balance comes from a 1.7-mill continuing levy (20 percent of income) and Medicaid (40 percent).

"Our services have grown and changed since our organization began in the 1950s, however we are dedicated to careful stewardship of our resources and work to stretch local tax dollars as far as they will go," Green said.

"Miami County taxpayers should be interested to know that according to a recent report by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Riverside, as Miami County's Board of Developmental Disabilities, ranks fourth among Ohio's 88 county boards of DD for obtaining state and federal waivers for eligible persons served. This is what allows us to maximize local tax dollars," he added.

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Trojans Lose Late To Aviators

By Joe Wright

The Troy Trojans football team lost a shootout to the Vandalia-Butler Aviators 33-28 at Troy Memorial Stadium. The Trojans dropped to 2-7 on the season. The Aviators improved to 7-2. "I'm so proud of the effort of this team" said head coach Matt Burgbacher. "We battled through a lot of adversity; unfortunately we didn't get the victory." Troy started on offense and after picking up three first downs end route to the red zone, Trojans quarterback Hayden Kotwica was picked off short of the goal line.



Hayden Kotwica is stopped by the Aviators

The Trojans defense forced a punt giving the ball back to Kotwica and company. On the first play Kotwica threw a 41 yard touchdown pass to receiver Luke Robinson. Kotwica snuck it in for the two point play and led 8-0 with 6:37 left in the first.

The Aviators responded with a rushing touchdown, still trailing 8-7 at the end of the quarter.

The Trojans marched back down the field and tailback Marc Scordia scored on the ground from nine yards out with 10:06 in the second quarter. Andrew Ray took the snap and kicker Jacob Anderson booted it through for a 15-7 lead. The Aviators flew back down the field for a score still trailing 15-14. Troy's defense shut out Butler the rest of the half behind Trojans defensive standouts Jared Bair, Bailey Williams, and John Weh-

rkamp. Troy's offense took a 13 play drive down to the one yard line where Marc Scordia bulldozed his way into the end zone. The Trojans led 22-14 at halftime.

Midway through the third quarter Butler's quarterback Chandler Craine threw a 27 yard touchdown pass on fourth and thirteen. The two point try failed. The Trojans led 22-20. Troy quarterback Hayden Kotwica broke a school record by throwing for over 400 yards on the night. Receivers Zion Taylor and Zach Hoyer were beneficiaries of the air attack. The turning point came

with four seconds left in the third when Kotwica fumbled leaving Aviators Gavin Kohler to scoop the ball and take it 68 yards for a touchdown and their first lead 27-22.

The Trojans regained the lead with 8:38 remaining in the final quarter. Kotwica threw a 18 yard dart to Luke Robinson for six. The two point conversion pass was incomplete. Troy was up 28-27. Butler rallied and scored on the next possession with 5:40 left in the game. The two point attempt failed again but the Aviators took a 33-28 lead. The Trojans had a chance to win the game with a last second drive but a fourth down pass in the end zone fell incomplete. "We've got one game left and it's a big one, we're going to give it our best shot" said coach Burgbacher. The Trojans play their arch rival the Piqua Indians at home Friday at 7 PM.



Vikings Ground Eagles In Home Finale

By Andre DeVond Jr.

The Troy Christian Eagles (4-4) lost their home finale to the Miami East Vikings (7-2) 41-24.

Eagles head coach Steve Nolan talks about his teams disappointing loss.

"We had every opportunity to stop them," Nolan said. "They bottled us up a little bit and we had some misreads. We're still a young program, we've got to get more kids. We're kind of thin out there but we'll continue to get better."

The Eagles were off to a slow start as miscues and misreads plagued them both offense and defense.

In the first quarter, the Eagles couldn't get anything going on their first offensive possession.

On the Vikings first offensive possession, 6'3, 263 pound quarterback Braxton Donaldson hits Logan May for a 51-yard touchdown pass down the middle of the Eagles defense, making the

touchdown as he bruised his way in from 4-yards out, changing the score 21-6 with 5:54 in second.

Later on in the second, the Eagles would inch their way back in this game with a 33-yard field goal from kicker Seth Wynne, setting the score 21-9.

With 17 seconds in the first half, the Eagles defense give up another red zone touchdown to the Vikings.

The score would be 28-9 going into halftime.

Coming out of half-time, the Vikings fumble the opening kickoff and it is recovered by the Eagles.

The Eagles failed to convert on fourth down and turnover on downs giving the ball back to the Vikings.

The Vikings made up for that early blunder by putting together a 67-yard touchdown drive that ended with a Logan May score. With that score the Vikings start to pull away 35-9.

The Eagles would an-



score 7-0.

On the next offensive series for the Eagles, quarterback Hayden Hartman is hit from his blindside and fumbles. Vikes defensive juggernaut Logan West recovers the fumble and returns it for an 80-yard touchdown. The Vikes would go up 14-0.

Just as the Eagles started to slip away, Luke Dillahun punches the ball in the end zone from 1-yard out for an Eagles touchdown and their first points of the game. After a missed extra point, the score would be 14-6 with less than a minute in the first quarter.

Going into the second quarter, the Eagles force a Vikings fumble and it is recovered by defensive back Jacob Calvert.

The Eagles give the ball back to the Vikings on that possession after a three and out.

The Vikings would set up for a Kurt Brower

swer back with a 1-yard score from Hayden Hartman. That would put the score at 35-17.

Going into the fourth quarter, the Vikings were just looking to control the clock.

Vikings put another touchdown on the board, making the score 41-17 with 11:05 left in the game.

The Eagles would eventually find the end zone one more time as Dillahun scorched the Vikings secondary and ran for 87-yardtouchdown.

With the game completely out of reach, the Eagles couldn't find that late game rhythm and would lose with a final score of 41-24.

Next week, the Eagles will play their final game of the season as they travel to Union City to face the winless Mississippi Valley Blackhawks (0-9).

Game time is set for 7:30pm.



Sports Schedule

Friday, October 30

7:00 p.m. - Troy HS Football vs. Piqua

7:30 p.m. - Troy HS Football @ Mississinawa Valley

Saturday, October 31

TBA - Troy HS Volleyball District

3:00 p.m. - Troy HS & Troy Christian Cross County Regionals @ Troy HS

Monday, November 2

6:00 p.m. - Troy HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs. Indian Lake

Wednesday, November 4

5:30 p.m. - Troy HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ Centerville

Area Runners Qualify For Regionals

By Jim Dabbelt

Several area cross country runners have advanced through the Southwest District meet held last weekend at the Montgomery County CTC in Englewood, and will be running this weekend in Troy at the regional meet as they look for a chance at getting to the state meet.



The Troy girls cross country team qualifies as a team for this week

Both the Tippecanoe boys and girls teams won the district championships and qualified as a team, while the Troy girls also will be advancing as a group to the regionals. In addition to the teams qualifying, some individuals also will be moving on to the next stage.

In the Division One girls' race, the Troy squad earned a hard-fought team victory on Saturday, earning 39 points. Leading the way was the district champion Morgan Gigandet, who finished with a time of 18:04. Other times for the Trojans include Megan Myers who finished fourth (19:39), Emma Shigley was sixth (19:55), Kate Pence ninth (20:00) and Olivia Tyre 19th (20:29).

*Tecumseh's girls squad saw their season come to an end in the Division One race, with a 13th place finish. Danielle Franklin finished 57th (21:55), Morgan Crowley 69th (22:40), Emma Hoover 76th (23:05), Staci Harmon 82nd (23:33) and Breanna Crowley 86th (23:43).

Troy just missed qualifying in the Division One boys race with a ninth place finish. Stephen Jones did advance to the regionals with a second place overall finish at 16:17, but is the lone Trojan to qualify. Other times for Troy included Andy Smith (17:52), Parker Hench (17:57), Carter Hench (18:41) and Pete Sheehan (18:54).

Tecumseh's top finisher was Garrett Gemmaka with a 17:44, good enough for 38th. Also, Caleb Ricks 19:04, Ethan Adams 19:06, Jack Dague 19:19 and Reid Hale 20:30.

Division Two- The defending state champion Tippecanoe boys' squad repeated as district champions this year, with an easy win over Shawnee who placed second. Qualifying to regionals from Tipp were district champion Mitchell Poynter (16:08), Thomas Chaney (6th, 16:51), Keenan Fraylick (9th, 17:00), Tim Andrews (11th, 17:06) and Spencer Ranft (15th, 17:14).

Northwestern also had a solid day at districts, finishing fifth overall and heading to regionals. Justin Prack led the way with a second place overall finish at 16:29, followed by Kyle Jamison (17:07), Ryan Cleland (17:39), Liam Randall (17:59) and Jacob Boop (19:06).

Greenon will send Max Pettit to regionals, as he finished tenth with a time of 17:04. Other times for Greenon were Joel Pensworth (18:26), Cameron Haught (18:37), TJ Wisecup (20:03) and Conner Bushnell (20:22).

*In the girls' race, Tippecanoe again was victorious as they claimed the district championship and will send their team to the regionals. Kaili Titley finishes sixth overall with a 19:31, Abby Halsey seventh (19:36), Katie Taylor eighth (19:44), Laura Fink ninth (19:49) and Stephanie Fink 13th (20:17). That group consists of three freshman, one sophomore and one junior.

Northwestern also finished eleventh, with Brooke Smith captured 22nd overall with a 21:05 advancing her to regionals. Emily Funderburg (24:13), Kaylee Parrett (24:54), Maddie Johnson (25:25) and Brittany Florida (25:30) also competed.

Greenon was one spot behind the Warriors, as Rachel Dewey led with a 23:00, Olivia Blevins 23:28, Rhiannon Morlock 24:20, Cheyanne Caswell 28:09 and Heather Fulton 34:55.

Division Three- Bethel's Korry Hamlin qualified to the regionals in the boys race, with a sixth place finish of 16:49, and will be joined by teammate Coleman Clark at 17:49. Other Bethel district times were Conner Whalen 19:53, Benton Wright 20:11 and Chase Heck 20:35.

Nick Pratt led the way for Troy Christian with an 18:38, followed by Isaac Flora 18:55, Zach Davidson 19:40, Noah Davidson 21:29 and Nicholas Flannery 21:42.

Bethel's girls were led by Kaitlyn Balkcom with a 23:17, Kaylee Baugh 26:38, Eiliana Wright 28:25, Morgan Jergens 29:48 and Olivia Norris 31:37.



Stephen Jones qualifies for this weeks regional cross country meet

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Troy Christian Watches Season End

By Jim Dabbelt

The second half of the season, the Troy Christian volleyball team had turned around a rough start, and had some momentum headed into the Division Four sectional tournament held last week at Tippecanoe. They had beaten the top team in their league during the stretch, and had to face the #4 seed Fort Loramie in their opening tournament match.



Jenna Bullock looks to tip the tip ball over for the Eagles.

The Redskins jumped out to a fast lead in the opening game, and never looked back, cruising to a 25-8, 25-6, 25-9 sweep over the Eagles, knocking Troy Christian out of the tournament and ending their season with a record of 8-15.

"From the start, we knew everyone would have to show up and be on for us to be able to stay with them," said Troy Christian coach Mary Jo Weisenbarger. "We were the underdog, but we prepared and went out and actually led in the third set for awhile."

"I commend them for their hustle and spirit and I told the girls we would make them work until the very end."

The first game got out of hand early, as Maeve Hilgefort served nine consecutive points with a lot of help at the net from Caleigh Barhorst, who controlled the net play with five kills early in the game. Fort Loramie led 12-2 before the Eagles could break serve, and the Eagles only had two service points in the

entire first game.

The second game was much of the same for the Eagles, as the Redskins were just too much on this night. Game three was a different story for Troy Christian early on.

Troy Christian took the early 4-2 lead behind three consecutive points from Jenna Bullock and some solid net play from Kathryn Lee and Faith King. After Fort Loramie broke the run, it was a battle with

three ties, including the last one at 7-7 before the Redskins reeled off points from Barhorst and five consecutive from Jesse Stephens, to give the Redskins a 16-8 lead.

From there, they used eight consecutive points from Taylor Ernst to close out the match for the Redskins.

Even with the loss, the Eagles had plenty of highlights on the season, and it all began after they struggled early in the year.

"We started out the season 1-10 and made a small change to the lineup and shifted some people around and it clicked. We went 7-4 the last 11 games," Weisenbarger said. "We had a four game winning streak to end the season and beat the number one and two teams in our league."

"They should be proud of how they turned it around. Most teams would have just stopped playing but they didn't."

She noted her seniors Bullock, Kristen Winger and Denise Rohrer as being key leaders this year.



Troy Notes: Eagles Get To Sectional Finals

Both the Troy Christian boys' and girls' soccer teams advanced to the sectional championship games, held earlier this week after deadline. The boys' defeated National Trail 12-0 in their tournament opener last week, and came back with a 5-0 win over Catholic Central on Saturday. They advanced to the sectionals finals last night at Sidney High School against #3 Franklin Monroe.

*As for the Eagles girls' team, they survived a tough 3-2 overtime win against Catholic Central in their tournament opener last week, then shut-out Northeastern 2-0 to advance to the sectional finals held Monday night at Sidney against Lehman Catholic.

Troy Girls Soccer - The Troy girls' soccer

team was on the opposite ends of 1-0 game last week, as they played in the Sectional tournament. They opened up play with a 1-0 win over Fairborn in overtime to advance to the second round. There, the Trojans fell short 1-0 to the third-seeded Centerville Elks to be eliminated from the post-season play.

Troy Boys Soccer - On the boys' side, they took a bye in the opening round and fell on Saturday to Fairmont 4-1 to also finish their season.

Troy Golf - Troy Moore shot a two-round total of 78-85 for a 163, placing him tied for 32nd overall at the OHSA state golf championships last weekend on the Scarlet Course at The Ohio State University. The state champion fired a 142.

Troy Cruises Into District Finals, Now 24-0

By Jim Dabbelt

Now the real fun begins.

The Troy Trojans volleyball team finished their regular season unbeaten, and then cruised through an easy sectional tournament, advancing onto the district finals this Saturday, as they put their spotless 24-0 record on the line against Cincinnati St. Ursula in the Division One District Finals. The game will be played at Vandalia Butler High School at 12:30 p.m. The opener at 11 a.m. pits Beavercreek against Cincinnati Mount Notre Dame.

After disposing of Sidney last Thursday 25-17, 25-22, 25-11, the Trojans closed out sectional play with a straight set 25-19, 25-22, 25-16 victory over Butler to claim the sectional championship.

"We made a lot more errors than we typically do," Troy coach Michelle Owen said. "We set a goal of five unforced errors and in game one, we gave them 13. Tonight we got away with it, but we have to clean it up a bit or the results on Saturday will not be like tonight."

Both Lauren Freed and Katie Demeo finished the night with 14 kills, and Owen praised both of them for their effort.

"Katie played well tonight," Owen said. "We were up 4-0 in the second game, and they rattled off a few points

and took the lead. Katie went on a run and finished with seven kills and two aces to give us the momentum in that game."

"Lauren also did a really good job mixing up their shots tonight." "When they were both in the front row during rotations in the third game, it was really tough for Butler to defend."

Also for Troy, Dana Wynkoop led the way with 39 assists, while Camryn Moeller was the leader in digs with 14, and Freed had 10.

Up next for Troy is St. Ursula, and Owen knows it will be a tough match for her team.

"I have seen them twice, and we have to play a strong, solid match and eliminate errors," she said. "They have three really solid front row players, and their setter is strong."

"It will take us being in system and getting them out of system and eliminating mistakes for us to win."

What to Do in Troy

Troy CWA Arts & Crafts Sale

October 30 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
October 31 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Staunton Grange, 1530 N. Market St.

Troy CWA is hosting its biennial fine arts and fine crafts sale on October 30 and 31 at the Staunton Grange Hall, 1530 N. Market St. The sale will feature painting, pottery, printmaking, sculpture, fibre arts, photography and more. Hours are Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday 9am-4pm.

Ghost Tours of Troy

October 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
October 31, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Take a ghostly tour of downtown Troy with costumed storytellers. Learn some of the haunted history inside your favorite downtown shops and restaurants.

It is best to purchase tickets online for the time and day you want. Tours often sell out.

\$10 per person.
Tours last approximately 1 hour.

Questions? Leave a message at 937-875-0172.

Campfire "We Are the Stars that Sing"

October 31, 7:45-9:45 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve

Spend an evening with park district naturalist Spirit of Thunder (John DeBoer) and special guests, the Stillwater Stargazers, for a good old-fashioned night around the campfire. View the night sky through a telescope, listen to legends and sing songs. While there, visit the "Zoo in the Sky" storybook trail that will be set up along the path.

Concord Trustees Support Bridge Levy

By Bonnie L. McHenry

Concord Township Trustees unanimously agreed to support the Miami County Bridge Levy Renewal on the November 3, 2015 ballot. The levy does not increase residents' taxes. The levy is used for construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of bridges throughout the county. Residents pay a rate is \$0.045 for every 100 dollars of valuation. The renewal lasts for a period of five years. According to Tom Mercer, Trustees, The Township has 12 bridges 10 foot span or longer that will be maintained under the levy.

In old business, Mercer reported that township residents should receive Storm Water II information sometime this week. Storm water runoff dissolves, picks up and transports many types of household products that cause pollution including automotive waste, lawn chemicals, paints and eroded soil. Litter can create storm water

pollution too. Residents should strive to minimize pesticides and fertilizers on lawns and never allow yard wastes to be washed into storm drains.

Road superintendent Neil Rhoades reported that leaf pickup has started. He also reported that the township spent significantly less on berming than expected. The original estimate was for \$14,072.52 for 502.59 tons; however, the actual costs were \$2,349.84 for 352.85 tons.

Fiscal Officer, Pat Quillen reported that she has not received the Homestead or Rollback Taxes yet. According to Quillen, the taxes are later than usual.

Sheriff's Deputy Dave Duchak reported that there have been no pattern crimes. He said, "It has been a quiet summer."

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for November 3, 2015 at 10: a.m. in the Concord Township Building.

Seniors Hold Bazaar

Make plans to stop in the Troy Senior Citizens Center located at 134 North Market St. in beautiful Troy, Ohio. We are having our Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 7, 2015 from 9 AM to 3 PM. We will have plenty of Amazing Holiday Crafts made by our own Craft Ladies, Delicious home made Baked Goodies, and you can uncover Hidden Treasures in our Center Rummage Sale. You won't go away hungry if you stop by the Lunch Stand where we will be serving a member's secret chili recipe. Our menu is: chili, coney dogs, sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, and beverages. There is something for everyone on your Christmas list at the Troy Senior Citizens Center Holiday Bazaar. If you have any questions, feel free to ring up the Center at 335.2810, M-F, 9am to 4pm. We have an answering machine for calls after hours. We are a United Way of Troy Partner Agency.

Hike

November 3, 9:00 a.m.
Goode Prairie Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold an Adult Exploration Hike on November 3 at 9 a.m. The hike will be at Goode Prairie Preserve, 10354 Union Church Road Bradford. Take a stroll through the preserve with park district naturalist Sassafras Susan as she heads out to discover plants, birds and trees along the trail. Hikes generally last about two hours and are not strenuous or fast-paced. Must preregister for program. Make sure to dress for the weather. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicounty-parks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Troy Night Market

November 3, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Troy REC

The market is a collaboration of local farmers market vendors who grow and produce 'Local Foods' and food related items. The market is being presented with the support of producers who are volunteer committee members of The Miami County Food Council under the guidance of The OSU Miami County Extension Office.

The Troy Night Market vendors embrace the slogan "In Support of Local Food" and will be offering a variety of locally based food products for sale. Products include home-made jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasoning, mixes, tea blends, candy, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, popping corn, and many other items. Seasonal fresh produce, herbs, flowers and garden plants will also be offered in season. The market will also offer a limited number of handmade kitchen/household related items such as soaps, cutting boards, wooden tureen ware, ceramic ware, rolling pins and other hand-crafted items. For more information look them up on Facebook at, "Troy Night Market" or call (937) 216-0949 e-mail TroyNightMarket@gmail.com.

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At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Panning for Gold

I hit pay dirt this week. My son gifted me a pound of river dirt. It was the best surprise an old lady like me could ask for. I mean, it's not like I'll ever get to California, the Gold Rush state. Somehow my son found out one item on my imaginary bucket list was shoveling away in a river bed, pretending to be of the Gold Rush era.

So through modern day technology of "anything can be had on Amazon", the postman handed me a box with a pound of the Yuba River in it and tucked in the corners were all sorts of possibilities.

Actually the Yuba River is a tributary of the Feather River. There is a North Yuba, Middle Yuba and South Yuba. Not knowing which direction my dirt came from in the flow of water doesn't bother me in the least. As long as it is possible to find any speck of shiny gold, I'll happily pan away.

The prospector son has the real deal equipment for his experiments. But for me, a small, home-made kit was assembled easily from kitchen items. A teaspoon was my shovel. A tea leaf-strainer was my screen. Two other holed caps were the initial screens. A small aluminum pan was my



prospector's pan and tweezers picked up the hair-thin fine flakes hidden within the miniscule particles of black sand. (A real prospector is always sure there's gold in them there hills.)

During the 19th century, Yuba Goldfields became an established section of the river valley as dredged sediments washed down from the Sierra Nevada Mountains where hydraulic mining took place. Before that, gold-miners used hand methods of panning and sluicing. And it was that hands-on experience that I wanted to understand. Men spent their entire lives on the river and the hills above, digging, panning, straining through pounds of rock and sand every day in search of the nuggets that would make them rich. What was it that kept them going? How did they come to have gold fever? Why did some

succumb to "claim jumping"?

With the pound of dirt in my pan, it only took about five minutes and a flash of light on gold to answer that first question. What kept them going was that flash of light, the picking up of a piece of gold, however small it might be. Of course, it was a primitive mindset of getting rich quick that drove them on, day after day. I didn't feel the need to sift and re-sift for days though. I know there are no get-rich-quick bags of dirt being shipped anywhere. However, the flash of light, even on such a small scale as my claim, was quite drawing.

Using a sugar-shaker cap, I panned out the larger pebbles. Next came the medium screen to remove the tinier pebbles. Spoonful by spoonful I worked my claim. In the sunlight from a window ever-so-tiny spots of flour

or fine gold could be seen. But reaching for them jiggled them back down into the sand. So, the next step was to add water.

Now I had a small panful of wet, muddy Yuba River. I could immediately see the sense of having the larger screen, pan and tub of water that was part of the real equipment. So, as did a lot of prospectors who were faced with old age and bad eye sight, I enlisted the help of a much younger, stronger prospector. My son was more than happy to join my claim and help mine out the mother lode.

In the end, I learned a few things. First and most important is that not all that glitters is gold. Literally and philosophically. A number of small tidbits of sand were a bright yellow, sparkling in the sunlight. The magnetite itself (black sand) glitters too. So if the prospector's eyes were tired or

aged, he could literally have seen sparks of "gold" everywhere.

On the mind's reaction to it all, I got a better understanding of what thoughts swirled around in their minds, much like the water swirled in the pan until it tugged away the bigger pebbles. Searching as the prospectors did, for years on end, washed away the bigger picture of life. Days were filtered through the graduated wire meshes until only, and I emphasize only, gold was the beginning of the day and the end.

I have my son to thank for this experience. It might seem a small thing-a bag of Yuba River dirt. But to me it was a gold nugget in the bigger picture of this old lady's life.

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

Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Emergency CCW Permit

Over the years I had numerous occasions to speak with victims of domestic violence, assault and a multitude of crimes that shook those victims to the bone. When a person has had their home broken into a common feeling is of being violated. To be helpless in the face of evil will make any normal person feel this way.

Sometimes the victims would ask about carrying a gun. Before the CCCW License laws were enacted in Ohio, the people were justified to carry a firearm when their job or circumstances were of such a nature that any reasonable person would carry a weapon. The "Reasonable person" rule is an actual term used in the United States legal system.

Ohio has a remedy for those who do not wish to carry without a permit and it is called an "Emergency CCW Permit." This is a permit given by the County Sheriff that is good for 90 days and can only be renewed once for a second 90 day period.

To obtain an Emergency CCW Permit the victim must present a sworn affidavit to the Sheriff stating why that person has reason to fear for their life and want to carry a gun. Also the person can present a police report showing an incident just hap-

pening that would justify the sheriff to issue the permit.

The permit fee is \$15 submitted with the application. Presenting the required information to the person responsible for issuing CCW Permits requires that you not be disqualified from carrying a concealed weapon. The same disqualifications apply that would apply to purchasing a firearm. Examples being a convicted or indicted felon or domestic violence, aged 21, being insane and so on.

The applicant will still be subject to a background check by the sheriff through the Ohio BCI and/or FBI. This also includes being fingerprinted.

Then of course if after obtaining the Emergency CCW Permit you still feel the need or just want to continue carrying, you would take the CCW Course and get the common permit.

After the Emergency Permit is in effect, the holder is still required to follow all the rules the same as a normal CCW Permit holder. The Sheriff has a booklet available from the Ohio Attorney General explaining CCW laws and rules.

Being the victim of a crime does not mean you must remain helpless. The first action to start fighting back could be obtaining the permit, going to the range and learning how to fire the gun and practicing with it. Who knows, you may even find a new hobby as target shooting can become an enjoyable addiction.

Gardening Commentary

BY MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

Controlling Weeds

Allow me to mention one thing before we get into the "weeds". It is VERY DRY and it is critically important that we keep watering our landscape plants, especially newly planted trees and shrubs. Regularly watering during dry periods, like we are experiencing now, will help avoid winter damage. Remember, an inch a week is essential.

One of the most daunting garden chores in the garden, landscape plantings and lawn is keeping weeds under control. Some of the weeds we deal with are perennial in nature and survive our winters. Then there are weeds that are annuals but some of these, like Chick Weed, will survive our winters. Right NOW is one of the best times of the year to get a jump on controlling weeds for next year. Yes, I know you want to quit the gardening tasks for the season and just kick back and watch some good football or relax. It's ok if you want to do that but you will have the same annoying job of trying to get ahead of the weeds next season. Remember, they got ahead of you and the rest is history. It is hard to keep up when it is just too hot to work outside.

So let's think about how easy it can be to get a jump on the weeds

for next year. First, take a look around and see where the dandelions and other broadleaved weeds have already sprouted and are growing. Some of them will be in the lawn and others will be in your landscape beds. We don't want these guys to flower and go to seed, which a few can do this time of the year. Most of us don't think much about weeds growing now but they continue to be very efficient at moving food to their root system for storage. They will be ready to really pop and grow early in the spring when everything needs attention. If we apply a broadleaf weed control to our lawns by spot spraying just the weeds vs. applying a spray or a weed and feed application when there are only a few dandelions we will save \$ and also protect the environment. We want to

be responsible when using chemicals so spot spraying may be the way to go.

When it comes to weed growth in the fall and the food storage process plants have in the fall makes the uptake of weed killers very efficient and the kill is very thorough. When the weeds are in flower beds it is best to use a product like Round-Up that is deactivated when it comes in contact with the soil. Due to the cool weather at this time of the year these contact week killers will work more slowly and may appear to be not working. Be patient and just make your applications according to the label and watch how effective applying weed killers at this time of the year can be.

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From the Pulpit

BY PASTOR FREY

The Truth

A political commentator recently said, "We're living in an age where what you say and its relation with the facts is completely irrelevant." People have trouble telling the truth.

The big question has always been, "What is the truth?" Jesus answers that question by saying "God's Word is truth."

You can't always trust what people say. The opinions and conclusions people come to may be wrong. For example, sometimes we are told that coffee is good for you, and then they say it is bad for you, and then they again say it is good. The same thing happens with eggs and other things. The "truth" is always changing.

It is common for experts in the same area to disagree. Both sides sincerely believe that they are saying and have evidence to support what they say. But they both can't

be right.

You may have at times been the victim of bad advice. You had a problem. You sought out what you thought was the truth, only to find out later that the advice was all wrong. You can never really be sure that you are right if you rely on your own thinking or on what other people tell you.

The only one who knows the truth in every area is God. He made the world. He created mankind. He will determine what will happen to the world and to you. So one of the best pieces of advice ever given is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

How does God's truth come to us? God's truth is the Holy Bible. The Bible claims in many places that it is the words of God.

God's Word tells us many things. It tells us how the world began, how we got here, what is wrong with the world and what will eventually happen to us and to the world.

But mostly, the Bible is about Jesus. The key to understanding the truth is Jesus, the eternal Son of God. He was born into the world to reveal the grace of God to us and to make known God's truth to us.

The Lutheran Reformation proceeded from the belief that God has made the truth known to us through the Bible. It follows then, that if we want to know the truth, we study the Bible and believe what it says. God's Word determines what is true and what is false, what is right and what is wrong, because it comes from God.

There are all kinds of religions in this world. There are all kinds of theories and philosophies. We all have personal opinions. But since God has given the truth to us, that is what we should hold on to.

The search for truth has been going on for centuries. Many of the world's leading thinkers believe that there is no truth and if there is, you can't know it. They believe that the Bible is not reliable, that it is full of

superstitions and myths.

For those who don't believe the truth of God's Word, life is meaningless. There is no purpose in life. You live, you die, and it is all for nothing.

So it is easy to see that this leads to more and more crime and sin. Rejecting what the Bible says has led to things becoming worse than they ever were.

But God's Word is still true. It pinpoints the problem and gives the solution. It starts at the beginning. It tells us that God created a perfect world and perfect people. But they went against God and did what they wanted to do, thinking they had a better idea than God. That is where all the trouble started. Sickness, sorrow and death came as a result. From that time on the world was very imperfect. Death and condemnation were in the future.

God's Word goes on to tell us that God still loved the world and he did something. He gave a ransom for the world. He sent his eternal

Son, Jesus, into the world to make the payment. He sacrificed his life for the sins of the world. And God accepted that as full payment for sins.

It is the truth for everyone to believe. Sins are paid for and forgiven. Eternal life and happiness is promised to all who believe.

That is God's solution for our problem.

The purpose of the Reformation, whose anniversary is October 31st, was to rid the church of human ideas and focus attention once again on what God says.

We are living in a time when the trend is away from the truth of God's Word. People are listening to people and their ideas instead of to the truth given by God. The only hope for us is to turn to the Word of God. As Jesus said, God's Word is truth.

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

Financial Focus



Money Talk: Financial jargon demystified

With plenty of technical jargon, an array of innovative and new financial products to tailor to your specific situation and an evolving industry, it can be hard to keep up with all the financial terms out there. Thrivent Financial knows finances aren't everyone's favorite topic, so we've compiled a short list of some of the most common finance terms translated into plain English.

INVESTING WORDS

Asset: Something you own that has value. In the case of personal finances, something that has either a monetary or an exchange value, such as cash or the home you own.

Capital gain: The profit from selling an asset for more money than you originally paid for it. If you sell it for less, you have a capital loss. Since capital gains and losses can affect how much you pay in taxes, these two terms may be important to discuss with your tax advisor come tax season. Let's say you've invested \$10,000 in a stock that grew over the years to a value of \$25,000. Your capital gain would be \$15,000. If you sell that stock, you'll pay taxes on that gain.

Compounding: The act of taking interest earned on an investment and putting it back into the investment to earn still more interest. Ever marvel at how some old savings bond worth a few hundred bucks when you received it as a kid magically blossomed into thousands of dollars years later? You can thank compounding.

Dividend: When talking about a publicly traded company, dividends refer to the portion of a company's profits paid out to shareholders. One of the other places profits can go is back into the company. When talking about a mutual fund, dividends are generally made up of the dividends received from the stocks held by the fund or the interest received for the bond holdings of the fund. Typically, dividends are paid each quarter or twice a year.

Diversified portfolio: An investment strategy that spreads your assets over a variety of stocks, bonds and other investments. This is fancier way of saying "don't-put-all-your-eggs-in-one-basket." This can also be referred to as "asset allocation" and your financial representative may talk about "looking at your asset allocation." It simply means to think about how much money you're putting into what type of investment. Asset allocation affects both the risk and the return you can expect from your financial assets.

Dollar cost averaging: Investing smaller, fixed amounts at regular intervals, like \$100 per month.

Load: A fee charged by certain mutual funds. These fees can be charged when you purchase a fund (front-end load) or when you sell a fund (back-end load).

Retirement plan distribution: A payout of funds from a retirement plan. These funds can come from a company-sponsored 401(k) or an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Different retirement plans will have different options as to when and under what circumstances you can take your money from the plan. You'll typically want to wait until you are at least 59 1/2 years old before taking money out of your qualified retirement plan to avoid early-withdrawal penalties.

Retirement plan roll over: Transferring funds from one retirement plan account (e.g. 401(k), IRA, etc.) to another retirement plan account. The funds are not subject to tax or penalties, and continue the tax deferred growth.

INSURANCE WORDS

Cash surrender value: The amount of money you'd receive if you decided to cancel your permanent life insurance contract, before it becomes payable upon death or maturity.

Cash value: The money you can access from tapping the accumulated value of a permanent life insurance contract. Contracts vary from insurer to insurer, though, so be sure to talk with your financial representative to make sure you understand your life insurance contract.

Elimination period: The amount of time you'll have to wait until insurance benefits are paid. In general, the shorter the elimination period the more expensive the contract and vice versa.

Exclusion ratio: A ratio applied to each annuity payment to find the portion of the payment that is subject to income tax and the portion, which is considered to be an income tax free return of your investment in the annuity contract. Say you invested \$10,000 per year in an annuity for 30 years, for a total investment of \$300,000. Because of compounding, this amount might appreciate to \$1,010,700 by the time you begin withdrawals—\$710,700 more than your original investment. You'll pay taxes on that \$710,700 but not on the original \$300,000, which means in this scenario you'll receive about one-third of your withdrawals tax-free.

Living withdrawal benefit: As applied to an annuity contract, a living withdrawal benefit usually guarantees the annuity payments and/or guarantees a minimum income over a specified period to the annuitant and/or beneficiary of the contract.

Rider: Special coverage added to insurance contracts to cover additional items or provide extra benefits. With life insurance, one popular rider is a "waiver of premium," allowing you to keep your coverage without paying if you become ill or disabled. These add-ons cost extra but can help you customize your insurance so you're covered for special circumstances.

Preferred risk: Insurance companies reward positive decisions and lifestyle choices by offering reduced insurance rates. Or if a doctor's checkup shows a clean bill of health, it can help to lower your health or life insurance premiums.

Special risk: If your lifestyle or circumstances suggest that the odds are better than average that you'll collect on your insurance, you'll be deemed "special risk" and pay a higher price for the coverage.

Standard risk: When you buy any type of insurance, the standard price you pay for that insurance will depend on your age, health, lifestyle and other factors affecting the odds that you'll collect on that insurance. If you meet the company 'standards' you're entitled to purchase insurance without special restrictions or extra fees.

Financial terms aren't always easy to understand. A first step in selecting a financial advisor is making sure you're working with someone who is speaking a language you understand and *never* be afraid to ask for clarification about a term you don't recognize or understand

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

It is the mission of the Troy Fire Department to exceed the expectations of our community and provide the highest quality of services to preserve and protect lives, property and the environment. As the fire chief, it is my duty to be committed to this mission.

Nothing is more important to me than protecting our families, businesses, and our community, while ensuring the safety of my workforce. Providing strong public safety is a key responsibility for every growing community. In order for the Troy Fire Department to address the future needs of our growing city, we need to continue to find cost effective ways of maintaining excellent fire and EMS coverage, as well as excellent response times. However, we must balance these needs with the other vital city services, including police,

parks, economic development and other quality of life services our community has come to love and expect.

As proposed, a professional, part-time firefighting workforce would add to and not replace our full-time staff, and provide an affordable solution to improve service to our community and meet our firefighting and EMS demands that occur in our community. Part-time staff is not a new model in the Miami Valley or in the state of Ohio. Larger and more diverse communities such as Kettering, Dublin, and Washington Township use a mix of part- and full-time staffing with great success. And, their communities are very well protected as a result. It provides a flexible workforce tool that can complement the core workforce.

The city enlisted the help of fire experts, The Novak Group, to analyze our workload and provide an objective recommenda-

tion for moving forward. Novak indicated that our community is well-protected with current staffing but that adding part-time staffing would only improve the safety of our residents, homes and businesses. With that analysis, the Administration has offered to not only limit the number of part-time staff but also increase the number of full-time positions by adding a new supervisory level for our firefighter/paramedics.

As you can see, adding additional full-time supervisors and part-time professional firefighters truly does "Keep Troy Safe," by protecting our firefighter/paramedics, families, businesses, and visitors. Voting YES on Issue 15 implements a part-time wage scale as a positive first step for increasing staffing at the Troy Fire Department.

Matthew Simmons
Troy, Ohio

To the Editor,

As you probably know, I served for 25 years on the Troy Police Department, served as 4th Ward councilman for two terms and worked many times with our firefighters over the years. The principal purpose of both services is protecting the lives and property of those who live in our City. Members of both services provide those services, and sometimes the service is intense.

Individuals may have differing reasons for wanting to join the ranks of public service in the Fire or Police divisions. For some it is a true calling to help and serve the men, women and children of our City. For some it

is to be part of an honorable profession, and for some it is just to collect a paycheck. Things cannot always be ideal. The ideal is for our Firefighters and Police officers to be natives of our City with roots, homes and children in this City, and having those, a commitment to this city that just being an employee cannot give. If you are a part of the feelings, heart and soul of this community, then you are in a position to give a truly committed and heartfelt service to our community. To be a member of either division requires full time dedication to the job and full time commitment to the service of his or her fellow citizens. It actually does require a full time, around the clock commit-

ment to the citizens, with immediate availability to respond to duty. If we cannot attain the ideal, let us give serious effort to trying.

Promotions within the services come from the full time dedicated members, not from part time workers. Those members who are there day after day, hour after hour, week after week, and even year after year are those whom we need to have as our public servants. Resist the ploy by some in City Government to save a buck by using part timers, and please vote to continue to have only full time firefighters as employees of this city.

Ray Bretland
Troy

To the Editor

One of the true gems in our vibrant downtown is the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. As someone who grew up in Troy, the Hayner has always been a part of my life, as I participated in several art classes, and have continued to enjoy the house into my adulthood with its unique exhibits, exciting performing arts shows, indoor movies, and of course the summer indoor and outdoor concert series! In addition to the cultural side of the home, I imagine, like me,

many a Trojan has also celebrated a reception or two here or even attended a meeting in this beautiful facility.

I treasure that today my children are able to enjoy the same rich cultural heritage and are learning to love our town's history and roots with each visit to the Hayner. It seems that many of us take for granted that the Hayner will always continue to be there for our children. This is why it is absolutely critical that we rally around the Hayner and be in support of Issue 11 that is

on the ballot during this election! The renewal of the tax levy that appears on the ballot as a Troy City School District levy will provide over 80% of the funds needed to keep Troy-Hayner Cultural Center open and operating as a viable part of our community.

Please join me in voting YES on November 3rd for this important levy, because It's Your House ... for all of us to enjoy for many generations to come!

Stephanie M. Silk
Troy

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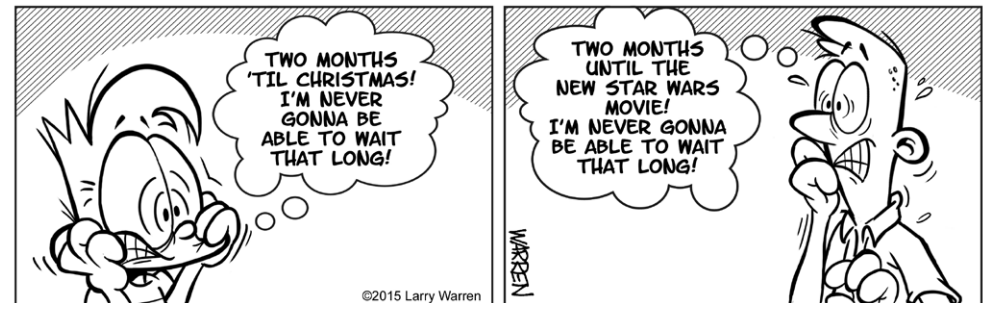
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ACROSS

- 1. Imagining
- 5. Male deer
- 9. Look after a baby
- 12. Asian desert
- 13. Sub
- 14. "You __ my sunshine"
- 15. Gulf V.I.P.(var.)
- 16. Others
- 17. Word on a dollar bill
- 18. Ways to make something mean something different
- 21. Wyck __
- 22. Fishing equipment
- 23. Really enjoys
- 26. White coating
- 30. Harmony
- 31. Buddhist priest
- 32. Firecracker
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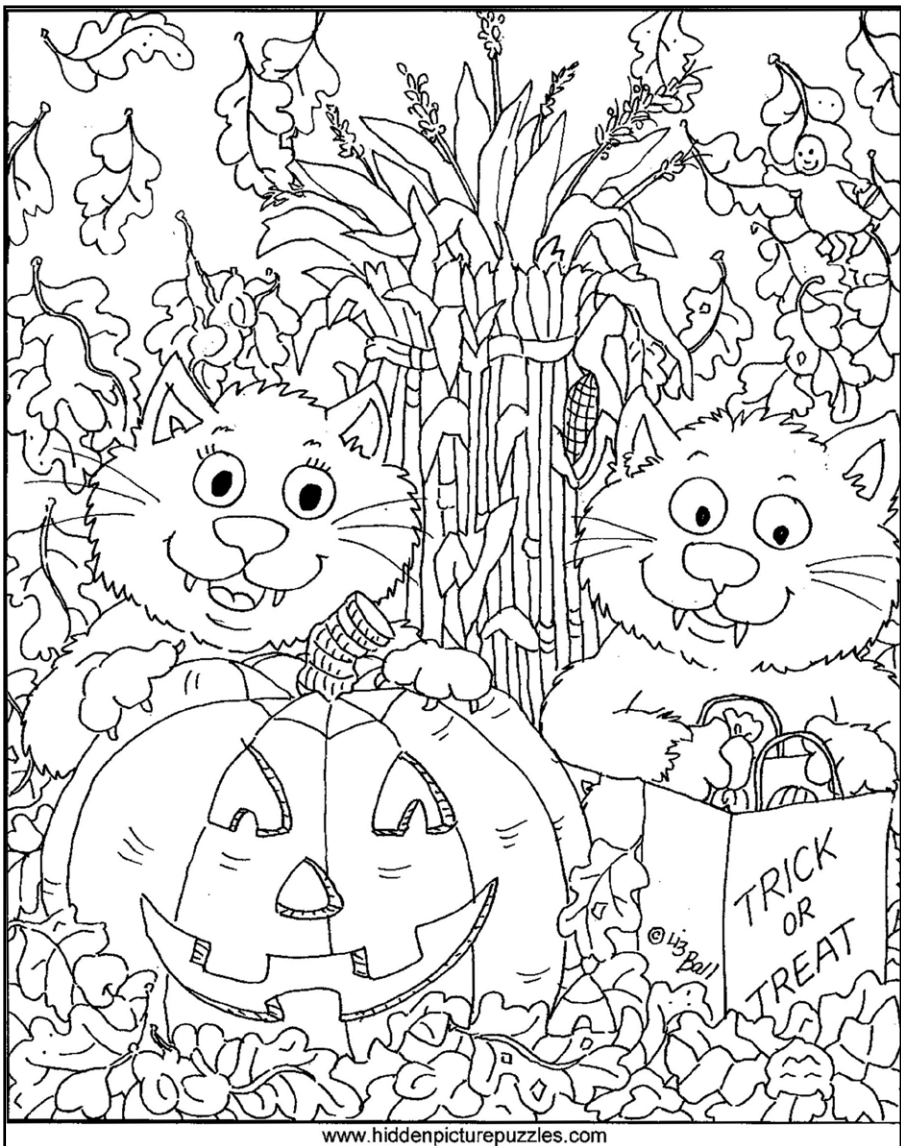
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- 1. Thickener
- 2. Unspecified amount
- 3. Footnote note
- 4. Stairway outside a building
- 5. Bubba Gump's forte
- 6. Rebel without a cause
- 7. Chemical warfare gas
- 8. Ill-__ gains
- 9. Palm starch
- 10. Strong and unyielding

- 11. Kennedy and Turner
- 19. Kind of shot
- 20. Uses a special font to emphasize something
- 23. "Medium" like perception
- 24. Yes, Captain!
- 25. Blast material
- 27. Earthling
- 28. Down Under avian
- 29. Baby seat
- 33. Cluster
- 34. Sea anchor
- 35. Seals
- 36. Shrew
- 39. Stick together
- 40. Synthetic thread
- 41. Not any
- 42. Hang around
- 43. Punch
- 44. Actress, Spelling
- 45. It's not clean

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Trivia Challenge

General Knowledge

- 1.) What do some historians claim Kirkpatrick Macmillan invented?
a. Bicycle
b. Garlic press
c. Zipper
d. Combustion engine
- 2.) Composed for his then 14-year-old daughter to sing, who recorded the song "Valley Girl" in 1982?
a. Frank Zappa
b. Steven Tyler
c. Gene Simmons
d. Neil Young
- 3.) Who plays the role of President William Harrison Mitchell in the 1993 comedy film "Dave"?
a. Dominic Purcell
b. Robin Williams
c. Daniel Kash
d. Kevin Kline
- 4.) Russia and which other country produce the most potatoes per year?
a. India
b. America
c. Canada
d. China
- 5.) In which city do the (NHL) Devils play?
a. New Jersey
b. Chicago
c. Calgary

Sudoku

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- 6.) In what year did the first TV commercial air? a. 1941
b. 1956
c. 1953
d. 1937
- 7.) Which of these reference books was first published in 1771?
a. The Oxford Dictionary
b. The World Atlas
c. The Guinness World Book of Records
d. Encyclopedia Britannica
- 8.) Who can claim that they are the only running back to get 2000 rushing yards in a single season in the NFL and in college football?
a. Marshawn Lynch
b. Barry Sanders
c. Adrian Peterson
d. DeMarco Murray
- 9.) Diane Sawyer was the first female anchor on which of these TV shows?
a. Face the Nation
b. Frontline
c. 60 minutes
d. The Today show
- 10.) Who was the secret informant named "Deep Throat" during the Watergate scandal?
a. Hank Givens
b. John Hubbard
c. Mark Felt
d. Bill Campbell

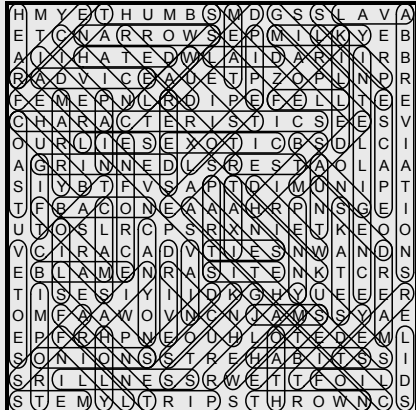
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

- 11) 1914 - World War I ended in 1918.
- 12) Austria - Adolf Hitler was born on April 20th 1889.
- 13) Dallas - Kennedy was shot on November 22nd 1963 in Dallas.
- 14) 1950s - The Korean War was a civil war between North and South Korea. 15) Sparta and Athens - The Spartans were victorious.
- 16) 3 Percent - Over 60 million people were killed during the war,

- which is about 3 percent of the 1939 world population.
- 17) Panama - During the invasion Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega was deposed.
- 18) James Cook - During his life, Cook made three voyages to the Pacific Ocean.
- 19) James Jabara - James flew his first jet aircraft in 1948.
- 20) King Henry VI - Henry was later to be imprisoned in the Tower of London, where he died in May of 1471.

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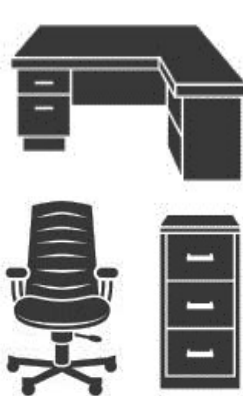
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Halloween-themed event downtown. This was Davis' first year planning the event in partnership with Stephanie Silk, the Creative Director for Troy Main Street. "I thought it went well; it looked like everyone had a wonderful time," Davis said. "We received a lot of positive feedback."
Parents and businesses

claimed that the highlights of participating in this event were that it was "fun" and "safe." Gabrielle Rounds won first place in the 5-year-old girls division for her Rapunzel costume, which included a miniature tower on wheels. She and her mother, Amorette Dye, have participated in the costume parade and competition since Gabri-

elle was an infant. "She loves doing it," Dye said. "It has become a kind of tradition for us; we have a lot of fun with it every year."
Margaret Begg, the owner of The Bakehouse, was personally handing out candy to costumed children as they went trick-or-treating on the square. Begg has five grandsons; two of

them participated in the morning's festivities and stopped by The Bakehouse for a treat. "I can't imagine not doing this," Begg said. "It's about doing something for the children. It means a lot to the families of our community."
(Right) Bakehouse's Margaret Begg distributes candy to kids.





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