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County Bids Farewell to Sheriff Cox

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Sheriff Charles A. Cox Jr. was remembered Nov. 22 as a man dedicated to family, at home and at work.

Cox, 71, who was first elected in 1988 and again six more times, died Nov. 10 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. He had planned to retire at year's end.

A Piqua native, Cox served in the Army and worked at the Troy Police Department before making the bid for sheriff.

Flags lined the driveway leading to the Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, where a memorial service of prayers and music accompa-

nied by memories shared by family, friends and colleagues was held.

Acting Sheriff Dave Duchak, who was elected Nov. 8 as the county's new sheriff, gave the eulogy.

"He taught us to treat others the way we wanted to be treated," Duchak said. "Not only was he the people's sheriff, he was a cop's cop ... Miami County is a better county having him as sheriff for 28 years."

Bob Cornwell of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association recalled a long friendship with Cox, who served as the association's president in 2005.

Cornwell talked about how

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Christmas Season Arrives in Troy

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The life and beauty of Christmas arrived in the heart of downtown Troy on the evening of Black Friday with the annual Grand Illumination Ceremony. Thousands of lights brightened thousands of faces after the traditional countdown lit the first gift of the season, a towering, 60-foot blue spruce donated to the city by the Beck family.

In 1971, a 30-inch blue spruce sapling was saved at the city dump by Gary Williamson and planted on his property on Summit Avenue. Many similar saplings were saved and planted throughout the city in conjunction with National Arbor Day Foundation initiatives. When Williamson eventually moved, a family acquired his home along with the growing tree. According to Mayor Mike Beamish, "The history of this tree has its roots in the city of Troy and now it grac-



es the downtown square of Troy Ohio." John Wilson of Troy Main Street recognized Williamson and the Beck family with plaques commemorating another home-grown milestone unique to the city of Troy.

In celebration of the momentous occasion, illustrious guests were flown in all the way from the North Pole and arrived on the scene with the help of the Troy Fire and Police Departments. Santa and Mrs. Claus rode in high style atop the ladder of Troy's newest Fire Truck and were escorted by the Mayor's Youth Council to meet Mayor Beamish and begin the countdown. The festive spirit of the season rang in the air with the cheers that carried down Main and Market Street as lights twinkled in every direction from the center square.

Steaming cups of free hot chocolate were served with marshmallows and pepper-

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Hook Students Conduct Highly Successful Food Drive

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The Student Council at Hook Elementary School hosted its first student-led food drive over the last couple weeks. With an emphasis on meeting needs in the community, children at Hook rallied to provide everything from Thanksgiving dinner items to care packages of toiletries that were delivered to local organizations and families. Items collected were distributed on Wednesday, November 23 to the Lincoln Center, the Franklin House, and individual homes.

According to teacher and Student Council advisor Greg Gustin, not only was the experience "team building" it also inspired the children to use their time and energy to serve their community. This is year 7 for Gustin as a language arts and sciences teacher but his first year as the counsel advisor. He was enthusiastic to report that

the entire event was student run, everything from scheduling the collection to making posters and announcements. "It was the biggest response we have ever had to a program like this," Gustin said. "Participation snowballed after the first day; by the third day at least 100 kids were bringing in food."

There were extra incentives, of course. Prizes were awarded daily to the children who brought in the most food items for the drive. Their families often helped. Pizza and ice cream were awarded to the top winning student and three of their friends. Second and third place winners received a book of their choice from the book fair or lunch with their favorite teacher. The competition spurred excitement as the children participated right up to the day before their Thanksgiving break.

Hook Elementary School Principal Penny Johnson



expressed pride and excitement at the overwhelming positive response of the students and their families for this outreach. She remarked on the benevolent

nature that manifests itself when children are prompted to give. "These children are learning how to take

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Police Sorting Through Documents from Isaiah's Place Search

By Nancy Bowman

Troy police investigators said it would take time to sort through documents and computers seized with a search warrant executed Nov. 23 at the offices of the non-profit Isaiah's Place foster care organization.

Police served the warrant the afternoon of Nov. 23 at the organization's office at 1100 Wayne St.

Capt. Jeff Kunkleman said Monday police believe at least \$100,000 could be missing from the organization, which is a placement agency for foster children from several area counties.

No charges have been filed.

The search warrant states the investigation involves possible tampering with records, theft and falsification. Subpoenas also have been obtained for bank records, he said. Information filed to obtain the search warrant alleges theft from the organization took place over several years.



Police started the investigation after receiving information about alleged misuse of funds.

Kunkleman said investigators have contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Office for advice as they reviewed seized documents. The search warrant inventory filed Monday in Miami County Municipal Court shows computers were seized along with bank records, receipts, tax paperwork, payroll documents, policies, training documents and board minutes.

"We have been overwhelmed with paper," Kunkleman said of boxes of documents seized.

Isaiah's Place has been in operation since mid-2003 according to its website.

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

Monday 11/21

9:46 a.m. – To Brookwood Dr. for a report of found property. A man reported that about a week ago he found a small stack of old 45 RPM records on the road in front of his house. Shortly before finding them, he recalls an occupied car sitting in the same area, but it was dark and he did not get a description. He believes the occupants of the car threw the records out as they drove away. The deputy could find no recent burglary calls in which records were reported stolen. They were submitted into property.

11:11 a.m. – The Sheriff’s Office was notified that Robert M. Bolin, a convicted Tier II Sex Offender, was released from prison on November 6 and was to register his current address at the Sheriff’s Office. He had not done so. A deputy checked the Sex Offender database and found that he had not registered anywhere. The deputy found that Bolin had contact with a Piqua officer on 11/18 but no arrest was made. His address was not updated at that time. A warrant for Bolin’s arrest was requested and the case was forwarded to the Miami County Grand Jury for review. Since Bolin has a prior conviction for failure to notify authorities of an address change, this offense is a felony.

3:17 p.m. – To Route 41 at Washington Rd. for a report of an accident. A vehicle southbound on Washington Rd. struck a vehicle that was stopped to turn left. There was no damage. The offending driver was warned for assured clear distance.

7:21 p.m. – To Lefevre Rd. for a report of menacing by stalking. The reporting party wanted the incident documented.

8:35 p.m. – Traffic stop on Union St. at 25A. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and a license plate light violation.

Tuesday 11/22

11:52 p.m. – While at

Burger King, a deputy was informed that a driver had an open container in his vehicle and that he was possibly intoxicated. The driver was in his vehicle awaiting his food. He was not impaired but was found to be under suspension. He was cited for driving under suspension and open container. The passenger took control of the vehicle.

Wednesday 11/23

12:24 a.m. – A deputy was parked on I-75 near the 78 mile marker indicating a closed lane of the highway. A vehicle came into the closed lane striking the cones next to the cruiser. He stopped the vehicle and the driver was cited for suspicion of OVI.

8:13 a.m. – To Fox Run for a report of a missing juvenile. A man reported that his child left the house sometime overnight. The juvenile was entered as missing.

4:30 p.m. – Traffic stop on Archer Dr. at Peters Ave. The driver was cited for failure to display and the passenger was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thursday 11/24

12:26 a.m. – A deputy saw a vehicle sitting on Route 41 near Route 202 with its hazard lights on. He stopped to check on the occupant. After an investigation, the driver was arrested for OVI.

11:52 p.m. – To Wilson Rd. at Route 55 for a report of an accident with possible injuries. A witness stated that once he heard sirens, the driver fled on foot. He was located after a short foot pursuit. He was charged with OVI, failure to control, stop sign violation, hit/skip and obstructing official police business.

Sunday 11/27

12:27 a.m. – Traffic stop on Adams at Main. The driver was incarcerated for felony drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and marked lanes.

Troy Police Reports

Monday 11/21

1:27 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. Store employees had a woman in custody. She was charged with felony theft and obstructing official business.

2:42 p.m. – To Amelia Ave. for a report of a theft. A man reported that yesterday afternoon he went outside to get something out of his car and found it missing. He identified a suspect. His mother said that on Saturday she came home to find the suspect sitting in her living room. She believes that she had a copy of her house key and used that opportunity to get the car keys. She said that yesterday morning the suspect called and said he was cold and hungry. She said that she had helped him many times in the past, but he just lies all the time. She said he called and said he would return the car, but never did. Attempts to contact the suspect were unsuccessful. The vehicle was entered into the system as stolen and a warrant will be issued against the suspect for theft of a motor vehicle.

3:25 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams at Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 44 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was in a hurry to get home. She was cited for speed.

4:32 p.m. – Traffic stop in the 1300 block of McKaig Ave. The vehicle was clocked at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that she knew she was going too fast and that she had no license. She was cited for speed and no license and was advised to park the vehicle and call for a ride.

5:29 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams just north of Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 47 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that he was not aware of the speed limit. He was cited.

8:06 p.m. – Traffic stop in Kohl’s parking lot. The vehicle had run the red light at Main and Troy Towne. The driver said she thought the light was yellow. She was cited.

9:08 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Market near S. Ridge. The vehicle was towing a trailer with no lights, and its registration expired on 7/20/16. The driver said he was unaware that the registration was expired and that the lights were working when he left. He was cited for expired plates and given a warning for the lights. The officer followed him to his residence since he had no lights.

11:24 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams St. north of the bridge. The vehicle was clocked at 41 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was unaware of her speed or of the speed limit. She was cited.

11:57 p.m. – Traffic stop on N. Market north of Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 47 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver admitted that he had no license. He was cited for speed and no driver’s license and called to get a licensed driver to drive the vehicle.

Tuesday 11/22

12:01 a.m. – To Amelia Ave. to follow up on a call from 2:42 p.m. Monday. A man reported that the subject who took his vehicle was coming to return it. The officer parked on a side street in view of his residence. When the subject arrived, he drew his weapon and ordered the subject to stay in the ve-

hicle. He then ordered the subject out of the vehicle and onto the ground where he was cuffed. The vehicle was searched but nothing was found. The officer then found that the plates did not match the vehicle. The subject said that he had previously been given permission to use the vehicle and that he was to return it by 4:00 p.m. on Monday. He said he knew the vehicle had been reported stolen so he switched the plates with some he found in the trunk. Juvenile Probation was contacted and they gave permission to incarcerate the suspect. He then accused the owner’s mother of manipulating him to have relations with her a year ago when he was 15. He said that she got him to use meth with her. That matter was referred to detectives for investigation. The subject was charged with no operator’s license, fictitious plates and curfew violation. He was transported to West Central.

12:06 a.m. – Traffic stop on the Speedway lot on N. Market St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

12:08 p.m. – A man came to the Police Station to turn in a cell phone that he found in the grass near the East Side Mini-Mart. The officer found a contact in the phone for “Mom” and called the number. Mom gave the name of the owner but did not know where she was. The officer checked the system and found her address as “At large.” Mom was informed that the phone would be submitted into property and the owner could pick it up at her convenience.

2:13 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. Store employees had two shoplifters in custody. Both were charged with theft.

9:12 p.m. – A man came to the Police Station to turn in a wallet that he found inside the old church on W. Main St. Papers in the wallet identified the owner as a Beavercreek woman. Beavercreek Police were able to provide a current phone number, and the officer called and left a message after the greeting gave the same name as the ID in the wallet. The wallet was submitted into property.

Wednesday 11/23

11:42 a.m. – To W. Main St. for a private property accident. A driver was backing up and struck a light pole in the parking lot. He provided his insurance information to the store management.

11:56 a.m. – To S. Market St. for a private property accident. A driver pulling two trailers struck a delivery truck in a parking lot. There was light damage to the delivery truck and moderate damage to his vehicle. He was not able to provide insurance information at the scene but promised to provide it at a later time.

2:02 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a private property accident. A driver was backing out of a parking space and struck another vehicle. Insurance information was exchanged.

2:40 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. Store personnel had a juvenile in custody for theft. The parents were contacted and picked up the juvenile. Juvenile probation was contacted and at their request the juvenile was told not to leave his parents side until they meet with probation next week. The juvenile was charged with theft.

3:32 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of found property. A woman reported that someone left a key in front of the property, so it was kept there in case someone came to retrieve them. No one came, so she turned it over to the officer. A single Toyota key was on a keyless remote. The key was submitted into property.

4:25 p.m. – To Heritage Dr. for a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman was charged with domestic violence.

9:02 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main St. The vehicle was traveling with no headlights on. The driver spoke very little English, but said he had no license. He also could not tell where he lived or any other personal information other than his name and birth date. He was cited for no headlights and no driver’s license. The vehicle was towed and he and his passenger walked to a friend’s home.

9:30 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams at Staunton. The vehicle was clocked at 41 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was in a hurry to get to her other job. She was cited for speed.

10:53 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a private property accident. Both vehicles left before the officer arrived.

11:53 p.m. – Traffic stop on Troy Town Dr. near W. Main St. The vehicle had run the red light at the intersection. The driver admitted his mistake and was cited.

Thursday 11/24

2:01 a.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main at Elm St. The driver had run the red light. She said she thought it was “in between yellow and red.” The officer found that she had three different driving records, all with variations of her name. None of them showed her to be a valid driver, however one showed Failure to reinstate. She admitted that she didn’t have a license. She was cited for failure to reinstate and a red light violation.

2:38 a.m. – To Drury Ln. for a report of a disturbance. A male subject was arrested for two counts of assault, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and tampering with evidence.

9:18 a.m. – To W. Main St. for a private property accident. A vehicle was found on decorative rocks in the parking lot and had a flat tire. No one was around, so the vehicle was towed. As the tow truck driver was loading up the vehicle, the driver and his family arrived on the scene. The driver said that he was trying to locate the hospital last night because he had wounded his hand and he didn’t know where he was going. He said he pulled into the parking lot and struck the rocks. His insurance information was given to the business management.

Friday 11/25

2:34 a.m. – To the 1300 block of McKaig Ave. for a report of an injury crash. A vehicle had crashed into a home and the driver fled the scene on foot. He was located and charged with OVI, no driver’s license, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to control. He was also arrested on an outstanding warrant and taken to the Miami County Jail.

3:35 p.m. – Traffic stop in the Speedway lot on W. Main St. The vehicle was clocked at 53 MPH in a 35 MPH zone.

The driver said he didn’t like driving next to trucks and passed one, then drove normally. The officer advised him that he was still at 53 MPH well after he passed the truck. He was cited for speed.

5:11 p.m. – A woman brought her 14-year-old daughter to the station because of her unruly behavior. She said that the girl got mad this afternoon and punched a wall in the home. She said the girl got mad because the mother would not take her to speak to her counselor. She said she told her daughter that they were not open, but the daughter would not believe her. She said that the girl is on probation for unruly behavior and she wants her daughter locked up. She was advised that probation will not take her for punching a wall. She was asked if the girl made any threats or wanted to hurt herself and the mother said that she didn’t. The girl said she would go home with her mom and keep to herself the rest of the night.

5:23 p.m. – To Atlantic St. for a report of a burglary. A man reported that someone entered his home through a back window and took multiple items. No prints or evidence were located.


8:10 p.m. – Traffic stop on Ridge Ave. just north of McKaig Ave. The vehicle’s registration had expired on 9/20/16. The driver said that the vehicle was leased and was not sure why the registration expired on a date other than his birthday. He was cited.

Saturday 11/26


8:36 a.m. – To the area of Rt. 202 and Rt. 41 for a report of a reckless driver heading into Troy on E. Main St. An officer located the vehicle at the railroad tracks on E. Main St. and saw it go left of center in front of the police station. He initiated a traffic stop in the NE quadrant of the square. The driver asked if he was being stopped because of a brake light. He was informed that he was stopped for erratic driving. He had two passengers, aged 17 and 21. The driver looked sleepy and said he had just awakened to bring one of the passengers to pick up his car parked on the square. The driver had a faint odor of alcohol coming from his person, but denied drinking anything. He consented to a search which yielded an empty rum bottle and a 24 pack of beer, of which only two cans were still full. The driver’s father was summoned to the scene, and he said that he had just spoken to his son this morning about his driving habits. He consented to a breath test and blew .04. The 21-year-old passenger admitted to providing alcohol to the driver. The 17-year-old passenger denied having any alcohol, and the other two confirmed that. The driver’s father was advised that since the consumption of the alcohol occurred in the township, he could call the Sheriff’s office to file a report of the passenger providing alcohol to his son. The driver was cited for marked lanes and his father drove him home. The vehicle was left legally parked.

4:36 p.m. – To Southview Dr. for a report of a burglary. No further details were given.

5:01 p.m. – Traffic stop on S. Stanfield Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 54 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said she wasn’t aware of



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Makers of Marijuana Edibles Sent to Prison

By Nancy Bowman

Prison terms were ordered Monday, Nov. 28, for two Troy residents who police said made marijuana and hashish edibles.

Troy police said they seized the edibles June 3 along with scales and other items used in production of hashish oil.

Timothy Housley, 26, and Sarah Ritchie, 33, originally were charged with one count each of felony trafficking in drugs and cultivating a controlled substance and two counts of possession of hashish (in liquid and sold forms).

They later pleaded guilty in plea deals with prosecutors to one count of second-degree felony trafficking in drugs, hashish, and two counts of third-degree felony possession of drugs. The trafficking in drugs charges included a notation the offenses took place in the vicinity of a juvenile.

Housley was sentenced to five years while Ritchie was sentenced to four years. They agreed to forfeit \$609 taken during the search of the house.

At her sentencing, Ritchie said she regretted her actions and would not repeat them. "My children have paid tremendously" for the crimes, she said.

Her lawyer, Rebecca Barthelemy-Smith, described Ritchie as "very naive" about the charges, adding, "She is probably one of the nicest criminals I have met."

Housley questioned why a four-year term was recommended for Ritchie and his was for five years. Paul Watkins,



Housley



Ritchie

assistant county prosecutor, said Ritchie was more cooperative with investigators.

Housley called his actions "immature and stupid."

Troy Police Capt. Jeff Kunkleman said police seized 48 small containers with cheesecakes, three containers of ice cream and a couple dozen brownies during the search. Police had been working on the investigation for a couple of months and had conducted controlled buys of the edibles from the house, he said.

The house by coincidence was located near the site of the Strawberry Festival held the weekend of the arrests. Police were told the items seized had been prepared for acquaintances visiting during the weekend, Kunkleman said.

County OK's MARCS Agreement

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners Nov. 22 finalized an agreement intended to improve public safety through easier communication between public safety and public service agencies.

The county will come part of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System, or MARCS, through the agreement with the Ohio Department of Administration Services.

"This will allow interoperability between our public safety and eventually public service agencies with other MARCS users," Jeff Busch, county Communication Center director, told the commissioners. Today, Montgomery County, most of Clark County, Champaign County and Darke counties all are in MARCS

or in the process of joining, he said.

"It is important for the safety of the citizens to be able to communicate if there is a major disaster and we are bringing people in from other agencies. That is the goal of getting on the MARCS system," Busch said.

The county had been working around a year to finalize the participation and agreement. Before joining the system, the county invested in a new backbone for its communication system to ensure better communication coverage countywide said Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien.

Under the agreement, the county will turn over ownership of its new Motorola system equipment including that at five tower sites across the county to MARCS.

In turn, MARCS will as-

sume responsibility for the equipment including required maintenance and upgrades. The county will receive from MARCS a credit toward 50 percent of the county's costs to purchase and install the equipment, up to \$1,936,979.

Once that credit used, the county will pay to MARCS a monthly subscriber fee per radio. That fee now is \$10 per month, Busch said. The estimated subscriber fee down the road is estimated at around \$131,400 a year, he said following the meeting.

The county's radios should be on the new system around the first of the year, Busch said.

O'Brien said the system was expected to be operational in September but was delayed by difficulties in securing return of the agree-

ment from the state, he said. Busch attributed the delay, in part, to changes in state program administrators.

In other business Nov. 22, the commission approved two purchases related to generators.

The first was an automatic liquid propane supplied generator to serve as a backup to the IT server room and phone room at the Safety Building. Commissioners OK'd buying a 200 amp/16kw Generac Generator for \$3,167. O'Brien emphasized that the generator is for use only by the IT Department.

The second purchase was a transfer switch to replace a switch installed in the early 1970s for a generator for the county jail in the Safety Building. A maximum cost of \$7,120 was approved. The switch is from Ohio CAT.

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Troy man who threatened magistrate sentenced

A man accused of threatening a court magistrate was sentenced Monday, Nov. 28, to 30 months in prison.

Brandon McGill, 35, was charged with felony intimidation for threatening Municipal Court Magistrate Gary Zuhl on Sept. 1. He later pleaded guilty in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

Assistant County Prosecutor Paul Watkins said McGill told Zuhl, "I'm going to bury you" during a court appearance and later made other threats against him in remarks while in the county jail.

McGill was given credit for 19 days served in jail.

Board certifies Nov. 8 vote

The Miami County Board of Elections certified the results of the Nov. 8 election during a meeting Nov. 22.

The final count includ-

ed provisional ballots cast on Election Day. The official count resulted in no change in outcome of a race or vote of an issue on the ballot, election administrators told the board.

The turnout for the election was 74.65 percent of the county's registered voters.

The final vote for the top two candidates for president showed Republican Donald Trump with 69.84 percent of county votes and Democrat Hillary Clinton with 24.71 percent.

In the race for 8th District U.S. Congress in Miami County, Troy's Warren Davidson received 75.67 percent, Steven Fought, 20.64 percent, and Derrick Hendricks, 3.7 percent. Davidson won the district race to replace former Congressman John Boehner.

In the race of Miami County sheriff, Dave Duchak received 70.78 percent of the vote to 29.22 percent.

Contract for

update OK'd

Work to update the kitchen/break room area in the basement of the Miami County Safety Building was approved Nov. 22 by the county commissioners.

The commission in recent months explored various options for redoing the area before agreeing to a plan to be carried out by Meyer Restoration of Piqua.

The work will include new ceiling grid, walls, paint, cabinet, counter-tops, electrical, plumbing and associated hardware.

Some project work such a demolishing the work area will be done by county maintenance staff. The project cost was approved at a maximum of \$26,299.

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 Kendell. The staff assists the families of those who have died.

Steroids bring probation

A Troy man convicted of illegal manufacture of drugs involving sale of steroids was sentenced Monday, Nov. 28, to three years of probation.

Joshua Studebaker, 37, was charged with selling Testosterone steroids to an informant Feb 1 in Troy. He later pleaded guilty to illegal manufacture of drugs and possession of drugs in Miami County Common Pleas Court.

As part of Studebaker's probation, he will be required to have a full time job, follow curfew and pay \$250 for the drug analysis and court costs.

TROY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average of 3.75 or better the first nine week grading period and have been named to the Principal's List.

Freshmen - Brandon Beasley, Riley Becker, Connor Bell, Laura Borchers, Mollie Bretland, Audrey Brumfield, Autumn Bruns, Andrew Cade, Ellen Cain, Aaron Carmack, Riley Coleman, Carl Crabtree, Courtney Craig, Sean Dippold, Mitchell Francis, Samantha Francis, Luis Fuentes, Ella Furlong, MariCait Gillespie, Anthony Gonzalez, Ian Gonzalez, Jackson Goodall, Lily Hemm, Lauren Hemmelgarn, Taylor Henn, Aaron Heuker, Emily Huber, Jaiden Hunt, Allison Irey, Emily Jackson, Alayna Jones, Christian Jones, Makayla Kindell, Hailey Kinstle, Chloe Klawon, Nathan Kleptz, Hallie Klosterman, Caleigh Lavelle, Mari Logan, Kaitlyn Lord, Lily Magoteaux, Emily Maloney, Angelica Manzano, Breanna Miller, Adara Myers, Alexandra Myers, Mitchell Olberding, Kathryn Orban, Sarah Pascale, Carly Pfeiffer, Jonathan Post, Meredith Post, Samuel Reed, Preston Schatz, Lauren Schmitz, Dale Sentman, Reece Sherman, Jackson Shuman, Brayden Siler, Mitchell Simon, Danielle Sloan, Weston Smith, Breann Sticks, Brooke Stockslager, Jenna Stockslager, Emily Stoekmann, Mika Sugamura, Aries Targett, Layla Thongvylay, Mallary Travis, Mariana Trimble, Maggie Welker, Abigail Westfall, Elijah Williams, Rhys Williams, Madison Wilmoth, Kathryn Wolke,

Austin Zonner.

Sophomores - Taylor Abdon, Joselyn Abrams, Jacob Adams, Fatima Al-Jarani, Rachel Anderson, Jace Baker, Travis Bertram, Matthew Bigley, Tiyanna Boyd, Cole Brogan, Katherine Castaneda, Kristina Christman, Shelby Clark, Anya Coleman, Zackary Collin, Lillian Cusick, Taylor Dankworth, Mikayla Dixon, Katherine Dunne, Haley Free, Lauren Garlow, Alekhya Golamudi, Jessica Goodwin, Rachel Groover, Kalee Heitbrink, Kayleigh Hill, Irene Hinojosa Porras, Alexa Holland, Jenna Hoop, Jordan Horstman, Miranda Houshel, Logan Huth, Erika Innes, Abby Johnson, Riley Johnson, Garrett Jones, Daniel Katwyk, Olivia Love, Megan Malott, Kaitlyn McClure, Lydia McGil-livray, Cassidy McMullen, Ciena Miller, Colin Minton, Mackenzie Morgan, Lily Morris, Laura Murray, Hayato Nakamura, Zachary Niswonger, Cayla O'Neill, Mitchell Orozco, Abigail Otten, Caitlin Palivec, Katherine Pence, Kashaen Perdue, Seth Plantz, Yakira Reynolds, Caroline Rhea, Payton Riley, Katie Robinson, Josephine Rohlfs, Macie Sadler, Molly Sanders, Tassiss Santos, Jacob Saunders, Hannah Setser, Luke Severt, Samuel Shaneyfelt, Kaitlyn Sherrick, Camryn Spencer, Mark Summers, Brandon Thompson, Olivia Tyre, Mikayla Vernon, Jessie Welker, Ethan West, Jesse Westmeyer, Megan Wheeler, Blake Whitford.

Juniors - Caitlin Ball, Laura Barth, Tyler Batton, Emily Becker, Julia Black, Joel Blount, James Boezi, Krishna Brucia, Emily

Clark, Meredith Covault, Jacob Daniel, Joseph Dutton, Adam Falknor, Andrew Flamm, Elizabeth Feshour, Jacqueline Fulker, Zoey Geuder, Morgan Gigandet, Austin Glover, Mikaela Griffith, Sydney Hafer, Megan Hartley, Melanie Harvey, Tristin Heiligenberg, Michael Hess, Alyse Holter, Abigail Innes, Jacob Jergens, Meaghann Joseph, Emma Kazmaier, Aislinn Klosterman, Bingliang Liu, Kendra Magnuson, Andrew Magoteaux, Haylea Matchel, Madison McCray, Courtney Miller, Camryn Moeller, Stephen Moore, Christine Moser, Megan Myers, Olivia Newman, Joshua Niemi, Victoria Noon, Haylie Hulph, Anoop Patel, Elizabeth Pedler, Ryan Pour, Kearston Riley, Nicolas Rizkallah, Christopher Robbins, Madison Rougier, Elijah Sadler, Cassidy Scisson, Emma Shigley, Anthony Simon, Alexis Smith, Adnrew Smith, Jaclyn Smith, Charlotte Snee, Hallie Synder, Cynthia Stanley, Megan Strader, Jacob Sweeney, Camille Thompson, Destiny Tubbs, William Uhlenbrock, Cierra Ulrich, Kalob Watkins, Shana Weidner, Hannah Widener, Johsua Witters, Dana Wynkoop, Lauren Zaylskie.

Seniors - Christian Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Adam Al-Jarani, Jacob Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Michala Andrade, Nathaniel Balok, Ashley Barr, Jessica Bigley, Victoria, Bowyer-Siegel, Alexandria Bristow, Noah Brown, William Brumfield, Ashley Bruns, Emma Bryant, Lauren Cardinal, Samantha Crottinger, Caitlyn Cusick, Zoyie Davidson, Ally Decker, Douglas Del Cid,

Kathie McMeo, Marshall Dunlap, Meghan Fiessinger, Jenna Funderburg, Tyler Gates, Collin Goltzene, Connor Goltzene, Lillian Grogan, Joshua Harrison, Maggie Hennessy, Victoria Holland, Kathryn Jackson, Sarah Jergens, Luke Johnson, Chloe Johnston, Jackson Johnston, Rachel Kinder, Hannah Kirk, Eric Kirner, Erin Kirner, Samuel Kondall, Nikita Krishnan, Sophia Kuder, Mariah Lacey, Connor Lewis, Elizabeth Lines, Holland Lively, Srividhya Madiredy, Logan Magoto, Sunao Masunaga, Michael McBride, Carlene McGuirk, Kirsten McMullen, Ricky McVety, Alexandria Merle, Matthew Merritt, Katherine Minesinger, Anastasia Minnich, Justin Mittelstadt, Rachel Morgan, Hayata Nagata, Connor Oaks, Paige Olberding, Katelyn Overla, Maria Poggi, Caroline Pratt, Meredith Pruitt, Nicholas Prus, Alexander Randazzo, Austin Rank, Andrew Ray, Lydia Reedstrom, Cassandra Roache, Lauryn Rutan, Matthew Sanders, Derrec Sandifer, Taylor Schmitz, Marc Scordia, Amanda Setser, Hannah Severt, Kymberlee Seyfried, Henry Shaneyfelt, Cassie Sharits, Miranda Silcott, Zane Small, Davin Snyder, Derrick Spitler, Megan Studebaker, Jerika Svajda, Zion Taylor, Sean Terando, Evan Thurmond, Katherine Timmers, Allison Tyre, Jenna Vent, Trey Wiley, Haylee Wright, Allison York.

November 21, 2016

The following Troy High School students have earned a grade average between 3.5 and 3.74 the first nine week grading

period and have been named to the Honor Roll.

Freshman - La'Zaya Barger, Allison Barnthouse, Justyn Bowman, Nevaeh Collier, Egypt Davis, Delaine Dodson, Shelsy Echeverria, Jaiden Flory, Jacob Gray, Jenna Gross, Sierra Gross, Synri-tee Hammons, Ashlee Harmon, Juliana Hatton, Hannah hennessy, Caitlyn Hutson, Jordan Klemt, Caylee Kohn, Sarah Kraynek, Christian May, Erin McKinney, Logan Mellieon, Naruha Nagase, Abigail Oberbeck, Tyler Owens, Rena Patel, Blaine Peltier, Jillian Peltier, Autumn Rich, Lydia Ryan, Quenton Shepherd, Victoria Solomon, Austin Stanaford, Haley Stanaford, Nathan Subler, Colleen Watkins, Logan Welhener, Julia Williams.

Sophomores - Azalia Ali, Grace Avey, Alex Bridge, Emily Burleson, Blake Burton, Zachary Collett, Dakota Dankworth, Jalissa Darnier, Christopher De-meo, Zane Drake, Natalie Dudte, April Dulceak, Zachariah Erwin, Mackenzie Evans, Emilie Farrier, Delaney Fields, Aja Fiessinger, Megan Frederick, Nathaniel Gaarber, Colleen Gilfoyle, Grace Hartman, Brandi Hayes, Allison Hemmelgarn, Nathan Henderson, Brandon Hicks, Sydney Hooker, Connor Hubbell, Samuel Iverson, Cade Johnson, Ladarria Jones, Austin Kendall, Carragan Klawon, Skylar Kline, Spencer Klopfenstein, Matthew Klosterman, Sierra Maiden, David McGraw, Nickolas Mittelstadt, Blake Morgan, Yuto Nagase, Kaleb Nelson, Rhiannon Paglione, Jenna Rice, Davis Ruzicka, Megan

Sawchek, Sabrina Schaeffer, Julia Sentman, Joseph Sheehan, Matthew Spencer, Edawnya Steinke, Hailey Taylor, Jasmine Thompson, Nicole Usserman, Grace Walling, Masada Warner, Bailey Webb, Erika Wilson.

Juniors - Haley Beeler, Adam Bilitzke, Shelby Bixler, Aliya Blakley, Isabella Burghardt, Emily Clawson, Lanie Hagen, Dakota Hamman, Mayu Kinoshita, Austin Koeker, Brooke Klopfenstein, David Law, Xander Magill, Danielle McDonagh, Kyle Miller, Molly Miller, Ally Orban, Dispha Patel, Zachary Reichelderfer, Deven Sturgeon, Jessica Sutherly, Derek Szklany, Olivia Westfall, Jacob Wheeler, Keiran Williams

Seniors - Jackson Armstrong, Colleen Baker, Emily Brinkman, Isaac Brown, Sydney Burton, Shelby Campbell, Emilee Chaney, Logan Chaney, Nicolas Cook, Chaz Copas, Nathan Dudte, Macy Fuller, Kacey Gonzalez, Kyrianne Griffith, Peyton Hampton, Timothy Hanna, Bailey Hess, Grant Holland, Karina Horstman, Megan Humphrey, Hayden Jackson, Jenna Kaup, Emma Lavelle, Morgan Lemmon, Brandon Lewis, Tyler Mauk, Derrin McCormick, Caitlin Mellieon, Jonathan Mohr, Morgan Peltier, Sierra Poland, Madeline Ramsey, Carter Rehmer, Lauren Richardson, Stacy Rutschilling, Dylan Sedam, Iaiah Shannon, Peter Sheehan, Sierra Simon, Abby Smith, Terrell Sprowl, Megan Troy.

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Eagles Open Season Friday, Ready To Compete

By Jim Dabbelt

After suffering their first losing record in several years, which included the first time since 2010 that they didn't win the conference title, the Troy Christian Eagles boys' basketball team is looking forward to some redemption.

While they aren't looking ahead to any particular goal, coach Ray Zawadzki says his team will focus on one game at a time to hope to ultimately reach long-term success.

"We have a lot of guys back with varsity experience, including some with three-years of experience," Zawadzki said. "My expectations are that we have been through it and should know what we are dealing with, and should be prepared."

"We have to improve our shooting, we were bad from beyond the arc, and bad from the free throw line. Those are areas I am still concerned about because we had a lot of athletes who haven't touched a ball since July (due to fall sports success). We will take



James Anderson looks to make a move for Troy Christian in their Preview last week.

out athletic ability these kids have and use it the best that we can."

Despite not having some of the kids due to fall sports, Zawadzki has seen some good things from the guys in the preseason.

"I have seen a lot of maturity in the three boys that played varsity as sophomores," Zawadzki said. "They have taken the next step to what we are going to be doing this year."

Xxx seniors will be on the

floor this season leading the way for the Eagles.

Seth Wynne will be the point guard for the Eagles, his third year on the varsity squad.

"Solid kid who is also solid with his leadership, effort and performance," Zawadzki said. "He is just a competitor and that is who you want leading your team. Seth is going to set the tone from the start. His expectations for everyone is 'follow me. If I am doing it, I expect you to do it'."



Ben Schenk runs the offense for the Eagles.

Jacob Brown also returns as a senior, who is coming off a great football season.

"Give him a couple of week to get his legs under him, and he will go," the coach said. "He is a flat-out athlete and will be a player that opponents will definitely have to deal with."

Another senior is Hayden Hartman, who according to Zawadzki is a great shooter, along with Peyton Spurlock who can get to the rim and Sam Kirkpatrick who will be a key player off the bench for

the Eagles according to the coach.

Juniors include James Anderson, who at 6-foot-8 will be a problem inside for opponents this season.

"Everything starts with him," Zawadzki said. "He has really grown up, and realizes that he is the biggest kid on the floor and there isn't anything you can do about it. The biggest change I have seen in him is that he is playing outside of his space. I want him to have the basketball and I trust

him to make good decisions."

Another junior Ben Schenk has matured with a lot of confidence this season according to Zawadzki said. "We expect him to get to the rim and be able to shoot the ball," the coach said.

Junior Colt Tanner also plays point guard and will be responsible to lead the team when he is on the floor this season for the Eagles.

Conner Case and Jackson Kremer are sophomores who hope to improve their games this season for the Eagles.

Zawadzki feels his team can compete for a league title, but realizes it will be a process to get there.

"We are taking a step back," Zawadzki said. "We won five straight and that streak was broken last year. We are taking each game one at a time and not worry right now if we get the league title or not, that may be best for this group."

Troy Christian opens the season hosting Franklin Monroe this Friday night, and heads to New Bremen on Saturday.



Troy is hoping to turn things around this year under second-year coach Paul Bremigan.

Trojans Hope To Rebound For Successful Season

By Jim Dabbelt

After suffering through a rough season last year that saw the Troy Trojans boys' basketball team win only eight games, coach Paul Bremigan is preparing his squad for the start of their new season which begins December 9 hosting Greenville in a GWOC divisional game.

"I think we have a little bit more talent this year, as in balance and competitiveness among the kids," Bremigan said. "We have 15-16 kids to really compete for spots on the varsity and JV and that's what I like."

"That is how I was successful at Russia, creating the competition among the kids in practice and getting everybody better. I am seeing a lot of that this year."

With this being his second year at Troy, he feels that the kids are more familiar with his system and that should transcend into more success on the floor.

"They are more use to me and what I expect and I am used to them," he said. "It is a total change and a new system and new expectations. Overall that makes a big difference being my second year."

Bremigan has been working hard to turn things around, and feels that in order to be successful his team

must do the little things right.

"If you look at our size, one of the biggest things we have to do a good job at is rebounding," Bremigan said. "We also have to do a better job defending. That is what we have wanted to do and it is important that we do those things."

"We have a lot of different combinations we can throw out there."

Troy returns four letterman from last year who Bremigan will be counting on a lot this year.

Three of those returning players are seniors, Ryan McClurg, Zion Taylor, Keenan Kinnel, along with junior Zach Reichelderfer.

"Ryan is our leading scorer coming back and Zion just came off of a successful football season," Bremigan said. "Keenan is a good inside and out for us, and is a good physical player for us."

"Zach was injured some last year and we are looking for big things from him this season."

In the GWOC, Bremigan feels it is a balance league going into the season.

"There are teams with quite a bit back from last year, but it looks pretty competitive and anyone can beat anyone on a given night. We are just looking to see where we are at."

Eagles Fall In Fourth Quarter Of Season Opener

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a rough opener for the Troy Christian girls' basketball team.

After fighting back from a sluggish, early start to take their first lead of the game in the third period, the Eagles watched as Indian Lake then went on a 19-4 run to end the game, and the Lakers defeated the Eagles 50-36 in the season opener for Troy Christian on Saturday night.

Hailey Peters opened her senior year with a team high 11 points to lead the Eagles, while sophomore Kenley Blake added seven points, and junior Kathryn Lee contributed six.

Morgan Evilsizor and

Kelson Stidam each scored 21 points in the game for Indian Lake, and combined for nine three-pointers and 13-22 overall shooting, mostly from the perimeter. The Eagles defense did not contend several shots, and the Lakers hit their shots in the win.

Indian Lake jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the opening two minutes as each hit a three before Peters scored to put the Eagles on the board with 5:47 left in the opening period.

That was the extent of their first-quarter offense as the Lakers added to their lead after the first quarter, leading 13-3. Stidam buried another three to close out the scoring in the first peri-

od.

The Lakers continued to control the game in the second period, pushing their lead to 21-12 with 2:33 left in the half. Again it was consecutive three's from Stidam after Blake scored five consecutive points to close the deficit to 15-10.

Peters scored twice to close their gap to 23-16 late in the half, but the Lakers scored late to take a 25-18 lead into the half.

Troy Christian came out strong to begin the second half, as Lee and Cara Salazar brought the visiting Eagles to within three, but the Lakers used the three-ball again to open their lead back out to eight midway through the

period.

That's when the Eagles began their comeback. Peters started a 9-0 run with a score at the rim, while Sarah Earhart and Blake added to the run, and with 1:37 left in the third the Eagles had their first lead of the game 32-31.

Troy Christian kept it close early in the fourth, as Lee hit a pair of free throws with 6:04 left in the game to tie the game at 36. Unfortunately the Eagles offense would watch as the Lakers outscored them 14-0 the rest of the game to get the win.

The Eagles return to action tomorrow night at Piqua, then host Greenon on Saturday night.

Sports Notes: Troy, TC In Action This Week

The Troy girls' basketball team hosts Ponitz on Saturday in their next game, with the varsity contest starting at 12:30 p.m.

While the boys' don't open the season until next

week, the wrestling squad is at Sidney on Saturday morning and the swimmers are also in action on Saturday, traveling to Mason.

The Trojans hockey team hosts St. Xavier on

Saturday at Hobart Arena at 4:15, then returns to Hobart on Sunday for a 5:45 game against Elder.

Troy Christian - The Eagles boys' basketball team hits the court on Friday as they host Franklin

Monroe at 7:30, then heads to New Bremen on Saturday for a 7:30 tipoff.

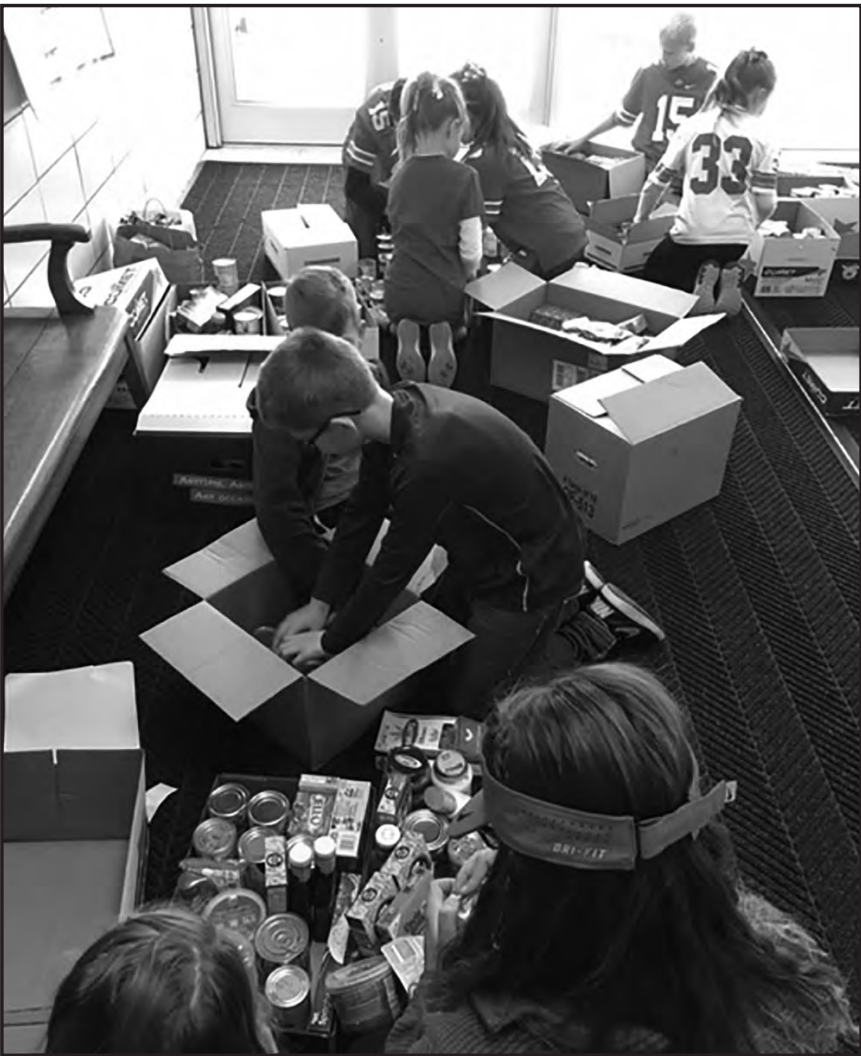
The Eagles girls' team travels to Piqua tomorrow night at 7:30, and the wrestling team is at the Delta Duels all day on Saturday.

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care of their community," Johnson said. "For a small school, we have a lot of people that want to care for others. It was such a beautiful thing to watch the children come up with an idea, schedule the drive, run it, and then donate to see people in their community encouraged and blessed during the holidays." According to Johnson and Gustin, even the idea of the food drive was entirely generated by their students.

More boxes of food were collected than Gustin was able to count. Student council members worked alongside him to pack the boxes before he made the deliveries personally. "The boxes we packed were bigger than the students could carry," Gustin said. "We collected so much food. It was amazing."

According to Johnson, the food drive and other student run projects demonstrate a value that the Hook Elementary School administration has long taught. Children may wrestle with the belief that they are "just a kid," thinking "what can I do?" What Johnson and teachers at Hook desire to instill in their students is that they can still make a difference. "It doesn't matter how young or how small you are," Johnson said. "There is something every person can do that matters and can make the world a better place."






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OBITUARIES

Glenn D. Fox

Glenn D. Fox, age 91, Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at Koester Pavilion, Troy, OH. He was born on January 12, 1925 in Vandalia, OH to the late Herbert E. and Clara (Ankney) Fox. Glenn was married to Wilmadene (Holmes) Fox and she preceded him in death in 2008.

Glenn is survived by his sons: Steven Lee Fox of Hiram, GA and Gary A. Fox of Rosamond, CA and daughter: Carol Diane Barr of Boulder, CO.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Glenn was preceded in death by his brother: Earl Woodrow Fox and sister: Joanna Delaplaine.

Glenn was a US Navy WWII veteran having served in the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the Tipp City Masonic Lodge.

He was an aircraft mechanic having worked for Dick Rutan voyager project and formerly employed in maintenance at General Motors Company.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Poplar Hill Cemetery, Vandalia, OH with Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard services. Memorial contributions may be made to Altrusa Mobile Meals, PO Box 918, Troy, OH 45373.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Roy E. Lynch, Sr.

Roy E. Lynch, Sr., age 84, of Troy, passed peacefully unto the Lord on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born October 13, 1932, in Goodview, Bedford County, Virginia to the late Virginia E. (Hodges) Lynch and Willie M. Lynch. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings William P. Lynch, Martha V. Lynch, Edward M. Lynch, and Clarence J. Lynch, all of Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife of more than 66 years, Barbara (Dunbar) Lynch, and children Anne (Dan) Bennett of Wapakoneta, Linda (Tom) Schilling of Datil, New Mexico, Dona (David) Swihart of Troy, and R.E. Lynch, Jr. of Troy. Four grandchildren, Ted Bennett (Holly), David Bennett, Rob (Jenny) Swihart, and Mat (Courtney) Swihart, and one great-granddaughter also survive him.

Roy was retired from Chrysler Corporation after 30 years as an Area Manager. His employment provided many opportunities for him to travel extensively throughout the United States as well as internationally. He served as an original Auxiliary Sheriff Deputy in Miami County for ten years. He was a member of the Living Word Fellowship Church in Troy and was a member of the Troy Elks #833. He attended Stewartsville School (elementary and secondary) in Goodview, Virginia and Edison State Community College. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the Korean Conflict.

His interests included his family, his church, gardening, reading autobiographies, and he was an avid long-distance walker. He held a deep affection for the Outer Banks of North Carolina, particularly the Pine Knoll Shores/Morehead City areas and, as often as his schedule permitted, would be found walking the beaches there during the past 35 years.

He was a true prize and a very generous and kind soul. His absence will be felt deeply by his family and friends, as well as his faithful canine companion Saadie.

A funeral service was held at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Gilbert Welbaum, Living Word Fellowship Church, officiating. His final resting place is at Riverside Cemetery, Troy, with Military service conducted by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy.

Contributions may be made to the animal humane society of your choice, the Easter Seals Sunrise Center, 316 North College St., #1, Piqua, Ohio 45356, or Tridia Hospice/Bella Care, 329 North Broad Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

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

Betty L. Baker (Brown)

Betty L. Baker, age 70, of Troy, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2016 at Ross Heart Hospital in Columbus. She was born in Troy on February 25, 1946 to the late Cleo and Edna (Riley) Brown.

Betty is survived by her husband of 48 years: William L. Baker; one son: William A. (Julie) Baker of Sidney; two grandchildren: Shelby and Lauren Baker, sisters: Mary M. "Maggie" (Albert) Frantom of Tipp City, Ruth Schneider of Vandalia and Donna Combs of Worthington, KY; sister-in-law: Brenda Brown of Troy; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers: Charles Brown and James Russell Brown; and brother-in-law: Richard Schneider.

Betty was a 1964 graduate of Raceland High School in Raceland, KY. She later pursued a career in real estate, which included many advanced studies in the field. Betty was a longtime local realtor, most recently with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in Troy. Betty retired from Hobart ITW after 35 years of service. She was a member of Red Hatters.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Rich Baker officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Southwestern Regional Office, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Leslie F. Howe

Leslie F. Howe, age 80, of Troy, OH passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at his residence. He was born on March 21, 1936 in Dayton, OH to the late Henry F. and Dorothy (Wolff) Howe.

Les is survived by his wife of 20 years: Vivian (Paul) Hines Howe; two daughters: Cynthia (Lee) Butler and Shelly (Ron) Erickson both of Wyoming; one son: Russell (Tawn) Howe of Wyoming; three stepdaughters: Penny Hines of Medway, Bethany (Doug) Covault of Troy and Holly (Greg) Stone of West Chester; stepson: Cary (LeeAnn) Hines of West Chester; two sisters: Darlene Drescher of NC and Muriel (Jim) Connolly of Troy; seven grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Les was preceded in death by his brother-in-law: Carl Drescher.

Les served his country in the US Air Force. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton, American Legion and the WACO Historical Society. He retired from General Motors Company after 27-plus years of service. After retirement he enjoyed being a motorcycle instructor and driving for Riverside.

Services will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with Tom Looker officiating. Interment will be held in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, OH with Veteran Memorial Honor Guard services at the graveside. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:30PM on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the funeral home with Masonic Services to follow at 7:30PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Wordsower International, 16960 Sidney-Plattsville Road, Sidney, OH 45365; WACO Historical Society, 1865 S. County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373 or Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

Condolences may be expressed to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.



Edna Louise Church

Edna Louise Church, age 67 of Troy, passed away Friday, November 25, 2016 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She was born December 28, 1948 in Middlesboro, KY to the late Edward Gene and Inez (Reed) Percy.

Louise is survived by her husband Daniel R. Church, whom she married August 9, 1969; two daughters and sons-in-law Tammy and John Heffner of Troy, and Tonia and Nic Palivec of Troy; as well as grandchildren Maddison Heffner, Caitlin Palivec, and Brycen Palivec. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by son William "Billy" Church and brother Charles Percy.

Louise was a 1969 graduate of Troy High School. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post #46 in Troy. She retired from Upper Valley Medical Center after 24 years of service in the Environmental Services Department.

A visitation was held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 4:00PM-6:00PM at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Entombment will be held at a later date in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.



Lowell D. Storer

Lowell D. Storer of Ludlow Falls, OH passed away on November 25, 2016 after a brief illness. Born on December 18, 1944 in Martinsville, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard C. and Katherine (Lyons) Storer.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol J. (Furrow) Storer; daughter, Erin M. Cooper (Nelson Jr.) of West Milton and son, Shaun E. Storer (Autumne) of West Carrollton and granddaughter, Alana Storer; brother, John Storer (Jill); nephew, Brandon of Carrollton, GA and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lowell was a 1962 graduate of Graham High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Miami University in 1967.

Lowell retired from Milton-Union Schools where he taught physical education and coached wrestling, golf and girls softball. He enjoyed collecting and selling sports memorabilia.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Honeycreek Cemetery, Christiansburg, OH with the Pastor Robbie Scott officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Mona Joyce Quillen (Curry)

Mona Joyce Quillen, age 88, of Troy, OH passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy. She was born on December 28, 1927 in Blair, WV to the late John and Lillian (DeHart) Curry. Mona was married to Adam F. Quillen for 62 years and he preceded her in death on October 22, 2009.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: Steve and Patricia Quillen and Ronald K. Quillen, Sr. all of Troy; A.W. and Carole Quillen of Logan; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings: June Jenkins of Barnabus, WV; Elizabeth Rebar and Linda Palmer of VA; Michael (Nancy) Rebar of Washington, DC and Eldon K. Rebar of Cow Creek, WV. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her son: John W. Quillen, Sr. and siblings: Willie Curry; Raymond Curry; Jean Sorrell and Rosalie Martin.

Mona was a 1946 graduate of Logan High School. She was employed for many years with the Cassano's Pizza in Sherwood Shopping Center, Troy. She was an avid reader.

Services were held at 7:00PM on Friday, November 25, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home with the Rev. Dale Christian officiating. A gathering of family and friends was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Reed Funeral Home in South Shore, KY with a graveside at 12:30 PM on Saturday at the Quillen Family Cemetery in Greenup, KY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donor's Choice of Charity. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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he would banter with Cox.

"It was a pleasure with Sheriff Cox – always," he said. He described Cox as honorable, ethical, sensible and consistent.

Cox was to be honored the previous week with the association's Professional Service Award. Cornwell, instead, presented that award to Cox's

wife, Lynn, during the service.

Family friend Ethel Grayson shared stories of Cox, many recalled by his wife. Grayson told of a man who loved trips to the Outer Banks, fishing, flea markets, garage sales and working puzzles with family.

Capt. Dave Norman talked

of driving across the county with the sheriff, who he said was known by everyone and always was courteous and polite. "I told people working for him was like working for my father," Norman said.

"He cared deeply for the men and women of the sheriff's office," he said, adding Cox allowed people to do

their job to the best of their abilities.

The sheriff never wavered in his duties and responsibilities, Norman said. "He said doing what is right is harder than looking the other way," he said.

Greg Simmons, a local pastor and FOP chaplain, conducted the service. He


said Cox shared three families – biological, law enforcement and the family of God. "He understood the group is more important than one person," Simmons said of the law enforcement family.

The service included bagpipes, a 21-bell salute, a last call through the Miami

County Communications Center, Taps and the presentation of a flag to Lynn Cox by Duchak.

In addition to his wife, four children, 10 grandchildren, three siblings and his dogs survive Cox.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton.



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Making Sense of Health Insurance

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Should you Consider a Medicare Advantage Plan?

If you're over the age 65 or have been on disability for more than 2 years you've probably heard the term Medicare Advantage. However, most people don't fully understand what a Medicare Advantage plan is.

A Medicare Advantage plan is a health insurance plan that works in place of Original Medicare. Some people call it a Medicare replacement plan, however it doesn't technically replace Medicare. If someone chooses to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan they will get services from a private insurance company instead of the government program Medicare.

For example, here in Miami County we have a plan called the Anthem Medibluessential HMO. It is a Medicare Advantage plan available for people who are enrolled in Original Medicare. If someone decides to enroll in the Anthem plan he or she will use the Anthem card instead of his or her Medicare card. They will use that card at the Doctor, hospital, and pharmacy. All of their bills and Explanation of Benefits come from Anthem instead of Medicare. They also have to use Anthem's network instead of the Medicare network.

The great thing about Medicare Advantage plans is that they usually have little to no monthly premium (other than the Part B Medicare Premium) and they include Prescription drug coverage. They also provide Medicare beneficiaries catastrophic coverage. For example, that Anthem Medicare Advan-

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Columns & Opinion

Gardening Commentary

By Meadow View Growers

The Colder Weather is Here!

The colder weather is finally here. November temperatures have been above normal but now it appears we are back to our normal temperatures for this time of the year. It is still quite dry and we want to make sure there is adequate moisture in the soil for recent plantings of trees, shrubs and perennials and even some of our older evergreen trees. Hopefully really cold temperatures will wait until our plants become acclimated to the cold weather that is coming and avoid any serious freeze damage. I want to emphasize, when our plants go into the winter months on the dry side this can be a huge problem for plants that have been added to the landscape in the last 18 months. Trees and shrubs planted this year, and in particular those that are evergreen, that is keeping their foliage whether leaves or needles, are most vulnerable to damage. One of the last tools that should be put away this fall is your water hose. Yes, plants need adequate moisture at the root zone in the winter. Remember, the humidity outside is lower

in the winter, and when the winds blow moisture is lost from exposed bark and the leaves and needles of evergreens. On the next mild day it would be a good idea to give any plants, added to the landscape this year, one more good soaking. Another thing to consider is applying an anti-desiccant spray like Wilt Pruf® or Stop Wilt® that coats the plant surfaces with a clear membrane to reduce evaporation. A 2" layer of mulch for moisture preservation is also helpful. If you have planted any young shade trees, particularly those with thin bark, be sure to protect the trunks from Sun Scald

and eventual bark splitting. Use tree guards from November until March to shield the sun.

These details can make the difference of protecting the investment made in our landscapes. We don't want to have our plants damaged or killed even though most nurseries guarantee them. Replacements are no fun and the effort of replanting and having to reestablish the plants and losing a valuable year of growth sets us back. If you have not fertilized your lawn this fall NOW is the time. Plant roots are active, absorbing nutrients, whenever the soil is not frozen. The plants in our yards will start off next spring much better when they have food available over the winter months.

Think about adding some indoor plants to your home or office this winter. Plants improve our environment in a couple of ways. First by improving the quality of the air we breathe. And secondly, they improve our psyche by having living plants around us. There is no better time to do this than at holiday time with a beautiful, locally grown poinsettia or other blooming plants that will be with us through the winter. They are easy to care for and they improve where we are with their beauty.

If you have questions just send an email to info@meadowview.com.

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**Fried Cabbage**

- One head of cabbage
- 2 tablespoons lard, butter, oil or other shortening
- Salt, pepper, other seasoning

Wash cabbage head. Discard tough outer leaves. (If you raise chickens, rabbits or hogs they'll love the greens.) Remove core from cabbage and cut into wedges. Then slice wedges into smaller wedges. Place in skillet in which lard is melted. Add about ½ cup water. Season to taste. Bring to boil, reduce heat to simmer. Cover skillet and cook for about 20 minutes or until cabbage is tender crisp.

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Apples & Sweet Potatoes

- 3 medium sweet potatoes
- 3 apples
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar

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- Butter or margarine

Boil sweet potatoes until almost done. Cool. Peel. Slice into chunks. Peel, core and slice apples.

# At Home

By Connie Moore

### Just Plain Cooking

While searching for a recipe request, we came across a cake recipe named Old Lady Cake. Well, it got me to thinking about fancy versus plain cooking. Just what is the difference? Age certainly has something to do with it, but age of who or what? Is the recipe plain if it is over fifty years old? Or maybe it's plain cooking if the cook is over fifty? Or is plain cooking a term for anything fixed on a regular basis with regular ingredients and eaten on a regularly scheduled day? You know, like years ago Mondays were bean soup day (because it could simmer all day while the laundry was being done) or Sunday was pot roast day (because it could cook in the oven while everybody was at church).

Another way to look at this age-related cooking question is found in the popular commercial ending of "What's

in your wallet?" You might recognize it as a Capitol One charge card slogan. But for us old folks, a charge card today is synonymous with cash in our wallets (years ago), and that has a direct bearing on what is in our cupboards. A loaded wallet tends to make for a cupboard (freezer, refrigerator, pantry, etc.) well-stocked with high end items. Therefore, some fancy cooking might take precedent over plain, everyday cooking.

So, what's in your cupboard?

How you look at it is up to you. We took that 'old lady' cake kind of personally. So, here are some other old, plain, but definitely tasty dishes too.

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- Old Lady Cake**
- ¼ cup butter
  - 1 cup brown sugar
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - 2 cups sifted cake flour
  - 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
  - ½ teaspoon baking soda
  - ½ teaspoon nutmeg
  - ½ teaspoon ground cloves

- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup sour milk
- Cream butter and sugar. Add egg, beat well. Sift all dry ingredients together 3 times. Add dry mix to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Bake in greased tube pan at 350 degrees for 45 – 55 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean when inserted in middle of cake. Cool for 5 minutes, release from pan. Cool completely. Ice with favorite frosting or glaze.
- Recipe source: Culinary Arts Institute Encyclopedia Cookbook, 1948.
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- 1930 Meatloaf**
- 1 pound ground beef
  - 1 pound ground pork
  - 1 cup well-crushed soda crackers\*see note
  - ½ to ¾ cup tomato sauce
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1 small onion, chopped
  - Salt, pepper or other seasoning
- In large mixing bowl, break up meats. \*Note: old-fashioned oats or quick oats may be substituted for the soda crackers. Add crackers and rest of ingredients. Mix thoroughly by hand. Place mixture in a baking dish or pan. Shape into loaf.

# Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO  
TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

## Scams

Con men and scam artists are still hard at work trying to swindle you out of hard earned money. I have received the phone call from the Internal Revenue Service demanding money for underpaid taxes or arrest warrant will be filed. Knowing that the IRS does not call and demand money, and that the caller could barely speak English, I asked him to give me my Social Security Number to make sure it wasn't my (deceased) father who they

wanted to speak with. The phone call suddenly ended without even a polite "Good-bye."

The IRS does not make phone calls demanding money or threaten with warrants. They send a letter of notification of a pending audit and give the name and phone number of whom to contact. Furthermore if they know your phone number and note that you underpaid taxes, they also have your name and SSN, DOB and all other pertinent information about you in front of them. Don't be intimidated by someone claiming to be with the IRS and demanding money.

Another scam that has

not gone away is the grandpa scam. A young sounding scammer calls until a possible elderly person answers. The conversation goes like this, "Grandpa, I am in the Bahamas on spring break and was caught drinking a beer! The police officer say's if I can pay him \$1,000 he will let me go. I don't want to call mom or dad because they will be mad at me and it would break their hearts. Would you give go to the bank and send the money?"

Just hearing "Grandpa I'm in trouble!" causes panic and of course any good grandparent would help their grandchild stay out of trouble. The trouble is the grandchild is not even related and there is no police arrest. By the time the grandparent next talks to their family, they learn none

of the kids were in the Bahamas and nobody got arrested. It was all a scam. I had a retired physician who was hard of hearing fall for this one.

Again, just asking the name of the grandchild will often end the call and scam attempt. I also had one where a school mate who knew the family used the correct names in a scam attempt. Luckily the scam fell through when the grandparent called their child who then asked the grandchild about it. The grandchild had a falling out with a classmate and gave the name which resulted in a confession.

The contractor scam is also very prevalent. A man claims to be a contractor and agrees to put in new kitchen cabinets or appliances. The

contractor of course wants half the money up front and never does the work. Make sure the person doing the work does not have a bad record with the Better Business Bureau. Ask for references and get a contract.

Also make sure the contractor is self insured. A supposed fall inside your home could result in the contractor suing you and getting a long overdue back surgery at your or your insurance company's expense.

As for banks, I only do business with humans if at all possible. They know me at my Tipp City bank and if I came in asking to wire \$8,000 to the Bahamas a red flag will pop up in their brain and say this is unusual for Joe, maybe the manager should talk with him about this. I

know this because I have seen it over my career when a teller or bank manager and even manager of a local drug store became suspicious and suggested they talk with the police before sending such a large amount of money.

I also have seen many cases where an elderly person who may be suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's will write checks to scam artists who pretend to be friends or doing housework. I had a neighbor who was getting a little confused and when I saw her out trimming her grass with pinking shears, I suggested her son put his name on her checks and any checks written by her were worthless without his signature.

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# Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

## Tips for teaching your teen about money management

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

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

**1.) Create spending and savings patterns**

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

**2.) Get started on a path to build credit**

Set up a checking or savings account, make regular deposits, and keep the account in good standing. Get your son or daughter started on the right financial foot today and it may be easier for them to someday buy a new car, mort-

gage a home or secure other types of loans. As an added bonus, having a checking or savings account allows your teen to learn about online banking and using ATMs.

**3.) Set goals**

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

**4.) Begin saving for retirement.**

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

**5.) Don't bail them out**

This is one of the most dif-

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

Other ideas to consider:

- Work with your teen to develop a realistic budget, set long and short-term financial goals and plans for achieving them.

- Discuss the difference between "must-have" purchases today, such as school supplies, and "would like to have" purchases, such as the addition of the latest fashion to an already adequate wardrobe.

- Promote shopping around before making purchases. Generally, it assures a better deal and discourages impulse buying. Also, take the opportunity to teach the importance of making a list before shopping (and how to stick to it).

- Encourage the use of a personal financial management tool to track income, savings, expenses and debt. It

is good to get in the habit of tracking monthly spending as small purchases such as magazines or sodas begin to add up after time.

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

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

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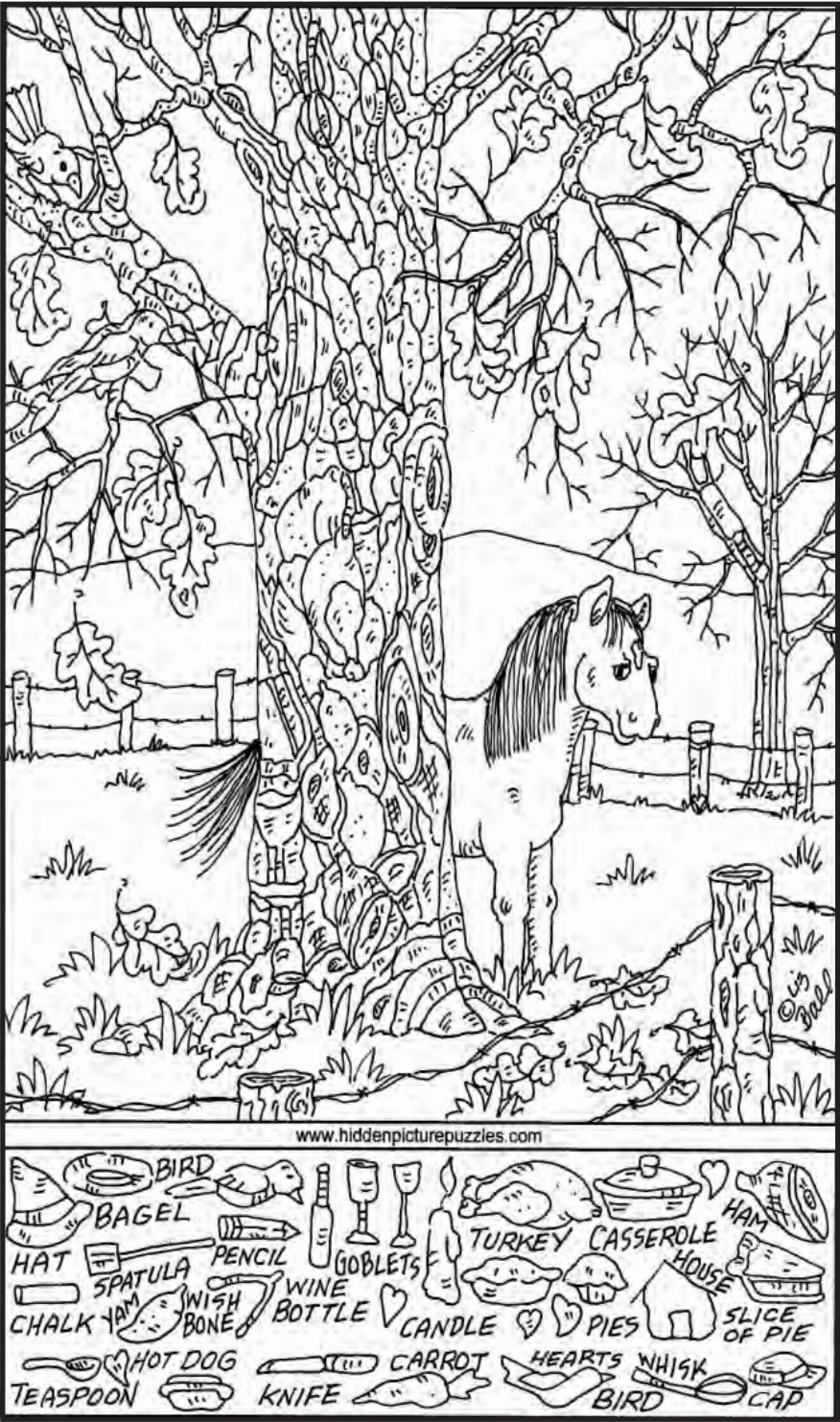
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Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL



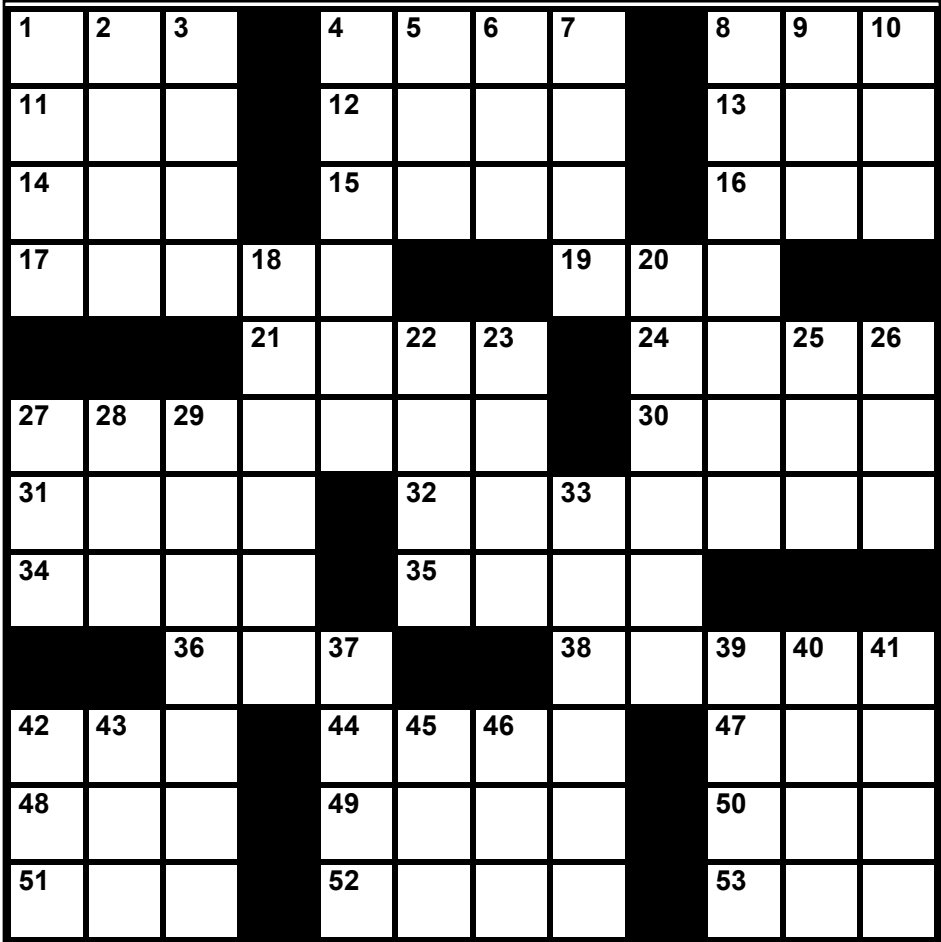
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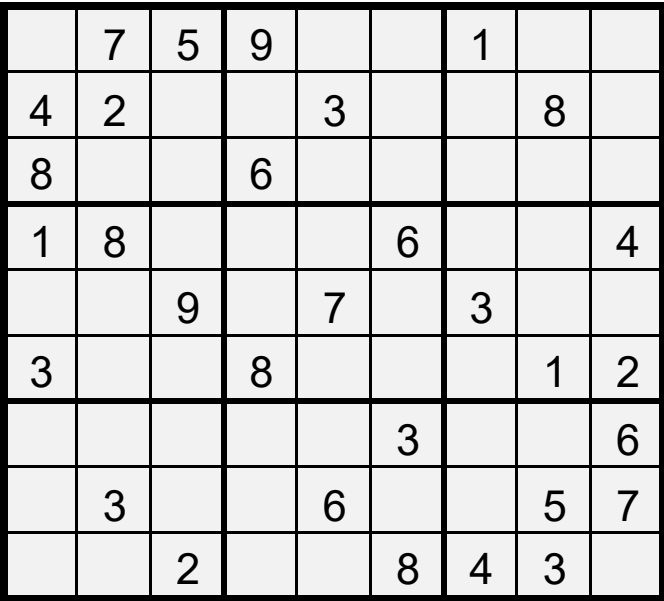
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| 11. Roll-call vote        | 34. Lebanon port           | 26. "___ takers?"             |
| 12. Put on the payroll    | 35. Tarzan's home          | 27. Speculate                 |
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| 14. Wolf down             | 38. BBQ remains            | 29. Set up                    |
| 15. Bassoon, e.g.         | 42. Delivery vehicle       | 33. Gravitated toward         |
| 16. Disobeyed a zoo sign? | 44. "___ my word!"         | 37. Kitchen measures          |
| 17. Tearjerker            | 47. Law                    | 39. Possesses, biblically     |
| 19. Her                   | 48. Easter item            | 40. Cave noise                |
| 21. Social insects        | 49. Christmas tree         | 41. Dance bit                 |
| 24. Lot measurement       | 50. Café alternative       | 42. Ex-GI                     |
| 27. Coverage in bed?      | 51. ___ the line           | 43. Before now                |
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Sudoku

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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

Taylor Swift Lyrics Trivia Quiz

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| 1.) It feels like a perfect night to dress up like hipsters And make fun of our exes...<br>a. Blank Space<br>b. All Too Well<br>c. I Know Places<br>d. 22                                                             | 6.) I see your face in my mind as I drive away, cause none of us thought it was gonna end that way...<br>a. Breathe<br>b. The Outside<br>c. A Place in This World<br>d. Out of the Woods                 | 11.) I guess you really did it this time. Left yourself in your warpath. Lost your balance on a tightrope...<br>a. The Last Time<br>b. The Moment I Knew<br>c. Treacherous<br>d. Innocent                   |
| 2.) You're on the phone with your girlfriend. She's upset. She's going off about something that you said...<br>a. You Belong With Me<br>b. Red<br>c. I Wish You Would<br>d. Long Live                                 | 7.) I was riding shotgun with my hair undone in the front seat of his car. He's got a one- hand feel on the steering wheel...<br>a. Our Song<br>b. Ronan<br>c. Shake It Off<br>d. Safe and Sound         | 12.) I was born in the arms of imaginary friends. Free to roam, made a home out of everywhere I've been...<br>a. Invisible<br>b. If This Was a Movie<br>c. Mary's Song (Oh My My My)<br>d. Half of my Heart |
| 3.) He said the way my blue eyes shined put those Georgia stars to shame that night. I said, "That's a lie...."<br>a. Sparks Fly<br>b. Wonderland<br>c. Tim McGraw<br>d. The Story of Us                              | 8.) You, with your words like knives and swords and weapons that you use against me...<br>a. Sparks Fly<br>b. Speak Now<br>c. Mean<br>d. Picture to Burn                                                 | 13.) There's somethin' 'bout the way the street looks when it's just rained. There's a glow off the pavement...<br>a. New Romantics<br>b. Ours<br>c. Love Story<br>d. Fearless                              |
| 4.) I remember what you wore on our first date. You came into my life and I thought hey you know this could be something...<br>a. Superman<br>b. Today Was a Fairytale<br>c. Two is Better Than One<br>d. Tell Me Why | 9.) And it's a sad picture, the final blow hits you. Somebody else gets what you wanted again...<br>a. Shake It Off<br>b. Umbrella<br>c. Untouchable<br>d. Change                                        | 14.) Everybody's waiting. Everybody's watching. Even when you're sleeping...<br>a. The Outside<br>b. The Moment I Knew<br>c. Eyes Open<br>d. Out of the Woods                                               |
| 5.) Drew looks at me, I fake a smile so he won't see that I want and I'm needing everything that we should be...<br>a. Tell Me Why<br>b. Teardrops on my Guitar<br>c. A Perfectly Good Heart<br>d. Style              | 10.) Find myself at your door, just like all those times before. I'm not sure how I got there, all roads they lead me here...<br>a. The Last Time<br>b. White Horse<br>c. Wildest Dreams<br>d. Starlight | 15.) You take a deep breath and you walk through the doors. It's the morning of your very first day...<br>a. The Lucky One<br>b. Fifteen<br>c. The Other Side of the Door<br>d. Should've Said No           |



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Once when two salesmen approached my neighbor's house, I walked over, knocked on the door and was invited in by my neighbor. I told the two men I was a police officer and if they were legitimate any check she wrote would have to be signed by her son.

Another scammer sold a chair to an elderly veteran who could no long get out of his recliner. The daughter became suspicious when the \$1,500 chair was costing her father over \$2,200 and

still had not been delivered. The next time the salesman showed up to collect \$320 for payment, I was in the next room listening and arrested the man. He lived in Centerville, plead guilty as charged and paid back all the money he had collected.

There is and never will be a shortage of scam artists in this world. Why do physical labor when you can easily swindle the right victim. For every scammer, there are thousands of marks just waiting to give their money away.

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tage plan has a maximum out-of-pocket of \$4,900.

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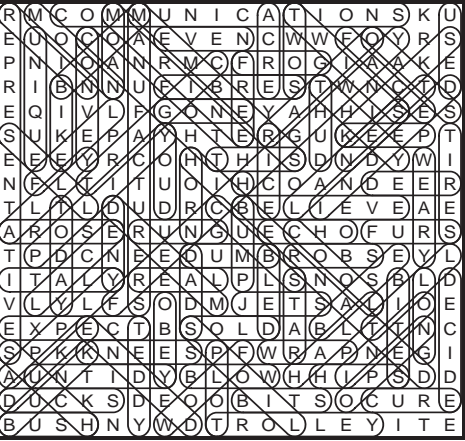
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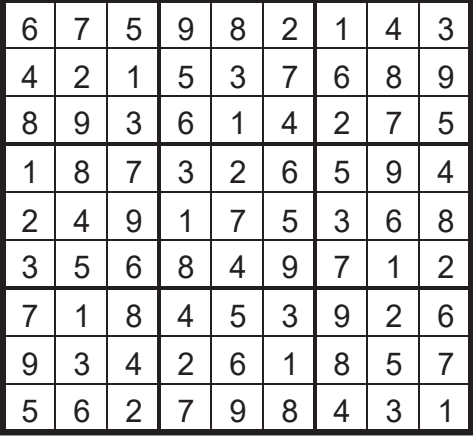
#### Crossword



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#### Sudoku



#### Trivia

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| 1.) 22 - Released on October 22, 2012 on the album Red.                                              | Swift.                                                                 | on October 25, 2010 on the album Speak Now.                                                  |
| 2.) You Belong With Me - Released on November 11, 2008 on the album Fearless.                        | 6.) Breathe - Released on November 11, 2008 on the album Fearless.     | 12.) Half of my Heart - Released on October 25, 2009 on John Mayer's album Battle Studies.   |
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|                                                                                                      | 10.) The Last Time - Released on October 22, 2012 on the album Red.    |                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                      | 11.) Innocent - Released                                               |                                                                                              |



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mint sticks while carriage rides carried visitors around the square before and after the tree lighting. The Miami Shelby Melody Men performed the soundtrack of the evening with a long list of familiar carols sung in four-part harmony. Prior to Santa's long-awaited appearance, Mayor Mike Beamish read "The Month Before Christmas" to gathered families.

Children enthusiastically lined up for hours to visit Santa's cottage on Prouty Plaza. 6-year-old Morgan reluctantly confessed that she would be asking Santa for an

Easy Bake Oven while 9-year-old Christian boldly claimed that he would be asking for a remote control car and boots. Even several adults accompanying children decided to take the opportunity to share their wishes with the Jolly Old Elf. A local teacher at Troy Christian Elementary School, Carol Bigalke, has been hitching a ride with other teachers and friends to get to work every day. She requested a blue car to which Santa replied, "Please be sure to check your driveway first thing on Christmas morning."



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her speed. She was cited for speed.

**Sunday 11/27**

**1:09 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Water at Walnut. The driver had a suspended license, but she said she thought she had taken care of the prob-

lem. She was cited for driving under suspension.

**1:18 a.m.** – To Public Square for a report of a physical disturbance. Both parties were determined to have assaulted each other. The female half was not incarcerated due to the jail situation.

The male half was taken to the Miami County Jail. Both were charged with domestic violence.

**1:29 a.m.** – Traffic stop on N. Cherry St. near Water St. The driver had been driving without any lights on. He advised that he did not have a

license and was driving because his girlfriend was intoxicated. He was cited for driving under suspension and no headlights. The vehicle was released to a sober, licensed driver.

**9:17 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. The vehicle

was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said she was aware that she was speeding. She was cited for speed.

**10:52 p.m.** – To S. Counts St. for a report of a burglary. Someone had entered the residence and stole several

collector coins.

**11:31 p.m.** – To S. Walnut St. for a report of a possible heroin overdose. A syringe was located that contained suspected heroin. It was forwarded to the lab for analysis.



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# School Board Discusses Facilities with Staff

**By Nancy Bowman**

While Troy schools leaders wait for information from the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC), they are meeting with staff at each district building to outline the district's facilities review process.

Superintendent Eric Herman told the board of education during its Nov. 21 meeting staff at each building is hearing about the district's finances, the OSFC process for funding and plans to collect public input on the future of district facilities next year.

"So far, staff has been receptive," Herman said.

The district in August kicked off the review process with educational visioning discussions held with more than 30 people.

The second set of more focused discussions on facilities was scheduled to begin in the fall, but was delayed while OSFC conducted its review of facilities and came up with enrollment projections.

Herman said he hopes that information will be available when district representatives meet with OSFC later this week. If so, officials should be ready to "engage with the community a little bit more" after the first of the year, he said.

Board member Tom Kleptz said he attended each of the staff presentations/discussions.

"I think a lot of them would like to see us start tomorrow with whatever we decide. Eric tells them it will take awhile," Kleptz said.

Herman said the basic message was that the facilities review would not be a simple process. "I share with them that on the board we have our 'tear them down' and then we have 'keep them all.' I

think that will be in every group," he said.

Among information people may not know about the OSFC process is at least seven acres of land is needed to build a new elementary school, he said.

"We have a lot of things to work through," Herman said.

Among staff concerns heard was how a facilities project might impact staffing. "It is a concern for some. As Eric pointed out, we are not getting rid of students in this process," Kleptz said.

"Everybody is trying to figure out how this relates to me. We are just beginning," Herman said.

People are looking for a plan in the discussions, Kleptz said, adding, "We have been careful not to have a plan. The job is to listen."

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