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Troy Band Earns Superior at State

BY NANCY BOWMAN

The Troy High School marching band received a superior rating for its efforts during the state finals held Sunday, Nov. 1, at Welcome Stadium in Dayton.

Kathy McIntosh, band director, said to participate in the state finals a band must qualify at a local event. This occurred for the THS band Sept. 12 at the Trojan Invitational. This was the 36th year in a row the band has qualified for state and the Troy band is one of only four in the state to attain this achievement, McIntosh said.

“Our students work very hard perfecting their music and their competition show,” she said. “They give up a lot of their free time in order to be successful. We are very proud of them, that they not only qualified for state but were rated superior at the state level.”

The band has received superiors at state since 2000, McIntosh said.

The band's competition show was called “Queen. It was based on the music group, but also addressed the history of the queens of England and included some traditional British music mixed in with music by the group Queen.

“Our students started working toward this goal on July 9 with summer rehearsals, band camp etcetera,” she said.

In the summer, the band has practice for around six hours a week, not including band camp.

During the practices, members work on music along with memorization of the music and drills. The band also performs at the Veterans’ Ceremony at the Miami County Fair, pep rallies and football games. During the fall, the band practices four hours a week and before competitions on Saturdays.

Small Town Boy Makes Good



By BRITTANY ARLENE JACKSON

David Haddad, a Troy High School graduate, was recently named the President of Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment. Haddad received his BA in Business Administration and Marketing at Miami University and his MBA from Harvard’s School of Business. His promotion at Warner Bros. was announced on October 20th, 2015 by Diane Nelson, President of DC Entertainment, President and Chief Content Officer, WBIE, and President Warner Bros. Consumer Products, and Ron Sanders,

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State of County - Good

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Miami County continues to be strong and vibrant, county Commission President Jack Evans said during the annual State of the County program Friday, Oct. 30.

The sales tax this year is up about 6 percent over last year and the county for the sixth straight year will operate in the black and put money in reserves for future projects, Evans said.

He along with fellow commissioners John “Bud” O’Brien and Richard Cultice talked about a series of projects and efforts in the county government during the past year.

“These are exciting times to work in Miami County government with so much happening,” O’Brien said. He pointed to progress in technology, infrastructure and improvements to county owned buildings as examples.

Several advances in technology have followed the creation of a county IT department through the auditor’s office, O’Brien said. The West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is the first wireless building among county buildings and will be followed by others, he said. And, the county recorder’s office has implemented electronic recording of documents, which allows for



(L to R) Andrew Wannemacher of the Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Committee, John “Bud” O’Brien, Richard Cultice and Jack Evans

faster processing.

The county Common Pleas Court judges also are looking at courtroom technology upgrades and the treasurer’s office offers online property tax bills, O’Brien said.

When it comes to buildings, the county is in the process of finalizing HVAC and plumbing updates at the Courthouse and Safety Building. The work, O’Brien said, “has improved the environment for our employees” and is projected to save around 20 percent on utility costs.

Other recent projects include repairs and cleaning of the smokestack at the Power Plant building across from the Courthouse and the repairs to the west side of the Hobart Center for County Government following removal of the pedestrian bridge that connected the center

with the Hobart manufacturing building. The bridge across Adams Street was removed as part of the building demolition.

The clock from the bridge has been installed on the west side of the Government Center building.

O’Brien also mentioned the Communication Center’s accreditation this year and the change to 12-hour shifts for employees at that operation.

Cultice said the technology changes have been important to county operations. He called the changes “major strides” and said they are key in providing services to the public.

“It is not important to be cutting edge, but it is important to be in the same century and, hopefully, in the same decade,” he said.

Cultice discussed new software

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McIntosh Named Chamber Teacher of Year

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Kathy McIntosh never dreamed she’d be the band director at her alma mater.

She is, though, and this month will be recognized as the Troy schools Teacher of the Year by the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 1983 THS graduate headed off to Morehead State in Kentucky, where she received a bachelor’s degree in music education.

After college she returned pretty close to home, working in the Covington village schools for a decade. “I learned a lot there. It was a great community,” she said.

She taught band and general music and started a choir, the first since the 1950s.

On the last day of school in her 10th year at Covington, she received a call about an opening for an assistant with the Troy schools band. The application deadline was the same day. She applied and was hired.

“In my wildest dreams I would have never imagined that I’d be back here,” she said.

In 2007, she became Troy’s director of bands. This is her 18th year with the district, now also serving as music department head. She also holds a master’s degree in educational leadership



from Wright State University and has a principal’s license.

Band is about more than music, McIntosh said.

“My philosophy about band is maybe different. I believe every kid deserves to be in band if they want to,” she said. “I want them to be a part of a group, learn life skills, keep track of their stuff and treat it with respect. In a music group you want everybody to be as good as they possibly can because you all are reaching for the same goal.”

The music also is a way to help students be good citizens, she said, adding the bands are a

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:53 a.m. Traffic stop on S. Mulberry St. at West St. The driver was advised that he was stopped because a check of his tags showed his license was suspended. The driver said that he had driving privileges and from work. He said he was going to his ex-girlfriend's house to get a book. He was advised that this trip is not work related. While speaking with him, the deputy noticed that his eyes were bloodshot and the deputy noticed a faint odor of marijuana. He said that he had no illegal substances in his possession, but was very nervous. A search of his vehicle yielded a multi-colored marijuana pipe containing burnt marijuana. Also found was a small bundle of a green leafy substance that looked and smelled like marijuana. The driver admitted ownership of the items. He was cited for driving under suspension, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence was booked into the property room.

5:04 p.m. Traffic stop on S. Union St. The driver was cited for failure to reinstate. He had arrived at his destination and the vehicle was legally parked.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:18 a.m. To the Miami County Safety Building for a report of an assault. An inmate spit blood on a corrections officer.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:56 a.m. To DeWeese Rd. for a report of a disturbance. After investigation, a woman was arrested and incarcerated for domestic violence.

9:43 a.m. To N. Forest Hill Rd. for a report of menacing. A man reported that around 6:50 a.m., someone tried to hit him with a vehicle. He said he was running eastbound on Thomas Rd. when a westbound driver honked his horn and swerved in an attempt to strike him. He said the same vehicle has done this before. He has adjusted his running schedule to avoid the vehicle. There are no suspects.th

4:12 p.m. To DeWeese Rd. A woman complained that someone trimmed trees at her property line and inadvertently split a tree on her property while trimming limbs hanging over onto an adjacent property. The tree was split near its base. While the deputy was there, the neighbor arrived on the scene and apologized for damaging the tree. He said he did not know he damaged it until he saw it from the roadway. The RP was upset that the neighbor did not give her advance notice that he would be trimming the trees. Both parties said that they would handle the matter themselves.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

2:01 p.m. To St. Rt. 718 for a report of a domestic dispute. A male subject was trespassed from the property.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:33 a.m. To Westwood Dr. for a third party report of a domestic disturbance. There was no physical violence, no primary aggressor and neither party wanted to make a complaint.

8:12 p.m. Piqua Police reported a theft in their city and advised that the suspect was in a black Pontiac Grand Am and was last seen headed toward I-75. The vehicle was spotted at the 74 mile marker and a traffic stop was initiated. The vehicle continued on the ramp, turned onto W. Main St. and stopped in the Shell Gas Station lot. The female driver was cuffed and placed in the cruiser. She was found to be driving under suspension and had an active warrant from Montgomery County. She was cited for driving under suspension and the vehicle was released to the registered owner. Piqua Police arrived to take custody of the driver.

9:49 p.m. To Redbud Dr. for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that he and his live-in girlfriend were arguing over his excessive drinking. He said he does drink a few every day but doesn't consider himself an alcoholic. The girlfriend said that she is very upset with his drinking all the time. She said that when she saw all of the empty beer cans, she lost it and started an argument. There were no threats or acts of violence and both parties agreed to leave each other alone tonight.



TROY TRIBUNE

Trib BRIEFS

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Woman sentenced in witness intimidation

A Piqua woman convicted of threatening witnesses in a rape case involving a Tipp City woman was sentenced Monday, Nov. 2, to one year in prison.

Trishica Leighly, 37, was accused of making threats over

the summer against two people who are witnesses in a pending rape case. She pleaded guilty in October in Miami County Common Pleas Court. Leighly made no comment before being sentenced. She will receive credit for 83 days served in jail.

The rape case occurred in summer 2014 when special needs adult from Tipp City was held against her will and raped in Troy.

County gets salt lawsuit check

Miami County received a check for \$36,541 as its share of a rock salt antitrust lawsuit filed by the Ohio Attorney General over salt pricing from mid-2008 through June 30, 2011, county Engineer Paul Huelskamp said.

Huelskamp told the county commissioners Oct. 29 the county's share of the check is

\$19,359.

The balance will be credited to salt bills this year for the townships, villages, school districts and others who purchased salt through the county during the period covered by the lawsuit.

Huelskamp provided commissioners with a breakdown of the reimbursement amounts ranging from \$79 to \$3,534.

Concord Township will receive a \$805 credit while Staunton Township will receive a \$527 credit

Fergerson Sentenced to 20 Years

BY NANCY BOWMAN

A 19 year old Troy man was sentenced Monday, Nov. 2, to 20 years in prison for attempted rape of a child under age 13.

Nicholas Fergerson originally was charged with felony rape. He was indicted this summer by a Miami County Grand Jury on a felony count of rape in a June 21 incident when he allegedly had sexual contact with the child.

He later pleaded guilty to attempted rape in Common Pleas Court.

At sentencing, he said he wanted to apologize for his behavior and asked Judge Jeanine Pratt for leniency, citing

his young age.

Pratt later sentenced him to 20 years. However, a resentencing hearing was scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, to correct what was described as an error in the sentence.

Prosecutor Tony Kendell said Fergerson violated the trust of the child "in a hateful and despicable way."

The child's parents and grandmother made victim statements.

The mother said she saw an immediate change in her daughter. "This trauma has consumed our lives," she said.

The father told the judge about countless tears and sleepless nights since the offense oc-

curred. The grandmother said she believed Fergerson should be sentenced to life in prison because "he has sentenced our family to a lifetime of fear"

Pratt reviewed Fergerson's juvenile record for offenses including assaults, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and driving under suspension. His adult record included the attempted rape conviction.

The judge said Fergerson showed no remorse for his actions and made self-serving statements about how the incident had affected him during a pre-sentence investigation.

"The situation speaks for itself. But for the amended charge, you would be looking



at a life sentence," she said.

Fergerson was classified as a Tier III sex offender, requiring him to register for the rest of his life his address with the sheriff in the county where he lives.

Reedy Sentenced for Rape

BY NANCY BOWMAN

A Piqua man was sentenced to eight years in prison last week for the rape of a special needs adult in a case a Miami County judge said highlighted the criminal justice systems' limitations in dealing with a victim with developmental disabilities.

Harry Reedy, 58, was convicted of felony rape and gross sexual imposition in the June 2014 rape of the developmentally disabled woman who lives in Tipp City.

He pleaded and was sentenced Oct 28 in county Common Pleas Court by Judge Christopher Gee.

Reedy declined comment before sentencing.

Police said the mother reported her daughter was picked up at her home by friends the evening of June 27, 2014, and returned the following morning. The mother said the behavior

was not normal for her daughter, who subsequently told police she had been tied to the bed, handcuffed and raped while her legs were held.

Reedy pleaded in the case as part of a deal with prosecutors.

"This agreement has been discussed at length with the parents of the victim. They have a good understanding of where we are at," county Prosecutor Tony Kendell said at the Oct. 28 sentencing hearing.

Gee also heard from the victim, her parents an aunt and a caregiver of the victim.

The victim, who is in her early 30s, said she is scared that someone will get into the house and cause harm.

Her mother said the victim "doesn't understand what has happened ... Because of you, she doesn't sleep at night ... She is never going to be the same."

The victim's father told Reedy he inflicted immense pain and

suffering on the family. "I hope you live in fear the remainder of your days on Earth," he said.

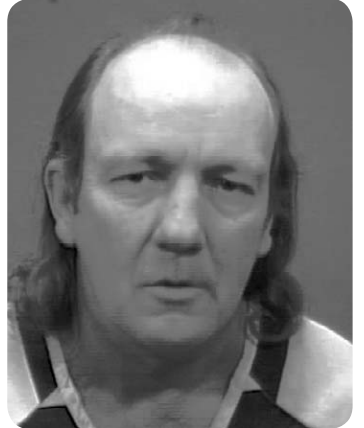
Gee said before he announced the sentence that the victim suffered serious psychological harm.

"This case, as I have become more familiar as it has gone through the system, demonstrates the limits of the criminal justice system when a victim of crime suffers from developmental disabilities," Gee said. Several witnesses in the case also had developmental disabilities, he said, adding that the plea bargain was a compromise to avoid the risks of a trial.

Gee agreed to impose the eight years in prison recommended jointly by lawyers for Reedy and for the prosecution.

Reedy will receive credit for 196 days served in jail.

He will be classified a Tier III sex offenders when he is released from prison. The classi-



fication would 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.

The second man charged in the sexual assault was Patrick Anthony, 57, of Piqua. He pleaded guilty Oct. 27 to felony kidnapping, complicity to rape and complicity to intimidation of a witness. Anthony's sentencing is scheduled in December.

Property Transfers

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321 Grant St	10/26	\$105,000	Davey Kevin	Iles Don D & Daniell M Ross
743 Ohio Ave	10/27	\$93,000	Helman Dustin G & Melanie J	Bernard Matthew & Michael P & Joyce A Randall
764 Bristol Rd	10/26	\$107,690	Friend Harold C & Sue	Oprs Communities
60 Westhaven Dr	10/27	\$0	Patel Bhaveshkumar M	Shiv Rentals Ltd
1401 Golden Eagle Dr	10/27	\$239,560	Nvr Inc	Overbay Gary D & Coleen L
1620 Gray Hawk Ct	10/27	\$222,762	Nvr Inc	Sharpe William M & Diane C
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Indians Beat Trojans In Historic Rivalry

BY ANDRE DEVOND JR.

With the series now tied 62-62-6, the Troy Trojans (2-8), (1-4 GWOC) lose the final game of the season to the Piqua Indians (6-4), (3-2 GWOC) 27-6 in The Battle on the Miami.

Trojans head coach Matt Burgbacher gives his outlook on the team's season.

"The one thing that I'm most proud of is that our kids never gave in. That just symbolizes what these kids were all year. They fought their tails off and I no complaints over that."

In the first quarter, the Trojans started off slow by not being able to get anything going on their first offensive possession.

On the Indians opening offensive possession, the Trojans defense came up big with a red zone interception by defensive back Drake McDonagh.

On the Trojans, ensuing possession quarterback Hayden Kotwica fumbles the snap and it's recovered by the Indians defensive lineman Nathan Monnin.

Going into the second quarter, the Trojans suffered in the passing game as they dropped crucial passes that could've moved the chains significantly



for them.

On the Indians first possession, quarterback Rupert Delacruz sets up his team inside the red zone and runs it in for a 1-yard touchdown, making the score 7-0.

As the Trojans looked to get something going, dropped passes continued to plague them.

The Indians get the ball back with two minutes left in the half and stayed on the ground with Darien Tipps-Clemons. Tipps-Clemons gets the ball in the red zone with less than a minute.

The Indians attempt a 27-yard field goal with 10 seconds left in

the half but it's no good.

At the start of the third quarter, the Trojans could not stop the Indians explosive running back Darien Tipps-Clemons as he bursts through the Trojans defense for a 65-yard touchdown.

The Indians go up 13-0 after a missed extra point.

The Trojans offense was still stagnant as they punt it back to the Indians.

On the Indians ensuing possession, Tipps-Clemons controls the ball most of the drive and runs it in for a 5-yard touchdown.

The Indians go up 20-0 with 5:09 left in the third quarter.

Zach Boyer moves upfield for the Trojans.

In the fourth quarter, the Trojans eventually find their way into the end zone as quarterback Hayden Kotwica punches it in from a yard out, giving the Trojans their first points of the game.

The score would be 20-7 with 9:32 in the fourth quarter.

The Indians continued to dominate and run the ball with Darien Tipps-Clemons as a Delacruz pass set them up in the red zone.

Tipps-Clemons closes the door on the game with a 1-yard touchdown run, putting the score at 26-7 after a missed extra point.

The Trojans could not do anything with the ball and turn-over on downs.

The Indians take the field as they get into victory formation.

The Trojans fall 26-7 and the Indians take the Battle on the Miami.

At the end of the game, the Most Valuable Player award was awarded to Indians running back Darien Tipps-Clemons, who rushed 242 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Eagles Win Season Finale



Troy Christian ended the season on a good note, cruising to a 62-6 win over Mississinawa Valley on Friday night, finishing their season with a 5-4 overall record, after starting the season 4-1.

The Eagles exploded out to a 50-0 halftime lead and using a running clock in the second half, closed out their season with the win. With the win, the Eagles finished tenth overall in the region, just missing the playoffs by two spots.

Troy Christian Suffers OT Loss To Jets In Sectional Finals

BY JIM DABBELT

Despite jumping in front of the higher-seeded Franklin Monroe Jets, the Troy Christian boys' soccer team suffered a tough loss in the sectionals finals last week, as the Eagles lost to the Jets 2-1 in double overtime in a game held at Sidney High School.

"The weather played a factor in our favor," Troy Christian coach Ryan Zeman said. "We knew we had to shut down their key players, and we needed to get them in a quick counter attack."

Both teams battled to a scoreless tie at the half, and Zeman knew the Eagles needed to strike quick in the second half.

"I was proud of the guys in the first half," he said. "We held our own. We needed more intensity in the second half."

Andrew Strait broke the tie ten minutes gone in the second half, as he had a breakaway goal to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Franklin Monroe tied the game with 16:02 left in the game when Britt Bowlin found the back of the net.

"Our defense played well and it carried us tonight," Zeman said. "We shut down their top guy, and we knew he would be a problem back there."

Seven minutes into the second overtime, the Jets scored and the Eagles would see their season end at 11-7-1 overall.

"I feel we played our best soccer the last four games of the season," Zeman said. "We lost a close one to Franklin Monroe, tied Seven Hills and beat a good Catholic Central team on Saturday."

"We started to play better late in the season. Our guys really believed we could win this game."

Troy Christian loses four seniors; Dillon Belcher, Tom Null, Wes Alexander and Stefan Speck suiting up for the last time.

"We played this game for those guys. We knew they would give 100% effort and we fed off their drive."

"We grew as a team this year, and a lot of freshman and sophomores made a lot of impact coming off of a 7-9 season last year. I am proud of how we played, we were ranked in the top ten in the area all year."

* **Troy Christian Girls Soccer-** It was a rough ending to their season last week, as the Eagles fell short to Sidney Lehman 2-1 in the sectional finals, in a game played at Sidney High School.

Riley Spoltman scored the lone goal of the game for the Eagles, when she took a pass from Kenley Blake for a score.

Troy Volleyball Swept In District Finals

BY JIM DABBELT

In Division One, the Cincinnati area has always been very talented when it comes to volleyball. That holds true again this year.

One of those District Championship matchups had the unbeaten Troy Trojans against a St. Ursula team with nine losses at the time of the tournament draw.

The Trojans got a first-hand look at how strong the Cincy area truly is, as they suffered a straight set 25-13, 25-19, 25-22 loss to the Bulldogs at Vandalia Butler High School on Saturday afternoon.

"They were in system a lot in game one, and it's not that we were not in system, but we were

a bit timid," said Troy coach Michelle Owen. "They made some adjustments and we didn't know how to respond."

St. Ursula jumped out to a 5-3 lead in game one, and pushed their lead out to 11-6 forcing Troy to use a timeout. A kill from Lauren Freed stopped the Ursula run, but the Trojans couldn't capitalize as they regained the momentum to take a 15-8 lead.

Again a big Troy kill from Drezanee Smith slowed down the momentum, but three consecutive points from Anna Sheanhang took their lead out to 19-9, and didn't look back en route to the game opening win.

"When it was 19-9, I just said we had to fix things and get ready for set two," Owen said.

"We found a way to hang a little longer in that set and push for some more points."

Troy led early in game two, with consecutive points from Freed, to give the Trojans a 3-1 lead. St. Ursula fought back to tie the game at four with three points from Mazie Kastner. After two more ties, the Bulldogs began to take control of the game when Delaney Dolle reeled off five consecutive points to take a 14-8 lead. The closest that Troy could get from that point would be 20-15, and despite some solid net play from Katie Demeo, and a big block from Smith and Camryn Moeller, the Trojans could not overcome the Bulldogs attack, as Troy fell 25-19 in game two.

Both teams battled in game

three, with Troy holding a slim 15-13 lead when Freed recorded a kill. Victoria Holland recorded a pair of service points for Troy in a game where both teams missed many service chances.

St. Ursula tied the game at 17 before escaping with the win and sending the Trojans down to their first defeat of the season.

"We have come to the districts and have been aced off the court before," Owen said. "We wanted to come and compete."

Freed led the Trojans with 11 kills, while Demeo and Miranda Silcott each added five. Dana Wynkoop dished out 24 assists for Troy.

The 24 wins were the most wins in school history.

Poynter, Gigandet Dominate Regional Meet

BY JIM DABBELT

It there was ever a doubt how good Tippecanoe's Mitchell Poynter and Troy's Morgan Gigandet really are, one could just look at the regional cross country meet last Saturday at Troy High School.

Both runners had comfortable finishes at regionals, as they led their teams to the state meet this weekend in Columbus. They will be joined at state by the entire Tippecanoe girls' team, and several other runners from the area.

Poynter, who was a key member in last year's state title for the Tippecanoe boys' team, won the Division Two boys' race with a time of 15:39.11, 17 seconds ahead of Taylor Hopkins of Heath. Tipp was victorious in the Division Two race, and will take their team to the state meet looking for a repeat.

Thomas Chaney also placed well, finishing ninth with a time of 16:22.55, while Spencer Ranft was 14th (16:31.08), Keenan Fraylick 18th (16:39.03), and the trio of Jacob Stillwagon (16:45.46), Tim Andrews (16:46.22) and Jordan Brown (16:48.44) who all finished consecutively starting at number 21.

Not only did Gigandet secure herself as a favorite for a state title, she set a new Division One regional record with a 17:38.54, and the second place finisher... the defending state champion Lainey Studebaker from Centerville...was 24 seconds behind her.

Gigandet led the charge for



the Lady Trojans, who also qualified as a team with a third place finish. Also heading to the state meet will be Megan Myers (18th, 19:01.20), Emma Shigley (22nd, 19:12.61), Kate Pence (25th, 19:23.72), Rachel Davidson (32nd, 19:36.97), Olivia Tyre (66th, 20:13.29) and Megan Studebaker (106th, 21:08.46).

*Also winning a regional title was the Tippecanoe girls' team, as they won with a total of 58 points, and their top five runners all placing in the top 20. The edged Alter for the title, who finished with 66 points.

The Red Devils' Kaili Titley placed eighth overall with a time of 19:20.68, while her teammate Abbi Halsey was tenth with a finish of 19:24.74.

Laura Fink had a 12th place finish for Tipp with a time of 19:31.10, Katie Taylor was 14th (19:33.39) and Stephanie Fink placed 19th (19:43.75). Also for Tippecanoe was MaKenzie Di-

etz who was 33rd (20:23.35) and Emily Wolfe 37th (20:28.68).

*Three individuals from the area will also be running at the state meet, as their time was low enough to qualify for Columbus.

Bethel's Korry Hamlin placed ninth overall in the boys' Division Three race, as he ran 16:39.22 and that placed him in the top 16 and sends him to Columbus. Fellow Cross Country Conference runner Brady McBride (Newton High School) won the regionals with a time of 16:06.19.

Also running at the regionals was Bethel's Coleman Clark, as he finished 64th overall with a time of 18:03.66.

Justin Prack from Northwestern ran a solid race in the boys' Division Two event, as he finished tenth overall and qualified for the state meet with a time of 16:22.71. The Northwestern team finished seventh over-



DeHart Named to Hall of Fame

Troy resident Michael DeHart will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as a part of the Class of 2015.

DeHart, 73, served in the U.S. Army and is a highly decorated veteran. Among other decorations, he earned two Silver Stars for his service in the Vietnam War. In 2007, Mick worked tirelessly to find former members of Echo Company 2/5 Cavalry, the unit he had served with in Vietnam. He was able to find 226 men that year and organized the first company reunion in Memphis, Tennessee. It was the first time these men had seen each other in 38 years. He realized after the first

reunion that nearly all the men suffered from some degree of PTSD or other Vietnam combat related issues. With this in mind, he began bringing in National Service Officers to counsel the men. They answered questions, filed claims and gave hope to the men who previously had none. The majority of his platoon had received a Purple Heart and Mick decided to invite the president of the Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) and two MOPH national service officers to one of the reunions. Mick was excited to see that many of the VA claims that were submitted during the reunions were successful and

that many of the wives received counseling to better understand the mental and physical issues their husbands were facing.

The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday November 5 at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to recognize the post-military achievements of veterans in community service after their military service ended. Charter members of the Hall's Class of 1993 included the six Ohio military veterans who were elected President of the United States and all Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees of



the past 22 years include astronauts, government officials, police officers, community leaders, and veterans' advocates.

What to Do in Troy

Aviation Lecture

November 5, 7:00 p.m.
WACO Air Museum
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.

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

November 7, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
622 S. Market St.
Dinner includes spaghetti, salad bar, bread, dessert and drinks. Adults - \$7, children under 13 - \$4. Proceeds benefit Troy Post 43 Baseball

Trailing Moms and Tots

November 9, 10:00 a.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
The Miami County Park District will hold their Trailing Moms and Tots program on November 9 starting at 10 a.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. For children ages 0 - 5 years and expectant mothers. Spend quality time with your children and join Sassafras Susan on a tot ramble through the woods. There will be stops to explore nature's wonders along the way. Please dress for the weather. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

Genealogy Workshop

November 12, 6:30 p.m.
Local History Library

The Local History Library will hold a free workshop for beginners who are starting research on their family genealogy. The workshop is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12. You will learn where to start in this process, what databases are available to help in your search, and how to organize your search and findings.

Patrick Kennedy, Archivist, and his staff will show you all their secrets to get started on your project. Please bring your own tablet and/or laptop with you to the workshop. Handouts will be provided.

The Local History Library is located at 100 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio. For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 117.

To publicize your non-profit club or organization's events, e-mail the information at least 2 weeks in advance to editor@troytrib.com. You can also mail the information to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

Troy Christian Schools to hold Veterans Service

All veterans, their families and community members are invited to attend a service for veterans' recognition on Wed., Nov. 11, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Troy Christian High School, 700 S. Dorset Rd., Troy. Veterans are asked to arrive at 11:30 a.m. at the south entrance of the school to be greeted.

Elementary, junior high and high school students will lead this special chapel service to honor all former and current military personnel. Students, staff and the community will honor our servicemen and service-women for the sacrifices made for our country. They will be honored with a presentation, songs and prayer.

A complimentary sack lunch will be provided for community members who wish to attend on their lunch hour.

This event is free and open to the public. For questions contact the school office at 339-5692.

Yoga Classes at the YWCA Piqua

Ever thought about taking Yoga classes? Join Katie Nardechchia for the new 5 week session of Yoga at the YWCA Piqua beginning November 9. Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Monday nights.

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

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

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

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

Wrap Up An Organized Holiday

Olive Wagar, member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, and owner of Organized by Olive LLC, will share organizing strategies and tips during this free program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015; learn practical tips that will enable you to enjoy the holiday season!

Wagar will help you to set realistic limits, simplify holiday meals, schedule meaningful traditions and select clutter-free gifts. Registration is not required.

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

For more information, call the library at 937-339-0502 ext. 117 or visit www.organizedbyolive.com.

Hayner Presents Goodbye Girl

Everyone needs something to do on a Friday night. Why not go to the movies? On Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center at 301 West Main Street in Troy will present the 1977 romantic comedy, The Goodbye Girl. This free and open to the public showing includes an introduction to the film, café style seating, popcorn and soft drinks.

The Goodbye Girl, starring Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason, was produced by Ray Stark and directed by Herbert Ross. Neil Simon's original screenplay centers on a strug-

gling actor, his friend's ex-girlfriend, and her precocious young daughter. Richard Dreyfuss won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in The Goodbye Girl. At that time, Dreyfuss was the youngest ever to win the Oscar for Best Actor. The film also received nominations for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen.

This film is intended for mature viewers and may not be appropriate for children under 13.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the

citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays. For more information, please visit the website at www.troyhayner.org or call (937) 339-0457.



Holiday Open House Returns

Troy Main Street, in conjunction with the elves at the North Pole are enthused to announce a magical opportunity for the children of Troy and surrounding communities to enjoy a lunch with Santa Claus just days before the Christmas holiday!

Starting the evening of November 13th, during the Downtown Troy Holiday Merchants Open House, which runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., children are welcome to fill out an entry form for a chance to win a complimentary lunch with Santa Claus. Entry cards will be located inside the Mayflower Arts Center to and can be submitted in a special holiday mailbox on Prouty Plaza. Entries will be available at the Mayflower during regular operating hours until Friday, November 27th, 2015.

The winning names will be drawn on stage at the Grand Illumination on Friday, November

27th at 6:30 p.m., by Troy Mayor, Michael Beamish. Children do NOT need to be present to win. The first six names drawn will win lunch for noon on Monday, December 21st at Basil's on Market, and the second six names drawn will win lunch for noon on Tuesday, December 22nd at La Pizaza.

There will be one winner of a free lunch per entry. Children must bring at least one parent or adult chaperone with them to them luncheon and due to limited space, we ask that there is only one extra guest per winner. Guests are welcome to enjoy lunch at their own expense.

The twelve winners will be contacted by Troy Main Street prior to the luncheon to confirm details.

For additional information, contact Troy Main Street at 937-339-5455 or visit www.troymainstreet.org.

Rotary Hosts Breakfast with Santa

He's not just a lover of cookies and milk. Turns out Santa Claus also enjoys a hearty breakfast. It's a secret that's well-known to Troy Rotarians. On Saturday, December 5, 2015, they will host Santa at their 4th annual "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser. The doors at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 444 E. Water Street in Troy, will open at 8:30 AM and will stay open until 11:30 AM. Proceeds from the event will be used to support scholarships and community programs through the Troy Rotary Foundation.

Rotarian Melissa Kleptz has been the program leader since its inception. "This event has become one of Rotary's most energizing activities each year," she shared. "The smiles on the faces of the children, the laughter and the excitement all

make it a fun day and great way to kick off the holiday season," Kleptz added.

Mark your calendars now to join in on the fun. Tickets will go on sale starting in November and can be purchased from any Troy Rotarian or at the Mayor's Office (2nd floor of City Hall, 100 South Market Street). You may also purchase tickets at the door on December 5th. Ticket price is \$10. Off-street parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Parish Center. Be sure to come hungry. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. All the kids will have a chance to visit with Santa and get a framed 4x6" picture with the Jolly Old Elf himself.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support sev-

eral community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom, scholarships and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyhonorary.org.

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Rotarians Host Riverside Speakers

Since the 1950s, Miami County residents have been fortunate to have services and programs available for citizens who have developmental disabilities. Troy Rotarians learned more about Riverside Developmental Disabilities from Brian Green, Melissa Nichols and Michael Ham during their weekly meeting on October 27, 2015. Together, they explained the history of the facility, its services and funding needs.

Since its inception, state and federal laws and policies have helped sharpen the focus of Riverside. The organization has evolved to meet the needs of nearly 900 residents it serves each year. These residents receive case management, early intervention, therapies, nursing, recreation, community housing, employment, and transportation services. Riverside works with 126 local agencies or independent providers to provide a myriad of services, including home and personal care support, employment training and adult day programming.

As with many organizations, Riverside relies on funding to keep programs and services available to area residents. On November 3, 2015, Riverside's 2.5 mill, five-year renewal levy is on the ballot as the current levy expires at the end of 2016. By it being a renewal levy, property owners will not see any increase in taxes. The funds generated from the renewal will provide 40 percent of all of Riverside's annual revenues. Other support sources include an additional levy, state and federal funds, miscellaneous donations and contributions. Early voting is in progress in Miami County. All registered voters are encouraged to cast their ballots on, or before, November 3 to help the community continue to offer services and support for a lifetime of success to those with developmental disabilities. For more information on Riverside, please visit www.riversidedd.org.

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.

Toastmasters Helps With Public Speaking

For over 90 years, Toastmasters International has offered a friendly and supportive environment to develop communication and leadership skills. Now that unique opportunity is available in Troy.

You are cordially invited to attend a series of organizational meetings of the Miami County Toastmasters on Mon Nov 9 and Mon Nov 23 from 7-8 pm at the Hayner-Cultural Center. We are looking for positive people who want to improve their speaking, listening, and thinking skills, as well as past members who can share their experience and encouragement.

"Being a member of Toastmasters International is the perfect way to overcome the fear of public speaking, meet new friends, and discover exciting opportunities. It is were leaders are made," said Olive Wagar, one of the club organizers.

We need 20 members to charter the club—and hope you will want to be part of this great organization. Visit the website www.toastmasters.org or call 937-216-2952 for more information.

"Give Where You Live" Seeks Members, Charities

BY NANCY BOWMAN

The new Give Where You Live Miami County is reaching out to those who want to support local nonprofit organizations.

Give Where You Live is based on the giving circles concept through which individuals wanting to help come together to make a larger impact on a selected nonprofit each quarter.

"This is a group of individuals – no businesses, not corporations – who have a desire to make a difference, to increase philanthropy here in Miami County," said Maggie McKee of the Give Where You Live Miami County team.

The new organization provides a chance for those who want to be involved in philanthropy to do so with a \$100 commitment each quarter.

The organization was born following a late 2014 visit to a meeting of the 100 Plus Women Who Care of Dayton giving circle. That organization has been running several years and now has more than 200 members.

"We thought it was the most dynamic concept we have ever

seen," McKee said.

At the meeting, which lasted just under an hour, \$20,000 was collected for the selected organization. "There is nothing else you can do that can make that kind of an impact that you can be a part of," she said.

As of the end of October, the Miami County organization had 57 members. Its goal is 100 members. With that number of members, \$40,000 total would be raised and distributed to four nonprofits each year.

Give Where You Live Miami County will hold a meeting on the second Thursday of the month four times yearly. The next meeting is Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of Third and Main streets in downtown Tipp City.

During each meeting, members are invited to put their name in the hat for a drawing in which three members will be selected to make a five-minute presentation on a charity. The organizations proposed for funding must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

The group can ask questions



after presentations before a vote is held. Each member writes a personal check for \$100 to the charity receiving the most votes.

At subsequent meetings, the recipient charity of the previous quarter will be asked to provide information on how the money donated was or is being used.

Members do not have to make presentations on a charity. They can come, listen, vote and write their check, McKee said.

"There is nothing else of its kind in our area, nothing else

that can get so much done in a short period of time and also be part of a larger gift. The \$100 is a doable gift for most people," McKee said.

Give Where You Live Miami County is seeking members from across the county and also is reaching out to charities.

For more information, visit the organization's web site at: www.givewhereyoulive.wix.com/miamicounty. Calls also can be made to 937-634-6696 and emails can be sent to givewhereyoulive.mc@gmail.com.

Foundation Passes \$6 Million in Distribution

The Miami County Foundation awarded 70 separate grants totaling over \$156,000 during a recent Grant Distribution Celebration.

Dr. Richard N. Adams, Distribution Committee Chairman, welcomed agency and school representatives. "I know the late Richard E. Hunt, who established the organization, would be pleased by the growth and service of the Foundation," said Adams. "His idea of people helping people is the basis of the Foundation's goals of helping donors to accomplish their philanthropic objectives as effectively as possible and to build a permanent endowment of private funding to serve the Miami County community."

Adams stated over \$6.1 million has been distributed in grants and scholarships over the past 30 years. He presented an overview of the Foundation's grant and scholarship programs.

By allocating grants twice yearly, the Foundation helps schools, individual students and charitable organizations to attain their objectives. As a result, the Foundation serves as a catalyst for innovative programs in the arts, community development, education, environment, health and human services.

Seventy grants totaling \$156,115 were awarded to assist a variety of projects in Miami County and ranged from \$75 to \$7,500. Organizations benefiting from these grants include Bethany Center Food Pantry, Bradford Exempted Village School, Bradford Public Library, CASA/GAL Miami County, Centerpoint Christ Community Church, Child Care Choices, Covington Elementary School, Covington Elementary School, Curl Troy, Dayton Children's Hospital, Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, Eagles' Wings Therapeutic Riding Stable, Edison College Foundation, First Brethren Church, Foundation Center Cleveland, Free to Run Foundation, Ginghamburg Church-The Farm & Nature Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lockington United Methodist Church-God's Grocery, Miami County Recovery Council, Miami County Sheriff's Office, Miami East FFA Chapter, Milton Union High School, Milton-Union Senior Citizens & Community Club, New Friends of Milton Union Public Library, P.L.U.S. (Parents Learning to Understand Students), Partners In Hope, Piqua Catholic School, Piqua Central Intermediate, Pleasant Hill History Center, Recovery & Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio, Rehabilita-

tion Center for Neurological Development, Richard's Chapel United Methodist Church, SafeHaven Inc., Samaritan Behavioral Health, Senior Independence, St. Patrick Catholic School, Steve's Club Troy, The Future Begins Today, Tipp City LT Ball School, Tipp City LT Ball School, Tipp City School Broadway Elementary, Tippecanoe Middle School, Troy Christian Early Childhood Development Center, Troy City Schools-Concord Elementary, Troy Lions Charities, Union Township Life Squad, Upper Miami Valley STEM Education, West Milton Police Division and Western Ohio TV Consortium.

The Foundation continues to provide 17 on-going humanitarian grants for food, utility, shelter and medical assistance programs throughout the county. Agencies selected to receive these grants consist of the Bethany Center's soup kitchen, Covington Outreach Association, FISH Union Township, Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, G.I.V.E., Health Partners of Miami County, Miami Co. Dental Clinic, New Path, Partners in Hope, Salvation Army in Piqua, St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen and Troy Lions Charities.

A grant from the Jean and John Dugan Family Fund was awarded to Partners in Hope.

The celebration concluded with a final comment from Adams to grant recipients, "On behalf of the Miami County Foundation Board of Directors, accept our thanks for the work each of you and those serving your organizations provide to our county."

The deadline for spring 2016 grant distribution is the last day of February. Eligible organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Miami County, must be certified federally tax-exempt by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) and organizations are limited to one grant per 12 month period. You can request a grant application by calling the office at 773-9012 or download a copy from the Foundation's website at www.miamicountyfoundation.org.

Individuals, businesses and organizations wishing to support the mission of the Foundation may contribute to the unrestricted fund. Donations are accepted in any amount and can be mailed to the Foundation office at P.O. Box 1526, Piqua, OH 45356-1526 or given securely on the Foundation's website www.miamicountyfoundation.org.

and play as full members of our community. Riverside's vision is to build a community that supports and values people of all abilities. The organization offers services such as case management, early intervention services, physical occupational and speech therapies, recreational activities, Special Olympics programs, community housing coordination, community employment training and placement, adult day services, transportation and other valuable services to people of all ages who have developmental disabilities. For more information about Riverside, visit riversidedd.org.

Riverside DD Receives Award

The Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities (commonly known as Riverside) recently received the "PAR'tnering Award" at the PAR annual meeting in Columbus. Established in 1968, PAR (Professionals, Advocates, Resources) is a professional association for individuals working in the field of developmental disabilities in Ohio. The PAR'tnering Award was given for Riverside's long-term support and recent efforts in the area of self-advocacy for people with developmental disabilities.

"It was an honor to be recognized for our county's efforts at such a large conference," said

Brian Green, superintendent at Riverside. "We put a lot of energy into helping the people we serve obtain the necessary skills to advocate for themselves. Some of our recent accomplishments in this area have been sponsoring scholarships for our individuals to attend self-advocacy training, actively engaging individuals served in our strategic planning activities, and recruiting participants to attend and provide input during our board meetings."

Riverside also serves as a meeting location for the Miami County chapter of People First, a national self-advocacy organization for people with developmental dis-

abilities. The meetings take place the third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., and are open to anyone with developmental disabilities.

This is the second award Riverside has received in recent months. The agency received an award in July 2015 for its efforts in supporting people who have a mental health diagnosis in addition to a developmental disability.

Riverside Developmental Disabilities is Miami County's local board of developmental disabilities. Riverside's mission is to empower people with developmental disabilities to live, work

and play as full members of our community. Riverside's vision is to build a community that supports and values people of all abilities. The organization offers services such as case management, early intervention services, physical occupational and speech therapies, recreational activities, Special Olympics programs, community housing coordination, community employment training and placement, adult day services, transportation and other valuable services to people of all ages who have developmental disabilities. For more information about Riverside, visit riversidedd.org.

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Food Jar Exhibit Presents a Lesson in Food History

BY JUDY DEETER

Troy Historical Society

For more than 25 years, a collection of food jars has been on display at the Museum of Troy History. These colorful jars are not just pretty containers; they tell the story of how food was prepared and preserved in the past.

Most of the jars in the museum's collection are food canning jars. Canning, the method of preserving food in glass jars, was once a yearly ritual in Miami County homes. It was sometimes referred to as the annual "canning chore." Though people still can food at home, far fewer individuals do it today than in the past. Long ago, late summer and early fall once represented "harvest time"—when crops growing in local gardens and fruit trees were preserved for winter eating. Housewives often told their friends how much food they had "put up" (canned for the winter use.) Fruits and vegetables were canned in pint or quart-size glass jars for dinner table use, made into jams and jellies or occasionally made into juice or wine. The museum's jars represent all sorts of uses for preserving home grown (or local) food.

Most of the glass jars in the exhibit are from George and Eva Carey, who donated their 500-piece jar collection to the museum in September 1990. Though the collection carries the names of both George and Eva, it was apparently George who collected the jars over a 22-year period after his retirement from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1969. (For most of his life, George was involved with aviation. He was a licensed pilot, who in the 1930s had worked at WACO—the Weaver Aircraft Company in Troy. In the 1940s, he served in the US Army Air Corps as an aircraft repair/maintenance man.) An article written by Jan Horn about the Carey collection describes George's fascination with the glass jars and gives details of his life. The article is a

part of the museum jar display.

George Carey's interest in canning and jars is believed to have started when he was a small boy. George was born on his father's Miami County dairy farm in 1909. He was the son of John Warren and Clara Mae Carey.

According to the Horn article, Carey was first introduced to canning when he helped his mother with her "canning chore" at the age of five. "His job was to hold down the jar lids with a fat stick while she poured on the sealing wax. It was hot in the kitchen, but he loved the thick steamy smell of ripe peaches and boiling syrup and he liked being a helper." A jar with such sealing wax is on display at the museum, but it is not part of the Carey collection.

In the May 21, 1908 edition of the Miami Union newspaper local housewives—mostly from Casstown—discussed how and why they canned. Mrs. Joisan Knoop believed it was the economical thing to do: "One quart of home canned fruit will go almost as far as two quarts that you buy in the grocery store, by reason of the bought cans containing more syrup than fruit." Mrs. E.H. Drake felt it was important to know how the food one served was handled. "It is a satisfaction to know how the contents of the cans were handled when put in the can and makes them worth more to know they are clean." Recipes for canning cherries from Mrs. H.S. Clyne of Casstown and Mrs. Charles Davis of Fletcher are published in the newspaper. Mrs. Davis described a process using "one pint of good alcohol and five cents worth of salicylic acid" to preserve fruits such as strawberries, plums, and cherries. The Troy-Miami County Public Library Local History Library has a copy of this newspaper on microfilm. It is available for viewing at the library at 100 West Main Street in Troy.

Jars in the exhibit are from a wide variety of manufacturers. The most recognizable jar manufacturer names are Ball, Ma-



son and Kerr. There are several interesting facts about these jars. The Ball company logo changed over the years. Ball jars can be dated by the way the logo is written on the jar. Online sources show the various ways the logo was written and the time period that each Ball logo was used on the jars. The Mason jar was invented by Philadelphia tinsmith John Landis Mason. He received a patent for his jar in 1858 and a trademark for it in 1871. A few jars in the Carey collection have the name "Van Vliet" on their sides. These jars were made by Warren R. Van Vliet of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. His jars were believed to preserve food better than other canning jars. Museum visitors might see a jar by Joel Haines of West Middleburg, Ohio. He was also the designer of an early lunch box. He received a patent for it on March 15, 1867.

Most of the jars have numbers on the bottom from one to ten. These are the manufacturer's mold number. Most glass jar producers have about ten molds to shape the jars. The number on the bottom tell which mold was used. One old story says that the jars with the number "13" on the bottom were considered bad luck and were often broken. People who now collect glass jars say that the superstition about the number 13 on the jars is just an "old wives tales." There is nothing to it. In fact, some collectors look for jars with 13 on the bottom to add to their collections.

Another old wives tale/superstition warned young men that

courting a woman whose "wax jars" were broken meant the woman would be a bad-tempered wife. Young men were to beware of such women.

Some food jars at the museum have patent dates from the late 1850s and early 1860s. People often mistakenly think that the patent date refers to the date a jar was made. The patent date refers to the date that the U.S. patent office gave the patent for the jar style. The jar could have been manufactured long after the patent date. The patent date does, of course, mean that a jar was not produced before the patent date time period.

Colored jars were considered better for canning than clear glass jars because it was thought that they blocked harmful light from getting into food. The museum collection has jars in several colors, though most jars are clear. Some jars have the words "safety" or "protector" on the sides to indicate they would keep food safe.

The glass jar collection is available for public viewing at the Museum of Troy History, 124 East Water Street in Troy. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, April through December. Tours are also available by appointment. For more information, check the museum's website: museumoftroyhistory.org.

For further information about this article, contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com .

Kaplan receives Lions Club Degree



Troy Lions Club member Steve Kaplan received a "Bachelor's Degree" from Lions University at a graduation ceremony held at the USA/Canadian Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His diploma was presented by Lions Club International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan. The Bachelor's Degree was awarded after accomplishing specific leadership experiences and then completing 15 hours of study in the area of Leadership Development and testing to prove efficiency.

"I had to take a variety of leadership training classes, from club governance to member motivating. This type of leadership training will help in my volunteer work, but also in my personal and professional relationships," Kaplan said. "I have put a lot of time and effort into the Lion's Club and the charitable works it does, but I always seem to get twice the rewards back," he added.

This was the inaugural graduating class of Lions University which began in the fall of 2014. There were 170 graduates from North America receiving the Bachelor's Degree. Kaplan was one of only four graduates from the state of Ohio.

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

ODOT readies snow and ice equipment for winter 2015/2016

Snow plow trucks were driven 12 million miles last winter

After two consecutive record-breaking winters, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is preparing for winter 2015/2016 by readying its snow and ice equipment, filling salt barns and ensuring operators and mechanics are well trained

Throughout October and November, ODOT crews around the state will conduct 150-point inspections to repair and fine tune snow removal equipment in preparation of winter. The inspections are part of the department's annual county-by-county Operational Readiness Inspections.

"Our snow plow trucks were driven 12 million miles last winter. That's a lot of wear and tear," said ODOT Director Wray. "These inspections are critical in making sure our equipment is road-ready when the snow starts to fall."

District 7 employees took part in a district wide Winter Readiness event Tuesday, October 27th at The Avenue at Ginghamburg in Tipp City. The event focused on snow and ice operations, equipment demonstrations, skills behind the plow and overall preparedness for any storm. Employees participated in breakout sessions focusing on equipment maintenance, material applications, safety and communications. This annual event gets employees geared up as we head into winter.

ODOT has more than 1,800 snow plow trucks and 3,000 operators that clear snow and ice from 43,000 miles of state, U.S. and Interstate routes.

ODOT reminds motorists in Ice and Snow, Take it Slow. Last winter, 89 vehicles struck ODOT snow plow trucks as a result of following too closely.

Shook Named 2015 Distinguished Citizen

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Robert Shook has been named the Distinguished Citizen for 2015. The award, which has been given annually since 1958, honors an individual living and/or working in the Troy area, and who has distinguished themselves by making an outstanding contribution in business and/or in their personal lives that has benefited the Troy community. Robert Shook will be honored at the TACC Annual Recognition Banquet on November 19th at the Crystal Room.

Robert Shook has long been a leader on our community. A native of Troy, Robert was a leader and winner as a Troy High School football player. Though Bob traveled worldwide in the Army and then as an Insurance Executive, he always kept Troy as his home of residence (84 years).

In the nomination, Jay Wackler said "Much of my professional career involved working with, and being friends with, leaders - people that could get the job done when no one else could, people that have the "can do" attitude and the "did do" reputation. It was one of the highlights of my life when I met Robert J. Shook and observed him being one that resembled many of my "can do, did do" friends."

Bob is recognized for his involvement working on the Miami Valley

Resource Planning Committee designing and purchasing such things as the I- 75 remodel through Dayton, The I70/I75 intersection remodel and many other community improvement projects that clearly improved the quality of life for each and every one of us. Closer to home, Miami County residents can thank Mr. Shook for his commitment to recreational trails. He designed, negotiated land usage, acquired funding and managed a team to continue the development of "the longest paved, off road recreation trail in the United States." In addition, Bob formed the Barbara Sharkey Shoo foundation. Money raised is dedicated to the Park District for use on bicycle, walking and running trail to encourage natural habitat. Bob's foresight has improved traffic flow through our area both highway and trail. His hard work has improved the development of our life styles and industry for jobs.

After taking an early Retirement Bob and his family settled in their Troy home where they currently live. Since retirement Bob has been anything but idle. Bob spent many years as a teacher training Insurance professionals and was Concord Township Trustee. Bob attends the Presbyterian Church and has always been a member of the Choir. For many years he served on the church board. Bob is a member of the

Troy, Post 43 American Legion. During this membership Bob has actively worked to promote the Post in order to keep its membership active. . Bob was the founder and leader of the Miami County Veteran's History project through the office of Congressman John Boehner.

During this period Bob was instrumental in recording in excess of 160 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans. There were also some Afghanistan and Iraqi veterans recorded. Each of these veterans' recordings were documented and place on the Library of Congress Web Site. Recently Bob was nominated for membership into the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame. There was a period of time when Bob was active in Politics.

These are the years he held the office as President of the Republican Men's Club, Concord Township Trustee and he is still a senior member of the Miami County Republican Men/s Club. Bob participated as an active member of the Miami County Public Health and the Miami County Parks District. It was working with the County Commissioners and the Miami County Parks District while he created the Miami County Recreation Trail committee to establish the 23 miles of trails built using the MVRPC guidelines. Bob was the president of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.



Bob married Barbara Sharkey (1954) has two children Julie Shook Muhlberger and Tom Shook, A Son-in-Law Michael Muhlberger and three Grandchildren, Sarah, Michael and Jason.

From Jay Wackler, "To answer your question as to why I feel Bob Shook should receive the Distinguished Citizen Award I must first compliment you, the selection committee for your overall evaluation and not that of just one great deed. By selecting Bob you are recognizing a person for a career of service. You are also recognizing the many years of trial and error, experience and successes it takes to develop these wonderful abilities.

You are thanking Mr. Robert J. Shook for sharing the lifelong lessons with us and giving us the benefit of his hard work/Love for us."

Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Record Expungement

Recently an inmate asked me about him being able to obtain a medical job once he gets out of the County Lock Up. I inquired what he was in here for and it was a misdemeanor Domestic Violence conviction. First off, I always tell them I am not a lawyer and cannot give legal advice. Then I explain my whole career was as a police officer and I will not tell them how to get out of a charge. I will only explain the law and give them the explanation of why a police officer would do or handle a certain situation in a particular way. I will not read their reports and tell them who said what or did what. That would be against department policy and would be illegal.

This particular inmate was told to contact an attorney for a legal opinion. There are so many attachments to different crimes that some jobs are off limits to people with certain convictions. For instance a DV conviction with the judge prohibiting the possession of a firearm would be become prohibitive in the field of law enforcement, the military or security work.

A conviction for theft of medication would prohibit a person from working as a Pharmacist Assistant, or practically any position in the medical field. Any conviction for embezzlement or forgery would prohibit a person from working in the finance and banking industry as well as Real Estate.

We did have a case once with a doctor being charged with DV. The doctor did have a medical board hearing and was disciplined. The doctor sought counseling and was eventually reinstated with full privileges. Moving out of state, the doctor is now doing fine and the family is in a much healthier situation.

The next part of the inmate's inquiry was if a DV charge can be expunged. Any expungement is for the person who had a one time lapse of good judgement but then has served the sentence handed down and has turned their life around. It does not help someone who is a repeat offender.

After one year from the date of conviction on a crime, the person can request a hearing from the sentencing judge for expungement. It is at the complete discretion of the judge to grant the request or deny it. Should a person with a conviction for possession of a marijuana pipe ask for the record to be expunged, I would not expect a favorable response from the judge if the petitioner has 8 such convictions.

Some crimes resulting in a conviction cannot be expunged at all. Murder, rape, sexual battery involving juveniles is just a few examples. Just about any conviction with a juvenile being the victim are prohibited from being considered for expungement.

As for what expungement is, when the judge orders a record expunged the police department must place all paperwork relevant to that case in a folder or box and seal it. The expunged records must be maintained separately from all other records to prevent accidental opening.

The expunged or sealed record can only be opened if the person is newly charged with a similar crime. Then it takes a court order to unseal and allow the information to be used in a new case.

It is common practice in juvenile court for the judge to order the sealing of any juvenile when they turn 18 years of age.

The big exception to expungement is traffic convictions. It is a common perception that after so many years a ticket drops off your record. That is not the case in Ohio. A traffic conviction remains on your record as long as we have computers to record it. What does drop off are the points assessed to your license for said convictions.

Say for instance you have an OVI (6 points), 2 speeding tickets (2 points each) and a red light violation (2 points) within a 12 month period. That is 14 points total and you will lose your driving privileges for having more than 12 points in a year.

As each conviction passes the 1 year point of conviction, the points drop off and you eventually can begin accumulating points again. However each of those convictions will remain on your driving record held by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The insurance company cannot continue to count those points against you in deciding how much to charge you for your insurance. And when you start accumulating multiple OVI convictions in a certain number of years, the charge eventually becomes more severe and even rise to prison time felonies.

Domestic Violence is the same way. The second offense with a conviction is automatically a felony.

So unless you are willing to pay a large sum of money to attorneys, insurance agents and in court fines, think about the consequences of your actions. If you can't pay the fine, don't do the crime.

At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Hickory Nuts

While November is considered to be one of the harvest months, anyone who gardens and preserves crops for the winter can tell you, harvest and gathering and "putting by" as the old timers called it, began back in March and April with rhubarb and asparagus.

Those packages and jars of red and green have been joined with summer's tomatoes and beans and then apples and pumpkins. So by now the shelves and freezer are pretty full. But there's still room for the final crop to be brought in.

This last crop is free so don't overlook it. Hickory nuts, walnuts and butternuts all benefit from a frost and a slightly windy day to bring them down. We've had both the frost and windy day so now is the time for gathering.

Of course, the beauty of the whole operation is in the autumn colors. Sitting under a magnificent golden hickory tree with hues of red-rose, orange and lemon-yellow dancing all around from sunlight in nearby trees will make you slow down and appreciate just what this last crop is all about. In the clear, crispy-cool air, well... it will stir your soul and leave you wondering if you just shouldn't stay here till the snow flies. Hickory nuts can be a rather obsessive thing too. Note these paragraphs from the Urbana, Ohio, newspaper of 1865.

"We understand that large quantities of hickory nuts are being shipped East from this section and command good prices. They are used in the manufacture of oil, which is ob-



tained from the kernels of the nuts.

We earnestly protest against this traffic. Hickory nuts will be an indispensable auxiliary to the proper enjoyment of the long winter evenings that are approaching. Show us the person that cannot appreciate the comforts of a good fire and plenty of hickory nuts and we'll show you a person who is not fit to live. Therefore, we repeat that this traffic, so disastrous in its results, should be squelched! Take everything else from us, but spare the hickory nuts!"

Once gathered, don't be in a hurry to process the nuts. Leave them in a bin or box so they can dry out and any unwanted tag-alongs will have time to vacate the premises. They usually use a window that they built into the nuts. By giving them time to leave, you won't waste time cracking spoiled nuts.

The hickory shuckworm or hickory/pecan weevils have been eating their fill inside some of the nuts. Only after dropping and sensing the warmer air of an Indian summer day or your house, will they chew out of the silver-colored hole in the nut and crawl

out for their next stage of life.

You have to clear away the husks and debris anyway, just look for those silver spots and discard those nuts. Crack the good nuts without fear of a squashed worm in the pile.

I suppose I should warn you. Hickories are a tough nut to crack. In fact, the following is rather a testimonial to just how tough they are. The following note was included in a thank you a few years back when I gifted a box of nuts to a friend.

"The cake was magnificent, although I have to admit cracking the nuts was a real challenge. One of my "aging" symptoms is lack of manual strength so the usual nutcrackers didn't work. You would have enjoyed the sight of my holding nuts with pliers, crushing them with a hammer and ducking flying nutmeats. It was worth it though."

A lot of native trees are gone due to old age, disease and "progress". There are a few stands of the giants left in our area. Here's a couple of ways to use the nuts if you have a mind to go out gathering. That is if you don't mind a few wiggly intruders and can wield a ham-

1935 HICKORY NUT PIE
• ½ cup soft butter
• 3 eggs
• Dash of salt
• 1¼ cups nutmeats
• 1 cup sugar
• ¾ cup dark corn syrup
• 1 teaspoon vanilla
Pie pastry for a one-crust 9-inch pie
Preheat oven to hot. (425 degrees). Line pie pan with pastry, crimp edges. In bowl, mix filling ingredients well. Pour into pie pan. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven to medium heat (325 degrees). Bake for another 30-35 minutes or until filling is set. Cool completely.

1940 HICKORY WHITE FUDGE
• 2 cups sugar
• 2/3 cups cream or milk
• 2 tablespoons butter
• few grains of salt
• 1 teaspoon vanilla
• ½ cup nutmeats
Place sugar, cream, butter and salt in saucepan. Heat slowly. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Cover until boiling point is reached. Uncover and cook without stirring until candy thermometer temperature reaches 240 degrees.

This is known as soft ball stage. If you place a few drops of the syrup in cold water it will form a soft ball of candy.

Remove pan from heat and add vanilla. Let cool to lukewarm without stirring. Add nuts and beat until creamy. It will lose its shine. Pour into buttered plate or pan and cool. Cut into squares.

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Mrs. Greengate's Almanac

November, 2015

Modern Moons

As corn and soybean fields lay bare, brown stubble catches early morning frosty crystals of frozen moisture. On a smaller scale, yard plants and the last blooms are touched by the frost and succumb to its cold. By now, we are used to hearing the nightly report of frost advisories and freeze warnings.

Frost advisory means the temperature will likely fall to between 36 and 32 degrees. As that air temp falls, the earth gives off heat. The clearer the sky, the more heat is given off. If the ground is very warm, the frost (cold air) will hover above the ground and only touch the tops of plants.

A freeze warning comes when there is at least an 80% chance that the temp will fall to 32 degrees or less. Most, if not all tender plants are "cooked" (turning black as the day warms) and the ground crunches as one walks over it. Once the growing season is of-

ficially over with, all these lower temperatures are called-Cold Weather.

Local weather predictions show only one day in the first week of November to warrant a frost advisory. By the second week, four days will hit the low of 32 degrees. By the end of the month, most sunrises will bring along Cold Weather.

Of old times, November's moon was Mad Moon. Buck deer were rutting, snorting, and whistling, polishing velvet from antlers. Another moniker was Beaver Moon as northern Indians began their hunt of beaver and other fur-bearing animals. Today's moon could simply be called Moon of Unsettled Skies. It's as if nature is struggling with herself as to whether winter should be let loose or not.

Fishing/Gardening
Like the bare fields around us, our little garden spaces are bare. Only the autumn planting of lettuces is still standing in the ever-weakening sunshine. Sugar snap pea pods

were gathered last week and tucked away in the freezer for winter meals. Eating fresh apples and pears is our last effort to hang onto summer's bounty while roasted acorn and butternut squash sweeten meals.

Little talk of fishing is forthcoming from the master. Bait shop talk is turning towards ice fishing which this family has yet to embrace. More likely the talk is of hunting, which too, is not of our lifestyle, although we have enjoyed gifts of rabbit and squirrel from time to time.

Outside the Yard
Autumn colors are still abundant in the southern-most areas of Ohio. Activities are numerous in the Hocking Hills/Athens area. Athens Farmers Market is open year-round on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Since 1972 the market has grown to include dozens of vendors and hundreds of displays of fruits, vegetables and more. It is free. For more info call the market at 740-593-6763. At the Nelsonville Quilt Com-

pany, an open classroom is provided free on Wednesdays for anyone who wants to bring a sewing project and spend time with others of like mind. Help is available for those with sewing/quilting questions. Contact them for more info at 740-753-3343.

Even as mornings are crispy cold, afternoons in November warm up to entice those who want outside to go for walks in favorite parks. Look for low-growing plants and flowers. Some may surprise you by their tenacious ability to withstand frost and freeze.

Word of the Month

Unsettled: Unresolved or "up in the air" as in, "November is unsettled as to weather." By the end of the month it will no longer be up in the air, but on the ground in the form of snow.

Quote of the Month

"But there is always a November space after the leaves have fallen...and whiteness had not yet come upon them." L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Windy Poplars.

Tax Tips

WITH ARROWHEAD TAX SERVICE

Premium Tax Credit: Are You Eligible?

The premium tax credit can help make purchasing health insurance coverage more affordable for people with moderate incomes. Answer these yes-or-no to find out if you may be eligible for the premium tax credit.

Question 1: Did you or a family member enroll in insurance through the Marketplace?

If you answer no to question 1, you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer yes to question 1, move on to the next question.

Question 2: Are you and every member of your family eligible for coverage through an employer or government plan?

If you answer yes to question 2,

you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer no to question 2, move on to the next question.

Footnote about question 2: there are special rules about what it means to be eligible for employer or government coverage. See Publication 974 for more information.

Question 3: Is your household income at least 100 percent, but no more than 400 percent, of the federal poverty line for your family size?

Which for 2015 are:

\$11,770 for individuals
\$15,930 for a family of 2
\$20,090 for a family of 3
\$24,250 for a family of 4
\$28,410 for a family of 5
\$32,570 for a family of 6
\$36,730 for a family of 7
\$40,890 for a family of 8

If you answer no to question 3, you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer yes to question 3,

move on to the next question.

Footnote about question 3: Under special circumstances, you may be able to claim the PTC even though your income is below 100 percent of the federal poverty line. See the instructions for Form 8962 for more information.

Question 4: Can you be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return?

If you answer yes to question 4, you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer no to question 4, move on to the next question.

Question 5: Is your filing status Married Filing Separately?

If you answer yes to question 5, you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer no to question 5, move on to the next question.

Footnote about question 5: There are exceptions to the married filing separately rule. Certain victims of domestic abuse and spousal abandonment can claim

the premium tax credit using the married filing separately filing status. See the instructions for Form 8962 for more information.

Question 6: Were all the premiums paid?

If you answer no to question 6, you are not eligible for PTC.

If you answer yes to question 6, you may be allowed a premium tax credit. See Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit, and the Form 8962 instructions for more information.

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Gardening Commentary

BY MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

Sun Scald on Newly Planted Shade Trees Can Be Avoided

Sunscald is a problem of young, newly installed trees in landscapes. It first appears in spring as a vertical crack on the tree trunk, usually on the southwest side. A vertical crack opens and the bark begins to peel in spring, long after the damage actually occurred. This type of damage is commonly restricted to young, recently transplanted landscape trees and is not a condition that we see with the same species growing in forests or with mature trees. While the damage occurs in winter, it does not become evident until spring. By that time this disfiguring injury has opened the trunk to decay organisms and opportunistic insects it is too late to do anything. Wrapping the trunk after the damage has become



evident will not help nor will applying pruning paint to the exposed wood where the bark has been damaged.

WHY SUNSCALD OCCURS:

The warming rays of the winter sun can be intense even though the air temperature is

cold. As the sun warms the trunk on the south or southwest side of the tree the cambium tissues (located just below the bark) expand due to the increase in temperature on this side of the tree, just as if spring had arrived. It is the cambium that gives rise to new growth that results in caliper (diameter) growth of the trunk. When the sun dips below the horizon or is suddenly blocked by a cloud, these rapidly dividing cambium cells freeze and die. As spring arrives, the undamaged cambium on the remainder of the trunk begins to grow and the bark on the damaged side stretches until a vertical crack develops and begins to peel back. Young trees in a forest are shaded by larger trees and do not experience as significant warming of the trunk as trees in more open landscapes. However, it is common in woodlots that are suddenly opened allowing the sun to hit the bark. Sunscald is a preventable type of injury to landscape trees. However, protective mea-

sures must be applied prior to when conditions develop for its formation. Failure to protect young, newly established trees in the landscape will result in a loss of money and lengthen the time of when the tree would have become an effective contributor to the aesthetics of the landscape and a beneficial contributor to the environment. We recommend a white plastic tubing designed especially for protecting young trees. Place the "tree guard" tubing on in early December and remove it late March or early April. This material is stocked in the Garden Barn in the fall for winter use. It is cheap insurance for many trees that are susceptible to this damage.

If you have a comment go meadowview.com or send an email to info@meadowview.com, we enjoy hearing from you.

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Scout has had obedience training and should do well in almost any environment. However, because of his small size, we would be reluctant to place him in a home with small children. He will also need a home with a fenced in yard, as Scout loves to run and play outside.

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

Financial Focus

WITH THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Tips for teaching your teen about money management

As a parent, you want to encourage your child to make good choices—and learning how to manage money is part of that process. While the early years might be spent teaching the basics of money and how it is used, the teen years bring an additional set of challenges. Allowances, money from jobs, the constant bombardment from advertisers, and peer pressure to buy the latest and greatest, add a whole new dimension to learning the ropes of managing money.

However, these challenges open up the door to a whole new set of teaching opportunities. The following tips can help you and your teen get on the right track towards establishing a financial foundation that could last a lifetime.

1.) Create spending and savings patterns

Start by instilling the values of **spend, save, and share** in your teen. First, discuss using 10 percent of each child's earnings for charitable contributions so that they can learn the value of giving back. Next, take an additional 40 percent and put it into a savings account. The remaining 50 percent can be used at the child's discretion. By setting some easy to understand patterns while they are under your roof, kids can develop good budgeting habits.

2.) Get started on a path to build credit

Set up a checking or savings account, make regular deposits, and keep the account in good standing. Get your son or daughter started on the right financial foot today and it may be easier for them to someday buy a new car, mortgage a home or secure other types of loans. As an added bonus, having a checking or savings account allows your teen to learn about online banking and using ATMs.

3.) Set goals

Have your teen write down a list of certain items or special gifts that they would like to buy with their money and set a reasonable date for the goal to be accomplished. Having an end goal in mind can help teens put away the money needed for that special something and can also serve as a great lesson on how to meet those goals through proper money management.

4.) Begin saving for retirement.

Yes, it is never too early to think about retirement. Once your teenager turns 18, he or she should consider opening an IRA. A 40-year old investing \$20,000 a year for retirement will end up with only half of the assets as a 21-year old who invests \$5,000 a year. Even the smallest savings can turn into a respectable fortune if given enough time.

5.) Don't bail them out

This is one of the most difficult, yet important lessons to teach. If, despite all your best efforts, your teen gets overextended on credit, take a firm hand. Let them experience the consequences of bad financial decisions. It's better to help them take responsibility for a \$2,500 debt than a \$25,000 debt later on!

Other ideas to consider:

- Work with your teen to develop a realistic budget, set long and short-term financial goals and plans for achieving them.
- Discuss the difference between "must-have" purchases today, such as school supplies, and "would like to have" purchases, such as the addition of the latest fashion to an already adequate wardrobe.
- Promote shopping around before making purchases. Generally, it assures a better deal and discourages impulse buying. Also, take the opportunity to teach the importance of making a list before shopping (and how to stick to it).
- Encourage the use of a personal financial management tool to track income, savings, expenses and debt. It is good to get in the habit of tracking monthly spending as small purchases such as magazines or sodas be-

gin to add up after time.

- Use financial (checking account, credit card, etc.) statement reviews as an aid to evaluate spending habits, promote sound financial practices and to teach how to watch for irregularities that could signal fraud.

The teen years can challenge even the most patient parent. However, by teaching important lessons about money management early on, you might be giving your son or daughter the gift of a lifetime of good financial habits.

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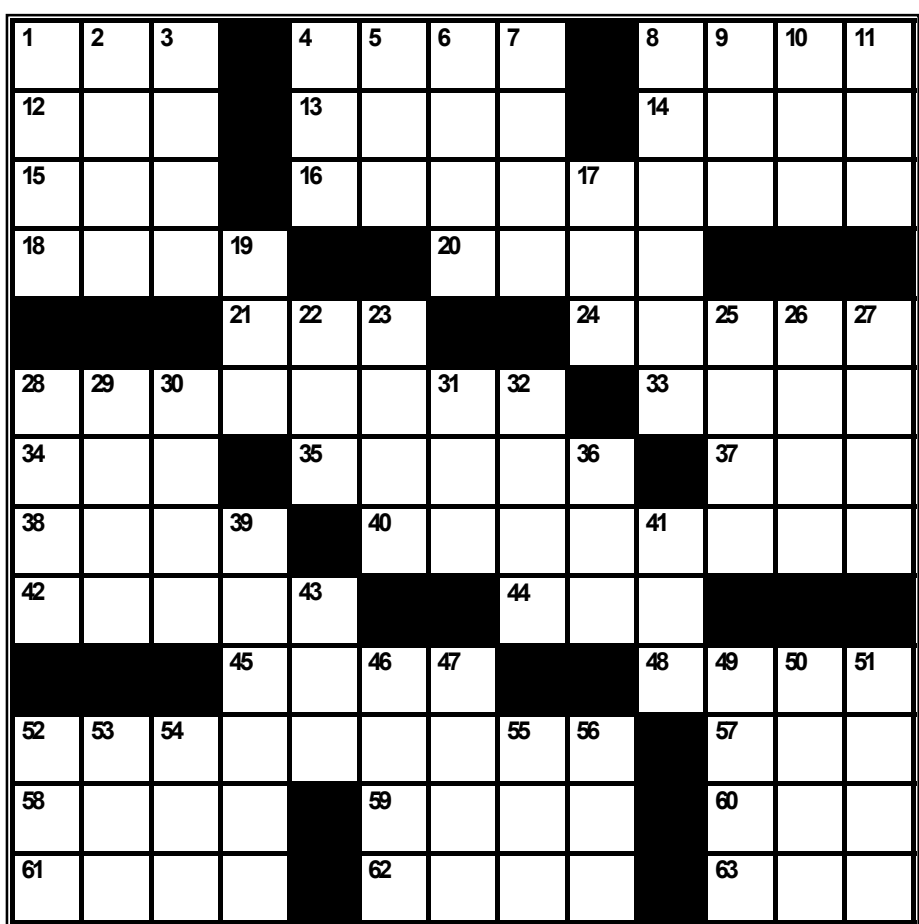
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BY LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

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1. Prime example of stubbornness
4. Pinball paths
8. Presage
12. Cold war leader
13. Fasten your coat
14. Dutch ____
15. Bomber pilot in "Catch 22"
16. Uncultivated area
18. Ukraine city
20. French cheese
21. North pole pixie
24. Fort near Lafayette
28. It preys on snakes
33. Reed section member
34. Genderless pronoun
35. Excel feature
37. Florida county
38. Polaris, for one
40. Unthought-through reaction
42. S African language
44. Running bird
45. Majestic
48. Prepare for action
52. Problem from too much reading
57. Feathered stole
58. Squire
59. 1952 Olympics site
60. Suffix with ideal
61. Collection of musical notes
62. It's a gas
63. Fall guy
- DOWN
1. Frenziedly
2. Eastern attire
3. Ticked
4. Magazine revenue source
5. Mythical bird
6. Rein in
7. Sharp projection
8. Ravel classic
9. Some germ cells
10. Household study
11. Conclusion
17. Chest protector
19. Take it easy
22. Fireplace piece
23. Pay, with "over"
25. Up to it
26. Commuter
27. Tech expert
28. Green tree covering
29. Placed above
30. Orderly
31. Japanese title
32. Sword type
36. Enclose
39. Indian monkey used in experimental medicine
41. Large liquid container
43. Select, with "for"
46. Multivitamin supplement
47. Carrier
49. Nile bird
50. Alps second highest
51. Steamy
52. Abate
53. All right!
54. Musical talent
55. Worker bee interest group
56. Alternative to smoking

Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL



Trivia Challenge

General Knowledge
Trivia Questions #100

- 1) Which of the following films was the first feature film to be directed by Martin Scorsese?
a. Who's That Knocking at My Door
b. Mean Streets
c. Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore
d. Boxcar Bertha
- 2) Now at the core of most armies, in what war were tanks used for the first time?
a. WW2
b. Russo-Japanese
c. WW1
d. Crimean
- 3) How many yards are there in a chain?
a. 22
b. 44
c. 11
d. 66
- 4) In what decade was the butterfly stroke first used at the Olympics?
a. 1960s
b. 1970s
c. 1980s
d. 1950s
- 5) Which dictator was over-

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- thrown by Fidel Castro when he rose to power in Cuba?
a. Carlos Prío Socarras
b. Federico Laredo Bru
c. Ramon Grau
d. Fulgencio Batista
- 6) Nanking was formerly the capital city of which country?
a. India
b. Turkey
c. Japan
d. China

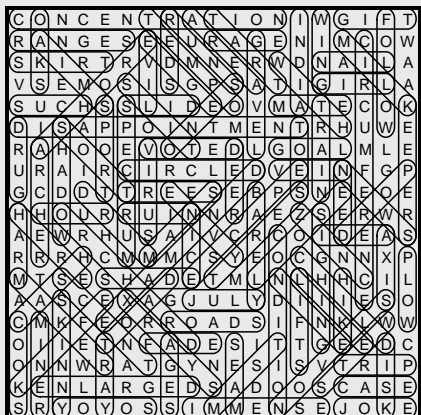
- 7) Which of these actors played James Bond BEFORE the others?
a. Pierce Brosnan
b. Roger Moore
c. Timothy Dalton
d. George Lazenby
- 8) Who was the only US President to be a Bachelor?
a. Abraham Lincoln
b. Ronald Regan
c. George Bush SR
d. James Buchanan

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

- 1.) Bicycle - Macmillan was a Scottish inventor.
2.) Frank Zappa - Found on Zappa's album, Ship Arriving Too Late to Save a Drowning Witch.
3.) Kevin Kline - Kline's performance as the President was nominated for a Golden Globe Award.
4.) China - America is the world's 5th largest producer of potatoes.
5.) New Jersey - The Flames play in Calgary.
6.) 1941 - It advertised watches.
- 7.) Encyclopedia Britannica - Encyclopedia Britannica was in continual publication until 2010. Now it's only available digitally.
8.) Barry Sanders - Barry Sanders played for the Detroit Lions. 9.) 60 minutes - Sawyer joined the popular show in 1984.
10.) Mark Felt - Mark was feeding information to reporter Bob Woodward during the infamous Watergate Scandal.

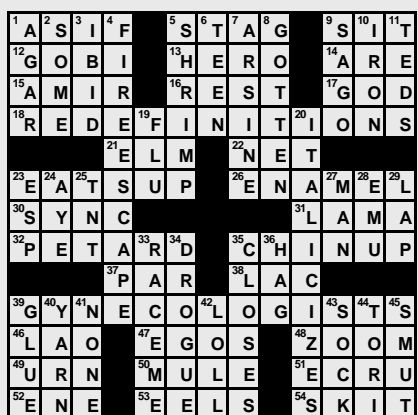
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Richard A. Clutter, aka "Dick", age 74, of Pleasant Hill, OH passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, OH after a very brief and courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 8, 1941 in Troy, OH to the late Robert Clutter, Sr. and Julia (Studebaker) Clutter. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Anita Hawk Clutter.

In addition, he is survived by his 5 children: Sheldon (Tracy) Clutter of Galloway, OH, Rhonda Clutter of Vandalia, OH, Allen (June) Clutter of Sidney, OH, Christa Clutter of San Antonio, TX and Jennifer (Brock) Shank of Tipp City, OH; ten grandchildren: Seth and Dustin Pace, Sean and Brittany Clutter, Victoria (Mark) Ingle, Tiffany Seidel, Adam and Cheyenne Clutter, Hunter and Tanner Shank; seven great grandchildren; and his brother: Raymond Clutter of Troy, OH. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother: Robert Clutter, Jr.

Dick was a 1959 graduate of Troy High School. Over his lifetime, he worked at Chrysler Air Temp and Hobart Brothers (Ground Power Division). He was a member of the Troy Church of the Nazarene and was active over the years in many volunteer capacities. Dick proudly served his country as a member of the US Marine Corps. His love for life was contagious and was a breath of fresh air wherever he went. He will be greatly missed by so many friends and family members.

Memorial service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Troy Church of the Nazarene, 1200 Barnhart Road, Troy, OH 45373 with Pastor Jeff Rollison officiating. Friends may call from 4-6 PM on Thursday at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Baird Funeral Home in Troy, OH.

Contributions may be made to the Troy Church of the Nazarene, 1200 Barnhart Road, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be made to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Helen C. Romick, age 80 of Troy passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at her residence. She was born on November 4, 1934 in Lima, Ohio to the late Cloyd Stephen and Erma (Vermillion) Wohlgamuth. She married her beloved husband Jim W. Romick on July 24, 1955 and he survives. Also survived by son and daughter-in-law Jack and Jennifer Romick of Troy, daughters and son-in-law Linda and Reed Moorhead of Findlay, Susan Coon of Troy and Ken Coon (deceased), sisters and brothers-in-law Anita and Bill Lanning of Findlay, Martha and Don Criblez of Findlay, brother and sister-in-law Richard and Ruth Wohlgamuth of Findlay, sister-in-law Lois Wohlgamuth of Findlay, grandchildren Abby Coon, Aaron Coon, David Moorhead, Rebekah Moorhead, Jasmine

Surrounded by his family, **George Jefferson Hughes, Jr.**, 81, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 25 at Upper Valley Medical Center following a lengthy illness. He was born August 11, 1934 in Lebanon, Virginia to the late George W. and Gladys Monk Hughes. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Shirley Hughes and Nancy Gates; one brother, Bobby Hughes and one niece, Cassie Jean Hughes. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Audra Jerlene "Jeri" Litton Hughes and one daughter Carolyn (Mark) Deal of Casstown; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Jimenez of Troy, Stephanie (Ryan) Crawford of Tipp City, Nathaniel (Nicole) Deal of Troy, and Joshua Deal of Troy; two great grandchildren, Claire Noelle Crawford and Grant Michael Crawford; one brother, Jack Hughes of Tennessee and several nieces and nephews.

George was a member of the Lighthouse Holiness Chapel of Troy and the Troy Fish and Game Club. He retired from Hobart Corporation after 42 years of service and worked part-time for Quality Feed and U-Haul for 25 years. He enjoyed going to flea markets and buying, trading and selling collectibles of all kinds. He was well known throughout the area as a horse trader and antique dealer and loved driving his 55 Chevy, but most of all, he enjoyed being with his family and friends. He will be remembered fondly for his sharp wit and unique sense of humor.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 31 at 11:30 a.m. at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Kevin Wilt and Rev. Dale Adkins officiating. Interment followed at Casstown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County or to the Lighthouse Holiness Chapel of Troy. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Miami County and to Dr. Irina Gendler for their loving care.

Romick, Josie Romick, great- grandchild Preston Moorhead, half-brother Wayne and Mary Carpenter of Findlay. She was also preceded in death by a brother Dean Wohlgamuth , and half-brothers Bob Carpenter and his wife Mary , and George Carpenter,Jr. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Troy, a 1952 graduate of Findlay High School and retired from Hobart Corporation in 1999 after 20 years of service. Helen enjoyed sewing, embroidery, loved to travel and enjoyed all her loving family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are pending. Services have been entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Liam Seamus Gillespie, age 15, of Troy, OH passed away Sunday, October 25, 2015 at his residence. Liam was born July 10, 2000 to David B. and Julie (Aultman) Gillespie.

In addition to his parents, Liam is also survived by one sister: MariCait E. Gillespie of Troy; maternal grandparents: Mark and Carol Aultman of Westerville, OH; paternal grandmother: Frances Gillespie of St. Clair Shores, MI; aunts and uncles: Chris and Jennifer Aultman of Westerville, OH; Kevin and Shelly Gillespie of New Baltimore, MI; Jean and Tom Kaczmarek of Sturgeon Bay, WI; Jason and Lori Swanson of Columbus, IN; Lauri Aultman of Cincinnati, OH; great uncle: Scott Aultman of Troy and numerous cousins.

Liam was preceded in death by paternal grandfather: Jerry Gillespie.

Liam was a sophomore at Troy High School. He was a member of the cross country team and participated in track. Liam enjoyed the outdoors and CISV. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop #365 and a member of St. Patrick Catholic church, Troy, where he was a server and involved with the youth ministry core team.

Mass of Christian Burial washeld 10:00 AM, Monday, November 2, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, OH. Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, OH. Memorial contributions can be made to: Liam Gillespie Memorial fund at any 5/3 bank location. Friends may express their condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Rebecca Joann (Lyme) Kubiak, age 61, of Troy, OH passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at her residence. She was born on May 27, 1954 in Piqua, OH to Janet (Hughes) Stover and the late Ray Lyme.

In addition to her mother, Janet (Step Father: Paul) Stover of Bradford, Rebecca is survived by three children: Jase Jeffrey Leistner, Andrea Jo (Travis) Shannon, and Lauren Danielle Leistner all of Troy; sister: Luanne (Jim) Leistner of Greenville, brother: Rodney (Pallas) Lyme of Dayton; three grandchildren: Jaiden and Garrett Leistner and Kenley Jo Shannon and step-father: Paul Stover of Bradford. Rebecca was preceded in death by her father, Ray Edward Lyme and her brother, Robert "Robbie" Lyme.

Rebecca was a 1972 graduate of Bradford High School and a graduate of Edison State College, where she earned her two year associates degree. She worked as a paralegal for several years before becoming co-owner of J & R Plumbing. She loved to read, especially her bible and had a strong faith in God and aspired to be a writer. Rebecca had a giving and generous heart, loving all animals and people.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to The Joyful Heart Foundation website or to Baird Funeral Home, 555 N. Market Street, Troy, OH 45373 in Rebecca's name to help defray expenses. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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Halloween Happenings & Trunk or Treat

BY BRITTANY ARLENE JACKSON

The Miami County Sheriff's Office and the Miami County Park District teamed up for the first time this year to celebrate Halloween Happenings, a Jack-O-Lantern walk at Lost Creek Reserve, and Trunk or Treat, a yearly tradition for the Sheriff's Office. On Saturday, October 24th, area schools and organizations brought out 200 Jack-O-Lanterns for public display and families had the opportunity to enjoy the warm glow of candle-lit pumpkin creations as well as trunks full of candy offered by local officers.

The rainy evening on Saturday set the stage for the haunting event that featured pumpkins from Mr. Matthews Troy High School art class, Piqua Catholic School (responsible for carving the welcome sign on the front porch of the Knoop Homestead), Bethel High School students, Girl Scouts, Bethel Fire Squad, Elizabeth Township Squad, Troy Fire Department, Troy Police, Covington Fire Squad, Covington Police, and the Miami County Park staff and volunteers. The event was designed to bring together members of the different cities within Miami County to do something fun and enjoy the outdoors. Despite the rain, approximately 400 people came out to appreciate the Jack-O-Lanterns and participate in Trunk-or-Treat, headed up by Deputy Phil Osting of the Miami County Sheriff's Office.

The Jack-O-Lantern walk was organized by the Miami County Park District's Public Education Coordinator, Tama Cassidy. When she first came on staff with the Park District 12 years ago, only 40-50 carved pumpkins from Bethel High School lined the path for the walk. "My daughter, Kelly, participated in this when she was in high school," Cassidy said. "She's grown and



married now but still likes to be involved. She's not the only one. People keep coming back for this event year after year."

At the end of the Jack-O-Lantern walk, Miami County Park Volunteers served donut holes and hot cider to guests. "We had a lot of people come out considering the rain," Cassidy said. "It's the park's policy that we don't cancel unless there's thunder and lightning."

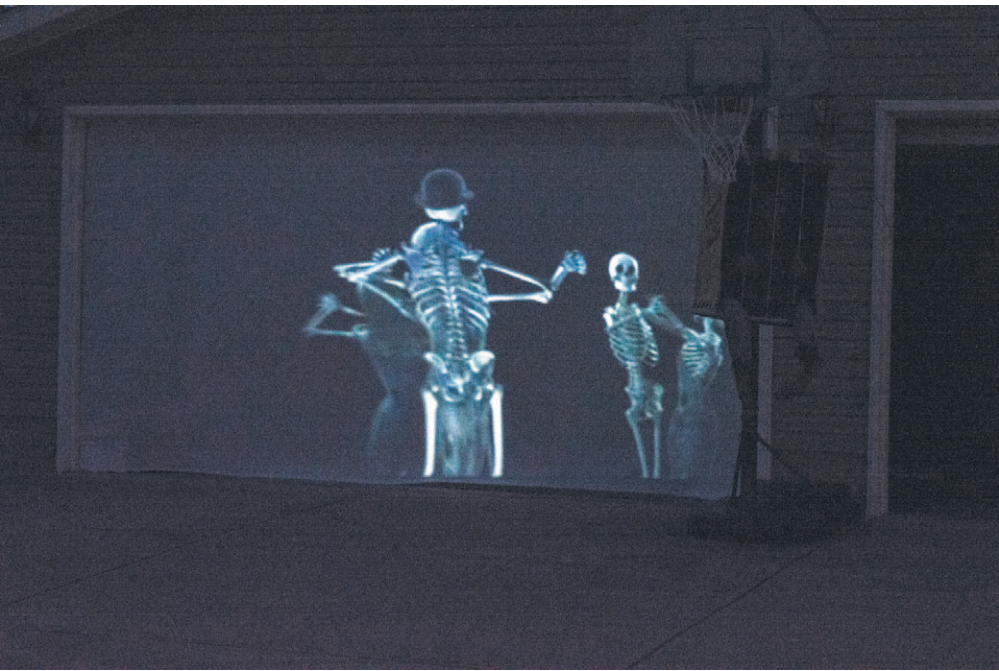
Several of the pumpkins were picked up by their owners to be reused at other events. The rest will gradually make their way to a compost pile at Lost Creek. The spooky smiles and unique sculptures are a glowing reminder of seasonal fun celebrated across the county.



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