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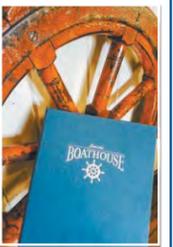
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El Sombrero Continues Thanksgiving Tradition

By Nancy Bowman

Like many people across America, Ruben Pelayo will open the doors Thanksgiving knowing there will be extra mouths to feed.

For Pelayo, the doors are to his El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant and the meal is his annual Thanksgiving community meal.

"It is one of the busiest days of the year. It is a good feeling," Pelayo said.

"It is the only day of the year the dishwasher doesn't keep up with the dishes. I always joke about that," he added.

For more than 20 years, Pelayo has hosted the free traditional turkey meal as a way to fulfill a promise to his mother to support the community.



"He wants to give back. We really want to reach the people who have a need," said Judy Rose, who is Pelayo's "American mom" and long-time business manager. "That is our big concern, but we need to impress on customers and the community that this is a community dinner."

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the restaurant

located between Piqua and Troy on County Road 25A.

Rose said the personal service is an important part of the day.

"We serve the guests because we want them to feel like they are at Ruben's house," she said.

Around 40 volunteers, many long time supporters, help make the day run smoothly as guests are greeted, seated and served.

"We appreciate them so much," Rose said of the volunteers. Among tasks is making sure everyone has as much as they want to eat.

Rose and Pelayo couldn't say how many meals are served, saying they don't do a head count during the day.

This year is extra special for Rose and Pelayo thanks to Rose experiencing improved health after surgery this past summer. "I am so looking forward to it," Rose said. "For the first time in five or six years, I feel like I can go out and visit with people."

Rose said the Thanksgiving meal would continue as long as Pelayo has the restaurant.

"His heart is so big," she said.

A Church Divided

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

As we are quickly approaching Game Day for long-time college football rivals, Ohio State and Michigan, a local church finds itself divided against its pastor. Chris Daum at True Life Community Church (TLC) has been a Michigan fan for many years. When he came to pastor in Troy five years ago, he found himself surrounded by an abundance of rival fans not only in the community but also in his own congregation. This year, rather than downplaying the State Championship competition, the church has decided to capitalize on it.

Steve Dever is the layman in the church who came up with the idea to host a Game Day event at TLC. As a former Ohio State cheerleader, he brings passion for the sport together with a love for his church and for Troy. According to Dever, "This event right here speaks to what the church is all about and that's reaching out to our community. We can have different opinions about what team we cheer for but at the end it's all about God's kingdom."

Members of TLC who are helping to organize the event made a connection between the Ohio State-Michigan rivalry and the strongly held beliefs exemplified on a national scale with the results of the recent U.S. election. TLC was a church that held an Election Day Prayer Vigil beginning when polls opened on November 8 and concluding with their closing. They acknowledged the fact that there were members within their congregation that voted for opposing sides politically.

Dave Heisey is a member of TLC who travels extensively for a living but calls Troy home. He verbalized a broader, more spiritual context to some of the opposing beliefs that have hit close to home in recent days. "It doesn't matter who's president, who's mayor, or who wins the football game; God is still king," Heisey said. "Next year there will be a different national champion, there will be

another president in four years. Victory belongs to the Lord regardless."

Amanda McGowan is an administrator in the church office. She held loosely to any opinions on football rivalries but expressed strong views regarding the importance of relationships in the church and community. "We all respect the fact that we are told God puts people in places of authority and he uses people that are not always from the best backgrounds to do his work," Amanda said. "We know if we respect that and come together in unity, we can do anything."

Troy Junior High Principal, Dave Dilbone said that, for the most part, his school is full of red-blooded, Ohio State supporters from Junior High "until they graduate from OSU." However, he does not condone bullying or repression of support "for that school up north." According to Dilbone, even Junior High students are required to balance their ideals with the capacity to learn and work with those who think and believe differently from them. "It's an important attribute of being a Buckeye, a Trojan, and an American," Dilbone said.

Regarding the ongoing rivalry with their pastor, parishioners admit to loving him as a brother and being proud and happy to have him as their pastor "in spite of him." Dever still questions Daum's loyalty to Michigan football as a creative teaching tool. "I've long believed that Pastor Chris was an Ohio State fan and that he's been pretending to be a Michigan fan to teach us forgiveness," Dever said. Daum responded that he still holds firmly to his earnest position in support of Michigan.

Despite the questions and curiosity of an outreach that capitalizes on rivalry, organizers at TLC agree that the event "encompasses the heart" of their church.

The Ohio State versus Michigan game will be played at TLC Church on Saturday, November 26. The church is located at 56 Foss Way.

Duchak Named Acting Sheriff

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners voted unanimously Nov. 15 to appoint Dave Duchak as acting sheriff following the Nov. 10 death of long-time Sheriff Charles Cox.

Duchak, who was Cox's chief deputy the past several years, was sworn in following the commissioners' vote. Tony Kendall, county prosecutor, administered the oath of office.

Duchak, a Troy resident, won the sheriff's race to replace Cox in the Nov. 8 general election.

Cox, 71, was in his sev-



Duchak

enth, four-year term and had planned to retire at year's end.

A memorial service for Sheriff Cox was held Tuesday at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church near

Tipp City.

Duchak's appointment was effective Nov. 15. A somber Duchak said he was sorry the swearing in "had to be under these circumstances, but I appreciate all of the support."

His wife, Sheri, accompanied him. Also attending the swearing in were members of the sheriff's department and the prosecutor's office.

The Ohio Revised Code permits the county commission to appoint a person to the elected office in an acting role until the county central committee of the party of the elected official appoints someone to fill the vacancy.

Cox was a Republican. Duchak also ran as a Republican. He won a four-way race in the primary before facing independent Joe Mahan in the general election earlier this month.

In a related matter, the commissioners Nov. 17 approved the public official bonds for the acting sheriff and then Duchak as the elected sheriff for the term Jan. 2, 2017, through Jan. 3, 2021.

The bonding company was The Cincinnati Insurance Company. The commissioners also accepted Duchak's written oath of office.

Council Fails to Approve Medical Marijuana

By Nancy Bowman

The issue of whether Troy will set local medical marijuana regulations remains unresolved after City Council on Monday failed to support a proposed ban on cultivating, processing and dispensing medical marijuana.

Council needed a super majority of seven of nine members to support a ban because the proposal went against the city planning commission's recommendation for action.

The commission recommended allowing up to five dispensaries in business districts outside the central business district and the his-

toric district.

A majority of council voted to amend the proposal to include a total ban at its Nov. 7 meeting.

Five members voted Monday to support a total ban while four voted against. Those voting for were Brock Heath, Robin Oda, John Terwilliger, Bill Twiss and Tom Kendall. Voting against the total ban were John Schweser, Bobby Phillips, Doug Tremblay and Lynne Snee.

Heath said before Monday's vote that the ban would not mean someone who had a prescription for medical marijuana couldn't use it in the city.

City resident Amy Shannon, who previously spoke

to council about her health struggles and the benefits of medical marijuana, again urged council Monday to allow dispensaries in the city.

"We should not be cutting off our nose to spite our face," she said.

Resident Lester Conard urged council to "have compassion" for those who experience pain others cannot understand.

With the vote, the issue of medical marijuana regulations will return to the planning commission, probably in December, said Patrick Titterton, city service and safety director.

Council likely will be asked in coming weeks to approve another moratori-

um on medical marijuana businesses in the city while local regulations are explored. The state law allowing medical marijuana went into effect in September. It allows local governments to limit or prohibit medical marijuana cultivation, processing and dispensing. Council in July imposed a 180-day moratorium.

In other business Monday, council held a public hearing on a proposal to vacate an alley between Wet Main Street and West Water Street. The alley runs between the county Safety Building and the Masonic Building. No one spoke in favor or against the proposal.



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Miami County Sheriff Reports

Monday 11/14

8:01 p.m. – Traffic stop on Eldean Rd. at 25A. The driver was cited for a headlight violation and failure to reinstate. The vehicle was released to a valid driver.

Tuesday 11/15

5:35 p.m. – A man reported that he parks his RV at the Miami County Fairgrounds for storage, and that he dropped it off on November 3. He said he received a call from the Fairgrounds informing him that they backed the RV into storage and struck a wall, causing some damage to the rear bumper and part of the quarterpanel. He said that the employee said to get an estimate and it would be covered. He said that a few days later, the employee said that the damage would not be covered. He said his insurance company requested a police report.

Friday 11/18

8:50 p.m. – To the area of W. Market and Dorset Rd. to assist Troy Police in the search for armed robbery suspects. They were located at the rear of the Motel 6 and were being held at gunpoint. Both suspects were turned over to Troy Police.

9:43 p.m. – To S. Short St. to serve a CPO. The subject was instructed to leave the residence immediately. He was very argumentative about the validity of the COP and disrespectful to law enforcement during the

service. He said that he filed for full custody and charges of abandonment against the mother of his children, who filed for the CPO, but could not produce court paperwork. He eventually left the residence after gathering personal items.

9:52 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of a domestic dispute. One involved party was warned for telephone harassment.

Saturday 11/19

7:44 p.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center. A woman reported that she is a patient and stored her personal items in a locker. She said she checked the locker today and found several papers were missing that are important to her treatment. She is unsure if they were taken or misplaced. She asked that the incident be documented. She called back later and said that copies of the papers were in her room.

Sunday 11/20

2:40 a.m. – Traffic stop on S. Elm at Main. The driver was found to be driving under an OVI suspension and was incarcerated in the Miami County Jail.

10:14 a.m. – While patrolling a park on Monroe Concord Rd., the deputy saw ATV tire tracks throughout the park. He followed them to a residence on Monroe Concord and warned the homeowner for riding the ATV in the park.

Attorney General Warns of Holiday Scams

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine warned consumers of scams to avoid this holiday season.

“Scams don’t take a break during the holidays, and when people are busy or distracted, they may be more likely to fall for a scam,” Attorney General DeWine said. “We just encourage people to be careful. Take a few minutes to think, and if something doesn’t seem right, don’t do it.”

Scams to avoid this holiday season include:

- **Seasonal job scams.** Job seekers find an ad for a mystery shopping or package shipping position where they can work from home. They complete an online “interview” over chat or email. Once they’re selected for the job, they receive a check. They’re told to deposit the check and immediately wire a portion of the money somewhere else.

Ultimately, the check is returned as counterfeit, and the job seeker loses any money he or she has sent.

- **Package delivery scams.** Consumers receive a message saying a package is waiting for them. The “package” turns out to be a phony notice claiming they’ve won millions of dollars but must send money to redeem the prize. (In reality, the prize does not exist.) In another variation of the scam, consumers receive an email or text message with instructions to click a link for the status of a package delivery. Although the message looks real, it’s a scam designed to trick consumers into clicking on the link and infecting their device with malicious software.

- **Advance-fee loan scams.** Consumers apply for a loan online, but they’re told

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Troy Police Reports

Monday 11/14

8:24 a.m. – Traffic stop on S. Market near Canal. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she knew she was speeding but was in a hurry. She was cited.

10:41 a.m. – A man came to the Police Station to report a hit/skip accident that occurred on 11/9. He said someone struck the rear bumper of his vehicle and he thinks it happened in a parking lot on W. Main St. There are no suspects.

11:13 a.m. – To Troy High School for a report of an intoxicated student. A school employee reported that a male student told him that he drank vodka before school this morning. He said the student told him that an older man gave it to him. The student told the officer that he was not aware that he drank anything before school. The student’s speech was slurred and slow and he emitted an odor of alcohol. He said he was “pleading the fifth” about drinking alcohol today. Officers were unable to reach his parents, but his mom texted him and he called her and yelled at her to come to the school. The mother arrived and said the student had a court hearing today for drunk driving and that he needs help. The student asked for a breath test to prove that he had not been drinking, and his mother allowed it. He blew .052. He then became very quiet after being told the results. His mother was informed that he would be charged.

11:58 a.m. – A man came to the Police Station stat-

ing that he thinks his estranged wife has hacked his Facebook and e-mail accounts. He said he thinks she is doing this so she can send herself an e-mail from his account, then have him arrested for violating the protection order she has against him. The wife was contacted and said that she does not have access to either account, and is not allowed to have any contact because of the protection order. The man wanted the incident documented, saying that she has had him arrested in the past when he did not do anything.

3:52 p.m. – A woman came to the Police Station to report that her son had jumped out of her vehicle after they had an argument. She gave the location of a few places where he might have gone. While the officer was looking for the son, he spoke with the son’s probation officer and learned that the boy was at her office. The son said that there was an argument and that his mother stopped the vehicle and started striking him. He said he got out of the vehicle and ran away. The officer could not find any marks on the son and found parts of his story conflicting and confusing. The mother denied any physical altercation between them. The son was released to his mother and no charges were filed.

4:36 p.m. – To Larkspur Dr. for a report of fraud. A woman reported that her cell phone account had been accessed and all of her personal information had been changed. She said that she was the primary holder and a friend was on the account as a secondary

phone. She said that she talked to the friend and the friend had changed the information. She was advised that this is a civil issue, and that since the friend’s name is on the account, there was nothing to stop her from accessing the information. She asked that the incident be documented.

4:39 p.m. – To Race Dr. for a report of found property. A woman reported finding a license plate on the street near her home. The officer ran the plate, contacted the owner and it was picked up at the station.

8:31 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams at Ferguson. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was in a hurry because she left something on the stove at home and was on her way to pick up her son. She was cited for speed.

8:41 p.m. – To S. Walnut St. to find a wanted person. The subject answered the door and said that he was unaware of the warrant. He later said that he knew it was because of a theft at United Dairy Farmers. The officer allowed him to put on clothes since he was wearing shorts and was barefoot. He was then arrested and taken to the Incarceration Facility.

9:25 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams St. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver was cited for speed.

Tuesday 11/15

4:03 a.m. – An officer saw a vehicle parked in the 200 block of E. Water St. that he recognized as a stolen vehicle. He ran the

plate and confirmed that it was stolen. He had the vehicle towed and sealed and marked the doors and trunk for future processing.

2:27 p.m. – To McKaig Ave. for a report of a theft. A man reported that he and his wife went out of town last Thursday and made sure that his vehicle was locked. When he returned last night, he found the vehicle unlocked and a Remington .45 pistol and a box of ammunition were stolen. No prints were able to be lifted.

3:31 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main at I-75 for a vehicle whose registration expired on 5/31. The driver said the vehicle belongs to his employer who forgot to renew them. He was cited for expired plates.

9:00 p.m. – To Wade Pl. for a report of fraud. A man reported that someone opened a credit card in his name.

9:17 p.m. – To S. Market St. for a report of a robbery in progress. The suspect was a heavy-set white female wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. She had sunglasses on and either a tattoo or a bruise coming from under the bottom of the sunglasses. Upon fleeing the store, the subject jumped into the back of a minivan parked at the end of an alley and was last seen turning east on Canal St. No money was taken from the store.

Wednesday 11/16

9:04 a.m. – To S. Short St. for a report of a possible disturbance. Dispatch advised a woman was arguing with a man and try-

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Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
707 E Main St	10/31	\$130,000.00	Spencer Paul Anthony & Ulyana Y	Kasinoff Harvey A & Suzan
1220 York Ln	11/1	\$93,000.00	Wilson John Thomas	Ingle Martha N
117 Williams St	11/1	\$25,000.00	Parsons Richard & Susan	All Ohio Home Buying Llc
715 W Market St	11/1	\$130,900.00	Oneal Tim & Vicki	Shoffner James O & Gary L
1554 Mckaig Ave	11/1	\$310,000.00	Bless Llc	Meeker George N (Tod) & Cynthia H (Tod)
1212 N Dorset Rd	11/1	\$124,900.00	Stein Donald E Jr & Deborah S	Mcfarland Janet A Trustee
3313 Heatherstone Dr	11/1	\$306,205.00	Baynard Yavonda K	Nvr Inc
2630 Huntington Dr	11/1	\$214,900.00	Allread Randall	Harlow Shane O & Jennifer M
330 Weston Rd	11/1	\$103,000.00	Welty Brooks N	Welty Matthew A
1192 Edison Ave	11/1	\$88,900.00	Doncaster Philip A	Spencer Paul Anthony & Ulyana Y
207 Morehead St	11/1	\$0.00	Skinner Carl	Secretary Of Veterans Affairs
80 Littlejohn Rd	11/1	\$0.00	Osting Alven A (Tod) & Marilyn F (Tod)	Osting Alven A (Tod) & Marilyn F (Tod)
1457 Skylark Dr	11/1	\$91,000.00	Kremer Nicholas L	Lamb Bruce D & Jacquelin M
931 Branford Rd	11/1	\$169,900.00	Dollan David M & Stephanie D	Lewis Brian T & Heather L
116 E Water St	11/1	\$49,500.00	Eyler Monica Joy & Thomas V	Carey Christopher B & @ (4)
518 Mckaig Ave	11/1	\$49,800.00	American Mutual Fund Llc	Us Bank
1570 Lexington Ave	11/2	\$0.00	Windy Properties Llc	Windeknecht Chris P & @ (3)
1119 E Canal St	11/2	\$0.00	Gohl William K & Mary K	Kerg Mary
1126 Maplecrest Dr	11/2	\$130,000.00	Scott Investments Of Troy Llc	Watkins Matthew W & Lynn M
1069 Windmill Ct	11/3	\$89,900.00	Alexander Derek J & Jennifer	Halifax Land Co Llc
431 S Walnut St	11/3	\$22,900.00	Partin Brian K	Soomro Kausar & Brian K Partin
225 Penn Rd	11/3	\$142,900.00	Lanning Sally A	Redick Benjamin R & Katharine M
515 Michigan Ave	11/3	\$85,000.00	Joe Johnson Properties Llc	Ballard Jeffrey S
507 Maplewood Dr	11/4	\$0.00	Woodard Rosemary (Trustee)	Rice Gladys Trustee
921 W Race St	11/4	\$51,000.00	Mahan Amy E	Of The Rice Trust
171 Littlejohn Rd	11/4	\$135,000.00	Schwettman Danielle M	Ocampo Armando & Jannette
313 Elmwood Ave	11/7	\$0.00	Ashman Pamela Sue & Thomas Wayne	Estes Jane C (Tod) @ (4)
1242 York Ln	11/7	\$51,000.00	Harold E Trader Llc	Saltis Pamela Sue
605 Indiana Ave	11/8	\$0.00	Davis Patricia E (Tod) & @ (2)	Wise Emily M
474 Forrest Ln	11/8	\$112,900.00	Dougherty Rebecca J	Davis Charles L Jr & Patricia E (Tod)
605 Indiana Ave	11/8	\$79,000.00	Wyrick Dawnette L	Lewis Tiffany A
3290 Heatherstone Dr	11/8	\$276,160.00	Tullis Harry R & Elizabeth	Davis Patricia E (Tod) & @ (2)
906 Governors Rd	11/8	\$417,578.00	Watkins Matthew W & Lynn M	Nvr Inc
2306 Larkspur Dr	11/8	\$358,475.00	Maurer Matthew S & Lindsey R	Scott Investments Of Troy Llc
202 Grant St	11/8	\$92,000.00	Krogman Trevor J	Harlow Builders Inc
501 Market St	11/9	\$0.00	Bc And Sons Enterprises Llc	Bolton Michael & Jacqueline J
Market St	11/9	\$0.00	Bc And Sons Enterprises Llc	Stephey Brian M & Cara E
572 N Market St	11/9	\$0.00	Bc And Sons Enterprises Llc	Stephey Brian M & Cara E
1017 Mayfield Dr	11/9	\$0.00	Bc And Sons Enterprises Llc	Stephey Brian
1327 Keller Dr	11/9	\$0.00	Mcwhirter Grace M	Stephey Brian M
647 Sedgwick Wy	11/9	\$440,000.00	Mannepli Satyendra K & Preethi	Mcwhirter Clyde E & Grace M
2518 W Foxchase Ct	11/9	\$85,000.00	Huels Alex	Scordia Paul & Bernadette
727 Sherwood Dr	11/10	\$247,200.00	Parker Dennis G & Traci N	Thokey Brock & Jeanette E Asher
Sherwood (Rear) Dr	11/10	\$247,200.00	Parker Dennis G & Traci N	Szakal Joseph Richard Iii & Kelli L
2515 Delphinium Ct	11/10	\$309,900.00	Anderson Gregg D & Susan M	Szakal Joseph Richard Iii & Kelli L
1412 Golden Eagle Dr	11/14	\$0.00	Patel Nik D & @ (3)	Smith Kevin & Jennifer
2519 Galway Ct	11/14	\$0.00	Brown James A	Patel Nik D
1426 Fleet Rd	11/14	\$96,000.00	Moeller Kevin M & Lisa M	Brown James A & Deanna F
1350 North Rd	11/14	\$109,900.00	Kennedy Kelly M	Levorchick Daniel J
2619 Shady Tree Dr	11/14	\$345,000.00	Hayden Michael W Jr & Michelle M	Mathes Michael D & Dusti M
2660 Huntington Dr	11/14	\$202,950.00	Collins Matthew J	Laabs Gregory D & Elicia R
99 Harolds Wy	11/14	\$548,000.00	Jbml Ventures Llc	Clum Matthew R & Kristy M Miller
1458 Lee Rd	11/15	\$0.00	Loewer Nancy M	Grand Slam Sports Inc
302 Floral Ave	11/15	\$67,500.00	Chiasson David	Loewer Nancy M Trustee
1152 Pond View Dr	11/16	\$44,900.00	Williams Donald & Barbara J	Frings Barbara Ann
1229 Vornholt St	11/16	\$0.00	Mullins Diana Lorraine	Keystone Land Development Inc
2345 Worthington Dr	11/16	\$237,000.00	Shiverdecker David M & Sydney E	Knoch Diana L
678 Sedgwick Wy	11/16	\$62,500.00	Labarbera Bradley J	Slorp Properties Llc
331 Morehead St	11/17	\$53,000.00	Besecker Ken L & Barbara J	Tom S Behm Builders Inc
848 Kirk Ln	11/17	\$52,100.00	Cain Pamela J	Staten Roy K Iv
502 E Canal St	11/17	\$65,000.00	Westfall Wade H & Susan M	Rowe Ginger K (Tod)
204 S Elm St	11/17	\$59,250.00	Paleje West Holdings Llc	Rindler Mary E (Lc) @ (3)
304 S Cherry St	11/17	\$355,500.00	Paleje West Holdings Llc	Four Sons Development Llc
254 S Union St	11/17	\$355,500.00	Paleje West Holdings Llc	Westfall Wade H & Susan M
904 Kent Ln	11/17	\$355,500.00	Paleje West Holdings Llc	Westfall Wade H & Susan M
802 E Canal St	11/17	\$355,500.00	Paleje West Holdings Llc	Westfall Wade H & Susan M

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Concord Township Enforce Junk Car Resolution

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the November 15, 2016 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades reported that the property at 700 Swailes has not addressed the junk car issues. Apparently, the property owner restores Mustangs. According to the junk car resolution, vehicles cannot be stored on a property for more than 48 hours if the vehicle is three model years or older; the vehicle is apparently inoperable; and vehicle is extensively damaged, including, but not limited to missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission. Rhoades no-

tified the property owners about the policy and gave them until November 15, 2016 to remove the vehicles. The property owner moved the vehicle sitting in front of the house but the five vehicles behind the house haven't been relocated. The property owner informed Rhoades that two of the vehicles were licensed, but when Rhoades checked, the plates on the vehicles were expired. Rhoades will notify the property owner that the township is contacting the Sheriff's Department to enforce the township junk vehicle policy. Trustee Tom Mercer said the township had received a second complaint about the vehicles.

In addition, Rhoades reported that paving on Windmere Drive is scheduled to begin soon. It is unclear whether the road will be closed for the paving project.

In old business, Trustee Don Pence reported that he had talked to the Troy City Council concerning the annexation of 2436 McKaig Road. The annexation is a Type 1 Expedited Annexation. All affected parties must sign off including the township on the proposed annexation. Because of the location of the property, it is unclear who will be responsible for road maintenance once the property is annexed. Currently, part of

the street is maintained by the township and part of the street is maintained by the city. The city council needs more time to determine the road maintenance issues.

In addition, Trustee Tom Mercer asked Philip Kelly of eLIANT Technology Services Limited about the township website. He said, "We have questions from time to time. When the Trustees approve the meeting minutes and send them to the company, sometimes there is a delay before the minutes are posted to the website. We would like them posted immediately since there is already a two week delay from when the meeting occurred to approval."

In addition, Mercer reported that there are issues with the newsletter. He said, "Some people who have signed up for the newsletter receive it without any problem; however, for some the newsletter apparently goes to their spam folder."

Kelly explained that because of the type of mail software that is being used to send the newsletter, some mail servers treat the newsletter as spam. The residents for which this is happening need to reset their spam controls to recognize the newsletter as legitimate mail. However, Kelly plans to update the software that the company is using to a more advanced tool that

will handle bulk mail more discriminately.

Since the contract is up for renewal wording will be added to specify the timeliness of postings.

Finally, Trustee Bill Whidden said, "I want to thank the township residents for passing the Fire/EMS levy. Our constituents passed the levy by 77%. We should never take our constituents for granted. We want to thank them for their support and thank the Troy Fire Department for the services they provide."

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for December 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.

Elections Board Raises Pay, Approves Provisional Ballots

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County Board of Elections agreed Monday, Nov. 21, to increase the salaries of Director Bev Kendall and Deputy Director Eric Morgan to comply with changes in federal overtime regulations.

After meeting in a brief executive session, the board voted unanimously to increase the administrators' pay from \$43,514 annually to \$47,476. As part of the motion to increase the pay, board member Jose Lopez said the action

was with the understanding the director and deputy director would not qualify for overtime compensation.

The change is effective Dec. 1. The action was based on changes in federal labor regulations, Lopez explained.

In other business Monday, the board reviewed proposed action on more than 1,100 provisional ballots cast in the Nov. 8 election. The ballots accepted would be counted and added to the Election Day totals before the board met Tuesday afternoon to certi-

fy the election results.

Kendall and Morgan told the board 811 of the provisional ballots were valid. The board then reviewed other groups of ballots before voting whether to count or reject the ballots.

Another 153 provisional ballots were approved following review. In the end, 198 ballots were rejected for reasons including lack of the voter's signature, voting in the wrong polling location and those not registered as voters in Ohio or never registering to vote.

Lopez questioned why

those voting in the wrong location - 51 people - were not identified with the use of the electronic poll books. Extra training was requested in areas where problems were encountered.

Kendall said there were fewer people voting in the wrong location this election than previous ones. She said measures to ensure the person is in the proper location is part of poll worker training.

The board also discussed briefly plans for a proposed poll worker recognition event being planned for Dec. 14.

County Hires New Development Director

By Nancy Bowman

Richard Osgood of Sharonville was hired Nov. 17 as Miami County's new development department director.

Osgood fills the position vacated with the August resignation of Craig Thompson, who held the job for two years.

Osgood's hiring is effective Dec. 3. He will be paid \$88,000 a year.

Commissioner Jack Evans said he "very enthusiastically" made the motion to hire Osgood.

"This was a long search. We believe we found a very good candidate," said Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien.

The commissioners said they received about 20 applications and interviewed three candidates.

"We have high expectations for you. We know you won't let us down," O'Brien told Osgood.

Osgood said he spent the morning before the commission meeting driving through Tipp City, West

Milton, Covington and Piqua on his way to Troy.

He said he saw a lot of people Christmas shopping and music playing in downtowns before stopping for lunch in downtown Piqua.

"I am very much looking forward to it," Osgood said of his new job.

A native of Vermont, Osgood most recently worked for almost 20 years in Sharonville as community development director. He listed experience in planning, zoning, building code enforcement, property maintenance enforcement, economic development support, flood plain management and storm water district administration.

He and his wife of more than 30 years have two sons and four grandchildren.

In other business last week, the commissioners approved a request by the sanitary engineering department to award prizes in its annual recycled ornament contest for area students.

The purchase of \$240 in gift cards for prizes was approved.

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Officer to retire

Troy police Ptlm. Brandon R. Fellers will retire effective Dec. 30. Fellers has been with the police department since October 1990. He served as a DARE/School Resource officer for about 20 years.

Service of Remembrance/Hope planned

A Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Hope will be held by the Miami County Victim Witness staff Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at First

Lutheran Church, 2899 W. Main St., Troy.

The ceremony is held in memory of those who have passed as a result of a crime or a sudden death. The Victim Witness program is through the office of county Prosecutor Tony Kendall. The staff assists the families of those who have died.

Rulings made in drug case

One of eight people indicted as part of a drug ring that investigators allege brought large amounts of heroin and methamphet-

amines into Miami and surrounding counties from Mexico was granted a request for an interpreter but not a new lawyer during a hearing Nov. 17.

Jose Barajas, 34, formerly of Huber Heights, faces charges of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, conspiracy to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity and aggravated funding of drug trafficking for alleged offenses in 2013.

Barajas asked for a different lawyer and the interpreter in motions

filed in county Common Pleas Court.

Judge Jeannine Pratt held a hearing on the requests before ruling Barajas did not provide sufficient evidence to support the request for a lawyer to replace the public defender now representing him.

She approved the request for appointment of a Spanish speaking interpreter for Barajas.

Pratt told Barajas that a trial date for the four who have been arrested on warrants from the investigation would be set soon.

Staunton Township Trustees Review Driving Records

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the November 21, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority representative Kelly Austin met with township representatives to establish driving records for township employees. Although none of the current employees have any records of driver incidents, Austin encouraged the township to institute policies of action if any incidents should occur.

In other actions, the trustees agreed to install first aid kits and to investigate the installation of backup warnings for all township vehicles.

For the current roadwork projects, the painting has been completed on Polecat Rd. at the cost of \$350 for painting the lines. In addition, the crack seal project was less than the township expected. It was bid at \$4900; however, the final bill was for \$3740.

The next meeting of the Staunton township Trustees is scheduled for December 5, 2016 at the township building at 7:00 p.m.

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Making Sense of Health Insurance

Provided by Michael Dugan, Benefits Analysis Corp

Benefits for Workers over 65

The retirement age in the United States is 65 years old according to most people. However, people are living longer and working well into their 80's. That brings up a common question, what should you do about health insurance if you are working past the age 65?

Many people over the age 65 who are eligible for Medicare continue to get health insurance from an employer. While that make sense for some people I think most people would benefit from exploring options on their own.

For example, I worked with a lady last week who lives in Troy. She is 66 years old and still working in an office. She's been covered under her employer plan for the last 30 years and never looked at other options when she turned 65.

I went over some plans with her and we quickly realized that she was paying about \$300 more per month to have insurance from her employer! We're in the open enrollment period so I signed her up for a plan that has \$0 premium and lowered her out-of-pocket exposure.

Medicare is a great deal but you have to utilize the benefits available to you. You've been paying into the system your entire life so please, take advantage of it. I see too many people who assume the plan offered at work is the best deal. If you're eligible for Medicare and still working, I recommend that you look at other options.

If you need help looking at options I recommend that work with a broker because they can look at all the options available to you. There is never a cost to work with a broker. Oh by the way, I'm a broker!

If you have questions, please call me.

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Not Toying Around

By Blake Morgan
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

As the holiday season of 2016 begins to roll in, the Troy High School Key Club has already begun their Toy Drive, making it their second consecutive year of helping to bring happiness to local children this year.

Many people have heard of this Toy Drive, but they do not know exactly what it is or how much of an impact it has on the lives of those less fortunate than most. The whole program is operated by the Miami County Children's Services, and it is a way for local families in need to be able to bring gifts home to their children for Christmas. Students that bring in toy and book donations are asked to ensure that they are in good condition--especially if they are used--and brought to Mrs. Ernsthause in Room 265. After the deadline of December 2, the donations are brought to the Miami County Children's Services, where they will then be put into their "Christmas Room." Then, parents in need can come in and pick what items they would like for their children and take them home. All donations after the deadline will be delivered straight to Children's Services.

"The number one benefit to making a donation is of course the fact that it's a generous and thoughtful act of kindness," said Mrs. Ernsthause, leader of Troy High School's Key Club.

"Any time you can help out another human being, especially a child, that in itself is incredibly rewarding."

Last school year, there was a lot of success with the Toy Drive, providing gifts for approximately 950 children. "Dropping the gifts off to Children's was very rewarding just to see the look on the volunteers' faces when they saw the amount of donations we had collected," Ernsthause said.

Roz Mayo, a sophomore, donated a toy that one of her friends, Sabrina Schaefer, could not donate at the moment.

"I didn't really donate, it was for a friend who couldn't," Mayo said. "It was a Bop It." Mayo did not donate last year, but does plan to donate her own item or items next year in order to help the cause.

Students are urged to help out by making a donation, no matter how small it may be. Your donation, though humble and greatly appreciated, does not go unnoticed. For every donation a student makes before the deadline, they get their name into a raffle for a gift card.

The deadline is still weeks away, which means there is plenty of time for more donations to come in. Help local children have a great Christmas this year and make your own donation.

Blake Morgan is currently trying to find items for his own donation.

Donuts for Donations

By: Davis Ruzicka,
Trojan Tempo staff writer

Would you donate for a dozen? FCCLA hosted the Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County Drive last week. The drive gave students a chance to give back to their community. All proceeds of the drive were donated to the Franklin House. The drive lasted until November 11. The advisory that donated the most will win a donut party. Mrs. Ernsthause and Mrs. Husa's advisories were the winners.

The idea came to the FC-

CLA last year when they were learning about the shelter. "The FCCLA chapter I advise learned a little bit about the shelter last year, so they decided for our community service product this fall they wanted to donate items to the shelter," said Mrs. Kies. The shelter is an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and also serves as a temporary homeless shelter for families.

FCCLA asked for students to donate common household items such as

toilet paper, trash bags, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, and tissues. They also asked for hygiene items such as shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and feminine hygiene items. FCCLA also asked for twin sheets.

Troy High School students were happy about this chance to give back to their community. "This is their future. They want to live in a world where we are kind and help each other out," said Mrs. Kies. "Students get involved in the community service opportunities

not just to fulfill a graduation requirement, but to see the smile on people's faces or know that they are making a difference," said Mrs. Kies.

There is no exact total of the items because there was so many donations given, but donations will greatly benefit the Franklin House. Troy High School FCCLA would like to thank all students who donated.

Davis Ruzicka is not in FCCLA, but wanted to write this story to show students giving back to their community.

Troy Seniors Accepted Into College Should Avoid Senioritis

Shelby Campbell,
Staff writer for the
Trojan Tempo

Many universities have an early admission date of November, and a number of Troy seniors have received their first college acceptance letters. Colleges such as the University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, Kent State University and the University of Toledo have mailed acceptance letters to students. Along with these acceptance letters comes senior apathy, also known as "senioritis". Seniors such as Troy's Jake Anderson are applying and being accepted into competitive schools, signifying

the need to continue to keep their grades up. Anderson's first choice of college, Duke University, is keeping him motivated to continue to excel academically.

"Duke requires a first quarter report with their application, and grades are still important for certain scholarships," Anderson said.

Guidance counselor Mr. Metz stresses the importance of keeping grades up, especially after being accepted into college.

"It's [the student's] job to pass," Metz said. Along with Anderson, Metz emphasizes the need for a good grade point average when applying for scholarships.

Senioritis is an affliction that affects almost every senior at some point. Millie Mayo of Troy describes her experience with apathy.

"I'm pretty much coasting right now," Mayo said. "My classes aren't too difficult, and so I'm able to relax a little bit."

"Junior year for grades was definitely the most important year," Anderson said. Although many students have this opinion as well, grades are still important during senior year.

"Just get into the habit of doing your homework. Once you get into the habit of slacking off, it's much harder to break. So begin a

habit of doing homework or studying before anything else," advised Mr. Metz.

Although seniors may be relaxed about their grades this year, it is still important for them to keep their grades up. If a senior has not yet applied, or has not received an acceptance letter, grades are of the utmost importance. After receiving an acceptance letter, do not forget that many schools require a final transcript after graduation. Good luck seniors!

Shelby Campbell is a senior staff writer for the Trojan Tempo who is experiencing maximum senioritis after being accepted to Ohio University.

Downtown Troy Begins Holiday Preparations

By Ryan Quinlan,
Trojan Tempo
Staff Writer

Turkeys are gobbling nervously this time of year. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and soon enough many will be bloated with stuffing and cranberry sauce, enjoying a peaceful nap on a relative's couch.

In the meantime however, the city of Troy is already revving up its festive engines in preparation for the encroaching shopping season. Decorations have already started popping up around the square, from strings of lights draped across the trees to garlands and wreaths appearing in storefronts.

Of course, all this cheer would be incomplete without the towering Christmas tree aglow with lights in the center of the square. The tree is already in the process of being set up, and the "grand illumination" is to take place on Black Friday, November 25th, right after Thanksgiving. The event officially begins at 7:00 pm when the tree is actually lit, but downtown will open

up at 5:00 with activities for kids and a variety of food vendors. Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive at 6:15 and begin the tree lighting ceremony at 6:45. The whole thing is tied up by Mayor Beamish reading his traditional "Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem. Afterwards, Santa's cottage and the Kris Kringle Market open up for free to the public. Anyone who hasn't already worn themselves out by searching for deals should consider checking it out: it should be an exciting and cheerful affair, which might help take the edge off the day's frenzied shopping.

All this comes a little early to some, as December is still a good half month away. Every year it seems like Christmas comes earlier and earlier. Christmas decorations and sales can even be found in some stores prior to Halloween. "I honestly hate it," said Jake Smith, a junior at Troy High School. A senior, Austin Rank, had a different view. "I really like it. It seems like people are just a lot happier this time of year," Rank explained.



City crews finish decorating the tree in time for the Grand Illumination.

Despite the differing opinions from students about the early start of the holiday season, it is already upon us. So whether or not you're feeling the cheer, consider stopping by the grand illumination on No-

vember 25th at the square. It might just light up your night.

Ryan Quinlan is a senior Trojan Tempo Staff Writer who grieves for the oppressed and slaughtered turkeys.



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Cara Salazar makes the pass for the Eagles in their MBC Preview game last Friday.



Lauren Lavy drives in to score for Troy Christian. The Eagles open their season this Saturday at Indian Lake.

Troy Trojans



The Troy girls basketball team opens their season on Monday night at Springfield Shawnee.



Alaura Holycross looks to make a move for the Trojans.

Troy Christian Set To Open Season Saturday

By Jim Dabbelt

Winning games has never been a problem for Troy Christian's girls' basketball team. They often win several games in the regular season only to struggle in the postseason.

Tony Ferraro has taken over the helm of the Eagles, and he is gearing this group up for not only the expected success in the regular season, but also the tournament.

"The first thing we had to decide was if we are going to be all in," Ferraro said, as his Eagles open the regular season this Saturday night at Indian Lake. "We had to make sure we were to the point where we were going to play pressure defense both half court and

full court."

"On the offensive end, it was the first time that most of these kids could really work on fundamental skills. Things that we spent June and July preparing for and when they hit the court, we worked to get those things to the next level."

As a group, Ferraro is very high on the kids he has coming back.

"I have a real nice group of kids and the returners are hungry," Ferraro said. "They know if they work together as a team, they could be a real force."

"We also have a couple of new additions who came out for the team who are going to be big additions. Players who will contribute right away."

Hailey Peters is the

team's lone senior, and will be counted on for a lot of leadership this season.

"She has a very good work ethic and once soccer was over, she was the first one in the gym," Ferraro said. "Hailey is our general on the defensive end."

Kathryn Lee is a junior post who shoots well for her size according to Ferraro.

"She runs the floor well and rebounds well," the coach said. Also back is Lauren Lavy is will play a wing and can shoot the three as good as anyone.

"Lauren never missed any open gyms in the summer of fall," Ferraro said.

Cara Salazar will be playing this season as a sophomore after a strong soccer season.

"She is our point guard,

and runs the floor well and makes good passes," the Eagles coach said. "She is our general and gets the ball where she needs to. She is like a coach on the floor."

Kenley Blake is also a sophomore who is very athletic with a large wingspan.

"She traps well on defense, and can get to the rim in a dribble or two due to her being so athletic," Ferraro said. "She is like a coaches dream with her physical skills."

Also looking to make an impact is Jayln Forrer who is one of the teams' best defenders who has also worked on her ball handling, and will be able to be a strong team player.

Also on the roster are freshman Sara Earhart and sophomore Kate Echols.

Johnson Ready For Challenge At Troy

By Jim Dabbelt

A new era in girls' basketball in Troy is here.

After several years under the direction of Nathan Kopp, the Trojans have welcomed Aaron Johnson for his first year at the helm of the Trojans' squad.

"The transition has been very good," Johnson said. "The girls have bought into what we are trying to get them to do, and their effort has been great."

"It is a learning curve for the girls. What Nate ran is a little different from what I am doing. I have seen some good things, but what I want to see more of is consistency. The girls have to find that confidence in our philosophy and what it is."

Johnson has been with these kids now for a couple of weeks, and there are some things that have caught his eye as he works toward the start of the new season.

"We are not set-oriented and my expectations are that the girls read the floor when they play," he said. "They need to create some mismatches through screening and picking one another and take advantage of what the defense is giving us more than running a set play."

Johnson has a clear message for his girls and the program. He wants to bring the winning back to Troy.

"We are spending a lot of time with fundamental ball handling and trying to make sure I have a team of ballhandlers," Johnson said. "I also don't have a true post presence, so I need all five who can handle the ball and all five can play on the perimeter and all five need to be able to penetrate to the rim."

"I am not looking two

years down the road, I want to have the success now.

Leading the way for the Trojans is senior Bailey Hess, who is an athletic 5-foot-11 player being counted on to be a leader.

"She is a very athletic player who can run the floor well, can catch and shoot and is a strong body. We are looking for a lot from Bailey this year."

Another senior returning is Jenna Kaup, who should run the point this year.

"We need her to be a leader on the floor, and she is understanding the philosophy of our offense," Johnson said. "She sees the court well."

Also back is Alaura Holycross, a junior who will be the post presence for the Trojans.

"She is a big presence and a very strong young lady in the post," Johnson said. Also back is junior Jordan Short who has seen her ball handling improve.

Kihya Adkins is also back and will use her speed to create plays and has seen her shot improved. She also harasses people on the defense end with her quickness.

In the GWOC, Troy is a part of the American North division, and while Tippecanoe appears to be the favorites coming into the league, Johnson feels anyone has a chance to win the title.

"I don't know if we can out-talent anyone in the league, but we hope to out-execute and out-hustle. Butler will be very strong, and Tipp may have lost a lot of kids but they have a great tradition and are bringing up some kids this year who are solid."

"You can't coach 6-foot-5 and Sidney has Taborn. Then you look at the Piqua-Troy matchup no matter what sport. It will be a competitive conference for all of us."

Area Football Players Honored By SW District

By Jim Dabbelt

Several area football players were honored last week by the sportswriters in Southwest Ohio, as the Associated Press all-Southwest District team was released.

In Division Two, four members of the GWOC champion Troy Trojans were named to the first-team either on offense or defense. Selected as a first-team offensive lineman was 6-foot-4 senior Travis Hall. Also named to the first-team offense was two members of the Trojans backfield, as senior quarterback Hayden Kotwica was honored as one of the two quarterbacks on the list, along with senior running back Josh Browder.

On the defensive side of the ball, Troy placed junior defensive lineman Joah Schricker on the team, as the Trojans advanced to the

second round of the playoffs, before falling to Miami-

burg. Named as the Division Two Southwest Ohio Coach of the Year was Troy's first-year head coach Matt Burgbacher.

On the second-team, the Trojans had kicker Jacob Anderson honored, while junior linebacker John Wehrkamp was named to the defensive team.

Troy athletes honored on Honorable Mention included Will Brumfield and Sam Jackson.

Also in Division Two, Tecumseh saw Isaiah Trimble, a senior offensive lineman, named to the first-team offense, while named to the Honorable Mention list from the Arrows was Ryan Rowland.

In Division Three, the Tippecanoe Red Devils picked up some hardware for

another trip to the playoffs. Named to the second-team offense was a pair of juniors for the Red Devils. Cole Barhorst made the selection as a running back, while kicker Caiden Smith also was selected to the second-team.

Tipp's defense also placed two players on the second-team defense as seniors Cade Rogers made it as a defensive back, and Aaron Hughes was selected as a punter to the second-team.

Honorable mention players from Tippecanoe included Matt Garber, Austin Subler and Quenten Williams.

Division Five saw Northwestern sophomore Adam Reidinger named to the second-team, with Gage Vorhees honored as the punter on the second-team.

Bethel is coming off of their best season in years, and they also had players honored in Division Six. On

the first-team offense, junior Hunter Shelley was honored on the offensive line, while on the defensive side of the ball, linebacker Ian Anderson and defensive back Nate Rimkus both were named to the first-team defense.

Troy Christian also finished another successful season, and placed some athletes on the Division VII team. On the first-team offense, senior Jacob Brown was honored as a wide receiver, while Seth Douglas was named first-team on the offensive line. Quarterback Hayden Hartman was honored on the first-team, along with running back Jacob Calvert.

Defensively, senior Caleb Salazar was selected to the first-team for the Eagles.

Listed on the honorable mention was Peyton Spurlock, David Blake and Peyton Forrer.

Troy Schools Accept \$150k Gift for Scholarships

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy City Schools Board of Education voted Monday, Nov. 21, to accept an estate gift of \$150,000 for use toward scholarships.

Superintendent Eric Herman said the estate lawyer notified him of the gift from Doris High. He said he had little information about Doris High other than she went to Newton schools and was a member

of the Troy Senior Citizens.

The board accepted the money as part of its monthly approval of gifts to the district. It also approved an agreement with The Troy Foundation for the foundation to establish a Doris

High Scholarship Fund and add the fund to its scholarship program for Troy schools students.

The foundation has more options available for investing the money than the school district, said Jeff

Price, district treasurer. "It will greatly benefit our students going forward," he said of the fund.

Board member Tom Kleptz abstained from the foundation vote because his wife is employed by the

foundation.

Herman said the district also received ongoing donations from Troy High School graduate Alan Good of \$2,500 to be applied to

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See Donna's paintings at: www.donnapierceclark.com

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Rotarians Host Free Breakfast with Santa on December 10

The holiday season has just gotten a bit brighter for families in Miami County, thanks to the staff at Lincoln Community Center and Troy Rotarians. They have invited Santa Claus to come to breakfast on Saturday, December 10th, and he said he will be there with bells on. He wants to invite families to join him for the 5th annual breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Ash Street in Troy, between 8:30-11 a.m. that day. The breakfast will be free-of-charge to those who make reservations and pick up their tickets by

Thursday, December 8th.

Rotarian Melissa Kleptz has been the program leader since its inception. "This event continues to be a highlight for the club each year," she shared. "What makes it even more special is this will be the first time we will host the breakfast at Lincoln Community Center and can offer the meal for free," Kleptz added. She noted that, thanks to the generosity of sponsors and successful fundraisers throughout the year, the club will underwrite the entire cost of the breakfast.

Mark your calendars now to join in on the fun.

Reservations are required, and tickets will be distributed to those who request seats. Please call the center at 937.335.2715 by Thursday, December 8th to make sure your name is on the list. Tickets can be picked up at the center. Be sure to come hungry. All the kids will have a chance to visit with Santa and get a framed 4x6" picture with the Jolly Old Elf himself.

Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support several community projects annually. During the 2015-16 Rotary year, over \$23,000 in scholarships and community aid was distrib-

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Rotarians Host Old Mason Winery

The vines may come from a northern state, but the wine is produced right here in the Miami Valley. Troy Rotarians hosted Donna and Jeff Clark, owners of the Old Mason Winery, at their November 15th meeting to learn more about what it takes to produce award-winning adult beverages.

What started out as a "hobby that got out of control" has become their vocation. They opened the doors of their winery located at 4199 South Iddings Road in West Milton in April of 2013. Since then,

they have expanded production to include 17 different varieties of red and white wines. The grapes they use are both grown on-site and come from other areas in Ohio. Word has spread about the tasty products, and Old Mason now sells their wines in 19 retail establishments, including some Kroger grocery stores. Their best-selling wine is the Statesman, a sweet red wine.

Recently, they won best of class for two of their wines at the International Wine competition in Indianapolis, IN. The winery produces

6,000 gallons of wine a year. The winery is open Monday-Thursday from 12-6 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 12-9 p.m. They offer live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. To learn more, please visit www.oldmason.com.

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What To Do in Troy

Grand Illumination

**November 25,
4:00-10:00 p.m.
Downtown Troy**

The 2016 Grand Illumination Celebration will take place on Friday, November 25th in downtown Troy.

Phone calls to the North Pole, visits with Santa in the newly constructed Santa House, carriage rides, holiday music, refreshments, shopping at local merchants, Mayor Beamish's special holiday reading and the lighting of the tree.

Tree lighting at 6:45.
Troy Lights Up for the Holidays!

Admission: FREE

Call for more information 937-339-5455

Naturalist Adventure Series "Rock Hounds"

**November 27,
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve**

The Miami County Park District will hold its Naturalist Adventure Series "Rock Hounds" on November 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Drop by to learn all about rocks. Participants can learn to identify different types of rocks and how they were formed. A roving naturalist will be on-site to answer questions and facilitate activity. 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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Storybook Trail "If You Find A Rock"

**November 27,
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Charleston Falls Preserve**

The Miami County Park District will host the storybook trail program "If You Find A Rock" on November 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Rd. south of Tipp City. Drop anytime during the program and read this storybook is set up along the trail. This Storybook Trail is part of the "Rock Hounds" Naturalist Adventure Series program. More information can be found on the park district website MiamiCountyParks.com.

Troy Skating Club Holiday Exhibition

**November 27,
4:30 p.m.
Hobart Arena**

Troy Skating Club will ring in the most wonderful time of the year at their Annual Holiday Exhibition!

Great fun for the whole family and FREE as well.

Local Troy Skating Club skaters will perform to your favorite holiday tunes! Special guest appearance by Championship Theater on Ice team, Harmony Ice Theater and the most

special guest of all Santa Claus!! Bring all of your good little boys and girls to say hi!

Bake Sale items will be available for purchase as well, all proceeds from the bake sale will benefit TSC Miami Co Relay for Life Team and the American Cancer Society! Admission is FREE!

Drawing Room Concert

**November 29,
7:30 p.m.
Troy-Hayner Cultural Center**

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center Drawing Room Series features The Western Ohio Tuba Quartet.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is host to this elegant Drawing Room chamber series. Concerts are usually the last Tuesday of each month from October through April. The series is directed by Dr. Randall Paul, D.M.A., Wright State University Chair, School of Music. The series showcases both local and international musicians in an intimate, relaxed setting. It is a series beloved equally by the musicians and the audience.

There is no dress code and as always, it is free and open to the public.

A Taste at Hayner

**November 30,
6:00 p.m.
Troy-Hayner Cultural Center**

The Troy-Hayner Cul-

tural Center is pleased to host A Tasting of Fine Wines and Chocolates on Wednesday evening, November 30, 2016. This premier wine tasting event will explore the pairing of wine and chocolate. Joe Reiser, owner of Winan's Fine Chocolates and Coffees, will be the host for the evening. In addition to his 23 years of experience in the chocolate and coffee industry, Joe is a Level 1 WSET Wine specialist and an IWP Italian Wine specialist. As he leads through the tasting, he will educate attendees on the fine arts of winemaking and chocolaterie and how the two combine to produce a wonderfully rich pairing. Following the tasting, wine by the glass or bottle, and Winan's Chocolates will be available for purchase.

There will be two seating times: 6:00-7:30 PM and 7:45-9:15 PM. Seating is limited to 30 guests each seating. The cost is \$25.00 per person. To register and pay online, visit www.troyhayner.org or stop by the Hayner.

To promote your non-profit club or organization's events, email the information to editor@troytrib.com. You can also mail it to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

City Holiday Closings

City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 2016.

City refuse collection and the curbside recycling collection WILL BE ON

SCHEDULE. The holiday will not cause the collections to be delayed.

As a reminder, the Dye Mill Road Facility will be open for the last day this year on Saturday, December 3, from 9 am - 3 pm.

Knitting for Cancer

Suzie Hawkes will coordinate a knitting activity for cancer patients on Thursday, December 1, at 10 a.m. at the YWCA Piqua. Participants will be knitting or crocheting hats and other items to donate to cancer patients at UVMC. Individuals coming to help with this project are asked to bring their own yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks.

"This is a wonderful community project to support those affected by cancer," said Hawkes, YWCA volunteer. "It is especially meaningful to those receiving our items to show that members of the community are helping them through a difficult time," she added.

"Several community members have already donated a large amount of hats that they have done at home. We were thrilled with these donations," added Hawkes. "Anyone can donate items they have made at home if they are unable to attend the December 1 get together," she said. "We plan to do this each month on the first Thursday and encourage others to come and join in this very special project," said Hawkes.

For more information, stop at the YWCA at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the session. The YWCA is handicap accessible.

Leaf Collection Schedule

On Tuesday, November 29, the City of Troy street crews will commence the third round of the annual leaf collection program. As in the past, the leaf pick-up will be by zones. A Leaf Collection Map is posted on the City website www.troyohio.gov which shows the zones and an anticipated collection schedule. A description of the zones and anticipated collection schedule is provided below.

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 are asked to comply with this schedule so that leaves can be collected. Residents may also dispose of leaves by the use of City of Troy Yard Waste Bags (T-bags). The only Yard Waste Bags that will be collected by the City must be purchased from the Billing & Collection Office (1st floor of City Hall) or at True Value Hardware, 850 S. Market St. The cost of the bags is \$1.25 each.

This schedule is to be considered tentative, subject to weather and equipment delays. If there are questions on the leaf collection schedule, please call the City

of Troy Central Service & Maintenance Facility at 335-1914 between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

ZONE 1: The area bound on the east by the Corporation line and Ridge Avenue, on the north and west by the Corporation line and on the south by West Main Street, south on I-75 and the Corporation line. Pick-up scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 2.

ZONE 2: Area bound by Ridge Ave. and Peters Road on the East, to include Pleasant View and Premwood; to the South Corporation line and West Corporation line to include Willowcreek. Pick-up scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5 through Wednesday, Dec. 7.

ZONE 3: 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, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec. 12.

ZONE 4: Remainder of East end of town, from CSX Railroad east. Pick-up scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13 through Wednesday, Dec. 14.

ZONE 5: Sherwood area and Culbertson Heights area. Also, the remaining sections of Northeast Troy-Meadow Lawn, Heritage Hills, Gaslight Village, Northbrook and up on the hill. Pick-up scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15 through Friday, Dec. 16.

DOWNTOWN AREA: Leaves in this area will be picked up intermittently as time permits.

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Local Rotary Clubs Roll Out Designated Driver Campaign

As 2016 draws to a close, social calendars will fill up with parties and get-togethers across Miami County. It's a time for laughter and joy, not for dangerous driving and potential harm on the area highways and byways. To help residents make smart decisions for celebrating the holidays, local Rotary clubs will kick off the 16th annual "Designated Driver" button campaign to help promote safe, sober driving during the final weeks of the year.

On Tuesday, December 6th, Troy Rotarian Dr. Michael Pope will host the official kickoff at the Troy Country Club, 1830 Peters Road, at 10:30 AM. Representatives from the Troy and West Milton Rotary clubs, the Miami County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio Highway Patrol will be there to help support the launch. The gold and blue "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.

According to area law enforcement, there have not been any alcohol-related fatal accidents during the holiday season in Miami County in the past 15 years. It's due, in part, to programs such as this Rotary campaign. The 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. "It has been a privilege for Rotary clubs to help our friends in Miami County have a safe holiday season through this campaign," he noted.

The Troy and West Milton Rotary clubs are part of Rotary International. Each club offers members an opportunity to support socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. You can follow the Troy Rotary activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyohiorotary.org.

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Adrienne Post, Stella Avey, Katie Bertke, Ellie Fogarty, Elise Hempker, Olivia Johnston, Nicholas Kawecki

Charles Wyatt, Hannah Bridge, Alaina Buerger, Aidan Coleman, Madison Frey, Leah Harnish, Kellie Brown, Hallie Frigge, Tori Ricks, Brayden Schwartz, Savannah Sharett, Brynn Siler, Kayla Stockslager

Kayanna Bidle, Lucas Buschur, Aaron Colvin, Brooklyn Jackson, Andrew Jones, Matthew Spayde

Nathaniel Weidner, Abigail Welbaum, Ethan Horn,

Nathaniel Mamitag, Sophia Walker, Alex Wheeler

Zane Huelsman, Ella Rebernak, Mitchell Davis, Saidah Ddamba, Olondo Dillard, Hannah Duff, Ethan

Martin, Thomas Mascarella, Nicholas May, Megan Robinson, Hannah Brooks, Nailah Ddamba, Luke

Huber, Aden Nave, Mackenzie Rogers, Mackenzie Rougier, Nathan Timmerman, Allison Wolfe

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Dylan Fugate, Collissa Grunden, Taiyah Higbee, Emma Marlow, Jaden Mayse, Kaylie Miller, Mason Myers

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Andrew Morlan, Kellen Strayer, Andrew Cool, Nicholas Foran, Jason Harvey, Trinity Hurd, Anna Minton

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Winter, Anthony Cook, Tracy Davis, Asthaben Patel, Elijah Smith, Kristopher Blakeley, Jasmine Flory

Lilly Honeyman, Kyle McCord, Kaiser Werling, Hannah August, Nigel Lee, Dominique Pryslak, Trinity Watson, Grace Wilson, Riley Daugherty, Chelsea Evilsizor, TaMeka Lawrence, Josie Marlow, Sylvia Smith

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Kaiya Godin, Brayden Hafer, Andrew LaFountain, Payton Lande, Makenzi Metz, Molly Rolon-Pawlaczyk

Elizabeth Ray, Kara Steinke, Allison Thuma, Marcus Gigandet, Patrick Glover, Adam Huber, Anthony

Larue, Mackenzie Perkins, Allison Poore, Harmony Rolf

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the Alan Good Scholarship and from M.J. Stanislaw for \$1,000 to each of six elementary school buildings to be used in the principal's fund, as needed.

In other business, the board agreed to sign a letter to state legislators, state

board of education members and the state schools superintendent calling for the repeal of House Bill 47 and its increased graduation requirements.

The letter calls the legislation "poorly conceived" and "a train wreck in waiting."

Herman also told the board he wanted to remind parents it is time for parents to be prepared for possible weather delays including having plans for child care, if needed.

In other business the board:

Approved the purchase

from Cardinal Bus Sales two 72-passenger buses and one 65-passenger handicapped school bus.

Congratulated the girls cross country team on an outstanding year. Team members introduced themselves to the board during the meeting.

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ing to get away from him. Officers found the couple walking on Franklin at Plum. They said they had a verbal argument. The female half said she wanted to get away with him and said that she was out late last night and found outside of a drug dealer's house. She was very erratic about everything she was saying. The male half left for work and the female half went to the shelter on Franklin St.

4:01 p.m. - To Garfield Ave. for a report of a runaway juvenile. The same juvenile had run away on 11/13 and returned the next day. The juvenile was entered as missing.

6:38 p.m. - Traffic stop on S. Market St. near Union St. The vehicle's plates expired on 9/30. The driver was under suspension for owing a fee to Hamilton County Municipal Court. He was cited for driving under suspension and expired registration. The vehicle was towed.

10:45 p.m. - To E. Franklin St. to arrest a subject for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. The man who answered the door said the subject was not there. He was reminded that the subject has a GPS ankle bracelet. The subject was located in his bedroom. He was arrested on the warrant and taken to Rt. 55 at Rt. 201 to meet a Champaign County deputy.

10:57 p.m. - A man approached an officer in the Police Dept. parking lot to report an altercation with his live-in girlfriend. The girlfriend was arrested for domestic violence and resisting arrest and taken to the Miami County Jail.

Thursday 11/17

8:37 a.m. - To the 700

block of Grant St. for a report of a hit/skip accident. Two parked vehicles were struck by an unknown vehicle which resulted in damage to the driver's side mirrors.

10:11 a.m. - To the 400 block of S. Market St. to serve a warrant. The subject identified herself when she answered the door. She was aware of the warrant and was arrested and taken to the Police station to be questioned about a separate incident. After the conversation, she was taken to the Miami County Jail.

12:36 p.m. - To W. Main St. for a report of a private property accident. One driver backing out of a parking space struck another vehicle. There were no injuries and neither driver could prove insurance.

1:12 p.m. - A man came to the Police station to turn in a wallet that he found in his back yard on Shamrock Ln. There was no money in it, but it had identification for a juvenile. The School Resource Officer at Troy High School was contacted and he advised that he would come pick up the wallet and return it to the owner.

3:39 p.m. - A Texas man called requesting a welfare check on his 7-year-old daughter. He said he believes the child's mother was having problems with her live-in boyfriend. The girl was located at her grandparents' where she spends most of her time and she was fine.

4:35 p.m. - To S. Stanfield Rd. A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend has been calling her about her daughter. She said that the boyfriend has no rights to her child and she didn't want him contacting her any more. The

boyfriend was contacted and told not to contact her any more or charges would be filed. He said he understood.

10:01 p.m. - To Harrison St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that a male subject stole a Colt .45 from her. The officer was unable to locate the subject.

Friday 11/18

12:22 a.m. - Traffic stop on N. Market near Stonyridge. The driver was cited for no seat belt and warned for speed.

12:23 a.m. - An officer was eastbound on E. Main from the square and saw a Mustang in front of him with a 3/16 expiration sticker on its plate. He ran the plate and found it expired on 3/22/16 and was registered to a Ford truck. He initiated a traffic stop. The driver said he took the plate from his truck and put it on the Mustang. He still owns the truck. He was cited for expired plates and fictitious plates.

9:22 a.m. - Traffic stop on W. Main near Oxford. The vehicle's plates were expired and the driver was cited.

11:47 a.m. - To Lake St. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that he was receiving harassing texts from a subject. The subject was warned for phone harassment.

3:50 p.m. - To S. Mulberry St. for a report of a possible fight between two juveniles. Officers spoke with both juveniles who said that they were in an altercation. No one wished to press charges. Both juveniles were warned for disorderly conduct.

8:51 p.m. - To Brukner Dr.

for a report of an armed robbery in progress. Two individuals were arrested.

11:23 p.m. - To the 1500 block of W. Main St. for a report of a robbery in progress.

11:34 p.m. - To E. Dakota St. for a report of a drug offense. The woman was not doing drugs, but her children's father was arrested for violating a protection order and taken to the Miami County Jail.

Saturday 11/19

1:08 a.m. - To Scott St. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that a wallet with \$10 and paperwork was stolen from her vehicle.

5:01 a.m. - Traffic stop on N. Market near Stonyridge. The vehicle was clocked at 45 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he did not have a license. He was cited for driving under suspension and warned for speed. A licensed driver arrived to take control of the vehicle.

12:49 p.m. - To Lake St. for a report of criminal damaging. A woman reported seeing a known male subject near her vehicle, then he left. She said she went outside to investigate and found two blocks with nails in them under her front tires. The blocks had swastikas drawn on them. The officer went to the subject's last known address but could not get an answer. He was located at his mother's home. The hood of his vehicle was cold, and he said that he had been at his mother's home all day. He said that he had been arguing with the RP and that she had threatened to get him in trouble. He said that she owes him \$70 but won't pay him. The RP had stated that the subject was wearing a hoodie,

but the subject said that he did not own one. Neither side is credible due to their past histories and past dealings with the police. There was no damage to the RP's tires. The blocks were submitted into property as potential evidence.

1:59 p.m. - Two sisters came to the Police Station to report that they were being harassed by their father. They said there was an incident last night in which the police were involved and officers told the father not to bother his daughters. Today they said that he has been texting them asking the whereabouts of his grandchild. The officer called the father and warned him about phone harassment, and that if he contacted his daughters again he would be charged. He said he understood and would stop.

4:22 p.m. - Traffic stop on Wayne near Summit. The vehicle was clocked at 42 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that she was trying to hurry to get her grandson home and that she was low on fuel. She was cited for speed.

9:03 p.m. - To W. Main St. for a report of shoplifters. Two females, one adult and one juvenile, were caught trying to steal from the store. Both were charged with theft.

Sunday 11/20

1:31 a.m. - Traffic stop on W. Market at Ridge. The driver was found to be under suspension. She was cited for driving under suspension and for a headlight violation.

2:27 a.m. - To N. Market St. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that her boyfriend was highly intoxicated and was physical with her. Officers had been to the residence earlier for

a report of a disturbance and had warned the boyfriend for disorderly conduct. As officers entered the home, the boyfriend said "Let's go. Take me to jail." The woman said that he had been running his mouth and that he smacked a piece of pizza out of her hand. The woman's son said that the boyfriend had cut on himself with a machete. The boyfriend had several superficial scratches on his left forearm. He said they were from a cat. The boyfriend was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and taken to UVMC for evaluation, then to the Miami County Jail.

5:19 p.m. - Traffic stop on Adams at Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 43 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. She was cited for speed.

6:30 p.m. - Traffic stop on W. Main just east of Marybill. The driver had run the red light at Main and Stanfield, for which he apologized. He was cited.

7:19 p.m. - Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 67 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The officer asked the driver if he knew why he was stopped, and he replied "I was speeding." The officer asked the driver if he knew how fast he was going and he said "60." He was reminded of the 35 MPH speed limit and cited.

7:36 p.m. - Traffic stop in the Goodyear lot for a vehicle with expired plates. The driver said she forgot to renew them. She was cited.

Monday 11/21

1:03 a.m. - To Harrison St. for a report of a sexual assault. The case was forwarded to the Detective Section.

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From the Pulpit

By Pastor Marc Frey

God's Greatest Blessing

Many people, if they count their blessings at all on Thanksgiving Day, may feel that they don't have much to be thankful for. Maybe things haven't been going very well for them. Maybe they are struggling financially. Maybe their health hasn't been very good. Maybe they are lonely as they think back on past Thanksgiving Days when they celebrated with their families.

As they think of these things, they are not very happy at Thanksgiving. It may even depress them. And instead of being moved to give thanks to God, they are more inclined to feel sorry for themselves.

If we feel that way, we are overlooking something. We are overlooking God's greatest blessing that the Bible sometimes calls the Bread of Life. It is not only God's greatest blessing but it is something every one of us can have.

After Jesus miraculously fed the 5000, people wanted to make him their king. They wanted Jesus to make some kind of utopia for them on earth. They would have all the food they needed. Jesus refused. He told them that they should be more interested in a different kind of bread, bread that lasts forever, the Bread of Life. The Bread of Life is Jesus.

When we have Jesus, we have God's greatest blessing. This blessing is usually ignored. Most people don't have much interest in it. We tend to think in terms of health, wealth, and success when we count our blessings. We tend to be like the people at Jesus time who wanted Jesus only to take care of their earthly needs.

What we need is not more food or better food. We don't need better housing, financial security, good health or long life. Our problems in these areas are only symptoms of something else, our sins. Sin separates us from God. Sin puts us under God's curse.

But God gives us the Bread of Life. He gives us Jesus who became a man, took our sins on himself, paid for them, gives us his righteousness so we are no longer under God's curse. Our greatest blessing is Jesus, a blessing given for every one of us. Don't overlook Jesus as you count your

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Columns & Opinion

Gardening Commentary

By Meadow View Growers

Winter Protection for Roses in Your Landscape

There are several methods of protecting rose plants from being killed or severely damaged due to some of the severe winters we can have in the Miami Valley. Before we describe a method of protecting your plants it is a good idea to know what major group of roses we are talking about, some require more protection than others.

Most roses in our area fall into these major categories- Floribunda, Grandiflora, Hybrid Tea, Climbers, Landscape or Shrub, Miniature, Austin(English) and the newest group, the Knock Out® rose. The primary reason we need to know what group the rose



Mulch cage



Rose hips

plant is in is due to the hardness of the plant to cold temperatures. Knock Out® and Shrub roses are rated hardiness zones 5-11 while the Hybrid Teas are zone 6. What this means is that all roses except the Knock Outs and Shrub roses need winter protection here, the Miami Valley is zone 6.

Another thing that is done to increase the survivability of roses is to make sure they "think" they have done their job of reproduction for the year. By leaving the rose "hips" or seed heads on the plant

it signals to the plant that it can stop growing because the end of the season is here and the goal of producing seeds has been accomplished. This is the way nature increases the maturity of the plant tissue so it has a better chance of surviving the winter. Message- DO NOT remove the spent roses from your rose bushes after September 10th so the seeds develop and mature. BTW, birds enjoy the hips.

About the middle to the end of December we need to be putting our winter

protection in place for our rose plants. Do not do it earlier than this as the plants need to be totally dormant and the soil needs to start freezing when this is done. All roses, except the 2 hardiest groups mentioned above, need winter protection at the graft or bud union which is close to ground where the stems attach to the root stock. Pile a mixture of 1 part topsoil to 3 parts mulch or plain compost about 12" high and 18" wide at the base around your rose plants. Do not take the topsoil from around your rose bush as disturbing this soil can cause root injury. A wire cage filled with leaves or straw on top of this mulch or compost will also add to the insulation. Remove the mulch the middle to the end of March. The only pruning that should be done in the fall

is to remove any rose stems that are extremely long and will be damaged by strong winds.

Complete the pruning in the spring after the plants begin to grow removing any winter damage and to shape the plant. Normal height after pruning is about 18".

If you are thinking about "Styrofoam Rose Cones" for protection for your rose bushes be sure to wait until the ground freezes before putting them over your plants and be sure to remove them by mid-March or they may cause problems. Mulching the plants as mentioned above is preferred.

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At Home

By Connie Moore

Thinking Ahead

If you're reading this on Wednesday evening, perhaps you're already thinking of tomorrow's meal. We've all done that before. We know what we're going to cook. We know what the family is expecting. You've got it all figured out.

So, what else is there to do but change your mind and try something different?

Here are a few recipes that can be a change or a bit challenging, yet very good when it's all said and done. Besides a roast bird of whatever species, the side dishes and dessert carry the meal.

Baked Sauerkraut

- 2-lb. bag sauerkraut
- 1 can diced tomatoes, drained

- ½ cup brown sugar
- 4-6 slices bacon

Place kraut with juice in a baking dish. Stir in drained tomatoes. Sprinkle sugar over top. Fry bacon until almost

crisp. Dice the slices and stir into kraut/tomato or lay whole strips on top of casserole. Cover, bake at 325 degrees for one hour. Remove cover and bake until top and bacon are crisp and browned. NOTE-Peeled, diced apples may be used instead of tomatoes.

Sweet Fried Rice

- 2-3 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup raisins
- 3 cups cooked long-grain rice

Place raisins in water to cover. Let stand for 10 minutes to plump. Drain. Melt butter in large skillet. Add raisins and rice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until heated through. Rice may brown some which is fine. Serve hot. If a sweeter dish is desired, add a teaspoon of brown sugar.

Maple Syrup Acorn Squash

- 2 medium acorn squash
- 4-6 tablespoons butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, optional

- 5-6 tablespoons maple syrup

- ½ cup brown sugar

Wash squash, drain. Cut in half, remove seeds. Place cut side up in baking dish. In saucepan, place rest of ingredients. Heat until sugar is dissolved. NOTE-yes, it is okay to use pancake syrup if maple syrup is not available. You can also spike the sauce with ½ teaspoon maple extract. Pour hot sauce into hollows of each squash portion. Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour or until squash is fork tender. Every 20 minutes open oven and baste the squash edges with some of the sauce.

Corn-Bacon Pie

- Butter
- 6 strips bacon, halved
- ½ cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 ½ cups frozen corn, thawed
- ¾ cup milk
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Dash of black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

Butter a 9-inch deep pie plate. Broil bacon until just starting to turn brown. Spread bread crumbs in buttered pie plate. Arrange bacon over crumbs. In bowl combine corn and milk. Add the pepper and 2 tablespoons butter. Stir, add

eggs, mixing well. Pour into pie plate. Bake at 325 degrees for about one hour or until knife inserted at middle of dish comes out clean.

Serve hot.

Chess Tarts

- One package prepared pie pastry

- 1 ½ cups light brown sugar

- ½ teaspoon nutmeg

- 1/3 cup butter, melted

- 4 eggs, beaten

- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (zest)

Cut pie pastry to line 12 small tart pans. Mix together rest of ingredients, beating well. Pour into lined tart pans. If possible place all tart pans on a baking sheet (or two if necessary) for easy handling. Bake at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes or until crust is brown and center is firm to touch. Cool. Makes 12 servings.

Pears & Ice Cream

- 4 large fresh pears or 8 canned pear halves

- Peach or strawberry ice cream

- ½ cup orange marmalade
- ¼ cup frozen orange juice

concentrate

If using fresh pears, wash, drain, cut in half. Peel and core. Chill. If using canned pear halves, chill. Place pear halves in dish, hollow side up. Fill hollow with scoops of ice cream. Mix together marmalade and concentrate. Spoon over ice cream. Serve ice cold. May be garnished with sliced almonds.

Baked Peaches & Cherries

- 2 cans (29 oz.) peach slices, drained

- 1 can cherry pie filling

- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Topping:

- 1 cup quick oats

- ½ cup brown sugar

- ¼ cup flour

- 4 tablespoons butter

Place drained peaches in appropriate size baking dish. Mix pie filling with almond extract and spoon over peaches. In small bowl, combine topping ingredients, using fork to crumble together. Spoon over fruit. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until hot, bubbly and topping is golden brown. Serve with ice cream if desired.

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Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO

TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

Early Death Amongst Law Enforcement Officers

I was always told police officers die within a few years of retirement. That is why the retirement system had 25 years and out. The State Patrol Retirement System is 20 and out. The promise of health insurance has been drastically cut and the price has increased.

A career officer can no longer afford to retire early and live off his retirement. That is why so many officers retire then go back to work when they realize drawing only 60% of their pay and paying around \$13,000 a year for insurance (family plan) does not work. A retirement job is the norm. So let's look at my experiences with early death by looking at only the Chiefs of Police I worked under to this point.

Just this week we lost a

very good man and public servant, mourning the loss of Sheriff Charles Cox. Sheriff Cox retired from the Troy Police Department then had another career as the Sheriff. I would still consider Sheriff Cox to have not lived out the normal life span of an American male.

At Tipp City, Chief Thomas N. Davidson died early as well. He also was on his retirement job. Both Chief Davidson and Sheriff Cox were important mentors in my career. We lost both of them too early.

Prior to Chief Davidson

the Tipp City Chief was Ron Spring. Chief Spring retired from the Ohio State Patrol and Tipp City was his retirement job. Sadly Chief Spring died a few years ago and also died too young.

Chief Richard Elsner of Randolph Township was actually a Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy on assignment. He retired and took up residence in Florida where he and his wife owned rental properties. Chief Elsner was also in his 70's when he passed.

The other two Chief's I worked under are still alive,

but got out of police work prior to putting in a full career. Both these men would be well into their late 80's. This of course is not a scientific study, only the example of Chief's in my career.

All the men died of natural causes but each had job related diseases. The police retirement and disability systems in Ohio consider heart attacks as a job related disease. The job is a sedentary one 98% of the time and 2% sudden physical and psychologically stressful work that often results in injury, assaults, accidents and murder of LEOs.

I am not blaming anyone for this situation, it is just a fact of life for the job. Had I been in a factory for my career, I would not have survived. The choice of my retirement job is not based on the need for money but on the need to stay active as I never had a life other than policing. I don't fish, hunt or have any hobbies. Law Enforcement is what I know and do. It helps financially when the only children you have had in your life all had four paws. I don't think I will be the one to set any world records for the longest living LEO.

Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned...and Other Financial Lessons From the Past

If the recent financial turmoil has taught us anything, it's that maybe we should pay attention to the age-old clichés that our parents and grandparents passed on to us. Take it one day at a time...the new reality for most Americans when it comes to financial recovery. Don't put all your eggs in one basket...a poster child for diversification.

You get the idea. So keeping the "what's old is new again" mantra in mind, here are some famous clichés from generations before that could serve us well this year and beyond.

1.) Don't cry over spilled

milk. The recession is over and it is time to start putting the pieces back together. It might take a while (patience is a virtue after all), but you need to start somewhere.

2.) Save for a rainy day. Call it an emergency savings fund, rainy day fund, or what you will. The idea is simple, but changing our behavior is not. Money is easy to spend and there's no question that there is still plenty of "gotta have it now" in us all. It's time to slow down on spending and start saving.

3.) A penny saved is a penny earned. For an emergency savings fund, a standard savings account or money

market account should meet your needs. However, thinking even longer-term, consider certificates of deposit (CDs). CDs help force you to commit your money for a period of time, so they can help you start to make your savings a more permanent habit. It should be noted that the money is not accessible for the term.

4.) You're walking on thin ice. The economy got bad enough that some of us had to sacrifice the standard financial protection that we always took for granted. If you terminated your life insurance contract, now is the time to begin shopping around for a new one. It's hard to think about, but if something happened to you would your family be able to maintain their current lifestyle? Could they stay in the house so the kids would not have to move and switch schools? The time to protect your family is now. And, you know what they say, never

put off until tomorrow, what you can do today.

5.) Home is where the heart is. It's also where much of your equity probably is too. Look into home equity loans to help you consolidate debt and get back on your feet. Lending standards are now tighter, but banks want your business and will work with you to meet your needs.

6.) Another day, another dollar. Unless you are sick as a dog. While your savings should help protect you if you lose your job, what happens if you get sick or injured and cannot work for a period of time? Consider disability income insurance to help cover living expenses and protect your savings should that happen.

7.) Lend a helping hand. Reach out to others in need through charitable giving and by volunteering your time and talents. There is plenty of need out there right now and every little bit helps.

8.) Stop and smell the roses. We have all been through a lot the past several years, virtually none of us untouched by the financial turmoil. Perhaps your most important investment is time spent with family and friends.

You can find more information and less clichés, at www.thrivent.com

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OBITS

Frank Bair

Frank Bair, age 94, of Casstown, passed away on Friday, November 18, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Miami County on January 7, 1922 to the late Gideon J. and Mae (Ely) Bair. On February 3, 1945, he married Betty Snyder. After 71 years of marriage, she survives.

Frank is also survived by two sons: Michael (Diana) Bair of Troy and Rodney (Susan) Bair of St. Paris; one sister: Jean Crego of Troy; two sisters-in-law: Wanda Bair and Norreta Snyder; six grandchildren: Trevin (Jerisann) Bair, Jerrod (Amy) Bair, Seth (Donna) Bair, Kennan Bair, Roger Bair and Andrew Bair; six great grandchildren: Regan, Dylan, Ayden, Gracie, Drew and Audrey; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Leonard Bair and Bailey Bair; two sisters: Anita Ditmer and Arzella Linscott; and five brothers-in-law: Glen and Dale Snyder, John Durst, Arthur Ditmer and Loren Crego.

Frank was a member and trustee of Lost Creek United Church of Christ. He was also a member of Cove Spring Grange, Miami County Farm Bureau and was a 4H advisor for 15 years. Frank was a dairy farmer. He had also been a custodian at Miami East Schools before retiring after 19 years in 1987, where he spent 15 years at the High School and 4 years at the South (Elizabeth) building. Eleven days after his wedding, Frank left to serve in the US Army during WW II, where he served in the Philippines and Japan. Frank loved to square dance and to play ball. After he came home from the Army, he played on the Cove Springs Church softball team and the Redmen's team for several years. He loved to play ball with his six grandsons until he was well into his eighties. He took up bowling at about 83 years of age and bowled on the Lost Creek Church team until he was ninety.

A Grange Service was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 22 at the funeral home. A Graveside Service will be at Casstown Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lost Creek United Church of Christ, 7007 Troy-Urbana Road, Casstown, OH 45312 or Miami Valley Veteran's Museum, 107 West Main Street, Second Floor, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Betty Pauline Mott (Gundolf)

Betty Gundolf Mott, age 92, of Elizabeth Township, Troy, Ohio passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Randall Residence Assisted Living in Tipp City, Ohio. Betty was born on Christmas Eve, December 1923 to the late Ralph and Jenny Marie (Saylor) Gundolf. On October 18, 1946, she married Lowell Watkins "Lefty" Mott at McKendree United Methodist Church. Lowell preceded her in death at age 91, in July of 2014. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage.

Betty is survived by four children and their spouses: Linda (Dr. Mark) Bentley of Piqua, Brenda (Larry) Zimmerman of Marysville, Michael Lowell (Carolyn) Mott of New Albany and Stacy (Mike) Karadak of Troy and her 8 grandchildren; Megan Bentley, Jarrod (Amanda) Zimmerman, Evan and Chase Zimmerman, Adam Mott, Alyson (Michael) Kaufman, and Kyle and Kley Karadak. Betty was also preceded in death by one brother; Richard Gundolf.

Betty was a graduate of Elizabeth School in Elizabeth Township in 1941. After graduation Betty worked at Dolly Toy Company and Kilgore Company in Tipp City. There she made toys but helped make flares when the companies switched to support the World War II war effort. When she was not working or needed on her parent's farm, she and her friends would spend days at Russell's Point/Indian Lake and Silver Lake Beach Club near New Carlisle. Betty and her friends also loved shopping trips where they would dress in their Sunday best clothing and short white gloves just to go shopping in Dayton.

After marriage Betty retired to work as a homemaker and a mother. She helped Lowell build their first house on Route 201. In 1960 they moved to their current farm where together they spent many years farming and restoring their farmhouse and barns to their original beauty. Their farm was their pride. They enjoyed antiquing and auctions and as a team they would repair and restore old furniture. Betty also caned chairs for many of her Elizabeth Township neighbors.

Betty was also an expert seamstress, an avid reader and loved to stay aware and discuss current events. She and Lowell greatly enjoyed their grandchildren and attended many events to support their activities. She truly loved family gatherings and having everyone together. Betty was a past member of the Farm Bureau Council and Cove Springs Grange, Cove Springs United Church of Christ and was a huge Cincinnati Reds and Ohio State fan.

Friends may call 3:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, November 27, 2016 and funeral services will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 28, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Greg Morrow and Rev. Ed Beeson co-officiating. Burial will follow in Casstown Cemetery in Casstown, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elizabeth Township Community Center, 5760 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.



Dale E Bartel

Dale E. Bartel, age 66, of Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at this residence. Dale was born on July 4, 1950 in Troy, OH to the Vernon E. and Dorothy (Hardesty) Bartel.

Dale is survived by his wife of eleven years: Barbara J. (Johnston) Bartel; children: Shawna (Tony) Roob of Lima, Karla (Doug) Kenney of Dayton, Amy Russell of Troy, Joe (Sarah) Valentine of Wellston; Brooke (Matt) Cole of Seattle, WA and Josh (Marie) Valentine of Cincinnati; grandchildren: Alexis Roob, Kasey Perry, Abigail Roob, Kate Russell, Kyle Kenney, Megan Kenney, Bailee, Ava and Colin Valentine, Jackson, Greyson and Sawyer Cole and Will and Max Valentine; brother: Mark (Pam) Bartel of Troy and their children: Michael, Megan and Amanda Bartel; aunt: Faye Hardesty of Troy; and extended family and friends. Dale was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife: Jacque K. (Netzley) Bartel on December 24, 2003.

Dale was a 1968 graduate of Miami East High School. He served in the US National Guard. He was a member and advisor with the Miami County 4-H for many years. Dale was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Troy. Dale was a longtime area farmer and a Staunton Township Trustee for over 30 years. He was currently employed with Farmers Elevator in Houston.

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2016 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Troy with the Rev. Keith Wagner. The family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County 4-H, c/o Miami County Extension Services, 201 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Marie Henning (Mason)

Sharon Marie (Mason) Henning, age 73, of Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. Sharon was born on January 12, 1943 in Spring Valley, IL to the late Donald Robert "Mickey" and Mary Rita (Smith) Mason. Sharon married Dale Arthur Henning on June 8, 1968 and he preceded her in death on June 1, 2010.

Sharon is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Doug and Ashley Henning of Englewood; daughters and son-in-law: Kristine Henning (Mike Tortorella) of Newnan, GA and Cynde and Jason Sroufe of Troy; grandchildren: Brandon, Alex, Joel and Kelsea Henning; Breelyn Beeman, Cher and Suzie Sroufe; brothers: Charlie Mason of Rockton, IL; and Robert Mason of Ft. Wayne, IN; and sisters: Ellin (Michael) Lotspeich of Bradford, IL and Rita (Jacques) Brouillette of Mundelein, IL. In addition to her husband, Sharon was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Kevin Mason.

Sharon received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the Illinois State University and Master of Science Degree from the Wright State University. She was a kindergarten teacher with St. Patrick Catholic School in Troy for 24 years. Sharon was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy and a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Sharon was a regular at the Troy Senior Citizens Center. She enjoyed knitting and crafts and spending time with her family.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, OH with the Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Interment followed in the Casstown Cemetery, Casstown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Catholic School, 420 East Water Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Marvin Edward Weaver

Marvin Edward Weaver, age 94, a longtime resident of Troy, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Troy Care Center. Marvin was born in Miami County on September 24, 1922, to the late Ottis and Amanda Weaver. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois Oehrtman Weaver.

He was a graduate of Troy High School, served in World War II with the Navy Seabees in the South Pacific and retired from Altman Mills and Hobart Brothers Company. Marvin was a member and Past-Commander of American Legion Post 43, Troy Senior Citizens Center, a life-member of Troy Fish and Game Club, and the First United Church of Christ in Troy.

Marvin is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Weaver of Englewood, Mike and Pam Weaver of Troy; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Steve Laughman of North Carolina; Joan and Bob Vanchure of Kentucky; one step-son, Mike Bennett; one step-daughter Lois Ann Prichard; twelve grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister Mary Weaver Schultz and one brother Kenneth Weaver both of Troy.

Funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Lauren Allen officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside military service will be conducted by the Veterans Honor Guard of Troy. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Church of Christ, 120 South Market St., Troy, OH 45373.

Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fishercheneyfuneralhome.com.



Dawn I. Stoker (Yaney)

Dawn I. Stoker, age 56, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. She was born in Coldwater, OH on June 2, 1960 to the late Orval E. and Monna Lou (Mutter) Yaney, Sr. On February 14, 1993, she married Todd A. Stoker and he survives.

Dawn is also survived by children: Melissa (Bob) Rager of St. Marys, Charles (Peggy) Warner of Sidney and David Stoker of Troy; grandchildren: Shaylin Kiehl, Ty Kiehl, Kimberly Burton and Jaden Warner; brothers: Robert (Virginia) Yaney of Winchester, VA and Richard (Karen) Yaney of Ormond Beach, FL; sister-in-law: Linda Yaney of Sidney, OH; and sisters: Kathy Yaney and Robin Dickerson, both of Sidney, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Orval, E. Yaney, Jr.

Dawn was a member Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Piqua Ward. She liked to shop flea markets and collect antiques, as well as gardening. Most importantly, Dawn enjoyed quiet time with Todd and spending time with family and grandchildren. She loved being with her pets, Dog, Anna and Cat, Tigger. Dawn was employed at Holloway Sportswear in Sidney until her illness in January, 2016.

Service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Norbert W. Tecklenburg

Norbert W. Tecklenburg, age 88, of Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016. He was born on March 23, 1928 in Troy, OH to the late William M. and Margaret (Conrad) Tecklenburg. On October 2, 1954, Norbert married Dottie Lou Groff and she preceded him in death in 2004. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sisters: Jean Blackmore and Florence Rita Tecklenburg;

along with a twin brother: Albert, at birth. Norb is survived by his four children: Kathy Dixon of Asheville, NC, Matt (Lindsay) Tecklenburg of Novi MI, Mike (Sharon) Tecklenburg of Tipp City and Tom (Tammy) Tecklenburg, New Preston, CT; seven grandchildren: Teckla (Tim) Patterson, McGregor Dixon, Meghan (Jesse) Buxton (Baby Buxton on the way), Billy Tecklenburg (Engaged to Mallory Kitts), Kyle Tecklenburg, Eric Tecklenburg and Ian Tecklenburg; and special friend and angel: Betty Wenrick.

Norb graduated from THS in 1946 where he was on the 1946 Baseball Team that progressed deep into the state tournament. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1947, then attended Miami University and worked at the USPS. In 1958 he started his career at GM – Inland Division in Dayton and Vandalia and retired in 1988. Post retirement, Norb worked part time as a courier for Star Bank before he and Dottie fully retired in 1998.

Norb was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Church, where he was active in volunteer work, the Knights of Columbus and the church golf league. He was a Jaycee and an active member in the Optimist Clubs of Troy, where he was always involved in the youth related activities. Norb was a past President of the Evening Optimist Club. He was actively involved in his children's activities and could always be found on baseball fields volunteering as coach, umpiring or grounds crew. No matter what the activity, Norb was there to support all his kids and carried that over to be the number one fan of all his grandchildren, whether sports or school activities. When he was not involved in family activities he enjoyed traveling, golfing, volksmarching and following his beloved Cincinnati Red's and Ohio State Buckeyes.

Mass of Christian Burial took place at 10:30AM on Monday, November 21, 2016 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, OH with the Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 31 West Whipp Road, Dayton, OH 45459 or Honor Flight, 200 Canary Court, Enon, OH 45323. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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blessings.

Most of us have a place to live. We eat regularly. We have clothes to wear. We have at least some income. We have good enough health to at least be alive and get around. We have relatives and friends, most of us have a lot more than we need to exist.

We would like to have more, of course. Life is not perfect. We may wish things could be better. That is the way the people felt who wanted to make Jesus their king.

But suppose we had everything we wanted. Suppose conditions in your life were perfect. There would still be something wrong. It won't last. Material things wear out. They become obsolete. Friends can turn against us. We grow old. We die. Nothing in this life is permanent. It is all temporary.

That is the difference between these blessings we are so concerned about, and the blessing that Jesus points out to us. Salvation is permanent. It is not affected by change, decay



or by anything else that happens to you in your life. You can eat and you will get hungry again. You can drink and you will get thirsty again. But Jesus paid for all your sins and it will never have to be done again.

We like money. We like comfort. We like to be successful. And these things tend to distract us so that we ignore the goal that God has placed before us.

It may not seem like much of a Thanksgiving if your family isn't around, or if you can't celebrate Thanksgiving like you used to do. It may not seem like much of a Thanksgiving if your health is poor, or if you are having financial problems. But even if you don't have family, health or money, you can still have the greatest blessing of all. Jesus came to be your Savior and take you to eternal life.

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

Puzzles

Word Search

#91

Locate all the words below in the word search. They may be across, down or diagonally in any direction.



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| Added | Cheeses | Elbow | Idea | Open | Seal | Steam |
| Adds | Cloak | Elders | Increasingly | Organs | Seek | Stock |
| Again | Clue | Ends | Jail | Park | Sigh | Sugar |
| Arms | Code | Ever | Jugs | Part | Sinks | Suppressed |
| Asks | Cold | Falsely | Knelt | Plant | Sized | Table |
| Atlas | Dads | Feed | Knew | Poor | Slot | Teas |
| Bake | Diary | Frogs | Lawyer | Pray | Snow | Teddy |
| Barn | Dirt | Glide | Lips | Proud | Sold | Test |
| Bees | Door | Glue | Liquids | Rely | Solo | Tidy |
| Bell | Drove | High | Loser | Review | Songs | Trying |
| Blue | Drug | Hoop | Mayor | Rise | Soup | Unique |
| Bulk | Eagle | Hops | Mood | Rough | Spear | Wall |
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| Care | Eggs | Husband | Odor | Sang | Steak | |

Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL



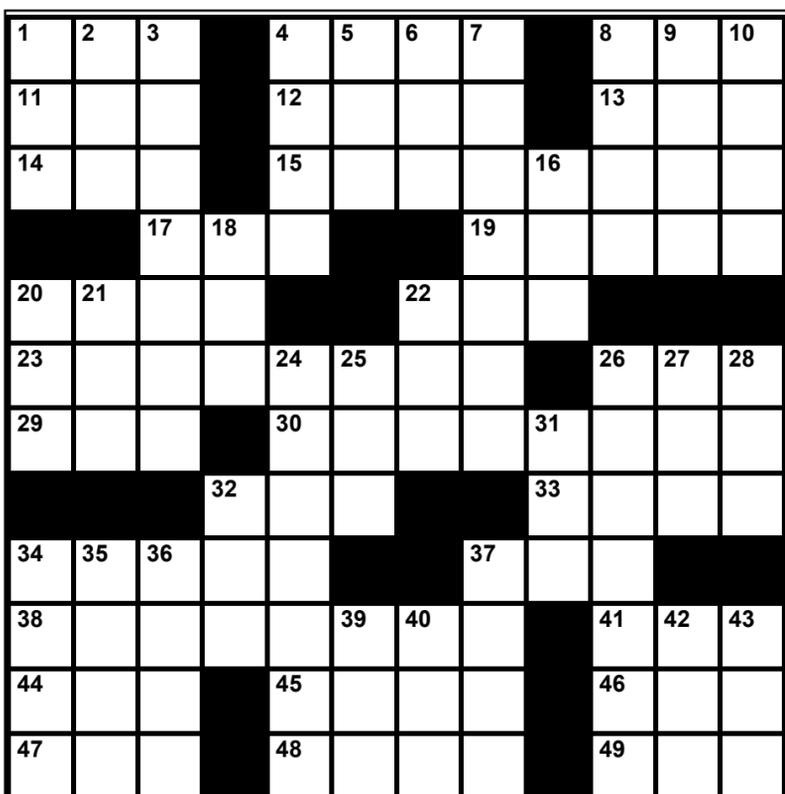
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BY LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

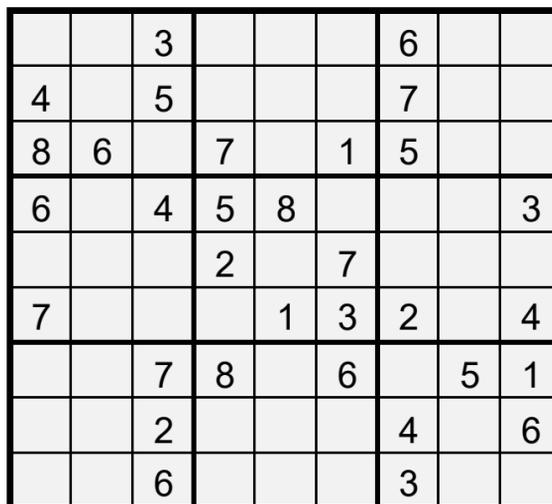
#15



- ACROSS**
1. Belonging to something
 4. Executes
 8. Mermaid's home
 11. Farm animal
 12. Fury
 13. Sticky stuff
 14. Indeed!
 15. A living thing
 17. Victory ___
 19. Puts into piles
 20. Kind of market
 22. Blockbuster
 23. Remote
 26. Darjeeling or oolong
 29. Drops on blades
 30. A bit
 32. Snoop
 33. Bring on board
 34. See eye to eye
 37. Scion
 38. Traveling bag
 41. Doze off
 44. Auberge
 45. Test choice
 46. Victorian ___
 47. "Shoot"
 48. Thrill
 49. Checkers colour
 - DOWN**
 1. Distant
 2. Digit
 3. Believe or accept with- out questioning or challenge
 4. Let go of
 5. Stick in the water
 6. Bird-to-be
 7. It's down by the beach
 8. Move
 9. Sunrise direction
 10. Prepares for battle
 16. "___ so fast!"
 18. 100%
 20. Auction action
 21. Not waste
 22. Sew
 24. Sides
 25. Delivery from Santa
 26. Painter's aid
 27. Word with canal or drum
 28. Had breakfast
 31. Journalist's question
 32. Lay
 34. Where Marco Polo explored
 35. Revolvers
 36. Milieu for Lemieux
 37. Plant beginning
 39. "You ___" (Lionel Richie hit)
 40. Earth goes round it
 42. Galena, e.g.
 43. Family guy

Sudoku

#255
Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.



Trivia Challenge

Classic Movie Actor Matchup Quiz

- 1.) Scarlett O'Hara - Gone With the Wind
a. Olivia de Havilland
b. Vivien Leigh
c. Ava Gardner
d. Greta Garbo
- 2.) Dorothy Gale - The Wizard of Oz
a. Judy Garland
b. Liza Minnelli
c. Doris Day
d. Shirley Temple
- 3.) Charles Foster Kane - Citizen Kane
a. Henry Fonda
b. William Holden
c. Charlton Heston
d. Orson Welles
- 4.) Margo Channing - All About Eve
a. Ingrid Bergman
b. Bette Davis
c. Jean Harlow
d. Lauren Bacall
- 5.) Terry Malloy - On the Waterfront
a. Marlon Brando
b. Clark Gable
c. Robert Duvall
d. Humphrey Bogart
- 6.) Sugar Kane Kowalczyk - Some Like It Hot
a. Marilyn Monroe
b. Brigitte Bardot
c. Elizabeth Taylor
d. Jayne Mansfield
- 7.) Sam Spade - The Maltese Falcon
a. Cary Grant
b. Humphrey Bogart
c. Gary Cooper
d. James Cagney
- 8.) Lisa Carol Fremont - Rear Window
a. Katharine Hepburn
b. Ava Gardner
c. Elizabeth Taylor
d. Grace Kelly
- 9.) Jim Stark - Rebel Without a Cause
a. Rock Hudson
b. Elvis Presley
c. Steve McQueen
d. James Dean
- 10.) Roger O. Thornhill - North by Northwest
a. Randolph Scott
b. Gregory Peck
c. Cary Grant
d. James Stewart
- 11.) Benjamin Braddock - The Graduate
a. Robert De Niro
b. Robert Redford
c. Gene Hackman
d. Dustin Hoffman
- 12.) T. E. Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia
a. Michael Caine
b. Laurence Olivier
c. Peter O'Toole
d. Anthony Quinn
- 13.) Holly Golightly - Breakfast at Tiffany's
a. Julie Andrews
b. Ava Gardner
c. Lauren Bacall
d. Audrey Hepburn
- 14.) Ann Darrow - King Kong
a. Miriam Hopkins
b. Fay Wray
c. Clara Bow
d. Jean Harlow
- 15.) Colonel Nicholson - The Bridge on the River Kwai
a. Alec Guinness
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Nonprofits Benefit from The Paul G. Duke Foundation Grants

Troy, OH (November 16, 2016)—Nonprofit organizations serving residents of the Miami County area received welcome support recently from The Paul G. Duke Foundation. The Foundation announced grants totaling more than \$140,000, targeting education and social services programs, community events and the community itself.

Underscoring the Duke Foundation's continuing interest in strengthening the leadership resources and skills of local nonprofit organizations and professionals, the Duke Foundation will again underwrite the Graduate Academy for Community Leadership, as it has since 2005. The Academy, located at Edison State Community College (ESCC), offers educational, professional development, and networking opportunities for staff and board members of regional nonprofits, and concludes with the annual Mosaic Conference. The Duke Foundation will also continue to support one of the Foundation Center's free Cooperating Collections at ESCC, in order to provide nonprofits and members of the public with fundraising information, assistance and guidance.

With its grant to Troy Main

Street, the Duke Foundation joins the City of Troy, the Troy Foundation, Troy Main Street, and an anonymous donor to catalyze revitalization of the downtown and riverfront areas of Troy. Creation of a strategic investment and development plan is a key step toward enhancing the quality of life for all Troy residents, increasing opportunities for recreation and tourism, and improving the ability of area businesses to attract and retain talented employees.

Improvements of a different kind are the focus of the Foundation's most recent grant for the Brukner Nature Center. Upgrades to enable high-speed internet service will encourage docents, staff, educators and visitors of all ages to take advantage of technology as a way to explore the Center's exhibits and environment, stimulating curiosity and encouraging an appreciation of the wildlife and wild places of the Miami County region.

Additional nonprofit organizations receiving grants are: **Edison State Community College**

A grant was also awarded to support the 2016 Holiday Evening at Edison.

Lincoln Community Center Association

To support improvements to the facility in the interests of client and staff health and safety.

Milton-Union Senior Citizens & Community Club, Inc.

To support replacement of four windows in the facility, which serves primarily senior citizens in northern Montgomery County, eastern Darke County, and southern Miami County.

Richards Chapel United Methodist Church

To support the purchase of chairs and tables for the Lunch Program, serving those in need in the Troy area.

Troy Lions Charities, Inc.

To support the Sight Conservation Program in Miami

County.

Troy Recreation Association, Inc.

To support the Summer Lunch Buddy program to provide Troy students in grades K-6 with a free lunch and literacy program.

Upper Valley Career Center

To support development of the makerspace, where students can take advantage of advanced manufacturing equipment to practice skills, create, and innovate.

Veterans Museum Miami Valley

To support development and presentation of the History in a Box program.

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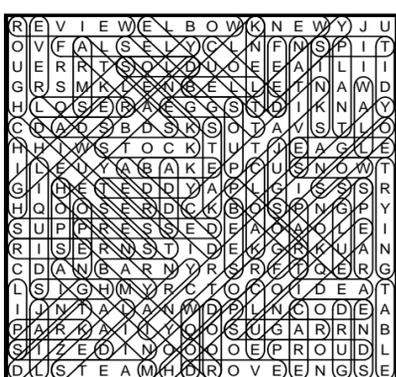
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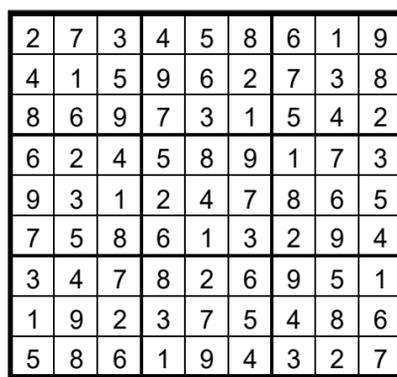
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Trivia

- 1.) Vivien Leigh - Winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture, Gone With the Wind was released in 1939.
- 2.) Judy Garland - Released in 1939, the film was based on the 1900 novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.
- 3.) Orson Welles - Released in 1941, Orson Welles was its producer, co-author, director and star.
- 4.) Bette Davis - Released in 1950, All about Eve is based on the short story "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr.
- 5.) Marlon Brando - Released in 1954, On the Waterfront won eight Academy Awards including Best Picture.
- 6.) Marilyn Monroe - Released in 1959, the film also stars Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.
- 7.) Humphrey Bogart - Released in 1941, The Maltese Falcon was John Huston's directorial debut.
- 8.) Grace Kelly - Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, Rear Window also starred James Stewart.
- 9.) James Dean - Released in 1955, James Dean died before the film was released.
- 10.) Cary Grant - Making its debut in 1959, North by Northwest also stars Eva Marie Saint and James Mason.
- 11.) Dustin Hoffman - Released in 1967, The Graduate is based on the 1963 novel of the same name by Charles Webb.
- 12.) Peter O'Toole - Released in 1962, Lawrence of Arabia won seven Academy Awards including Best Picture.
- 13.) Audrey Hepburn - Making its debut in 1961, Breakfast at Tiffany's won two Academy Awards - Best Original Score and Best Original Song.
- 14.) Fay Wray - Released in 1933, King Kong has been remade twice, in 1976 and 2005.
- 15.) Alec Guinness - Hitting the box office in 1957, The Bridge on the River Kwai won seven Academy Awards.

Rachel's Challenge Program Continues Drive for Compassion, Kindness

The Rachel's Challenge program is back in Miami County schools continuing to emphasize compassion and kindness.

The program being offered thanks to the UVMC Foundation is based on the writings and life of 17-year-old Rachel Joy Scott, who was among 12 students and one teacher fatally shot at Columbine High School in 1999. The program is designed to combat bullying and address feelings of isolation through the use of kindness and compassion in everyday dealings.

Rachel's Challenge programs and activities are available for students in elementary through high school.

In addition to formal assemblies in which the program is introduced, students can participate in clubs with

activities that help bring the Rachel's Challenge concepts to life.

At Piqua High School, the Friends of Rachel Club (FOR) meets monthly after school. At the meetings, participants look at concerns and ideas involving the school climate, said Lindsay Muhlenkamp, who co-advises the club with Kacie Pace.

"Hot topics usually revolve around giving students opportunities to make friends, promote home school safety, and make an impact in our school and community," Muhlenkamp said.

In previous years, FOR Club held fundraisers promoting giving to groups or organizations that benefit students. The fundraisers led to two students winning a one-year membership to

the local YMCA. This year's FOR Club focus will be on increasing positivity in the high school. Planned activities include a Lunch Bunch offering the opportunity for students who often sit alone in the cafeteria to engage in conversations with FOR Club members and providing inspirational quotes for the morning announcements once a week.

"The things we do aren't necessarily large-scale, but our goal is to follow Rachel's theory that one person going out of their way to show compassion can start a chain reaction of kindness," said Morgan Hammiel, a PHS student and FOR Club member.

At Miami East schools, a Chain Reaction Day has been held since the return to school in August. During that day, students partici-



pated in activities such as drawing around their hands and including a description of how they would meet Rachel's Challenge.

The district's Chain Links Group is made up of Middle School students in grades 6-8. The voluntary program gives students an opportunity throughout the school year to participate in service, leadership and positive interaction projects. Students write notes to those who serve as speakers and interact with them during the program.

"Miami East and Miami County schools have benefitted greatly by the addition of the Rachel's Challenge program. It is much more than an anti-bullying program," said Allen Mack, principal at

Miami East Junior High School. "It is more of an approach to helping students develop compassion, kindness and really positive characteristics versus a preventive thing."

Over the summer, as part of the UVMC Foundation's Rachel's Challenge Project, Foundation funding made it possible for representatives of the Miami East and Piqua schools to attend the Rachel's Challenge summit in Dallas. The theme was the incorporation of social/emotional learning in the education process.

"Speakers discussed how empathy and compassion need to be taught much like math. They don't hinder the educational experience, but enhance the learning experience," Mack said.

"We were excited to hear this. We want to help raise great kids," he added. "They will be stronger students if they are motivated to help others and are compassionate."

At Covington Elementary School, Rachel's Challenge is incorporated into daily routines through the Kindness Acts program. Through the program, students are encouraged to share information on such gestures that occur at home or school. Incorporating the chain reaction theme encouraged by the Rachel's Challenge program, the students note acts of kindness on paper links to make a chain, said Principal Rick Fry.

"Last year, we formed a kindness chain of good deeds that reached all the way around our high school track," Fry said. "We are hoping to double that this year."

For more information on the Rachel's Challenge program, visit www.rachelschallenge.org. For more information on the UVMC Foundation, visit <http://www.uvmc.com/Foundation/About-Our-Charitable-Foundation/> or call 440-7541.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley hosted its 5th annual "A Perfect Match" wine tasting and dinner at the Troy Country Club on September 29. This event would not be possible without the efforts of John Ernst of Ernst Concrete and Mike Caughell of Bruns General Contractors. We are so grateful for their leadership and support.

Over \$53,000 was raised to support one-to-one mentoring services for nearly 75 youth in Miami County. Big Sister Elizabeth and Little Sister Kayla were featured speakers during the event. They have been matched since July 2014 and despite busy schedules, makes time to do interesting activities, including reading a popular young adult book and discussing it, going to movies, Dayton Dragons' baseball games, The Nutcracker Bal-

let, and Madame Butterfly. Kayla is a senior this year so they also have plans to visit a couple of college campuses. Elizabeth states, "I have gained so much from spending time with this amazing young lady." Kayla shared that she was dealing with some challenges at home and with friends when she met Elizabeth and has enjoyed their activities and talks. Kayla "is looking forward to attending college to study social work and plans on becoming a Big Sister one day herself."

We are thankful for the many sponsors who made this a wonderful event for all who attended: Platinum Sponsor, Brian Williamson; Host Sponsors, Bruns General Contracting and Ernst Concrete; Presenting Sponsor, Horan; Gold Sponsors ITW Food Equipment Group/Hobart Corp., Key-

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To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley, and how you can get involved, visit bbbsgm.org or call 937-220-6850.

Anne Pfeiffer, CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley

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they need to pay a few hundred dollars in advance to secure the loan. They send the money but never receive anything in return.

• **Online shopping scams.** Con artists pose as sellers online, taking money for items they never deliver. For example, in the "puppy scam," consumers find an ad for a puppy on social media or classified ad websites like Craigslist or Hoobly. They pay the "seller" hundreds or thousands of dollars, supposedly to cover shipping fees, crate costs, insurance payments, or veterinary bills, but they never receive anything in return.

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Signs of a possible scam include:

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- Pressure to act immediately.
- Guarantees that you'll make money.
- Having to pay to secure a loan, grant, or prize.
- Winning a contest you never entered.
- Requests to send money

out of the country.

- No written information or contact information.
- Unexpected, threatening calls.

Attorney General DeWine also encouraged consumers to take steps to avoid identity theft during the holidays. Victims of identity theft may not discover the problem for months (or even years) after their information is stolen. Consumers can help protect themselves by guarding their personal information, regularly checking their bank accounts, and reviewing their credit reports.

Consumers who suspect a scam should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

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WACO Historical Society, Inc.

To support STEM education programs for students from Miami and surrounding counties by partially covering costs associated with six robotics teams.

In addition to the grants noted above, the Trustees are pleased to announce a special grant to the College of Wooster in recognition of Paul A. Hanke, a founding Trustee of the Duke Foundation who has remained an active and valued member of the Board since 1983. Mr. Hanke plans to step down from the Board of Trustees on December 31. The grant to Mr. Hanke's alma mater supports the Hanke Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Paul G. Duke Foundation's Board of Trustees encourages nonprofit organizations in the Miami County area to apply for grants. Current information on eligibility guidelines, spring and fall application deadlines, and submission of applications to the Duke Foundation can be found at www.paulgduke-

foundation.org. Grants are awarded in spring and fall each year.

Organizations seeking support for school-year programs are encouraged to submit applications at the spring deadline for support of the upcoming academic year; those seeking support for summer programs are encouraged to apply in summer for the following year's programming. Organizations with year-round programs may apply at either deadline.

The Duke Foundation's grantmaking is consistent with its mission to be a catalyst to enhance the quality of life in the Miami County area. Grants focus on programs benefiting children, young adults, and families, and provide both general and specific project support, including seed money for innovative programs, in the areas of social services, education, health, and the arts.

The Duke Foundation frequently makes challenge grants for projects to encourage matching gifts or additional funding from other

donors.

The Paul G. Duke Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, was established in 1983. It has a long history of philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations. Paul Duke, Miami County businessman and philanthropist, evolved his local Duke Garden Centers into a national lawn and garden service, ChemLawn. The proceeds from the sale of that business enabled Mr. Duke to generously support many community projects and charitable programs, all of which continues to be done through the Duke Foundation.

Patricia Duke Robinson serves the Duke Foundation as President Emeritus. The Duke Foundation's Board of Trustees includes: Linda A. Daniel, President; Paul A. Hanke, Esq.; B. Mark Hess, M.D.; William J. McGraw, III, Esq.; and Ronald B. Scott. The Trustees welcome Rayce Robinson, great-grandson of Paul G. Duke and grandson of Paul G. Duke, to the Board as the first Honorary Trustee.



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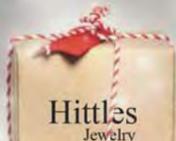
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