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Nottingham **Expansion** Approved

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy Planning Commission approved a preliminary plan for two additional sections of the Nottingham subdivision on land west of Piqua-Troy Road Nov. 11.

The proposal includes 51 building lots on 25.4 acres and a second access point to the neighborhood.

Jessica Minesinger of Minesinger Companies proposed the project. The land was rezoned earlier this year from A-R Agricultural Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential.

The minimum lot size would be 12,000 square feet. The commission heard a

brief discussion on a construction/emergency access road from Piqua-Troy Road onto the property.

Fire Chief Matt Simmons said the proposed gravel drive would be able to handle emergency vehicles that would respond to the area, if needed. Use of the emergency road would reduce the mileage for vehicles responding from the nearby fire station, he said.

The road would be paved later in the development process, probably in mid-2017, said Tim Davis of the city planning staff.

The commission approval was contingent on the city Park Board approving the developer's request to pay fees in lieu of parkland or other open space in the two

Minesinger told the commission the additional two sections would have the same covenants and restrictions as the original Nottingham subdivision. "It should be a seamless transition," she said. "It will look like it was always meant to be part of the neighborhood."

The commission voted 6-o with one abstention to approve the plan. Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director who sits on the commission, said he abstained because he lives in the neighborhood.

In other business last week, the commission approved a request for a columbarium proposed for the courtyard of the First Presbyterian Church at 20 S. Walnut St.

Church pastor, the Rev. Richard Culp, said the each for a possible total of would need to receive oth-

was reviewed with the city Asked if cremains of pets install solar panels on their law director, who found the would be allowed in the Brook Park Drive house.

El Sombrero Continues **Thanksgiving Tradition**

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The residents of Troy will again have the opportunity to share in a traditional American Thanksgiving meal on November 26th at an authentic Mexican restaurant. For more than two decades, El Sombrero has served a free Thanksgiving meal as a way to give back to the community.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, ice tea, and fresh coffee will all be offered and served by volunteers. There will even be soft drinks available for guests. El Sombrero's suppliers have begun donating soft drinks for this holiday event. The meal will be served from 10:30 AM until 4:00 PM at El Sombrero's Troy location on County Road 25A.

Ruben Pelayo is the entrepreneur who first opened El Sombrero in 1994 and began the tradition of serving a free turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Although he has been a citizen of the United States for almost 20 years, growing up in Mexico, Pelayo and his family were farmers. His mother was a generous woman and enjoyed feeding people even from what little food their family had. As a young restaurant owner, Pelayo came up with the idea of serv-



Ruben Pelayo in the El Sombrero dining room

ing a free Thanksgiving dinner as said. a way to honor his mother and treat the community like family on an American holiday.

"We don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Mexico; so the tradition did not mean the same thing to us that it did to people here," Pelayo said. "It means more to us now because we can be a blessing to those who maybe would not be able to cook for themselves or would be alone on Thanksgiving."

Many of Pelayo's employees serve on Thanksgiving but many of his customers also sign up to serve. "I think it makes people feel good to give like that," Pelayo

El Sombrero's second location in Piqua closed on October 4th. "I'm trying to maybe cut the stress," Pelayo said. "My father passed away 7 months ago and since that happened I'm seeing things a little bit differently."

Pelayo claims that his business belongs to God. "I just work here," he said. With this in mind, he and his staff intend to continue the tradition of serving Thanksgiving dinner at El Sombrero indefinitely. According to Pelayo, "No one should be alone on a family holi-

Threats at Troy Christian

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Troy Christian High School officials took precautions Monday following rumors of threats to a few students.

The rumors were "due to social media chatter" and precautions were taken to secure the building and have Troy police on campus, Superintendent Gary Wilber said in a statement early in the day.

All parents were notified of the situation via telephone Sunday night and students given the option to attend school Monday.

A second call was made to parents around noon Monday. School officials released the content of that call that said in part that no incidents had been reported and "at no point did the authorities feel there was a credible threat to our students."

Activities after school Monday were canceled and Wilber said officials "look forward to a normal day tomorrow."

TLC Youth Learn Lesson in Giving

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

On November 15th the True Life Community Church youth decided to give a gift to a member of the Troy community in a unique way.

NFusion is a youth group comprised of about 30 teens that meets every Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. The group is led by youth pastor, Noah Walkup.

Several months ago, Walkup saw a viral video on social media where a church in central Ohio gave a tip of \$1,000 to a Dominos pizza delivery woman. In keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving and a Sunday evening lesson on money, Walkup decided that a similar example would be a powerful tool to teach teenagers about

The recipient of the gift was a local man by the name of Chris Bay who arrived wearing a Motley Crue t-shirt and a baseball cap and delivered four large pizzas from Al's Pizza on Weston Road in Troy. He received a tip of \$235.25

from the teens, all of whom contributed cash toward the gift prior to his arrival at the church. "It was the largest tip I've ever gotten," Bay said.

He was obviously surprised and unsure how to respond to the gesture except to say "Thank you guys."

Walkup, his leadership team, and the teenagers all prayed over Bay before he left to make his next delivery.

According to Walkup, "we live in a culture where kids today are all about taking what they want and thinking about themselves; so we're trying to teach them what it means to give back and let them know that we're really blessed and need to bless others with what we've been given."

Walkup's aunt, Paula Shiltz, shared a lesson that night on giving. "Basically, we're talking about the world's view of money versus God's view of money," Shiltz said. "The reason we need



TLC youth pastor Noah Walkup (left) presents cash to delivery driver Chris Bay

to give and the reason I give is because it's a reminder to always put God first."

NFusion leadership is hoping that this will be a launching point for the teenagers to be more involved in giving back in Troy. We really feel led to make to the community in the com-

ing year. "We're trying to get the kids to open their eyes and really see that there are needs, not just in other countries but right here in the community," Walkup said. "There's hunger, there are needs a difference here."

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The work proposed includes renovation of the first floor storefront and painting.

Also approved were two additional wall sign for the building at 322 W. Main St.

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, November 26th 11am - 4pm

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Bowen Retrial Continued



By Nancy Bowman

The retrial of Frank Bowen, 26, in the 2014 murder of Joseph Graley III of Bethel Township, Miami County, was continued Monday, Nov. 16, by Judge Christopher Gee because of a personal

Gee met behind closed doors with prosecutors and defense lawyers before continuing the trial in a brief hearing in Common Pleas Court about 30 minutes before jury selection was scheduled to begin.

He explained that over the weekend he "developed an acute medical condition that needs attention today."

Gee said he and the lawyers discussed options, including starting the trial later in the week. However, all were concerned about the possible impact of a trial continuing into next week on juror plans for the Thanksgiving holiday "and what that might do to the deliberating ability of the jury," he said.

Gee said a new trial date would be set as soon as possible.

Another jury deliberated around 14 hours over three days before telling Gee on Aug. 4 it would not be able to reach agreement on charges of murder, gross abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence against Bowen. Gee declared a mistrial. That jury found Bowen guilty of

The body of Graley, 31, was found Oct. 23, 2014, under brush in the backyard of his home. He had been reported missing to the sheriff's office the previous day.

During the first trial, investigators said Graley died of blunt force trauma to the head and neck. Prosecutors said a sledgehammer found in a wooded area behind the house with the DNA of both Graley and Bowen was the murder

Bowen, formerly of the Tipp City area, returned to the county in late September 2014 from South Carolina. Prosecutors said he moved in with friend Graley because he had no place to stay days before Graley disappeared.

Defense lawyers questioned prosecution witnesses about differences in their recorded statements to investigators looking into the missing person and the death and the testimony made in

They also repeatedly asked about the investigation. They questioned witnesses why the area around Graley's house was not secured as a crime scene before Graley's body was found but after he had been reported missing and items – a towel, pillow and the sledge hammer - with what was believed to be blood on them found in the wooded

The jury in the first trial did not visit the Graley property located off Scarff Road. Gee last week granted prosecutors' request for a jury view.

Sheriff Reports MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11:30 a.m. To Lefevre Rd. for a report of a disturbance. A male subject was cited for menacing.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:31 p.m. To Monroe Concord Rd. for a report of a disturbance. While enroute, the deputy was advised that a male subject was banging on the doors and the female victim had told him to leave several times. The male subject had left the scene before the deputy arrived. The victim reported that she used to date the subject, but ended the relationship in March. She said he just keeps showing up when he's not invited. She said that she is afraid of him. The deputy contacted the male subject and informed him of the complaint. He was advised not

to return and was warned for criminal trespass.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:22 a.m. To the 1800 block of

S. County Rd. 25A. A woman reported that she has lived at this location for about a year. She said that a male friend has allowed her and her children to live there. She said that when she tried to enter the residence, her key was broken and she wanted to get into the residence. The male friend soon arrived and stated that the woman was not welcome on his property. He was advised that since she had established residence at that location, she is allowed on the property until evicted by the courts. Both were advised to be civil to each other. Deputies were again called

30 minutes later for a report of a disturbance. After speaking with all parties, present, an arrest for domestic violence was made.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:54 a.m. To W. State Rt. 41. A woman reported that her TV was stolen from her residence.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:44 p.m. To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a possible fake ID presented for a prescription. The ID was a South Carolina driver's license and it proved to be valid, however the subject presenting the ID had an outstanding warrant from Sidney for Contempt of Court. The subject was taken into custody and transported to a gas station on North 25A to meet a

Sidney PD officer who took the subject into custody.

9:55 p.m. While southbound on County Rd. 25A, a deputy followed a motorized scooter with no registration and no tail light. A traffic stop was initiated near the fairgrounds. The driver did not have a valid license, nor was the scooter registered in his name. He was cited for no license and failure to file registration.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

2:02 p.m. Traffic stop on Washington-Concord Rd. at Stillwell Rd. The driver admitted to have a suspended license. She said she needed to pick up her son and had no one to drive. She contacted a licensed driver to take possession of the vehicle.

Three **Indicted** on **Felonies**

By Nancy Bowman

A Miami County Grand Jury has indicted two Troy men on sex offenses and a third for felony endangering children.

They are scheduled for arraignment Nov. 15 in Common Pleas Court before Judge Jeannine Pratt.

David R. Ratcliff faces three felony counts of rape; Dillon A. Spade, 22, faces one felony count of child endangering; and Jorden M. Reedy, faces three felony counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Ratcliff, 62, was indicted on three felony rape counts involving three children.

The first count alleges that between April 1 and May 30 of



David R. Ratcliff

in sexual conduct with a child under the age of 10. The second alleges that between July 1 and Aug. 30, he engaged in sexual conduct with a child under age 10. The third count alleges that between July 1 and Aug. 30, Ratcliff engaged in sexual conduct with a child under age 10.

According to Troy police reports, the alleged abuse was disclosed to parents by the vic-

Spade is accused of causing head injuries to his five-monthold son Sept. 28.

Troy police reports showed they were called early Sept. 29 to Dayton Children's Hospithis year, he allegedly engaged tal on a report of a child with



Jorden M. Reedy

several skull fractures that appeared "nonaccidental."

The child initially was taken from a Troy motel where he had been staying with his parents and a young girl to Upper Valley Medical Center, and then transferred to Children's.

Police said during questioning they learned Dillon Spade was caring for the two children while their mother was at work. He at first said nothing happened. After added questioning, Spade "admitted to shaking (the child) and hitting his head on the wall mirror" after he would not stop crying, police reported.

Police said the child's mother

Saturday. October 31st EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Dillon A. Spade

thing might have happened to him while he was in the care of another relative. She then admitted that her husband told her what had happened. She added that after the child's head hit the mirror Dillon Spade said he "threw (the child) on the bed and he bounced off the bed and onto the floor on top of (the other child)," police reported.

initially said she thought some-

Reedy, 22, is accused engaging in sexual activity with a 14-year-old girl in Troy in Janu-

All three men are being held in the Miami County Jail in lieu of bonds.

Edison State 5K For A Cause Raises Over \$2,000

Nearly 200 people participated in Edison State Community College's inaugural 5K for a Cause, a crowd that helped raise more than \$2,000 in remembrance of long-time Edison State professor

A beautiful weekend with brisk temperatures helped to support the day's attendance as the runners followed the five-kilometer course along the back end of Edison State's tree-lined

"The turnout of this year's race speaks volumes about our community and everyone here at Edison who helped make this event happen," said Nate Cole, **Edison State Director of Student** Life and Athletics. "A lot of the participants included students, faculty, and staff who were here to support Dawn and her family. Even President Larson ran and took third in her age group."

> The overall winner for this year's race was Kevin Sheehan of Huber Heights. The top finisher in the women's group was Bekah **Shininger of Tipp** City.

Students and faculty from **Edison State were**



on hand to help runners prior to the race and worked to help get the nearly 200 participants registered and tallied at the finish

"The fact that we're able to raise over \$2,000 to help a local family with their college education really reflects well on our community," added Cole. "Hopefully this race will continue to grow every year and we can help even more area families in need."

Edison State's 5K for a Cause is held annually to benefit community members in need. Proceeds from this year's race were donated to the Dawn Stinson Memorial Fund to benefit her sons' college

Her four sons, Todd Schilling (26), Matthew Schilling (21), Cale Stinson (13), and Billy Stinson (11) survive her. Todd holds a master's degree in Higher **Education Administration from** the University of Dayton where he is currently employed as the Coordinator of Veteran Services. Matthew is currently in his senior year at The Ohio State University where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication. Cale is in eighth grade at Troy Junior High where he also plays football and Billy is a fifth grader at St. Patrick's Elementary in Troy.

"Our family is so grateful for

those who came out to the event and supported us during these tough times," said Todd Schilling. "We deeply appreciate all the support the Edison community has shown us through the years. The event served as a great reminder of how many people my mom touched in her life. Thank you

Recently completing 100 classes as an adjunct professor of business, communications, and marketing, Dawn began her career at Edison State in 2000 and was a student at the college prior to instructing.

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Deer Strikes Increasing - Slow down and blow your

The Miami County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in car/deer crashes in the past several days. The deer are on the move, and the Sheriff's office urges drivers to use caution.

Tips on avoiding deer strikes:

- Be vigilant in early morning and evening hours, the most ac-
- tive time for deer. - Use your high-beam head-

lights when safe to do so.

- horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away. - Brake firmly when you notice
- a deer in or near your path. Do not swerve. It can confuse the deer as to where to run. It can also cause you to lose control
- and hit a tree or another car. - Be alert and drive with caution when you are moving

through a deer crossing zone.

- Always wear your seatbelt. Most people injured in car/ deer crashes are not wearing a seatbelt - Look for other deer after one
- has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.

The best procedure is to get your

If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch the animal. The frightpolicies. ened animal, in attempting to move, could hurt you or itself.

call the Sheriff's office. Contact your insurance agent or company representative to

car off the road if possible, and

report any damage to your car. Collision with an animal is covered under the comprehensive portion of most auto insurance

Future of Brown Youth Center Questioned

By Nancy Bowman

Ideas for the future of the David L. Brown Youth Center located in the former Miami County Children's Home were discussed Nov. 12 by the county commissioners and leaders from Juvenile Court, which operates the program for teen

Commission President Jack Evans explained the discussion was sparked in part by growing costs and a recent compilation of projects that need to be done at the facility located off Children's Home Road in Elizabeth Township east of Troy.

"We are here to talk about ideas," Evans said.

Meeting with commissioners were Judge Greg Dixon of Juvenile/Probate Court, Diana Karnehm, David L. Brown director, and Andrew Wannemacher, the court administrator.

A forecast of facility projects showed costs ranging from \$161,000 if the minimum repairs needed were done to nearly \$500,000 if items listed were replaced.

"Obviously, that's a lot of money," Evans said, adding the numbers do not include work possibly needed to the property's water well.

Leigh Williams, the commissioners' administrator, said the farm fund, comprised of income from cash renting of farm property, does not generate grams be conducted at another enough to do the minimum that needs attention.

The commissioners met earlier this year with the Elizabeth Township trustees to talk about the fate of a bank barn on the property. They also obtained a legal opinion on the property deed, which requires the county to turn the property over to the township if it is no longer used for something related to

The commissioners said they have not discussed options since with the trustees.

The youth center property was donated to the county commissioners in 1877 by brothers John K. and Jacob Knoop for use as a children's home.

The home was closed in the 1970s, then reopened by the state as the Western Ohio Youth Center in the early 1980s. After that facility closed in 1984, the 1932 building was renovated before reopening in 1987 as a county youth center. The name was changed in 1994 in memory of a former director.

The 15-bed residential facility is licensed by the state and operated by the county Juvenile Court for males ages 12-18. The court uses some of the beds for its juveniles and contracts with other counties to place teens in center beds.

Commissioner Richard Cultice said the facility is the issue. "The question is can these pro-

location, more suitable, more cost effective? That's what we need to look at," he said.

Court personnel said the center's rural setting is advantageous for some programming, but the facility also imposes

"We are not tied to the building," Wannemacher said. A different building possibly would allow for changes in programming to do more with drug rehabilitation and other programs for which funding could be available, he and Karnehm

"If these issues (on the list by Johnson) are not addressed, the building is going to fall down around us ... My preference would be that location with a different building," Karnehm

The commissioners said the county does not have a building available for program relo-Dixon said the court person-

nel would look at program revenues and other issues and talk again with commissioners. "If your purpose is to feed us

food for thought, you have done

In response to questions about how much other counties are using the center programs, Wannemacher said a look at the past five years showed 55 boys referred from Miami County and 45 from other counties.

Project Identified at David L. Brown **Youth Center Property**

- Roof repairs/ replacement
- Old red barn demo only versus demo and replace
- Heat system mechanicals replacement
- HVAC system update to
- add air conditioning Window replacements
- Front step concrete repairs
- Masonry repairs and/ or full chemical cleaning/tuck pointing/water sealing
- Gravel and paving repairs
- Fire protection improvements/ modernization
- Barn repairs vs. full metal siding restoration
- Water issues
- Three phase power conversion for pump house to single phase
- Unknown issues to property, septic system, facility

Staunton Township Trustees Approve Bills

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the November 16, 2015 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, the trustees approved the payments of the bills. The payment to the Troy Fire Department for the third quarter was approximately \$34,000. The fire report indicated that othe department made five squad runs, and were called for one structure fire and one accident for October.

In addition, the trustees approved the payment for the berming work on the township roads for \$8,000, which cost approximately \$28 per ton.

Sarah Fine, Fiscal Officer, received notification from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) that the organization needs verification of all township employees drivers numbers who operate township vehicles to ensure that each employee has a valid license and clean driving record.

In addition, Fine received notification of an increase in Health insurance rates for township employees.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the

Troy Hopes Experience Leads Them To GWOC Title

By Jim Dabbelt

After coming off of a couple of rough years, the Troy High School girls' basketball team looks to get back on top of the GWOC North division, as the Trojans open their season Friday night at Northwest-

"We had a couple of back-to-back down years for our standards," Troy coach Nathan Kopp said. "The kids have played hard, but have been on the losing end and have struggled to score. We have seven seniors which is the most we have had, so that mixed with some good underclassmen with bog roles will hopefully get us back on track.

Two seniors return for their fourth season with the Trojans, as Sierra Besecker and Maddie Taylor hope their experience can lead this

"Sierra (5-foot-5) picked up the slack last year, and is the glue on and off the court," Kopp said of the Tiffin University soccer signee. "She was second-team all-conference and I look for her to have simi-

"Maddie is a four-year letterwinner like Sierra, and has always been steady where she needs to be. Her and Sierra both lettered the last time we won the league, and they want to get back."

Also back is senior 5-foot-6 shooting guard Bailey Dornbusch, who is a vocal leader and good defender according to Kopp.

"She can hit the open shot and we will rely on her leadership," he said. Kayla Niswonger also is back as a 5-foot-10 senior, who is coming back from an injury last season.

"She led us in rebounding last year before her season was cut short," Kopp said. "She will be a three-year letterwinner and is always in the right spot." Three more seniors will bring their

leadership and athleticism to the

team, as 5-foot-11 Stephanie Chavis, 5-foot-11 Taylor Stookey and 5-foot-6 shooting guard Alexis Otstot all look to provide depth.

Three juniors all will play a key part in the Trojans success. 5-foot-6 Jenna Kaup returns after starting some games both her freshman and sophomore seasons. Also back is Bailey Hess, a 5-foot-11 guard who is versatile according to Kopp. "She can guard the best player, run the floor and look to help provide us with a spark."

Also back after a year absence is high-scoring Kennedi Kyzer, and will being immediate scoring to the Trojans lineup.

of the best players ever at Troy," Kopp said. "She is an outside threat to 25-feet, and can take it to the rim. Her scoring should allow us to do some good things offensively." Kyzer was the GWOC North Player of the Year as a

Sophomores Alaura Holycross and Jordan Short also will be a factor, as will freshman Kiyha Adkins and Gabbi Johnson.

"In the GWOC as a whole, it is a very tough league," Kopp said. "Our division goes through Sid-

"She has a chance to be one ney, they won it last year and returns everyone. We need to split with them or even beat them twice. They had a record setting vear."

"Butler and Trotwood are the next two teams, and we feel we are right there with them. Defense has been our strong suit, keeping teams down, but we need to score a few more points than last year."

Troy opens at Northwestern on Friday night, then returns home to host Oakwood in their home opener on November 24.

*Troy held their annual Preview on Saturday with 18 teams coming in to get a dress rehearsal before the season tips off this weekend.

"Each year we pick a local charity to donate the money too," Kopp said. "This year it went to the Jeff Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund." He was the husband of Barb Roberts, junior high athletic director and cross country/track coach. She lost her husband in a short battle with cancer and the money will be donated to that fund.

Eagles Look For Another Successful Season

By Jim Dabbelt

Coming off of a 17-5 season, the Troy Christian girls' basketball team has a lot to look forward to this season. With several girls returning, plus a skilled newcomer, the Eagles are preparing for their season opener November 20 at Jefferson.

"We will be awfully young with only two seniors and two juniors, with the rest being sophomores and freshman," Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman said. "We lost our leading scorer from last year (Lauren Peters), but hopefully this group is a little older and a little wiser."

"I was talking to the Xenia Christian AD and said it may be the toughest that the division has ever been for the girls' side. We will try to do as well as we can and try to give Miami Valley a run for their money."

Miami Valley is the clear cut favorites as they are loaded at every position, but the Eagles feel they can compete with them, and challenge near the



top of the Metro Buckeye Conference.

Returning for Troy Christian will be senior Meredith Haddad, who averaged 6.5 points per game last year, but Steineman knows what she means to this team.

"She is tenacious on defense," the coach said. "Twice last year she finished a game with no points, but was the best player on the floor due to her defense." The 5-foot-7 senior is in her fourth year on varsity.

The other senior will be 5-foot-6 guard Danielle Thomas, who the Eagles coach feels will work very hard

Leading the juniors will be



one of the top posts in the area, 6-foot-1 Hailey Peters, who averaged 11 points and eight rebounds.

"She had a good summer and will be a key inside player for us," Steineman said. "She needs to rebound and score inside."

A newcomer who comes to Troy Christian from the Cincinnati Trailblazers, a homeschool team, is Arden Kamentz, a 5-foot-10 junior with a high basketball IQ according to Steine-

"She knows the game, and is a nice addition," he said. "She will probably move to the point guard spot after playing post.



She comes to Troy Christian and will help us."

Key sophomores will be Kathryn Lee, Megan Haddad, Lauren Lavy and Rachel Winters.

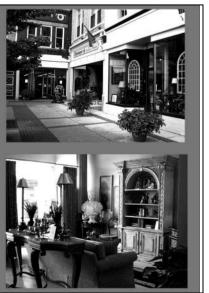
They will be joined by freshman Kenley Blake and Ali Kamentz, rounding out a talented but young group of players for the Eagles.

"Everyday in practice, we just have to get better," Steineman said. "This preseason we have worked on fundamentals, and we may start out a little slow, but every game we need to get better. We had success in the past and we need to ride that and continue to work hard in

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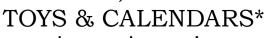
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Hayner to Hold Gift Gallery

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center will be hosting their 5th annual "Hayner Gift Gallery" Event on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hayner Center. The house will be filled with Artists and Vendors, each selling their own special and unique products. This is the place to find that "one of a kind" gift that you have been searching for and a great way to start your Holiday

Our Fine Artists this year include: Frank Brower-faceted gemstones/Ohio flint jewelry, Rick Brown-stone jewelry, Missy Hines-paintings & painted furniture, Sharon McClain-board games, Anne Rose-artisan jewelry, Country Workshop Artists-art & pottery, Barbara Wilfongacrylic & oil paintings & jewelry, Alicia Rubin-paintings/photography, Phyllis Meiring-textile arts, Missy Hines-hand painted cards/gifts, Deb Ahmed-paper filigree/calligraphy, Jackie Taylor-handmade yarn, Upper Valley Fiber Guild-knitting/ weaving and fiber items, Marla Fair-artist & author, Deanna Hardin-crocheted specialties and Anita Heras-unique glass jewelry. Our Vendors include: Pampered Chef, Terra Essential Oils, Premier Designs Jewelry, McGuffey Herbs & Spices, Orgami Owl, Virgil's Fine Soaps, Sugar Grove Maple Products, Scentsy. Lia Sophia and Friends of Hayner.

For more information, please contact David Wion at 339.0457 at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center.

Tuba Quartet to Perform at Hayner

The Western Ohio Tuba Quartet was founded in January of 2013 with Buddy Laws and Ted Shuttleworth on euphonium and Michael Gallehue and Denny Seifried on tuba. All four are retired music educators who are also active members of the Ohio Valley British Brass Band. They are dedicated to entertaining audiences with this rather unusual combination of instruments. This unique instrumentation has a rich and resonant sound that will just get inside you! The ensemble performs a variety of musical styles, from arrangements of classical composers such as Gabrieli, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky, to modern American music, marches, and jazz.

The Drawing Room Concert Series is hosted by Dr. Randall Paul, director of the Wright State University School of Music. This series offers a unique opportunity to experience professional chamber music in an intimate listening room. The concerts are free and open to the public with a reception afterward. No tickets or reservations are needed.

For more information regarding these free events and to receive a complete listing of Hayner Events, please call 339-0457 or visit www.TroyHayner.org for complete details.

Lincoln Center to Offer Free Thanksgiving Meal

It's that time of year when families and friends give thanks and share a good meal together. The staff and board of directors for Lincoln Community Center invite Troy residents to join them for a free meal on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Enjoy turkey and all the fixings while sharing fellowship and gratitude with friends and neighbors.

The meal will be served at the center located at 110 Ash Street in Troy. Reservations are suggested for families or groups larger than five (5) people. Please call the office at 937.335.2715 to request

seats. This feast is made possible through the generous support of Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance, Troy Rotary Club and the members of the LCC board of directors.

Established in 1924, Lincoln Community Center provides educational and recreational faciliof all ages. They offer more than 40 programs for children, adults and senior citizens, ranging from karate and after school tutoring to boys and girls in grades K-4 be fresh to take to the famaquatic classes and job readiness make a yummy pumpkin pie for ily Thanksgiving meal," said workshops. For more information on the center and programs, visit November 23, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at www.lcctroy.com.

Grand Illumination Set for Nov 27

Troy Main Street is excited to present the 2015 Holiday Grand Illumination and Kris Kringle Market, on Friday, November 27th. Visitors to downtown Troy will be enchanted with spirit of the season in our new line up of holiday events, phone calls to the North Pole, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and of course, the lighting of the tree.

The evening begins at 4:00p.m. with the opening of the Kris Kringle market, which will be held inside the Mayflower Arts Center, located at 9 West Main Street. The market will be open to shoppers from 4:00-8:30p.m. Local artists, artisans, and crafters will offer a great selection of handmade, reasonably priced gifts. Shopping bags, gift wrapping, and elf assistants will be available.

Entertainment will begin on the Public Square at 5:00p.m. Troy Community Radio personalities, Clint Myers and Lori Younce will kick off the event on the stage in the southwest quadrant, playing Christmas music and awarding gift cards to local businesses. They will also announce the winner of the merchant holiday window decorating contest. At 5:30pm. Rum River Blend will take the stage and lead the crowd in sing-along Christmas carols and holiday tunes. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Michael Beamish will recite the traditional "Twas the Month Before Christmas" and lead the community in welcoming Santa Claus into town. As Santa takes the stage, he will count down to the illumination of the Troy's holiday centerpiece Christmas tree, downtown holiday lights. The entertainment will continue after the illumination with The Hometown announce the start of a new holithe square until 8:00pm.

tainment, the southeast quad- and labor from the Western Ohio rant will host seasonal treats Homebuilders Association, 84 from local vendors, including Lumber, Don Hubbard Roofing, fresh popped kettle corn. The and several other local contribunortheast quadrant will host tors, Troy Main Street will unveil a children's games and free carnewly constructed Santa House at riage rides provided by Buckeye this year's Grand Illumination. The Clydes and Carriages. Phone calls Santa House, which occupies an to the North Pole will be avail- 8' by 14' footprint, will be placed able in the ABC50 Community on Prouty Plaza and be open for Connections Center, sponsored by visits with Santa throughout the Frontier Communication's magical month of December.

the Western Ohio Home Builders Association. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to hear holiday wishes the evening of the Grand Illumination and set hours every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the week of Christmas. Specific hours will be posted outside of the house and also on the Troy Main Street Facebook page. The house is wheelchair and stroller

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

Knit-a-Hat Class

Join Betty Fogt on Tuesday, Hats for Cancer Project, too," Fogt November 24, from 1-3 p.m. to continued. learn how to knit a hat using a

teach participants how to knit a the class, stop at the YWCA at soft, warm hat using a loom," said 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-Fogt. "The hats make a perfect gift 6626. The YWCA is handicap or can be donated to the YWCA accessible.

Supply list is available at the YWCA. For more information "This easy-to-follow class will on class fees or to register for

ties and tools that cater to patrons Pumpkin Pie class for Youth offered at YWCA Piqua

Jennifer Anderson will help ing event so that the pie would Thanksgiving dessert on Monday, Anderson. "It will also be a fun the YWCA Piqua. Class size is limited so register early.

family members for their turkey Street or call 773-6626. feast. "We planned this cook-

learning experience for the children," she added. For more information on class

Each child will take home their fee or registration, stop at the own pumpkin pie to share with YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne

donated by Roger Adams, and the Santa House Coming Downtown

Troy Main Street is excited to ing on Friday, November 27th. The interior of the building has been Getdown band playing music on day tradition in downtown Troy! Due to the overwhelming gener-In addition to musical enter- osity of time, talent, materials, until Wednesday, December 23rd. Specific times for visits will be posted outside of the house on Prouty Plaza and also on the Troy

Santa will be available for pic-After the tree is lit, Santa will tures and to hear Troy's Christmas make his way over to Prouty Plaza wishes inside the heated, lighted, to the newly constructed Santa handicap and stroller accessible House, generously donated by structure following the tree light-

beautifully decorated for the season by Angie McWhirter, Executive Director for the Western Ohio HBA, and Amy Zumberger of Ask Amy Staging. The house will be placed on Prouty Plaza the week prior to the Grand Illumination and will be open for visits with Santa every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

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

YW Wild Walking Women

Get motivated to walk and portunity to meet new friends and get healthier with the YW Wild Walking Women beginning Tuesday, November 24. The ladies will meet to walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 4 week period from 9-10 a.m. Participants will meet at The Miami Valley Center Mall and Joan Beck and Nancy Hirby, facilitators, will guide the group each week.

"We promise a fun time, an op-

a time to develop your health and well-being," said Beck and Hirby. "Motivation and laughter will keep you going as you get healthier together," they added.

For more information on class fees or to register, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. Preregistration is requested. YWCA membership is not required.

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What to do in Troy

Concert – Great White & Slaugh-

November 20, 8:00 p.m.

Hobart Arena Get ready for the quintessential 8o's Rock Concert – Great White and Slaughter at Hobart Arena

Troy-Hayner Gift Gallery November 21, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

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Saturday Library Adventures

November 21, 11:00 a.m. Troy-Miami County Public Li-

brary

Bring the family for an entertaining game of "Family Trivia" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at the Troy Library. Questions are randomly selected on various subjects; this program is for children age 6 and up and their family. Registration opens November 7, 2015; call 937-339-0502 ext. 123 to register.

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

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

Concert – Randy Houser, We Went Tour

November 21, 7:30 p.m.

Hobart Arena Fans can expect a little bit of everything on the We Went Tour, as Houser draws from a deep catalogue of songs, from fan favorites like "Boots On" and "Whistlin' Dixie" to smash hits such as "How Country Feels," "Runnin' Outta Moonlight" and "Like

A Cowboy." He will also perform new music from his forthcoming Stoney Creek Records album, including his current single, "We Went." With skilled guitar-slinger Frankie Ballard — who has two No. 1 hits of his own with "Helluva Life" and "Sunshine & Whiskey" and a Top 5-and-climbing single on the charts with "Young & Crazy" — and the energetic Craig Campbell ("Outta My Head," "Keep Them Kisses Com-

in") rounding out the bill. Storybook Trail "If You Find a

Rock" November 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve The Miami County Park District will hold on the Storybook Trail "If You Find a Rock" on November 22 from 1 – 3 p.m at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road, south of Tipp City. Read the book, answer a couple of questions, draw a picture and win a semi-precious gem stone to take home. Register for the program by

going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks. com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext.

Naturalist Adventure Series "Rock Hounds"

November 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Charleston Falls Preserve

The Miami County Park District will hold their monthly Naturalist Adventure Series program "Rock Hounds" on November 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Drop by to investigate real fossils and a variety of strange rocks at "Rock Hounds." Participants will receive a special rock as a gift. Meet at the waterfall. 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.

Drop-ins are welcome. **Drawing Room Concert** November 24, 7:30 p.m.

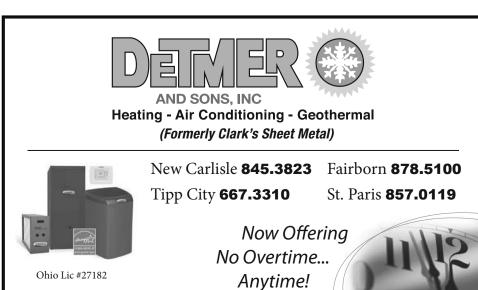
Troy Hayner Cultural Center roy-Hayner Cultural Center Drawing Room Series features The Western Ohio Tuba Quartet. The series is directed by Dr. Randall Paul, D.M.A, Wright State University Chair, School of Music. There is no dress code and as always, it is free and open to the

public. Hometown Holiday Celebration November 27, 6:00-10:30 p.m. Downtown Trov

The 2015 Hometown Holiday Celebration will take place on Friday, November 27th in downtown

Troy. Grand Illumination, phone calls to the North Pole, visits with Santa in the newly constructed Santa House, carriage rides, holiday music, refreshments, shopping at local merchants, and Mayor Beamish's special holiday reading.

Tree lighting at 6:45.





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IT'S TURKEY TIME!

Bowman and Landes share tips for the perfect Thanksgiving entrée.

By Maggie Yowler

Carl Bowman of Bowman and Landes said there are three rules to follow in order to achieve a perfect Thanksgiving turkey.

"Don't overcook, don't overcook, and don't overcook," he

"Use a meat thermometer, and make sure you get 170 degrees in the breast and 175 in the thigh," Bowman added.

Bowman is the third-generation working at the family farm, originally owned by his grandfather in 1937, so he knows a tasty turkey when he sees one. Each year, Bowman and Landes raises or "grows" 75,000 turkeys at their farm on Ross Road, selling the bulk of them during the winter holidays. The famous New Carlisle turkeys are free-range, which Bowman said means that they spend at least 50 percent of their lives outside. He said that the turkeys first several weeks of life account for most of the other 50 percent of time spent inside, noting that even in the summer, the baby turkeys must be kept inside under heat lamps that keep their environment between 90 and 95

The Bowman and Landes turkeys are also fed corn and soybeans grown locally on the families' other fields, further adding to the flavor and locally-grown experience.

Bowman said access to the ing any chances.



barns and birds is "on lockdown" mode to prevent the spread of Avian Influenza, which can peak in bird migration seasons. While Bowman said no cases of Avian Influenza have been reported since June, that they are not taking any chances. He noted that the poultry bans at Ohio fairs this summer were to protect the birds, not humans, as the Avian Flu does not affect people. He said the illness is spread primarily through wild migratory birds, and that people may not know if they have been in contact with those birds or their droppings. Bowman said they do not anticipate being affected this season, as Avian Flu thrives more in the springtime migration than in the fall, but noted that they aren't tak-

Bowman and Landes has been selling their delicious famed turkeys for 67 years, when Carl's uncle began raising chickens and turkeys on the family farm, and hired a man by the name of Landes. The tradition continues today, with second and third-generation Bowmans and Landeses still working there.

Bowman said for Thanksgiving, they sell whole birds as well as breasts, and noted that they also sell whole birds and different cuts of meat yearround. Inside their store, hungry customers can also pick from a selection of deli meats like peppered smoked, and mesquite turkey, as well as ground turkey and a variety of turkey sausages, such as breakfast sausage and sweet Italian sausage.

While Bowman likes to switch up his Thanksgiving turkey-roasting technique, he said that he and his wife have taken to smoking the bird on their smoker grill for the past few years. He said that cooking the bird over low heat for ten to twelve hours provides "a really nice, delicate flavor." Bowman stressed the importance of not overcooking the bird, and noted that adding celery and carrots really does provide more flavor and moisture, which prevents it from drying out.

Although it is still a bit too early to tell, Bowman said the company is anticipating "a very good year," adding that many callers claim to have trouble finding a quality turkey for this Thanksgiving.

Rotarians Host Football Coach

Winning takes commitment, especially during the off-season. That commitment includes continuous learning, growing and developing a philosophy about how to win, not just on the field but also in life. These points were part of Matt Burgbacher's presentation to Troy Rotary Club on Tuesday, November 10,

Burgbacher's first season as Troy High School's varsity football head coach was tough, ending with a 2-8 record. He feels that record was not an accurate reflection of the talent of the team. It's his philosophy to stress the importance of being a team over accolades of individual players. He believes this team attitude will help his players be more successful in life after they leave school. Troy Trojans will bid farewell to 16 varsity players when they graduate at the end of the school year; however, Burgbacher believes the returning quarterback and skill players possess tremendous talent. He also sees a strong feeder program that will help bring up new players to the team and the

Season two for Burgbacher and Troy varsity football players has already begun. It's happening during training, conditioning, weightlifting and in the classroom. The players who commit to year-round physical, mental and educational improvement will be paramount to the team having a winning season in 2016. For more information on Troy athletic programs, please visit http://oh.8to18.com/

Troy Rotarians, and the Troy Rotary Foundation, support several 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 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 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.

Schools Celebrate Veterans Day

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The children of Troy had an opportunity to experience the heroism of the past in living color as veterans shared remarkable stories of sacrifice at their schools in celebration of Veteran's Day. The administrations at Van Cleve Elementary and Troy Christian planned special programming for veterans from the community to interact with students and receive recognition for their service to the United States of America.

Van Cleve Elementary hosted its 11th annual veteran's breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 9th with a ceremony honoring veterans at 9:30 a.m.. Mayor Beamish led the Pledge of Allegiance that morning and shared the importance of respecting those who have fought to defend our freedom.

The ceremony included patriotic pieces played and sung by students followed by remarks from 92-year-old World War II, D-Day paratrooper, Joe Brower of Troy. According to Van Cleve intervention specialist and Air Force veteran, Ted Wiegman, "Joe brought the house down. The tears flow like crazy when he speaks." Vivid descriptions of D-Day had attendees imagining the heavy backpacks, thick smoke, and bodies littering the shores of Normandy on the U.S. troops' final march to victory.

Another address by a for-



Al Mulder was the guest speaker at Troy Christian School

mer Vietnam helicopter pilot, Bob Allen, was punctuated by a surprise revelation on the morning of November 9th. Martin Gibson, father of 6th grade student Taylor Gibson, stood and thanked Bob Allen for flying the helicopter that rescued his father, George, during the Vietnam conflict. Martin Gibson would never have been born had it not been for Allen's bravery, flying in to save troops amid heavy fire. Gibson was conceived after the

"Everyone was holding their breath in that moment," Wiegman and other attendees claimed. The hush in the room was followed by a standing ovation and a warm hug between Allen and Gibson.

Emotion and gratitude continued to flow at Troy Christian during their 14th annual Veteran's Day chapel in the high school gymnasium on No-

vember 11th at 12:30 p.m.. Music from the 5th and 6th grade children's choir and multi-media presentations all centered around the theme "Freedom is not free." Elementary and high school students were all in attendance for the event. Superintendent Gary Wilbur fought tears as he thanked the more than 70 veterans who lined up around the gymnasium and represented a relationship with a student or students attending Troy Christian. Al Mulder, a United States veteran, who grew up in the Netherlands under Nazi occupation, presented the afternoon's address. In a gripping story, he told of how his parents risked everything, including their lives and lives of their five children, to hide and protect Jews fleeing Nazi imprisonment or death. Later, when his family moved to Piqua, Ohio, Mulder our right to be here, to pray,

out of respect and love for the troops who helped to liberate

his home country. According to Troy Christian elementary school principal, Amy Long, "No matter how you feel about war, our kids need to know that someone pays a price for our freedom and we need to respect those who lay down their lives to

protect our lives." Even the youngest children in attendance at the Veteran's Day celebration, the Kindergarten class, quietly sat for an hour during the chapel honoring veterans. "Our four core values at Troy Christian are respect, responsibility, gratitude, and genuineness," Long said. "We feel like the Veteran's Day is the best way to show respect and gratitude to people who have literally given their lives to support our freedom and served in the U.S. armed forces and to worship God."

Rotarians Provide Coats for Kids in Need

As the temperatures drop in the Miami Valley, the need for warm coats goes up for many local school kids. As they have for the past six years, Troy Rotary Club members and Heywood Elementary School staff will work together to make sure students can focus on schoolwork instead of chilly toes and

In 2010, Troy Rotary began providing warm coats and outerwear to students at Heywood. The need has averaged 15 coats per year, according to Patrick Titterington, chairman for the club's program. Troy Rotarians fund the purchase of the items and then coordinate the delivery of everything to the school. The staff at Heywood provide sizes, sex and the grade level for those without coats. Once that information is known, Rotarians get to work on purchasing what's needed. None of the club's members know to whom the coats are given, as privacy is a critical part of the program. Heywood staff handles the distribution of the items once Rotarians make their delivery. "This winter coat project helps keep the students safe during their commute to and from the school on cold winter days," said Titterington. "It's been an important program in our partnership with Heywood and the teachers," he added.

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By SGT. JJ MAURO Tipp City Police Retired

My Philosophy On Being A Police Officer

I was not aware of it in high school, but I was training to be a warrior in my adult life. Being a warrior is not just about training with weapons and learning to fight. It is also about training the mind to be a warrior. The most talented athlete in the world is no good without the proper attitude to accept a loss in a battle but continue on to win the war.

In high school I played for a football team that won 4 of the 40 games I played in. Going up against teams that had first, second and third string units on both defense and offense our first string who played both ways with few replacement players taught me to do battle with fresh troops for the whole game. We won some skirmishes but lost most, only to come back the next play and give it my best once again.

There was no attitude of giving up. Once I graduated college with my degree in Law Enforcement, I realized sometimes the battle is not won through intellectual ability alone. There has to be a warrior inside to live to fight a battle another day.

So I continued in the martial arts. I trained in Judo, Karate and learned the art of shooting weapons. Eventually obtaining my black belt in Aikido, the art of Bushido or the Way of the Warrior was ingrained in me both physically and mentally.

The police profession enabled me to learn from excellent range officers in the art of shooting. I have shot tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition from handguns, shotguns and rifles. Learning when to use my words and when to resort to a night stick, chemical spray, non-lethal incapacitating weapons or even deadly force and when not to use them has to be instinctive.

The mind also has to be trained just as much, even more than the physical arts. That's why we have Verbal Judo, hostage negotiation, crisis intervention and even the ability to calm a tense and dangerous situation. My Aikido Sensei was always shaking her head, telling me "JJ, you need to learn to watch the rocks grow." By the way she was twice my age and a third my size.

My favorite warrior quote came from a War Chief at the Battle of Little Big Horn. When preparing for battle with General George Custer, Chief Crazy Horse rallied his warriors with the cry, "It is a great day to die!" Most people do not understand this quote and look at me as if I am crazy. But my brothers in blue and any military soldier will understand.

With all this crazy talk, I will let you in on a little peek at my way of thinking. I found this years ago and it is written by a police officer who is much more talented at expressing in word than I just how a police officer, soldier, warrior must

One Warriors Creed

Steven R Watt

If today is to be THE DAY, so be it. If you seek to do battle with me this day you will receive the best that I am capable of giving.

It may not be enough, but it will be everything that I have to give and it will be impressive for I have constantly prepared myself for this day. I have trained, drilled, and rehearsed my actions so that I might have the best chance of defeating you.

I have kept myself in peak physical condition, schooled myself in the martial skills and have become proficient in the application of combat tactics. You may defeat me, but you will pay a severe price and will be lucky to escape with your life.

You may kill me, but I am willing to die if necessary. I do not fear Death, for I have been close enough to it on enough occasions that it no longer concerns me. But I do fear the loss of my Honor and would rather die fighting than to have it said that I was without Courage. So I WILL FIGHT YOU, no matter how

insurmountable it may seem, and to the death if need be, in order that it may never be said of me that I was not a Warrior.

Gardening Commentary

By Meadowview Growers

Cannas

Now that we have had a few good freezes here in the Miami Valley it is time to store our tubers, roots and corms for the winter. Some of these root systems may have a problem surviving a very cold winter that freezes the soil deeply. Canna lilies and Elephant Ear plants have become very popular in gardens, they provide great foliage and super color all summer long. If you have purchased plants from a garden center or nursery that started their plants from virus indexed (clean) stock you have enjoyed some fantastic, vigorous plants this past summer. The plants in the huge planters in MVG's parking lot were grown from these "clean" disease free plants. The Cannas grew to be 6" tall this year and just full of flowers, what a show! Many times the cheaper tubers have invisible

disease issues. These plant do not perform very well.

Scott, Ashley and Susan and team have been cleaning up the Meadow View landscape and gardens and have dug up the tubers of the Cannas and Elephant Ears and have them ready for storage for the winter. You can store your roots in a similar fashion. All you need to do is dig up your tubers, shake off the garden soil and store them a crate of sawdust or damp peat moss in an area where they will not freeze, such as an unheated garage. We will plant some of ours in pots so they will root out over the winter to give them a good start for spring. They will be kept in a cool greenhouse. You can do the same thing and keep your potted plants in your cold garage. Beginning in April you can put the pots outside when it is mild and bring them in if it is going to freeze. By doing this you can enjoy plants that you started instead if making a pur-



Large canna root clump that should be divided. When divided, the root will look like the 2 roots at the right.

have a jump on the season with make clean cuts. plants that you grew.

plants can be stored in a similar fashion. Corms like Gladiolas can be stored this way also. In fact all summer blooming flowers, with similar root structures, can be cared for this way. When you get ready to divide them you can break them apart

chase of new tubers. You will or use a sharp butcher knife to

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At Home

By Connie Moore

Both Ends of the Spectrum

As November begins the twomonth siege on all things attached to tables of bounty, two foods come to mind. That's because they've both been on my desk, shuffled up and down through a pile of requests and

Sometimes the pile resembles one of those tables of bounty where all that is served is the Pennsylvania Dutch "seven sweets and seven sours". Most settlers to Ohio came from the east-Pennsylvania or the south-Kentucky. So it stands to reason that sauerkraut and stack pie would be among the dishes on our 7&7 table.

Growing up here in Ohio, our family enjoyed sauerkraut with pork or hot dogs along with sides of mashed potatoes and green beans. Early on Dad and Mom made their own kraut but later when both were working, they purchased it. Cooked all day with a bone-in pork roast or a dozen or so meaty ribs made for a hearty meal. Hot dogs came later when cost was a consideration. (Of course, today, hot dogs cost more per pound than the pork.)

Sauerkraut has been around for thousands of years. Cato, the Roman writer, recorded preserving cabbages in salt. Genghis Khan brought it to Europe after his invasion of China revealed a bounty of the fermented vegetable. James Cook always took a few barrels of the stuff on his sea voyages, thus avoiding scurvy. So it has certainly been around the world.

In Europe, Germany took to the salty, tangy dish. The Netherlands called it zuurkool;

France called it choucroute; in amazing that the family and Slavic it is called kysla` kapusta. Whatever one calls it, it can make a meal not only tasty but

Sauerkraut is a great source of vitamins C, B, K and calcium, magnesium and fiber plus other minerals. Raw sauerkraut, that which is not canned or cooked, contains microbes and enzymes along with fiber and probiotics which aid in digestion and a healthy digestive

Under clean, ideal conditions, homemade sauerkraut can be made at room temperature, bottled and refrigerated for use as a relish, side dish or snack. Back in the Civil War, a doctor was noted as able to save soldier's lives by feeding them raw sauerkraut.

In the early 1900's cooking sauerkraut involved hours. The simplest recipe in 1908 was found in Mrs. Curtis's Cookbook which came bound inside that year's issue of Household Discoveries. The recipe called for covering the kraut with cold water, boiling it for three hours and at the two-hour mark adding spareribs. The pot boiled for another hour or until the meat fell off the bones, meat and bones then removed. A shredded, drained raw potato was then added to the pot. Boiled again until mixture was thick and potato no longer raw. Add back the meat and sometime in the wee hours of the evening, supper was served. Instructions for making the sauerkraut took three-quarters

Not all of the seven sours on the table took that much time to prepare. Pickles, relishes, pickled fruits, even Harvard beets, were all standard fare.

After all that food, it was Cookery left out the icing, most

guests were subjected to seven sweets. Of course, jelly and jams were included in that number so they may have already been consumed on the homemade bread and biscuits. But still, that would leave five sweets of some substantial volume. Cakes, pies, puddings and cookies all qualified. But the piece-de-resistance was a dish found in Kentucky and Appalachian cooking from the early 1800's--Stack Pie.

Those familiar with Stack Cake remember that spiced, cookie-like cake layers are baked, then slathered with reconstituted dried apples, which themselves are heavily spiced and sweetened. The cake is then covered and let to ripen or mellow for a day. A solid, moist apple and spice cake resulted from this somewhat time consuming project.

Stack Pie goes through the same process, only with thin pies baked, stacked on top of each other with a caramel "ic- meant soft ball stage which ing" in between. The icing was said to "glue" the layers together. The intensely rich concoction was to be sliced down as a cake would be. Slices were to be only about a quarter inch thick. So, the tower of pies could easily serve a dozen or

more people. Not known country-wide, this dish has just recently been brought back to the culinary light with such articles as Pie December tables fill up with in the Sky, by Sharon Thompson of the Lexington Herald-Leader and Melissa Clark's piece for the New York Times. While some of the 1930's stacks left out the all-important caramel icing and mention of an 1880 recipe for the dish in the Foxfire Book of Appalachian

other references include the sweet, caramel "glue" that really made the stack pie a sweettooth satisfier if there ever was

In order to try your own stack pie, one source says to bake a couple of 9-inch pumpkin pies and one or two 9-inch pecan pies. When cooled, carefully lift a pumpkin out of its tin onto a plate. Next goes a pecan pie on top and follow it with the other pumpkin. No mention of the caramel icing, but if pressed down ever-so lightly as they are stacked, the whole thing might stay together for cutting. If you want the caramel icing, follow this basic recipe as found in the article by Sharon Thompson.

"Combine 2 cups brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 teaspoons white corn syrup, 2 tablespoons butter and 1 cup cream in a saucepan. Bring mixture to soft boil stage. Pour over pies."

Note: Soft boil might have would give the mixture a soft but pliable consistency. Cooling it to lukewarm would also insure that the pies wouldn't melt with its application.

The same sticky-sweet delight can be made with sugar cream pies, shoo-fly pies, apple butter pies and any other pie you have a curiosity about submitting to the sugary, sugar test.

So, as your November and traditional family dishes, remember that sour-sweet ratio and after all is said and eaten,

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Financial Focus

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Money Tips for Job Seekers

Losing your job is tough. Rebounding and finding new employment is even harder.

While uncertainty and doubt may overwhelm you, job loss can be an opportunity to reevaluate your career, take control of your situation, and most importantly regain your self-confidence.

However, while building a resume and making connections to find a new job are a priority, the first issue most people should address is money.

The following checklist from Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit financial services organization, provides some immediate tips to stay financially afloat after a job loss.

Draft a survival budget

 Anticipate that you'll be out of work for at least six months. It's impossible to predict how long your unemployment will last, of course. But you can control what you spend and save. Tips on increasing your cash flow are also available on www. thrivent.com/jobchange. • Make sure you and your

dependents have health insurance coverage – It may be least expensive to join your spouse's plan, if that's an option. If not, look into COBRA coverage through your former employer. Additional details on COBRA are available on the US Department of Labor website.

- **debt** Contact your credit card company about lowering your interest rate. If you have credit card debt, you may need to make just the minimum payments until you get back to work. If your debt is significant or you are having trouble making even the minimum payments, try to with your creditors.
- File for unemployment **benefits** – You have a right to receive benefits you've paid for. Rules may vary by state.
- Maintain your life insurance coverage – It may be tempting to save cash over the short-term by canceling your life insurance contract. But if you try to resume coverage on a lapsed contract at a later date, you'll pay more and you may have to prove insurability with a medical exam.
- Avoid drawing upon re**tirement funds** – Resist the urge to dip into retirement savings except as an absolute last resort. Receiving that money now could mean early withdrawal penalties and taxes you hadn't anticipated. Plus, you'll lose the potential earning power of that money for your eventual retirement.

These tips are part a series of job transition resources available on Thrivent Financial's website at www. thrivent.com/jobchange. You'll find job interview tips, information on job boards and networking,

sample resumes and more, • **Examine credit card** including money tips for after you land a job—because you will get one.

"Regaining financial security is a critical part of dealing with job loss," said Laura Dierke, manager of financial education programs for Thrivent Financial. "Working in partnership with your family to discuss these money topnegotiate a payment plan ics can be extremely beneficial."

The road to a successful job transition will come with many twists and turns. But taking ownership of the situation, moving forward with confidence and taking advantage of the tools available will help you get back into the job market.

Thrivent Financial is represented in the local area by Matt Buehrer. He has offices at 29 West Main Street in Tipp City and can also be reached at 937-667-8270.

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OBITUARIES

Robert J. "Turkey" Shoupp

and Elisabeth Shoupp, and Funeral Home, Troy. granddaughter Jane Shoupp

Robert J. "Turkey" Shoupp, of Boston, Massachusetts. He age 78 of Troy passed away on was also preceded in death by of Vandalia, OH. Catherine Meiring. Friday, November 13, 2015 at brother Herbert Shoupp. Mr. was born on March 9, 1920 Catherine was a member of Upper Valley Medical Center. Shoupp was a 1955 graduate in Pigua, OH to the late Frank, the St. Patrick Catholic Church. He was born on April 10, 1937 of Troy High School and was a H. and Ida C. "Edith" (Klopf) in Troy. in Troy, Ohio to the late Forrest veteran of the US Navy, having and Bessie (Griner) Shoupp. served from 1958-1962 and ried to Pichard T. Koons in on Tuesday. November 17 He is preceded in death by was a devout member of the April 17, 1938 and he preceded 2015 at the Baird Funeral his beloved wife, the late VFW Post 5436 in Troy. He re-Mary Ada (Treon) Shoupp, tired from Hobart Corporation who passed away in 2009. in 1999 where he worked as Survived by step daughter and an electrician. Private serstep son-in-law Kimberly and vices as convenience of fam-Danny and Ruth Koons of Tipp Memorial contributions may and daughter-in-law Robert entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Troy and Joan Canan of Troy; and Hospice Care, 7755

Catherine Lucile (Meiring) Koons

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age 95, of Troy, OH passed Meiring; and brothers: John, away on Friday, November Lawrence, Richard, Charles, her in death on February 23, Home, Troy with the Rev.

band, Catherine was preceded home.com.

Catherine Lucile Koons, in death by sister: Martha

in Piqua, OH to the late Frank the St. Patrick Catholic Church

Fr. James Duell officiat-Catherine is survived by ing. Interment followed in her son and daughter-in-law: Riverside Cemetery, Troy. City; daughters: Janet Marr of be made to Optum Palliative brother: Paul Meiring of Troy; Paragon Road, Dayton, OH eight grandchildren and ten 45459. Friends may express great-grandchildren. In addi- condolences to the family tion to her parents and hus- through www.bairdfuneral-

Deborah K. (Nichols) Hargrave

1968 in Springfield to the late of Versailles. Lloyd B. and Jane (Hamilton) Deborah was a 1987 gradu-Nichols. Her husband, Larry ate of Troy High School.

WA, survives. of Troy, Carolyn Jane Snyder of Memorial Park in Covington. Hargrave of Piqua. Deborah is com.

Deborah K. (Nichols) ers: Steven Wayne Nichols Hargrave, age 47 of Troy, of Columbus and Lloyd B. passed away on Wednesday, Nichols, Jr. of Ansonia; step November 11, 2015 at Upper grandchildren; several nieces Valley Medical Center in Troy. and nephews; and special She was born on October 14, friend: Dawn Waters-Dilworth

Allen Hargrave of Spokane, Services werbe held at 1:00 PM on Monday, November 16, Deborah is also survived by 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in four siblings: Kitty J. DeBella Troy. Burial followed in Miami

Celina, Gregory Paul (Teresa) Contributions may be Nichols of Troy and Kimberly made to American Heart A. Kiefer of Troy. She was the Association, 1313 West loving mother of two sons: Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH Thomas Andrew Hargrave and 45409. Condolences may Joseph Robert Hargrave, both be expressed to the family of Troy and step son: James at www.bairdfuneralhome.

Helen Claudette Romick

survives. Also survived by son in 1999 after 20 years of ser- 2001. grandchild Preston Moorhead,entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Dottie Rose.

Carpenter of Findlay. She was

half-brother Wayne and Mary Funeral Home, Troy.

Richard L. Michael

Romick on July 24, 1955 and he tired from Hobart Corporation him in death on December 8, of the DAV, Chapter 98 in Troy "Beth" (Gates) West.

and daughter-in-law Jack and vice. Helen enjoyed sewing, Richard is survived by one in Piqua. Lanning of Findlay, Martha 110 W. Franklin St., Troy, with and Dean Derr; two grandchil- in Vandalia. Romick, Josie Romick, great- com. Arrangements have been L. Michael, Jr; and one sister: com.

Arthur A. West

also survived by step broth-

Helen C. Romick, age 80 also preceded in death by a Richard L. Michael, age Richard proudly served Arthur A. West, age 69, of a US Army Veteran serving in of Troy passed away on brother Dean Wohlgamuth 88, of Troy, passed away on his country as a member of Troy, OH passed away on the Vietnam War. A member of Thursday, October 29, 2015 , and half-brothers Bob Thursday, November 12, 2015 the US Army, 7th Infantry Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Lostcreek United Church of at her residence. She was Carpenter and his wife Mary at Genesis Health Care in Troy. Division, during WW II and the University of Cincinnati Christ, Moose Lodge #2695, born on November 4, 1934 in , and George Carpenter, Jr. He was born on October 23, Korea. He was a member of Hospital. He was born on April Redmens Club, Franklin Lodge Lima, Ohio to the late Cloyd She was a member of the 1927 in Darke County, OH to the "Chosen Few" that sur- 19, 1946 in Piqua to the late #14 F&AM, Eagles Lodge Stephen and Erma (Vermillion) First United Methodist Church the late Harry and Kathryn vived the battle of the Chosin Frank and Helen (Sturm) West. #971, AmVets Post #88, Wohlgamuth. She married of Troy, a 1952 graduate of (Lyme) Derr. His wife, Bertha Reservoirs during the Korean Arthur is survived by his wife Troy Fish & Game Club and her beloved husband Jim W. Findlay High School and re- (Lewis) Michael, preceded War. Richard was a member of 46 years, Sara Elizabeth American Legion Post #586.

and the Korean War Veteran's In addition to his wife he is Transport. He loved to golf and survived by his two daugh- bowl, and especially spending Jennifer Romick of Troy, daugh- embroidery, loved to travel daughter: Alice (Ed) Nuckles Services were at 10:00 AM ters and sons-in-law: Shana time with his grandkids and ters and son-in-law Linda and and enjoyed all her loving of Troy; one son: Rodney on Tuesday, November 17, and David Allison and Bobi their sporting activities.

Art retired from Cassens

Reed Moorhead of Findlay, family. A Memorial Service K. (Fiancée, Robin Hedrick) 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in and Joseph Konicki all of Troy; Services will be held Susan Coon of Troy and Ken will be held 2PM Sunday, Michael of Dayton; two sis- Troy with Pastor Al Marheine sisters and brothers-in-law: 10:30AM on Thursday, Coon (deceased), sisters and December 6, 2015 at First ters: Ruby Hayes and Shirley officiating. Burial followed in Beverly and Ken Weese of November 19, 2015 at Baird brothers-in-law Anita and Bill United Methodist Church, Didier; two brothers: Ron Derr Forest Hills Memorial Garden Riverside, Carol and Frank Funeral Home in Troy with Wocher of Emerald Isle, NC Rev. Jason Egbert officiand Don Criblez of Findlay, Pastor David Leckrone officiat- dren: Thomas R. Ostendorf Memorial contributions and Betty and Ken Brown of ating. Burial will follow in brother and sister-in-law ing. Following the service, the and Valerie L. Nuckles; and may be made to DAV, Chapter Georgetown and Tim Apple Riverside Cemetery, Troy Richard and Ruth Wohlgamuth family extends an invitation to three great grandchildren: 98, 2505 New Castle Drive, of Troy; brothers and sisters- with the Veterans Memorial of Findlay, sister-in-law Lois First Place Christian Center, 16 Taylor E. and Zachary T. Troy, OH 45373 or Korean in-law: John and Joy West of Honor Guard at graveside. Wohlgamuth of Findlay, W. Franklin St., Troy, for fellow- Ostendorf and Ethan Quillen. War Veteran's Association, P. Florida and Bill and Judy West Friends may call from 4:00 grandchildren Abby Coon, ship. Online condolences may In addition to his parents and O. Box 19, Piqua, OH 45356. of Sidney; six grandchildren: – 8:00PM Wednesday and Aaron Coon, David Moorhead, be left for the family at www. wife, Richard was preceded Condolences may be made Allie Millhouse, Cameron 9:30 – 10:30AM Thursday at Rebekah Moorhead, Jasmine fisher-cheneyfuneralhome. in death by one son: Richard to www.bairdfuneralhome. Allison, Austin, Trey and Sera the funeral home. Memorial Rush and Justin Konicki. In ad- contributions may be to the dition to his parents he was Donor's Choice of Charity in preceded in death by his sis- Art's name. Condolences may be expressed to the family at Art was a graduate of Piqua www.bairdfuneralhome.com

ter, Frankie Apple.

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#121

They may be across, down or diagonally in any direction. S D Ο D O G S D S G Κ QOB

Locate all the words below in the word search.

S D S Ε Ν Ε MSWE**Absent** Dogs Don't Acids Dread Aged Dripping Allowing **Approximately** Duke Edged Award Eggs Encyclopedias Awhile Erase Behave Bell Evil Bold Example Bolt Exist **Explanations** Clam Eyed Coast Conquered False Fins Deer Flat Demand Dictionaries Foil

Word Search

Ρ Τ В E H AGrow Handy Heads Hearts Highest Hips Hobby Idea Idle

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Isolated Knew Land Listen Logical Look Mammals Midday Mode Moving Mugs

Star Swept Take Tall Thee Tone Trap Trees Uses Vain Vases Voices Walk Wall Week Wine

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By Larry Warren



Fool

Goods



21. Enemy

24. Senate vote

26. Busy bug

35. Also

38. Law

a memorial

Dame" writer

46. Threat word

51. Kim follower?

47. Keel over

48. Taxi rider

25. Matter for a judge

28. Greatest possible

36. Like some cuisine

39. Silver-white element

44. Same as mentioned

42. Three-player card game 43. "The Hunchback of Notre

30. One to thank

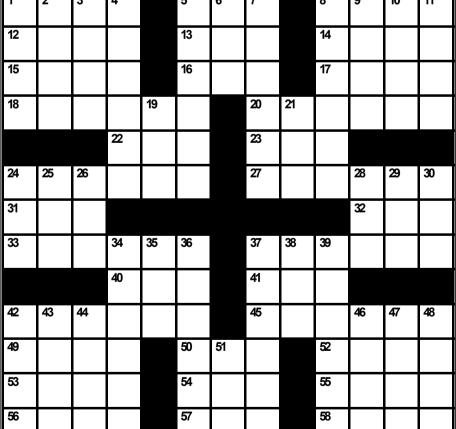
29. Indochinese language

34. Make an indirect reference

37. Mound of stones piled up as

Crossword Puzzle

#206



ACROSS 1. Orange juice component sometimes

5. Make a sheep noise

8. Smooth, in a way

12. Islamic prince

13. Frequently, in poetry

14. Fill to excess

15. Cousin of a bassoon

16. Baseball's Mel

17. Function

18. Milk variety

20. Off course

22. Overwhelming emotion

23. Cygnet's father

24. Fit for farming

27. Intensely

31. Hunger 32. Chinese path

33. Graceland, e.g.

37. Breath sweetener

40. Portion of land

42. Civil War battle

41. Band Aid alternative

45. Thing referred to 49. African antelope

50. Swe. neighbor 52. Hipbone uppers

53. Like fine wine

54. Holiday for one

55. Former country

56. Volume

57. Firms, for short

58. Apportion, with "out"

DOWN

1. Laborer

2. Part of a shield 3. Literary giant

4. Manufactured home e.g.

5. Soft slipper 6. Toward the stern

7. Criticize 8. Old time writer

9. Lily family member

10. Coach, Chuck

11. Not natural 19. Punch

Hidden Treasures

By Liz Ball



Sodoku

#203

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Trivia Challenge

Cartoons Trivia Questions #5

1) Who is Inspector Gadget's arch

nemesis?

a. Beastly b. Doc Oc

c. Dr. Claw d. Shredder

2) What does Cheer Bear have for her

"belly badge"?

a. Rainbow

Trivia

b. Two red hearts c. A smiling sun

d. A cupcake

of the castle that Heman protects?

a. Castle Grayskull

b. The Dark Tower

c. Black Rock d. Castle Anvard

4) What is the name of the Flintstone's pet?

a. Dudley

b. Bam-Bam

3) What is the name

c. Dino d. Barney

Thundercats have to evacuate before it was

5) What planet did the

destroyed?

a. Panam

b. Thundera

c. Narnia

d. Krypton

reporter?

is the name of the girl

a. April

b. Agnus

c. Amanda d. Angie

7) What is the name of Bart Simpson's best

friend?

a. Nelson

6) In the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, what d. Rodd

Sudoku

3

8 1

3 6

b. Barney c. Milhouse

6

8 7

5

3 6 5

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2

6 9

5 2

8 4 9

2 7

9 5

4 6 8 9

1 3 6

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

8) James Buchanan - Buchanan Mars Buchanan - Buchanan was the 15th President of the United States. 9)Mercury - Mercury was formerly named hydrargyrum.

10)Penguin - Chilly Willy first appeared in 1953.

11)Sinistral - Ambidextrous peo-

ple have the ability to use both hands with equal coordination.

12)The Little Mermaid - Based

on a fairy tale of the same name by Hans Christian Andersen, The Little Mermaid was released in 13)Wine - Oenophilia is a love 14)Pressure - Eugene Bourdon

patented his gauge in 1849

15) Neck - The carotid arteries supply blood to the brain, neck and face.

Crossword

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Bethel Middle School presents

Seussical Jr.

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Bethel Middle School families and members of the community enjoyed an exciting performance of Seussical Jr. based on the works of Dr. Seuss on November 13 and November 14 at the Bethel Auditorium. This is only the second year junior high students have put on a musical production. Under the direction of elementary school music teacher, Lara Wolford and Bethel alum, Catie Rash, the colorful, 51-student cast sang and danced to long-loved musical pieces like "Oh the Things You Can Think" and "It's Possible" among many others. Energetic students performed to capacity crowds on Friday and Saturday.



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Browns who said, "Be the person you've always wanted to be." Bethtime with many of the students to

el alum. Catie Rash. sees this performance as preparation for students who may want to participate in musicals at the high school level. "It's so much fun and these kids are going to know what it takes to put on a production," Rash said. "When they get to the high school, they will be more familiar with it and it will make a more seamless transition." Wolford and Rash especially appreciated the support and encouragement from parents and the community through the process of putting together the musical. All the costumes,

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hair designs, and make-up work were done by diligent parents and family members. In addition, food preparation and transportation to rehearsals were all necessary components that facilitated each child's involvement. "We couldn't have done this without the help of parents who believed in us," Wolford said. "And the community has been so supportive to come out and fill the auditorium. We feel like every part of this undertaking has been truly successful."

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ters included The Cat in the Hat, Horton, Mayzie LaBird, and Jojo who interpreted their roles with enthusiasm and excellence. The themes of the musical included popular Dr. Seuss messages concerning imagination, faithfulness, and friendship. According to Wolford, these musicals have been specially designed to be student led. The lights and sound are run by high school students who facilitate the training of their middle school counterparts. Even the sets and props of Seussical Jr. were made by the

students. "When I first began teaching here 4 years ago, I was very vocal about the fact that I wanted to start a junior high musical," Wolford said. "I'd been in junior high musicals growing up and I thought that it was very important that this age have something like this to do." Wolford sees the middle school musicals giving students an edge in areas of self-confidence, teamwork, and dedication. The students have been rehearsing three days a week since Labor Day and Wolford even took individual

help encourage and teach them in their individual roles. "It's a joy to watch the kids grow into themselves through these productions," Wolford said. "Middle school is a very hard, awkward stage of life and this is such a wonderful opportunity for some of those kids to try something new and just be the person they've always wanted to be." Wolford went on to say that the unofficial motto for the cast and crew of the musical was first stated by a student during rehearsal

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