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Optimist Club to Place 500 Flags

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Troy’s Avenue of Flags project by the Noon Optimist Club is making its final appearance of the year this week with nearly 500 flags on display in the city and Concord Township for Veteran’s Day.

The club started the project in 2011 when 48 flags were placed around town.

The program has grown steadily with word of mouth and the flags themselves serving as its promoters.

In the program, people pay \$40 a year to have a 3 foot by 5 foot American flag placed in front of their home on five national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4, Labor Day and Veteran’s Day. Teams of club members deliver the flag, place it in a sleeve inserted in the ground, retrieve it and store it until the next holiday.

“We started with three teams and now have 15 teams. The irony I find is one of the teams has as many flags as the whole program did when first started,” said Steve Hamman, who along with wife, Jan, coordinates flag distribution and storage. Both are club members.

The Hammans store the flags in their garage. When returned from duty, the flags are dried completely, and then rolled and stored under a system developed by the Hammans.

The flags are purchased locally



Stan Phillips (left) and Steve Hamman install a flag for the Optimist Club’s Avenue of Flags

Gift subscriptions offered:

The Troy Noon Optimist Club is offering subscriptions to the Avenue of Flags project as Christmas gifts for recipients who live in the Troy area. Purchasers will receive a specially made gift card from the club that they can give to their recipient. Anyone interested in gifting a flag subscription is asked to contact club member Alan Kappers at 937-339-0511 or akappers@dunganattorney.com for more details. The cost of a subscription is \$40 per flag to be displayed for five holidays or a subscription for four flags at a single address for \$120.

and all volunteers who handle the flag are taught flag etiquette, Jan Hamman said.

The Noon Optimist organization, whose focus is on youth, was looking for a fundraising project when the flags were suggested. The Centerville Optimist Club, the largest Optimist group in the country, is among other clubs in the Dayton area with a flags project.

The project has allowed the club to increase the scholarships it of-

fers local students each year, said Susan Funderburg, club member and one of those involved in the project start up.

Before the project, the club would scrape together enough for a \$500 scholarship. This year, it awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Troy High School seniors.

For more information on the Troy Noon Optimist Avenue of Flags, call 937-339-0511 or email akappers@dunganattorney.com.

La Fiesta Goes Fast Food with Express Location

BY BRITTANY ARLENE JACKSON

La Fiesta opened a new, fast food restaurant in Troy last month called “La Fiesta Express.” Just down the road from their original Troy location, the Express took over the old East of Chicago building on Main Street. They officially opened the brightly painted building on October 13 with a limited menu, a drive-thru, and service that rivals the efficiency of larger fast food chains.

Luis Arturo Fuentes is a resident of Troy and the visionary behind La Fiesta. He had the idea for the La Fiesta Express 7 years ago. “We just needed a good location,” Fuentes said. The Troy restaurant that has become a mainstay in the community since 2001 began in Springfield, Illinois where the first La Fiesta continues to do business. Other locations include Maumee, Ohio and the recent opening of a restaurant in Clayton, Ohio back in December of 2015.

According to Fuentes, there are a couple of differences people can expect to see between the Express and the primary locations of La Fiesta. The menu will only include a few items that have been popular on the



Arturo Fuentes in front of the new La Fiesta Express

extensive list of options at the main restaurant. In keeping with models like Hothead Burrito and Chipotle, the Express will have a build-your-own burrito using fresh ingredients from the same distributors that supply La Fiesta. The Express will also have a smaller dining space and quicker service. Fuentes says that the quality of service will be the same as what patrons have come to appreciate at the main locations.

Hundreds of patrons visit the Main Street La Fiesta every week for authentic Mexican food and an ener-

getic atmosphere. Guests receive a warm welcome and will often hear employees and managers singing in the kitchen or in the dining room as they serve. Their optimism is an intrinsic aspect of the restaurant’s culture that Fuentes encourages. “I want people to feel hopeful and happy when they come to La Fiesta,” Fuentes said. “We struggled when I first took over the restaurant and it’s taken a lot of hard work and faith to build but we are blessed. I wouldn’t be able to do this without such a

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Local Men Experience D.C. With Honor Flight



BY MAGGIE YOWLER

Veterans Day came four days early for several local men who traveled to Washington, D.C. with Honor Flight on Saturday, visiting the monuments erected in their honor, surrounded by veterans who had endured the same battles, both on the front lines as well as at home.

The Honor Flight experience culminated Saturday night with a tremendous welcome home celebration at the Dayton Airport, with a welcoming crowd larger perhaps than any before. At least 500 people gathered at the gate, including active servicemen and women and family members, who watched the veterans de-plane. Diana Pry of Honor Flight Dayton said that at least 500 more greeters lined the aisle of airport’s main terminal as the veterans and their guardians were received by deafening cheers and applause. Pry said that the wel-

come home ceremony continues to grow because of Honor Flight supporters sharing the experience with their friends, and encouraged people to keep spreading the word. The Troy Tribune has provided continuous coverage of the Honor Flight experience, and the overwhelming majority of veterans have considered the welcoming home celebration to be the most memorable experience of the trip.

Jim Salamon of Honor Flight Dayton addressed the crowds awaiting the veterans’ return, saying the tradition continues to be of utmost importance because many of these men did not receive a proper welcoming upon their return home from war.

“This is what you should have received so many years ago,” Salamon told the vets. “Hopefully this will make a difference in your lives...Vietnam and Korean vets were not

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VETERANS DAY

BY KATHY VOYTKO

It was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when an “armistice” or a temporary end to battle between the Allied Nations and Germany during the First World War.

In 1919 American celebrated Armistice Day. It became a legal holiday in 1938 and has been celebrated each November ever since.

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name to Veteran’s Day to honor the service of all those who served in the military during World War II and the Korean War.

Veteran’s Day became a Monday holiday and was celebrated in October starting in 1968 by an act of Congress. This was to provide three-day week-

ends for federal employees. President Gerald Ford signed into law in 1978 a return to the observance to November 11th due to the significance of that date in history.

A wreath laying ceremony is held each year on Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. This is done precisely at 11 am with a color guard representing all branches of the military.

Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th.

On November 11th, Veterans Day we honor those who have served our country in service through the military. In May on Memorial Day, we honor those who fought and died for our country.

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treated very well, and you should have received this appreciation so many years ago," he said.

"No American soldier should have been ashamed to wear their uniform in the United States," he added.

It was just after midnight when the veterans experienced this final surprise of their trip, and although they were exhausted after being awake for nearly 24 hours, they still greeted their well-wishers with enthusiasm and delight. Everyone on the trip had arrived at the airport before 3 a.m. that morning to prepare for departure, and they landed back in Dayton some 20 hours later, just before 11 p.m.

Honor Flight Dayton made the switch to using chartered flights this year instead of flying commercially with other passengers. Salamon said each charter flight accommodates over 100 veterans and their guardians. Organizations and individuals may sponsor a flight for \$20,000, or co-sponsor the flight for \$10,000 apiece. Guardians pay their own way, which accounts for about 25 percent of the total cost, and the rest is funded by donations. Salamon said that Saturday's flight cost about \$53,000, and that the cost is anticipated to jump over \$60,000 per flight when they resume flights in April of 2016. The Troy Foundation and Thrivent Financial co-sponsored Saturday's trip. Matt Buehrer of Thrivent Financial said the sponsorship supports the company's commitment to generosity, and noted that their involvement with Honor Flight spans many years.

A total of 113 veterans flew with Honor Flight on Saturday, including 14 from World War II, 31 from the Korean War, and 68 from Vietnam. Salamon said this was the largest group of veterans that Honor Flight Dayton has had the pleasure of flying.

Honor Flight Dayton will resume its trips on April 2 of 2016, and has scheduled trips for April and May, though Salamon said they do not fly during June, July, and August because the cost of chartered flights increases exponentially. After the summer hiatus, trips will likely resume again in September. To sign up a veteran or guardian for Honor Flight Dayton, visit www.honorflightdayton.org and fill out the required forms, or call 937-322-4448. Veterans who served during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam are being accepted, with World War II veterans given preference.

Trib BRIEFS

Glendale resident donates city tree

This year's city Christmas tree was donated by Roger Adams of Glendale Avenue. The tree was scheduled to be placed this week on the Public Square. The annual lighting ceremony is being planned for Nov. 27.

PSC Crane & Rigging again will provide staff and equipment to assist the city crews with placing the tree.

Council OKs land option

Troy City Council approved an option for the Miami County Park District to purchase 38 acres of the Huelskamp Farm during its Nov. 2 meeting.

The district needed the option to apply for Clean Ohio Fund grant dollars that would be used to buy the land. The park district would convert the land along the Great Miami River into conservation land for use as river/water protection, said Scott Myers, park district executive director.

The city bought the Huelskamp Farm property earlier this year to use for extension of the Paul G. Duke Park, which likes to the farm's south.

In other business council approved an agreement with Denlinger, Rosenthal & Greenberg for legal services associated with collective bargaining with

employee unions and related personnel services. The city has six bargaining unit agreements that expire at year's end.

Jury view of scene sought

Miami County prosecutors have filed a motion asking a judge to allow the jury selected to hear evidence in the 2014 murder of Joseph Graley III to visit the property around his Scarff Road, Bethel Township, house.

Frank Bowen, 25, a former Tipp City area resident, is charged with murder in the death of Graley, 31, whose body was found Oct. 23, 2014, beneath a brush pile behind his home. Investigators said Graley died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck.

A jury that heard evidence on charges against Bowen this summer was unable to reach verdicts on murder, tampering with evidence and gross abuse of a corpse charges.

Bowen was found guilty of felony safecracking involving a safe in the bedroom of Graley's home, where Bowen lived briefly with Graley before he disappeared in early October 2014. Bowen has not been sentenced on that charge and remains in the county jail.

The new trial is scheduled for next week in county Com-

mon Pleas Court. Prosecutor Tony Kendell states in the jury view motion that the visit to the property is needed to give the jury an understanding of the property's layout.

Charitable giving celebrated

The fifth Miami County celebration of Philanthropy Day was held Nov. 5 at Hartzell Propeller in Piqua.

The activities included hearing information on giving statewide and nationally and celebrating generosity of local residents. Also recognized this year were the owners and employees of Hartzell Propeller for outstanding dedication to the community.

"Miami County is a great place to live and work because we have generous and caring residents who share their resources with others," said Cheryl Stiefel-Francis, executive director of the Miami County Foundation.

The following statistics on giving were given: Total contributions nationally in 2014 was \$358.4 billion, up 7.1 percent from the previous year; individual giving was up 5.7 percent, foundation giving, up 8.2 percent; giving through bequests, up 15.5 percent; and corporate giving, up 13.7 percent.

In Ohio, charitable giving last

year totaled \$7.8 billion. Of that, \$6.1 billion came through individual giving.

Melissa Kleptz of the Troy Foundation called the statistics "phenomenal." She said the day allows individuals, public officials, nonprofit organizations and businesses to come together and realize together how work gets done in the county through general giving of one's time, talents and treasures. "It is a time to celebrate all that we accomplish by working together in our communities and throughout Miami County," she said.

Notes approved for county projects

The Miami County commissioners Nov. 5 approved the issuing of \$5.61 million in bond anticipation notes for projects at county facilities.

The vote combined the commission's renewal of \$5 million in bond anticipation notes to pay for a new HVAC system and plumbing improvements in the Courthouse and Safety Building and another \$610,000 in notes. The additional notes will be to construct solid waste facilities improvements including a Transfer Station unattended drop off and new station scales.

County Works on 10-Year Old Evacuation Plan

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Miami County commissioners said the evacuation plan for the Courthouse and Safety Building needs more details, specified responsible parties and a communication mechanism for the protection of employees and building visitors.

The commission met Nov. 4 with Sheriff Charles Cox and Chris Johnson, county operations and facilities director, to discuss questions raised recently about the plan.

Commission President Jack Evans said the plan last was updated in 2006.

Johnson explained the policy discussion came up after questions were raised during a couple of recent incidents including a false fire alarm.

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said response to a

couple of alarms the past few months was confusing. The policy was distributed again following the first alarm but response to the second was no better than the first.

Cox said people become complacent over time.

The county does not conduct employee drills but recommends departments do mock drills, Johnson said.

"The one thing we see every time is everybody tends to stand right outside the door," Johnson said. "If we had a natural gas issue or a true explosion issue, people would be hurt."

Among issues discussed has been the need to ensure the document is updated and those in charge of departments work with employees and designate an area where they would go to get away from the building.

More detailed scene coordi-



nation also was requested with the policy to specify who is responsible for releasing a scene such as the sheriff's office or fire department.

Johnson said a false alarm procedure also needs to be added to ensure the fire department isn't required to respond if it is known the alarm is false.

Commissioner Richard Cultice said there are scenarios that could affect both the Safety Building and the Courthouse. He said a communication system is needed to notify employees and people doing business in the Courthouse and Safety Building of any need to evacu-

ate, or stay where they are depending on the situation.

Matt Watkins, county IT department director, said there are several possible ways to handle the communication.

Johnson and Cox will meet with Watkins to discuss the policy items and recommend changes.

O'Brien said added training is needed to ensure people are getting away from buildings if evacuated. Once the updated plan is complete, regular reviews should be scheduled to ensure the plan is up to date, he said.

Concord Trustees Review Progress on Clayton Ditch

BY BONNIE L. MCHENRY

Concord Township Trustee Tom Mercer provided an update on the Clayton Ditch that drains the Lakeshore/Beechwood/Lakewood subdivision during the Trustees November 3 meeting. The drainage for the area was evaluated and a meeting was conducted to review the proposed petition. Thirty residents attended. According to the county, the first step in the process will be to estimate costs and to determine the advantages and disadvantages of reworking the ditch drainage. The county asked residents to provide repair bills and receipts for the last eight years to help establish their costs. Howev-

er, the residents may not be able to supply the information. An estimate of construction costs will be undertaken. If the costs exceed the benefits, the evaluators may not recommend the upgrade. Residents in the area strongly support the drainage project. The county pointed out that any action take must adhere to the flood regulations. No further action is expected to be taken until after the holidays.

Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer, reported that she doesn't expect the gasoline excise tax to be paid until December or January.

In the Road Superintendent Report, Trustee Don Pence reported for Neil Rhoades, who was not in

attendance, that the road crew is working on leaf pickup.

In old business, Mercer reported that the Storm Water II and Leaf Pickup Information were sent to township residents. The Storm Water II Information provides residents instructions on the proper disposal of chemicals and yard waste to prevent pollution of the ground water. In addition, the Leaf Pickup Instructions provide a schedule for pickup and information on how to prepare leaves for pickup. Mercer also announced that there is a Storm Water II meeting on December 3, 2015.

In new business, Pence brought up a concern regarding Workers Compen-

sation Insurance. He said, "In previous years the township experienced low payment estimates and therefore low premiums; however, the estimates have increased for payouts and the township can expect a 50% increase to premium payments."

The Township Officers continue to review the Township Website with the web host, Philip Kelly. Their goal is to make the website more accessible and user friendly.

The next regular meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for November 17, 2015 at 10:0 a.m. in the Concord Township Building.

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The Great American Smokeout Nov. 19

BY KATHY VOYTKO

November is a time of watching the falling leaves, planning for Thanksgiving dinner and spending time with friends and family. For some families it is also a difficult time as they deal with the devastating effects of Lung Cancer.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month is not nearly as well covered as last month's Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. Back in 1995 the movement started with Lung Cancer Awareness Day. Over the years that have followed the message has grown. On November 5th the Annual Shine a Light on Lung Cancer events were held nationwide for the 7th year. The events held in communities just like ours are designed to provide hope and inspiration to those who are touched by the disease.

The American Cancer Society notes that lung cancer is the second most common cancer in

both men and women. It is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. While smokers have the greatest risk of developing the disease, there are also many people who have never smoked who are developing the disease each year. They make up about 20% of the deaths each year. This would rank the non-smokers who die in the top 10 fatal cancers in the U. S.

Over the past 10 years, researchers have found that there are a number of things that affect non-smokers diagnosed with lung cancer. Radon gas is one of the leading causes. The gas can be found in homes but you cannot see it or smell it. There are home test kits available so that you can test your home for the gas.

Secondhand smoke causes about 7,000 adults death each year. Agents in the workplace such as asbestos and diesel exhaust are also related to non-smoker lung cancers. Air

pollution and gene mutations have also been found to provide risk factors.

Sadly most lung cancers do not cause symptoms until they have spread beyond a time when a cure is possible. Some individuals do show early warning signs. A cough that does not go away but becomes worse is a symptom. Chest pain that is often worse when taking deep breaths or when coughing or laughing. Hoarseness, weight loss and appetite loss, coughing up blood or rust-colored spit or phlegm. If you feel tired or weak and have shortness of breath. If you experience wheezing or have had infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia that just keep coming back. Only a doctor can diagnose your condition.

November is also the month in which we celebrate the Great American Smokeout event on the third Thursday of the month. It is a day when smokers are asked to take part in the

American Cancer Society event and make a plan to quit smoking. Many Americans stop using tobacco products and information is spread on how to go about quitting and staying off of tobacco.

Today there are about 42 million Americans who still smoke cigarettes. It is the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U. S. In data collected from 2013, there were also 12.4 million cigar smokers and over 2.3 million who smoke tobacco in pipes.

If you are a smoker and you quit for just one day, you take that step toward a healthier life. The American Cancer Society offers a number of resources for those who would like to participate in the Smokeout this year. You can learn more on their website at www.cancer.org/smokeout. Do it for your kids or do it for yourself. You are much too important not to make the effort to stop.

Lions Club Receives Award

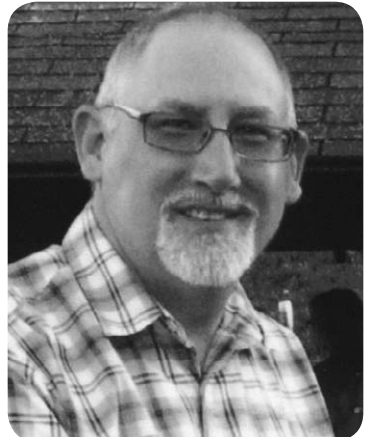
The Troy Lions Club and the Newton Leo Club recently shared an honor. The two community services organizations worked together on several projects and earned the "Leo-Lion Serving Together" banner patch award. The award was authorized by the Lions Club International board of directors to recognize activities supporting Leo-Lion collaboration. The Newton Leo Club is sponsored as a youth group of the local Lions Club. Together they have worked on a joint

Strawberry Festival booth, joint convention meetings and joint social events.

Lions Club Secretary Sheryl Schlater said, "This award recognizes the efforts of our Leo Club members and the hard work they do with us to provide community service." Troy Lion and Leo Club Advisor, Scott Davis added, "Although the Leos operate independently and provide services around the school and around Pleasant Hill, they help us as much as we help them. It is a really nice collabora-

tion."

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



Scott Davis

Rotarians Roll Out Designated Driver Campaign

Each year, Miami County residents enjoy holiday parties as they ring out the old and welcome the new. What these celebrations should not do it put drivers and loved ones at risk for accidents on the highways and byways in the community. Troy Rotarians want everyone to enjoy the spirit of the holidays without imbibing too many spirits before getting behind the wheel of a car.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Dr. Michael Pope will kick off Troy Rotary Club's 15th annual "Designated Driver" button campaign. This effort has helped city, county and state officials keep everyone safer during the last few weeks each year. The gold "Designated Driver" buttons will be distributed to area bars, restaurants, banks and drive-thru businesses during the holiday season. The State Liquor store will hand out 1,000 to customers while thousands more will be available in Troy, Tipp City and West Milton establishments, thanks to the support of local Rotary

clubs. According to area law enforcement, there have not been any alcohol-related fatal accidents during the holiday season in Miami County in the past 14 years. It's due, in part, to programs such as this Rotary campaign. The gold buttons are a visual reminder of the need to have a sober, designated driver instead of getting behind the wheel of a car after consuming alcohol at parties or celebrations. The button program is Pope's brainchild. "This is an

other way to help our friends in Miami County have a safe holiday season," he noted.

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. You can follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyohiorotary.org.

Rotarians Host District Governor

Are you a gift to the world? That's the 2015-16 Rotary International focus and a key talking point for District 6670 Governor Bill Shula during his visit with Troy Rotarians at their weekly meeting on November 3, 2015. Shula challenged the club members to consider someone who has had a positive impact in their lives and then turn that positivity towards another who could benefit from kindness and experiencing an example of global citizenship.

A long-time Rotarian, Shula learned at an early age the devastation polio has had in the world when a school classmate contracted it. A key Rotary program is End Polio Now, a campaign that has been instrumental in eradicating the disease from much

of the world. This program inspired Shula to become more involved in Rotary. He reminded members that the current Rotary International president encourages all Rotarians to be engaged and active in their local communities. Globally, Rotary clubs strive for diversity in membership and unity in purpose. Eradicating polio, encouraging peace through student exchanges and supporting local needs are all part of what makes membership in this organization so rewarding. For more information on Rotary International, please visit www.rotary.org.

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several community projects annually. In 2014-15, more than \$16,000 in scholarships and com-

munity aid was distributed from the fund, including the annual Shoe Project, Troy After Prom and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and Waco Air Museum. 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

This Week's Leaf Collection Schedule

Area between Ridge Ave. on the West, Peters Road on the South, South Market Street, Canal Street, Monroe Street and Miami River on the East and the Corporation line on the north. Also, the area between South Market and CSX Railroad, south of Canal Street to include Southview. Pick-up scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 through Tuesday, Nov. 17.

To help provide efficient collection, residents are asked to assist by:

- Keep leaf piles free of routine yard waste, tree limbs, trash, rocks, etc. These items can damage collection equipment and delaying the collection process. See Yard Waste Collection for appropriate disposal of routine yard waste other than leaves.

- Rake leaves to the street one (1) foot out from the curb. Leaving this space between the curb and the leaves will allow for drainage of the street when it rains.

- Do not block catch basins with piles of leaves. This can plug up/reduce the flow of rainwater, causing flooding issues.
- Do not place leaf piles around or between parked cars. Leaf piles between or around parked cars will not be collected.

Residents can take their leaves to the Dye Mill Road facility in lieu of placing them in the street. The facility remains open until November 28, 2015. Residents can also place leaves in the City of Troy Yard Waste Bags (T-bags). Yard Waste Bags can be disposed of two ways - collected weekly on the regular trash collection day at the resident's curb, or taken to the Dye Mill Road Compost Facility.

Window Contest Begins Friday

Downtown Troy is busy preparing for the 2015 holiday season! Troy Main Street has issued a challenge to the downtown merchants to fill the square with even more holiday cheer this year. The businesses have been tasked with decorating their store fronts and windows in the theme of their favorite holiday movie.

The Downtown Troy Holiday Merchants Open House will kick off the contest on Friday, November 13th. The citizens of Troy and visitors to town are being asked to visit the participating stores and then vote for their favorite store window. Voting can be done through an online survey, found by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/troywindowcontest

The winner of the holiday window display contest will be announced by Clint Myers and Lori Younce of Troy Community Radio at 5:30 p.m. the night of the Grand Illumination, which is slated for Friday, November 27th, 2015. Polls will stay open until 5:25 p.m. on November 27th for all to cast their votes.

For more information, please contact Troy Main Street at 937-339-5455 or email info@troymainstreet.org

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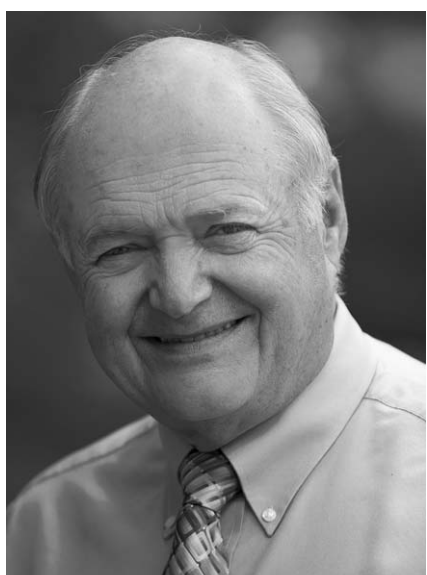
Hayner Concert Features Jim Riley

The Troy Hayner Cultural Center's Homecoming Concert features an exceptional musician from the area. Hosted by Mary Ann Cornell, this concert acknowledges the accomplishments of a local hometown favorite, baritone Jim Riley.

The concert will be on Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center.

Jim is a Troy High School graduate where he sang with the Trojanaires. You may have known Jim Riley as the counselor at Miami East High School where he directed several musicals. He has several Troy Community Theatre Musicals to his credit and he has been a member of the Miami Shelby Melodymen for twenty-one years. The "Back to School" Barber-shop quartet will be joining him on a number called, "Happy Together". Beth Peters will accompany Jim on piano and Mary Ann Cornell and Mary Blausen will also perform duets at this concert.

For more information regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of events taking place at the Hayner Center, call 937-339-0457 or visit the website at www.TroyHayner.org for complete details.



Scottish Tradition Continues at Trinity Lutheran

Everyone is invited to Trinity Episcopal Church's Kirling of the Tartans, at the 10:30 am service November 15. The service includes banners, bagpipers and drums.

Following the service, the banners will again be "piped out" and everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a reception that begins with the Piping of the Haggis, a haggis being a spiced mixture of various internal organs of a lamb, served inside a lamb's stomach lining. Partaking of the Haggis is not required.

The English Parliament at Westminster invoked the Act of Proscription after defeating Prince Charles Edward Stewart's efforts to restore the Scottish throne to England's Royal House of Stewart in 1746.

For 36 years, the Act outlawed the speaking of Gaelic and Scottish music, dancing or the playing of bagpipes, which the Act said, "emitted an aggressive and warlike sound." The Act also banned the wearing of any sign of the Tartan, the banners signifying individual Clans of the Highlanders.

For 36 years until the Act was revoked, Scottish Highland churches had a special day when highlanders gathered, each with a symbolic small piece of Tartan hidden under their outer clothing, and with the right hand held over that precious piece, joined in prayers that the Act would be repealed.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 60 South Dorset Rd., Troy.



Chamber to Hold Recognition Dinner

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Recognition Dinner on Thursday, November 19.

The evening will honor the 2015 Distinguished Citizen, 2015 Outstanding Educator, and the 2015 Leadership Troy class.

The Awards have been given annually since 1968. The Distinguished Citizen Award honors an individual living and/or working in the Troy area, who has distinguished themselves

by making an outstanding contribution in business and/or in their personal lives that has benefited the Troy community. The 2015 Distinguished Citizen is Robert J. Shook. The Outstanding Educator award recognizes someone who is an excellent representative of the teaching profession, makes the learning of meaningful skills a positive experience, relates professionally with students, parents, community members, and demonstrates a wide variety

Edison Presents Choices at Mayflower

On November 13, 2015 at 7:30pm, the Edison State Community College Theater in Piqua will perform a one-act play entitled "Choices," written by Morganzie Greene. The event is FREE and open to the public. The performance will be at the Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street in historic downtown Troy, Ohio.

The play features a combat veteran suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) who is pushed to her limits by the sounds of a neighbor in an adjoining apartment, abusing his wife and child.

The director for the show is veteran actor JASON GRIGGS-BY. Vietnam combat veteran and Edison faculty member CARL DESANTIS will facilitate

a discussion with the audience following the performance. Issues such as freewill, responsibility, and domestic violence will be covered. Due to the serious nature of the performance, no one under 14 years of age will be permitted. Children 15 years and older must be accompanied by an adult.

Event sponsors include Edison State Community College, Alliance for Employee Growth & Development, and The Mayflower Arts Center.

Doors will open at 7:00PM with the performance starting at 7:30PM. Seating is first come, first serve. Performance and venue information is also available by calling 937-552-5848 or by visiting www.MayflowerArtsCenter.com.



WHAT TO DO IN TROY

Downtown Merchants Holiday Open House

November 13-15
Downtown Troy

The Merchants Holiday Open House is back and will kick off the magical holiday season in beautiful downtown Troy. Many downtown retailers and restaurants will be participating in this newly expanded three-day event, starting Friday, November 13th.

The Open House will run Friday, November 13 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 15 from noon to 4 p.m.

Visitors to downtown Troy will be treated to several holiday activities in addition to the extended shopping hours. Friday evening will boast carolers around the square to enhance the shopping and dining experience. Saturday will feature several vendors around the square selling hot chocolate, and a free holiday movie will be shown at the Mayflower Arts Center beginning at 1:00 pm. Festive activities for the entire family to enjoy will continue through Sunday.

Mother Nature's Preschool "Here Comes Winter"

November 14, 11:00 a.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve
Miami County Park District will host its monthly Mother Nature's Preschool Program starting at 11 a.m. on November 14 at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Join park district naturalist Gecko Jodi for an hour of nature stories and playtime about winter. Participants

will enjoy a toddler sized hike with their preschooler and discover the joys of nature through stories and games. Registration is nonrefundable and is \$3 per child. Must preregister for this program. Registration occurs upon payment. 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.

Movie - Elf
November 14, 3:00 p.m.
Mayflower Arts Center

Troy Main Street and the Mayflower Arts Center present a family movie event, in conjunction with the Downtown Troy Merchant Open House. Box office opens at 2:15 p.m. Admission will be free, but only 130 can be seated. No tickets will be available in advance. For more information, contact the Mayflower Arts Center at 552-5848.

Dog Social "Just Walking the Dog"

November 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold their monthly Dog Social on November 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road south of Tipp City. If your dog is nice and plays well with others, bring them to discover a new park and meet new friends. Participants can walk, talk and show off their dog while leisurely strolling down the trail with park district naturalist Spirit of Thunder. Don't miss this fun event! Please remember owners are responsible for their dogs. Please clean up after your pet. Meet at the park entrance. 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.

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Movie - The Goodbye Girl

November 15, 7:30 p.m.

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 struggling 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. l Center

Mommy—Me Keepsake Artwork Class

November 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Piqua YWCA
Moms, grandmas, aunts or another adult can join children 3 years – Kindergarten for this fun class on Monday, November 16, from 6-7 p.m.

Instructor team of Pam Kennedy and Jenny Lynn will help participants create a lifetime of memories while making this one-of-a-kind keepsake handprint artwork on canvas. "Family members will love what the children make and will treasure it for years to come," said Kennedy.

All materials are included in class fee. For more information or to sign up, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626.

Mother Nature's Preschool "Here Comes Winter"

November 17, 11:00 a.m.

Charleston Falls Preserve
Miami County Park District will host its monthly Mother Nature's Preschool Program starting at 11 a.m. on November 17 at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Join park district naturalist Gecko Jodi for an hour of nature stories and playtime about winter. Participants will enjoy a toddler sized hike with their preschooler and discover the joys of nature through stories and games. Registration is nonrefundable and is \$3 per child. Must preregister for this program. Registration occurs upon payment. 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.

Troy Night Market

November 17, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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

The Troy Night Market vendors embrace the slogan "In Support of Local Food" and will be offering a variety of locally based food products for sale. Products include homemade jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasoning, mixes, tea blends, candy, honey, sorghum, maple syrup, popping corn, and many other

items.

Seasonal fresh produce, herbs, flowers and garden plants will also be offered in season.

The market will also offer a limited number of handmade kitchen/household related items such as soaps, cutting boards, wooden tureen ware, ceramic ware, rolling pins and other hand-crafted items.

For more information call (937) 216-0949 or e-mail TroyNightMarket@gmail.com.

Tablet Photography Class

November 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Piqua YWCA
Brad Reed will teach a class on Tablet Photography at the YWCA Piqua on Tuesday, November 17, from 6-8 p.m. Membership is not required.

Participants will learn how to take photos with their iPad, smartphone or tablet in this brand new informational, hands-on class. "I hope everyone will be able to share photos with friends and family via social media and print them," said Reed. "I'll also give lots of tips on editing software which is something many people are not familiar with," he added.

Class members are asked to bring their tablet, smartphone or iPad to class. Class size is limited so early signups are encouraged.

For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6625. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

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Gigandet Places Fourth At State, Jones Ninth

BY JIM DABELT

The Troy Trojans had a lot of success at the state meet, as not only did they get a top five individual finish for the girls, but the entire Troy squad ran to a fifth place overall finish at the meet.

Morgan Gigandet, the talented Troy sophomore, finished fourth overall in the Division One meet, running an 18:04.0.

Finishing 53rd overall was Megan Myers who ran a 19:20.9, with teammate Emma Shigley was 59th with a 19:29.2, and Kate Pence ran 19:39.6 finishing her 69th overall. Also finishing in the top 100 was Rachel Davidson with a time of 20:02.8.

The lone Troy boys' runner at state was Stephen Jones, who placed ninth overall with a time of 15:35.1.

* It was a day of seconds for the Tippecanoe cross country teams, while in Troy, they celebrated a pair of runners who placed in the top ten individually as the OHSAA state meet took place in Columbus

Both the Tippecanoe boys and girls teams brought home the silver as state runner-ups falling just short of a state championship.

For the boys, Lexington pulled away down the stretch



Morgan Gigandet.

to overtake the Red Devils, and win the state championship 54-77 over Tippecanoe.

Tipp senior Mitchell Poynter also just fell short, as he brought home the runner-up medal after running a 15:24.1, falling just short of Joseph Bistritz who ran a 15:16.9 to claim the title.

Also finishing for Tippecanoe, Tim Andrews placed 27th overall with a 16:25.1 while Thomas Chaney finished one spot

behind Andrews with a 28th place finish of 16:25.7. Keenan Fraylick finished 39th overall with a time of 16:35.6, and Jacob Stillwagon finished 47th at 16:44.1. Also Spencer Ranft ran a 16:55.0, placing him 60th overall at the state meet. Jordan Brown also finished 68th.

For the Tipp girls' they also placed second overall with a total of 124 points, finishing behind Lexington to won both state titles.

Tipp was led by Kaili Titley, who finished 27th overall with a time of 19:20.1, followed closely by Katie Taylor with a time of 19:26.9 which placed her 32nd.

Abbi Halsey placed 39th with a time of 19:31.3 with Stephanie Fink finishing 43rd with a time of 19:33.2, Laura Fink ran 19:35.7 (47th) and MaKenzie Dietz finished with a 19:40.1, good enough for 51st.

Several Fall Athletes Honored At Troy, Troy Christian

BY JIM DABELT

Several athletes from Troy High School were honored by the coaches in the Greater Western Ohio Conference, as the fall sports season has come to a conclusion.

From the GWOC champion volleyball team, Coach of the Year Michelle Owen had three of her Troy players named to the first-team including Player of the Year senior Lauren Freed, along with junior Katie Demeo and sophomore Dana Wynkoop.

Named to the second-team were Trojan players Camryn Moeller (sophomore) along with junior Miranda Silcott.

On the soccer field, Troy had two players selected to the first-team, including senior Jake Diefenderfer Gabbard and junior Grant Holland. Two more seniors land on the second-team including Alex Williams and JT Yenney. On special mention were seniors Johan Trotter and Tristan West.

For the girls' squad, the Trojans were represented on the first-team by three players, including seniors Whitney Webb,

Sierra Besecker and Bailey Dornbusch. Named to the second-team were seniors Kelsey Walters, Maddy Innes along with juniors Arianna Garcia and Bailey Hess.

Stephen Jones was the easy winner for Player of the Year in the boys' cross country, as the Trojans senior is headed to the state meet this week. Joining Jones on the first-team were teammates Parker Hench and Andy Smith.

Not only did Troy sophomore Morgan Gigandet earn the Player of the Year in girls' cross country, her coach Kevin Alexander also earned the top award as well. Troy was well represented on first-team with Gigandet, Megan Myers, Kate Pence, Emma Shigley and Olivia Tyre.

On the second-team were Rachel Davidson and Haley Huelsman while Megan Studebaker was honorable mention.

On the links, the trio of senior Troy Moore, sophomore Nate Uhlenbrock and freshman Holden Scribner all earned first-team all-league for the past boys' golf season, while Tyler Lambert was special mention.

For the girls' LeeAnn Black was named the Player of the Year and joins the first-team with her Troy teammates Ali Helman, Natalie Henson and Hannah Wright. McKenzie Pruitt was named to the special mention.

Tennis also had their share of award winners this season. Mark Goldner was named as the Coach of the Year in the division, while Trojan junior Hannah Essick was named as the Player of the Year.

Joining Essick on the first-team was Zoey Scancarello and Sierra VerStraten, while on second-team was Maggie Hennesy, Ashley Bruns, Meredith Pruitt and Katie Sherrick.

Football has not been released at this time.

*Troy Christian- The Eagles saw several of their fall athletes also honored by the Metro Buckeye Conference after some outstanding performances this past fall.

The boys' soccer team saw three players named to the first-team, including the new all-time leading scorer in Eagles history Jon Slone. He was joined by teammates Seth Wyn-

ne and Tom Null. Named to the second-team was Colt Tanner, while Wesley Alexander was named the Sportsmanship Award winner. Also for the Eagles, Ryan Zeman was named the Coach of the Year.

Three members of the girls' soccer team were also named first-team this season, including Meredith Haddad, Allysa Donald and Cara Salazar. On the second team was Lauren Moritz, Riley Spoltman and Hailey Peters, while Rachel Plummer was named honorable mention.

Jenna Bullock was the lone member of the volleyball team to be named to the first-team with Kathryn Lee and Jenna Grady earning second-team, and Kristen Winger the Sportsmanship Award.

Robbie Lybarger earned the Sportsmanship Award for golf, while in cross country, Isaac Flora was named first-team, with Nick Pratt and Zach Davidson earned second-team. On the special mention team were Sophie Pittsenbarger and Noah Davidson.

Trojan Horse Football Hosts Tournament

As the High School Playoff season begins, Troy will also be hosting it's 9th Annual Fricker's Trojan Horse Youth Football Tournament the weekend of November 13th thru 15th, 2015. This event not only provides the young athletes of Troy Junior Football, Inc. (TJF) an opportunity to play teams from all over the region, but also is the league's biggest fund raiser of the year. This year's Tournament will host thirty-three games within a double elimination format. It will include twenty teams traveling from Michigan, Indiana and all over Ohio playing games on five fields over the course of the weekend (Duke Park, Ferguson Field, Troy Christian High School and Miami East High School). The teams will be broken down into two brackets; one consisting of 12u players and the other 10u players.

The Trojan Horse actually began in 2007 with only eight teams as an opportunity for 6th graders to see some different teams before moving on to Junior High. Since then the Tournament has grown by leaps and bounds and now includes Fricker's as the Signature Sponsor, two age groups and has featured as many teams as thirty just last year. Each year the event brings in several thousand visitors to Troy, Ohio selling out all of the local hotels and keeping all the local restaurants busy all weekend long.

Tournament Director, Bill Smith, says "We are just so pleased to offer this opportunity to our future Trojans, as well as hosting some of the best talent in this region. The Tournament has actually been around long enough now that several of the past participants are now playing college football." He went on to say, "all of this would not be possible with out the ongoing support from our Signature Sponsor Fricker's, our amazing TJF Board and Volunteers, Troy Football Boosters and cooperation from the City of Troy, Troy City Schools, Troy Christian Schools and Miami East for the use of their fields."

Some of the local programs that will be returning to the Trojan Horse this year include: Centerville, Kettering, Piquette and of course Troy. "It is always exciting for these kids to play some teams they will see again for years to come at the higher levels, but also to compete against teams they may never see again from other areas of Ohio and out of state", Smith went on to say, "and when you hear compliments from from larger programs like Hilliard, Dublin and Center Grove (Greenwood, IN); it is a real testimony to not only the tournament, but also the entire City of Troy playing host that weekend."

A list of match-ups and game times (as well as Tournament information) can be found via www.TroyTrojanHorse.com. All the games are open to the public and admission is only \$3 per game or \$6 for the entire weekend (kids under 12 are FREE). Any/all proceeds go directly to Troy Junior Football, Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit youth organization).

Historical Society to Meet

The Troy Historical Society is pleased to announce that Mr. Doug Christian will present a program titled "The Historic Eldean Covered Bridge" at its November meeting. The program will consist of the highlights of the history of the Eldean Covered Bridge from when it was built in 1860 until the present-2015. Photos included in the presentation are: the Covered Bridge dating back to 1929, Allen's Mill, Miami & Erie Canal Lock, bridge designer, repairs, the 2005-2006 rehabilitation, enhancements, and other interesting photos. The meeting will be held at 7:00pm, Wednesday, November 18 at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main Street, Troy, Ohio. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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

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Tip Of The Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
Tipp City Police Retired

Jury Trial In Juvenile Court

It is common knowledge that a resident of the United States has the right to a trial by a jury of his peers. Amendment VI of the Constitution states, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed..." But what about in Juvenile Court? Is the option of trial by judge available or not?

Juvenile Court in Ohio is different from adult court in that the Court's interest is not in punishment of the juvenile offender but in rehabilitation and prevention of recidivism. So a jury trial for a juvenile is not automatic.

However when an adult is charged in Juvenile Court, then a trial by jury is available because the main objective is no longer rehabilitation but what is in the best interest of society and punishment for the deed/crime. So a jury trial is available to the defendant in Juvenile Court.

So when does an adult have their case heard in Juvenile Court. There are many crimes that end up there, but all of them concern juveniles as being victims, offenders or involved parties. For instance an adult arrested for OVI with two children in the vehicle will have the OVI case heard in Municipal Court but the two Child Endangering charges will be heard in Juvenile Court.

I can recall maybe two criminal cases of mine that were heard before a jury in Juvenile Court. The jury selection and rules of the court are the same as set by the Ohio Revised Code for Common Pleas Court jury trials. Whereas an adult has the right to a public trial, juvenile court may put restrictions on attendance and actually close the trial to involved parties only.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 2152.67 is titled jury trial, procedure:

"Any adult who is arrested or charged under any provision in this chapter (delinquent children, juvenile traffic offenders) who is charged with a crime may demand a trial by jury...The compensation of jurors and costs of the clerk and sheriff shall be taxed and paid in the same manner as in criminal cases in the court of common pleas."

When considering requesting a jury trial or trial by judge, it is my opinion that a defendant would need to think hard and long on having a jury decide their fate when the crime charged involves a child's welfare. That may explain why I had so few jury trials in juvenile court.

At Home

BY CONNIE MOORE

Rolling Out the Pastry

Some feel that rolling out pie pastry is like rolling out the red carpet for a dignitary. Either an expert is hired or the job is outsourced to the red carpet specialists. In pie terms, that would be Marie Callender or Pillsbury Refrigerated pie crusts.

Another way of looking at the job of pie pastry is to compare it to a simple carpentry project. You need tools, but not too many-hammer, measuring tape, saw. You need ingredients-wood, nails or screws and perhaps some glue.

The pie pastry or dough is the basis for your project. Your tools: rolling pin, fork or pastry blender, pie plate. Your ingredients: flour, shortening, salt, water and something to go in the pie.

Getting to be comfortable with your tools is a must. A carpenter knows how much force to put behind his hammer. He knows how much pressure to put on the saw. That knowledge only comes with continued use. Same with pie tools. After some time at pie baking, one knows how much pressure to use on the pin, how much force to use for the fork or blender to cut the shortening in just enough.

A good example of this is found in the Perrysburg Journal of 1915. Reported from Joplin, Missouri, is a pie story of huge magnitude. Seems Annie Dean, then 63 years old, laid claim to the title of champion pie baker of the southwest.

At the time of the writing, Annie had been baking pies for forty-two years. That means she started using pie tools at age 21 back in 1873. Claiming to have not missed a work-day of pie



baking in those 42 years, she baked about forty pies a day. That means 280 pies a week, or 1120 pies a month or 13,440 a year. So, for the forty-two years, she totaled more than half a million pies.

A well-known music instructor, eating in the restaurant where Annie worked, was quoted as saying, "I've been around the world three times and I have failed to find anywhere a pie that can compare to the quality and excellency of Annie's." He was said to have uttered those words after finishing a second piece of pie and just before ordering a third.

Around the year 1944, young women wanted more than a word of advice in the kitchen though. They wanted instructions, photos of how-to. Marjorie Griffin took four pages and nine photos to explain rolling pie pastry in her book, "How To Cook". That was short compared to a University of Chicago book, "Hows and Whys of Cooking", which took five pages and two photos plus lists of possible ingredients. And so began the signs of the times—today's Pinterest and YouTube are meccas for masses of how-to anything.

But the only way to learn this pie pastry challenge is to get the flour in the bowl, the shortening in the flour and the pastry blender in there. Rolling pin at the ready, pie pan at the ready and some chopped up fruit or berries or a can of pumpkin and you're off and rolling.

I have six rolling pins. Mom gave me a heavy, green marble pin that has that stone coldness

good for rolling butter pastries. My wedding gift pin has seen forty-two years of pie pastry and cookie dough. A hairline crack appeared down its side a while back so it's sidelined for now.

I use a green-handled pin my mother-in-law gave me. It has a name burned into the end of it but no one seems to know what that means. Then there is her own rolling pin and her mother's. They're wrapped in kitchen towels in the drawer with all the pie tools.

The sixth one is my son's from when he started to take an interest in baking many years ago. Like all children, he wanted to help bake and have his own tools. He's now a better baker than I am.

My mother used "Farm Journal's Complete Pie Cookbook" for help and as a guide for my own pie education. I still use it and refer my son to it when a question comes up. While pie pastry may seem to be the challenge, don't fret. Get a rolling pin. Gather a few more simple tools. Chop some apples, stir some sugar into a bowl of berries, or just make a box of instant pudding and pie filling. Make today the beginning of your pie adventures.

Here is a basic recipe adapted from my mother's 1965 copy of Farm Journal's Pie Cookbook. Gather your pie tools, practice, pass on a pie to a friend. You'll soon surpass the "experts" in the refrigerated case at the store.

Contact Connie at mooredcr@Juno.com or Box 61, Medway, OH 45341 or via this newspaper.

PIE PASTRY

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ¾ cup solid shortening such as Crisco
 - OR 2/3 cup solid lard
 - 4-6 tablespoons ice cold water
- Put the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl and blend together. Plop the shortening into the flour. Using a fork or pastry blender, cut the shortening into the flour. This means chopping the shortening with the fork and at the same time pressing it into the flour. Chop, press, stir. Soon the mixture will take on a lumpy look. Keep working a few more minutes until the lumps are the smaller size of peas.
- Sprinkle the cold water into the mixture by tablespoons. Toss and gently mix with fork each time some water goes in. Soon the whole mixture will stick together in a shaggy mass. Press it to the sides of the bowl, when it holds together pretty well, gather half of it up and press lightly together into a ball. Place ball of dough on lightly floured wax paper. It is ready to roll out for a pie or wrap it up in the wax paper and refrigerate for use later.
- To use immediately, flatten dough on the floured wax paper. Sprinkle a bit of flour on top and top with another piece of wax paper. Place the rolling pin in the middle of the dough and gently roll out to the edge of the wax paper. Turn the papers and put rolling pin in the middle and roll out to edge. Continue to roll this way until pastry is as large as you need. For a 9-inch pie pan that means a sheet of pastry about 12 inches in diameter. Remove the top wax paper and roll the disc onto the rolling pin. Lift gently and separate from bottom wax paper. Adjust the pastry into the pan by rolling it off the pin. Press out air bubbles. Repeat for top crust. Add filling to pie pan, adjust top crust. Crimp edges of both crusts together to seal pie edges. Trim away any excess pastry. Cut steam vents in top crust and bake according to recipe directions.

Gardening Commentary

BY MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

Rodents That Damage Landscape Plants

Mice, voles and other rodents can cause damage to plants when the winter weather is particularly severe. Many times snow cover will conceal what is going on and the chewing that is occurring. By the time we discover what has been going on during the winter months it is too late to stop the destruction. Be vigilant and keep your eye on your plants, even in the winter months. Rabbits will munch on your burning bush in the winter when there is a good snow cover and their food source is limited.

Voles are small rodents that look like mice. They are short-lived, having a lifespan of only three to 12 months. However, they are prolific breeders and in their short lifetime can produce five to 10 litters of approx-



imately seven little ones. They stay active and don't hibernate, so vole damage to landscapes can happen throughout the year. They eat roots and grasses, and they will sometimes eat the bark (girdling) around the base of shrubs or young trees. If the girdling is extensive it can be critical for survival. Voles travel in shallow runways at the base of plants or just under their roots. Because of their prolific nature, it can be difficult to control them and a combination of control techniques is usually more effective than just one.

Here are a few things you can try that may help you control voles and field mice:

Modify the voles' environment- Their runways are shallow, so there populations are reduced in frequently cultivated soils. Likewise, frequent mowing tends to discourage them. Keep areas free of debris, and keep vegetation at least 2 feet from the base of young trees and shrubs to discourage voles from gnawing on the bark.

Apply barriers- Hardware cloth with a mesh no bigger than ¼ inch is good protection. Surround the plant or plants with a cylinder of mesh and bury it 6 inches deep, leaving 6 inches above the ground. Because vole runs are shallow, they won't go under the mesh. Buckets with the bottoms cut

out can be an effective substitute for the mesh.

Apply repellent- A repellent is used to make plants unpalatable to voles. However, repellents tend to wear off soon and may wash off with rain or irrigation. Furthermore, voles may become accustomed to the repellent and eat roots and bark anyway. One of most common repellents is capsaicin, derived from hot peppers.

Set traps- Sticky traps or glue traps hold voles in place so they can't move, allowing for easy removal. Bait mousetraps with peanut butter and oatmeal and place inside the run with the springs facing opposite directions so voles will get trapped from either direction. Cover carefully to avoid unintentional springing of the trap by children or pets.

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Born on July 27, 2009, Ariel is a spayed, female, black, with white feet, Labrador retriever mix. She is a sweet dog who weighs about 38 pounds, gets along well with other dogs, and loves children.

She is both house trained and crate trained. However, a fenced in yard is a must for Ariel, as she loves to run and play.

Although she is not a barker, Ariel would make a good guard dog as she will certainly let you know if a stranger comes around.

Ariel is current on all of her shots including rabies.

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Financial Focus

WITH THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Boomerang Kids: When your empty nest fills up again!

How to deal with recent graduates and young adults moving back home

With a slowly growing economy and a still sluggish job market, there has been a continued increase in children moving back home after having lived independently on their own. These so called “boomerang kids” are popping up more frequently and when this situation is managed improperly, it can cause serious tension in a family. However, this “boomerang” can be viewed as an opportunity. It can allow youth to begin saving money for the future, continue a job search or to get out of debt, but only when expectations are clear and roles are known.

Matt Buehrer, a Financial Associate for Thrivent Financial says, “This is not necessarily the troubling scenario it was once thought to be and this can actually be a very productive time for both children and parents if it’s handled well. When children move back home a closer bond can form between young adults and their parents, and this can lead to the young adults receiving financial, practical and emotional support from their parents.”

In May, sociologists Karen L. Fingerman and Frank F. Furstenburg reported that “in 1988 less than half of parents

gave advice to a grown child in the past month, and fewer than one in three had provided any hands-on help. Recent data show that nearly 90 percent of parents give advice and 70 percent provide some type of practical assistance every month.”

This type of increased financial co-dependence between parent and child can lead to strain when living together again after a separation. If you are a parent with a young adult at home, it is important communicate about expectations and responsibilities and to help your child build a solid financial foundation for their future.

Buehrer says reviewing these few tips can smooth the transition and can guide both the child and parent through a tough time:

SET EXPECTATIONS

Discuss with your child how much he/she should contribute to household expenses and tasks. A key to making the transition easy on everyone is having clear expectations for everyone involved both financially and otherwise.

Review your insurance and taxes (and theirs)

Save time and money by seeing if your boomerang child is covered by your health and/or car insurance. Also see if you are able to claim your child as a dependent.

CONSIDER HAVING THEM “PAY RENT”

Consider having your child pay rent or at least a token amount for living expenses. This gets the child into the habit of paying a monthly amount. Or have

a set amount of money go into a saving account monthly that the child could later use such as for a down payment on a house or car.

HELP THEM KEEP BUSY

While waiting to hearing back from companies your child could continue to expand their resume. For example, remind them to consider volunteering, joining a professional organization, connecting with a networking group, or participating in an internship, even if it’s unpaid.

FOCUS ON YOUR OWN FINANCES FIRST

You may be tempted to use retirement dollars toward financial assistance for your child, but don’t derail your own financial plans. Make sure your savings and retirement plans remain intact. Not sacrificing your own livelihood and continuing to invest in important options like life insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance is critical to maintaining your overall financial health.

Though you may not have planned on it, helping support your child after they’ve left home can be a springboard towards a healthy financial future for them.



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Cookson Elementary Announces Honor Rolls

Cookson Honor Roll, 1st Quarter 2015-2016

Fourth Grade – Jacob Anderson, Kaylyn Bertke, Autumn Bowers, Kylie Buechter, Bryce Detrick, Tanner Furrow, Peyton Hayslett, Johnathan Higgins, Noelle Meiring, Jaiden Roach, Eric Sampson, Kristen Sedam, Kiandra Smith, Emma Sproles,

Hannah Steggemann, Logan Ullery, Able Weaver, Katelyn Weikert, Kylie Wilson, Rahnney Woodfork

Fifth Grade – Nickolas Buechter, Tara Chaney, Gabrielle Freisthler, Collissa Grunden, Ethan Horn, Trinity Hurd, TaMeka

Lawrence, Rabeckah Meiring, Makenzie Metz, Kaylie Miller, Brianna Montoya, Andrew Morlan, Emma Setser, Dana Stradling.

Straight A's

Fourth Grade – Allana Bolden, Brooke Craft, Camryn Francis,

Alyxandria Grube, Aaron Oates, Clay Smith, Serenity Sowers, Ronan Watkins

Fifth Grade – Olondo Dillard, Andrew Helman, Samuel Stormer, Alex Wheeler, Cory Winter

St. Patrick School Announces 1st Quarter Honor Roll

St. Patrick Catholic School is pleased to announce the following students earned First Honors. These students earned all A's in the 1st quarter of the 2015-2016 school year:

Fifth Grade- Alicia Cavanaugh, Katie Huelskamp, Tyler Langenkamp, Sarah Lins, Conner

Moeller, Joseph Pannapara

Sixth Grade- Briana Lavender
Seventh Grade- Noelle Dexter, Carianne Rindler, John Wesner
Eighth Grade- Danny Lins

The following students earned Second Honors. These students earned all A's and B's in the 1st Quarter of the 2015-2016 school

year:

Fourth Grade- Tanner Black, Clara Bogan, Eva Dexter, Cooper Dues, Daniel Fisher, Reis Henestofel, Valerie Rindler

Fifth Grade- Ella Black, Christopher Evans, Allyson Kyle, Amelia Peltier, Thomas White, Caroline Wesner, Lilly Williams

Sixth Grade- Brock Bostick, Sarah Castaneda, Sam Gilardi, Mary Lins, Andrea Prenger, Taylor Reineke

Seventh Grade- Pyper Sharkins, Paola Vazquez

Eighth Grade- Tommy Hamlin, Nathan Rocke, Rebecca Sanogo, Jack White

‘The Ohio Clean Energy Initiative’ Certified

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office today certified the petition for a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution regarding the issuance of state bonds for energy development.

On October 23rd, the Attorney General’s Office received a written petition to amend the Ohio Constitution, entitled “The Ohio Clean Energy Initiative.” The

submission was certified today as containing both the necessary 1,000 valid signatures from registered Ohio voters and a “fair and truthful” summary of the proposed amendment.

“Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred,...I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful

statement of the proposed law,” Ohio Attorney Mike General DeWine stated in his certification letter.

Once the summary language and initial signatures are certified, the Ohio Ballot Board must determine if the amendment contains a single issue or multiple issues. The petitioners must then collect signatures for each

issue from registered voters in each of 44 of Ohio’s 88 counties, equal to 5 percent of the total vote cast in the county for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election. Total signatures collected statewide must also equal 10 percent of the total vote cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election.

RN to BSN Information Fair at Edison State

Edison State Community College is hosting a Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Information Fair on Friday, November 13 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Emerson Center at the Piqua Campus.

Current nursing students and practicing nurses are invited to learn about the opportunities

available to them in pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

Representatives from ten area universities will be available to share information about their completion programs and to guide interested nurses toward their next steps for enrollment. This event gives prospective students the ability to obtain information about many pro-

grams in one visit.

The faculty and administration at Edison work collaboratively with all of the represented universities to provide a smooth pathway to the BSN degree. Edison encourages graduates of the nursing program to plan for their future educational and career goals and this is an excellent oppor-

tunity to do so.

Nursing students currently in the capstone class will graduate in December and applications are being accepted now through January 31 for students interested in beginning Edison’s nursing program in fall semester of 2016.

OBITUARIES

Charles E. Cantrell

age 82, of Piqua, passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at his residence. He was born in West Liberty on November 22, 1932 to the late Minix and Carrie (Pack) Cantrell. On December 13, 1950, he married Easter Wright. She survives.

Charles is also survived by four daughters: Jerry Cotrell of Troy, Wanda Burch of Troy, Sandra (Kenny) Huber of Bradford and Patricia (Mark) Schaeff of Piqua; five grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and his special little furry friend, Taco. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters: Almy Curry, Hattie Utz, Hessie Brake and Nettie Lewis; and three brothers: Clarence, Willard and Cal Cantrell.

Charles was an employee of Decker’s Meat Packing for over 20 years and retired from Industrial Products. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. Charles loved to tell jokes, drink cold beer and listen to bluegrass.

Services were held at 1:30 PM on Monday, November 9, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Ray Ferguson officiating. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery in Piqua.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 1313 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45409. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Donald Dean Hirsch

age 78, of Troy, passed away on Monday, November 2, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Bradford on July 4, 1937 to the late Roy O. and Hazel Irene (Byrum) Hirsch. His wife of 60 years, Janet (Heffner) Hirsch, survives.

Donald is also survived by one daughter: Donna Cook of Tipp City one sister: Sandra (Calvin) Cox of New Jersey; one granddaughter: Heather Cook; and two great grandchildren: Kaila and Abrianna. In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by one brother: Roy E. Hirsch; and one sister: Barbara Cool.

Donald was a member of the Honda Goldwing Association. He was employed by Miami County in their maintenance department before retiring after 20 years.

Memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by the Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1313 West Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45409. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

La Fiesta Goes Fast Food with Express Location

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great team.”

Fuentes vision for the La Fiesta chain came out of his heritage prior to his becoming a U.S. citizen in 2008. Having grown up in Santa Ana, Mexico with his grandparents Pedro and Genevieve Fuentes, he realized the importance of food and serving in the life of his family and culture. “You have to be able to share what you have,” Fuentes said.

“We didn’t have a lot growing up; there were always beans on the table and tortillas but a lot of people had less.” Fuentes sees the restaurant business as a way to provide for needs and to bring people together. “In Troy, when we go downtown for shows and events, it’s like Mexico; everyone is together,” Fuentes said. “And I love it about the culture here that people pray before their meals. I believe it is good that we should be thankful to God for what we have.”

With the new Express already bringing in business, Fuentes is dreaming of what could happen next. He is, even now, open to the possibility of other locations of La Fiesta Express. With future expansion on the table, Fuentes sees Troy as “his kitchen” and continues to cook up a party for the community every week at La Fiesta.

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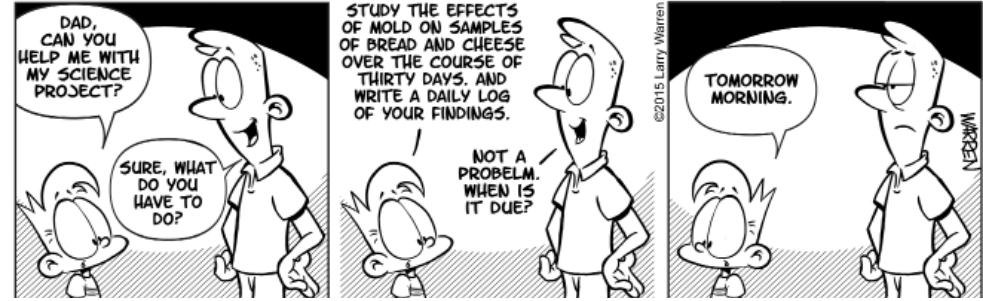
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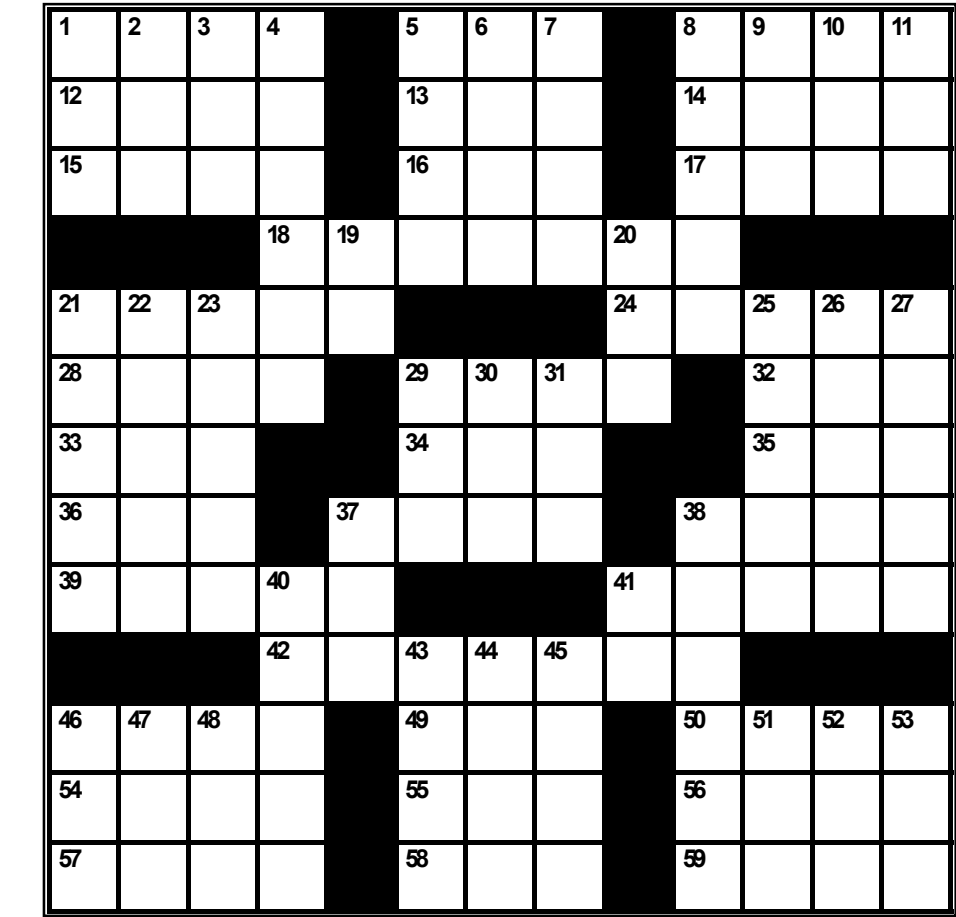
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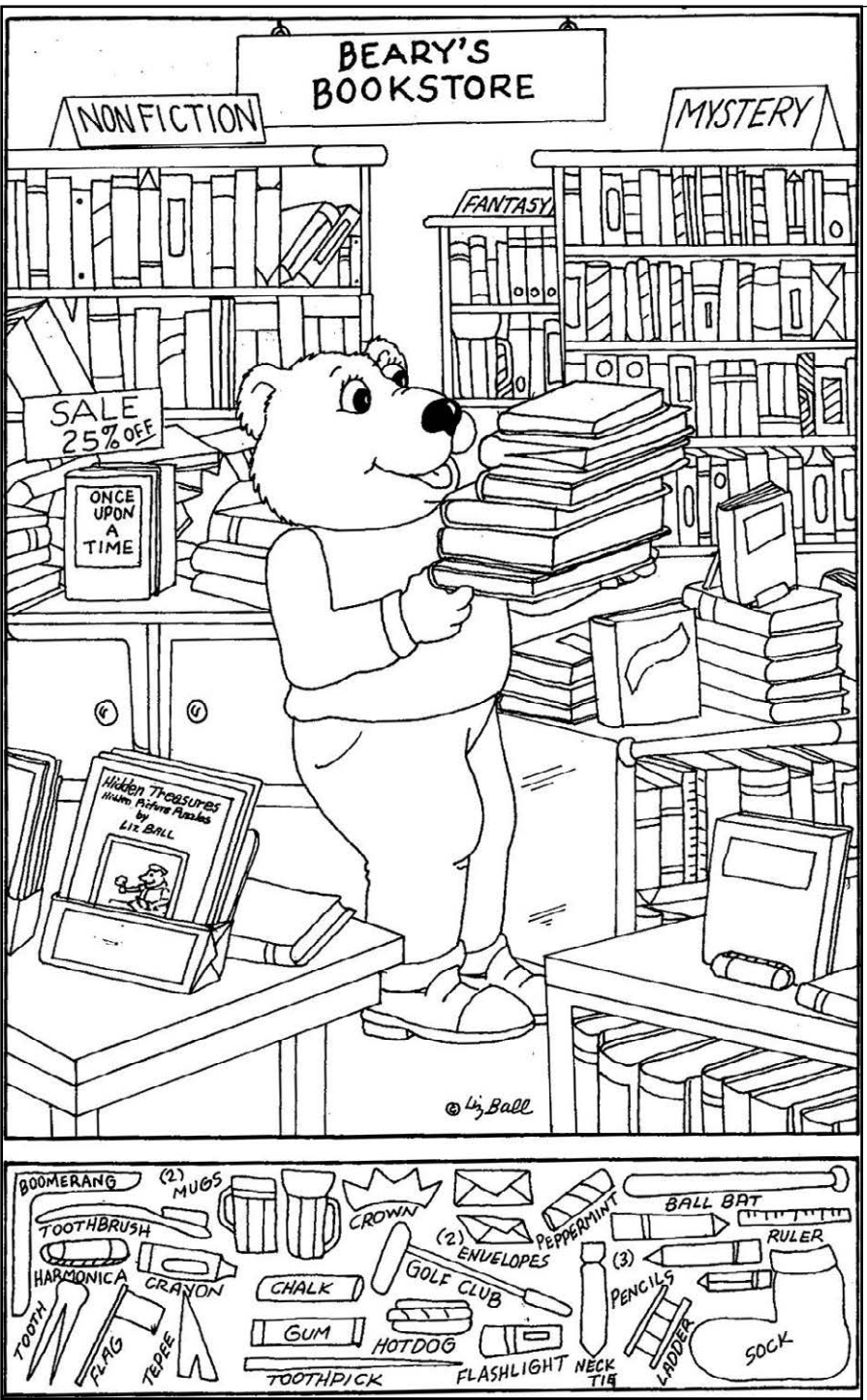
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Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL



Sudoku

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Trivia Challenge

General Knowledge Trivia Questions #100

9)Quick Silver is another name for which element?

- a. Iron
- b. Magnesium
- c. Mercury
- d. Tin

10)In the Children's TV series, what kind of animal is Chilly Willy?

- a. Hamster
- b. Penguin
- c. Bear
- d. Lion

11)What word is used to de-

scribe someone who is left handed?

- a. Sinistral
- b. Finistral
- c. Linistral
- d. Ministral

12)The character of "Scuttle the Seagull" appears in which 1990s Disney film?

- a. Aladdin
- b. The Little Mermaid
- c. 101 Dalmatians
- d. Beauty and the Beast

13)What is an oenophile inter-ested in?

- a. Wine

- b. Stamps
- c. Teddy Bears
- d. Postcards

14)What does a Bourdon gauge measure?

- a. Pressure
- b. Time
- c. Height
- d. Distance

15)The carotid arteries are found in which part of the hu-man body?

- a. Neck
- b. Chest
- c. Leg
- d. Arm

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

1)Who's That Knocking at My Door - Who's That Knocking at My Door was the winner of the 1968 Chicago Film Festival.

2)WW1 - Tanks were first seen in combat by the British Army in September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

3)22 - There are 10 chains in a furlong.

4)1950s - Many swimmers and coaches consider the butterfly

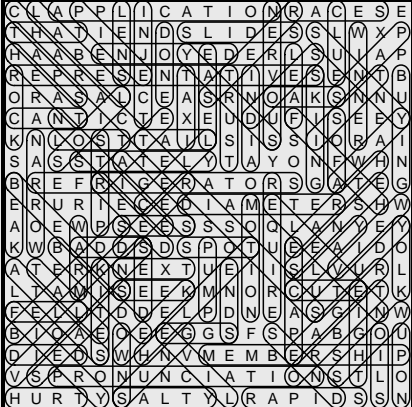
stroke the most difficult swim-ming style.

5)Fulgencio Batista - Castro ruled over Cuba for nearly five decades, until giving power to his younger brother Raul in 2008.

6)China - China is the world's most populous country.

7)George Lazenby - George played the role of James Bond in the 1969 film On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

Word Search



Sudoku

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Life...in General – “Re-Gifting Responsibly”

BY CHARIDY MURPHY

Don't look now, but the biggest gift-giving season of the year is nigh upon us. As usual, some people will have all of their holiday shopping done early, while others will continue their proud tradition of waiting until the very last minute to purchase Christmas gifts. In the hustle and bustle of the season, it's not uncommon for someone to forget to purchase a gift or two. In such desperate circumstances, re-gifting may become an attractive option. The question

is, "What makes a good re-gifting gift?" For women, candles are the ultimate, "I had plenty of time to shop but I still forgot to buy a gift" gift. Candles look classy, are relatively cheap, and have an added bonus: one can re-gift candles with a clear conscience because unused candles are, technically, still new. When a woman gives a candle as a gift, she knows she is giving a gift that can keep on giving...and giving...and giving. My friend, "Alice," is a great example of the

re-gifting power candles hold. Alice hates candles. She says they make her nose itchy, her eyes watery, and her dog crazy. However, she enthusiastically accepts every candle she receives. Alice stockpiles all of those unwanted candles to use as gifts throughout the year—saving her both time and money. According to Alice, her candles cut her yearly gift purchases by nearly 30 percent. One must be careful, though; for candle re-gifting is a tricky business.

For example, a "Vanilla" candle is easily passed back to its original giver because it is common and enjoys a large appeal; but an exotic-smelling candle like "Bermuda-Mango-Punch" poses a re-gifting problem due to its distinctive nature. Re-gifting such a candle to its original giver is acceptable, but only if accompanied by a bottle of wine and an effusive display of telling the Receiver how much you loved the unique candle she gave you and think she will enjoy one

as well. Otherwise, if you are caught out by an overly-sensitive re-gift receiver, they may just Bermuda-Mango-Punch you right in the kisser! Alice says there is one particularly awful Cranberry-Pine scented Christmas candle that has been making the rounds within her family for five years now. Her sister first bought it for their mother, who re-gifted it to Alice, who subsequently gave it to her aunt. Her aunt then re-gifted it back to Alice's mother who re-gifted it to her

16 year-old granddaughter last Christmas. Alice is fairly certain the candle's traveling days are over and it will stay with her young niece, unless, of course, someone lets the girl in on her older relatives' humorous re-gifting tradition! So, if you want to make sure you are not caught a gift short this holiday season, consider taking a cue from Alice and stock up on candles; doing so will ensure that you too have a stockpile of the gift that can keep on giving...and giving...and giving...

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Edison State to host spring registration event

Edison State Community College will host a special registration event for new and returning students on Saturday, November 14. The event will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Piqua campus and is designed to expedite the application and enrollment processes in time for classes that begin January 19.

The portion of the registration event designated for new students will include a one-stop registration opportunity and breakfast. For this special occasion, the \$25 payment plan will be waived. Those new to Edison are asked to arrive at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

“These events are great because they give people the opportunity to complete multiple enrollment steps in just a few hours—they apply, meet with an advisor, and get registered for classes,” said Christina Raterman, Enrollment Manager for Edison State. “You start out with an application and leave as a student with a picture ID and a class schedule in hand.”

Prospective students will meet with an advisor, design a personalized education plan, and register for spring semester classes. In addition, they will receive information about setting career and academic goals, learn about the financial aid process, complete new student orientation, and take a tour of campus.

New students will also be able to complete the COMPASS assessment in reading, writing and math. Students who have previously completed college math and English, or who have qualifying ACT or SAT scores, may not need to take the COMPASS.

Students who started pursuing education from Edison State but stopped attending before completing their degree are also invited to attend. Returning students will be able to register for upcoming spring semester classes, design a personalized education plan, meet with advisors to discuss career and academic goals, and enjoy lunch on Edison. Returning students may arrive at any time during the event.

“The event is being held on a Saturday in hopes of making it easier for folks to attend,” added Raterman. “We understand people are busy and we want to help make things simple!”

In addition to saving money, the first fifty people who register to attend the enrollment event in advance will be entered to win a three-credit hour tuition waiver. For more information or to register to attend, go online to www.edisonohio.edu/admissions.

AG DeWine Announces Lawsuit Against NY Debt Collector as Part of Nationwide Enforcement Sweep

“Operation Collection Protection” Targets Illegal Debt Collection Practices

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced a lawsuit against a Buffalo, N.Y., debt collector accused of harassing and misleading Ohioans. The lawsuit is part of a nationwide enforcement effort against illegal debt collection practices.

The Attorney General’s lawsuit accuses the operators of Rotech Holdings Ltd., doing business as RH Group, of violating state and federal debt collection laws.

More than 30 Ohioans from across the state have complained about the company to state or federal agencies, but additional consumers likely have been affected.

“In this case, we found a pattern of abusive debt collection

practices and a collector who doesn’t seem to want to change,” Attorney General DeWine said. “We want to protect Ohioans from being ripped off and put an end to violations of state or federal consumer protection laws.”

In their complaints, consumers generally said that the company:

Used abusive or profane language when talking to them on the phone;

Threatened them with civil legal actions or jail time;

Harassed their employers, co-workers, or family members; or

Called them repeatedly even after they told company employees that they did not owe the alleged debt.

The Attorney General’s lawsuit, filed Friday in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, ac-

cuses defendants Rotech Holdings Ltd., doing business as RH Group, and the two brothers who run the collection agency, Sean M. Lista and Glenn R. Lista, of violating Ohio’s Consumer Sales Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. The Attorney General seeks an injunction to stop violations, damages for affected consumers, and civil penalties.

A copy of the RH Group lawsuit is available on the Ohio Attorney General’s website.

Nationally, the lawsuit is part of an enforcement sweep called “Operation Collection Protection,” organized by the Federal Trade Commission and including more than 70 agencies and 115 enforcement actions filed nationwide in 2015 involving alleged illegal debt collection practices.

As part of the coordinated effort, the coalition of federal, state, and local enforcement agencies shared complaints, investigative information, and best practices to stop illegal debt collection practices, resulting in an unprecedented collection of enforcement actions.

Also included in the sweep is a July 2015 multistate credit-card collections settlement with Chase Bank, which Attorney General DeWine’s office helped negotiate, and two lawsuits filed by DeWine’s office earlier in 2015 for illegal debt collection practices – one against Nationwide Recovery Group and one against Universal Debt & Payment Solutions LLC, both of which are pending.

Attorney General DeWine Announces that Ohio will Receive \$500,000 in Settlement of Allegations State Medicaid was Overcharged for Medicine

Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that Ohio has joined with other states and the federal government to settle allegations that AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP and Cephalon Inc. overcharged the state Medicaid health care programs for drugs. Medicaid is jointly funded by the federal and state governments. The AstraZeneca settlement for Ohio is \$1,243,000, with \$415,000 as the state’s share. The Cephalon settlement for Ohio is \$280,000, with \$93,500 as the state’s share.

“This settlement will help ensure that the Medicaid program

gets the best value for the drugs that it pays for,” said Attorney General DeWine.

AstraZeneca, a London and Delaware-based pharmaceutical manufacturer, has paid the states and the federal government \$46.5 million to resolve allegations against the company. Cephalon, a Pennsylvania-based subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd., has paid the states and the federal government \$7.5 million to settle similar allegations.

These settlements resolve allegations that AstraZeneca and Cephalon underpaid drug re-

bates owed to the states. Under a federal law known as the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, drug manufacturers must periodically return a portion of the amount paid by state Medicaid programs for the manufacturers’ drugs. The rebate program is designed to ensure that states pay competitive prices for drugs, and the rebates for a manufacturer’s drugs are calculated based on a percentage of the average prices drug wholesalers pay for each of the drugs. This average price, which the manufacturer reports to the federal government, is known as the Average Manufac-

turer’s Price (AMP). The greater the AMP reported by the manufacturer, the greater the rebate the manufacturer must pay for that drug.

A whistleblower’s complaint alleged that AstraZeneca and Cephalon improperly treated certain fees paid to wholesalers as “discounts,” and that the effect of this accounting practice was to falsely decrease the AMP the companies reported to the federal government, improperly decreasing the rebates paid to the states.



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