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# Investigation Leads To Change in Leadership at Isaiah's Place

By Nancy Bowman

Board members of the foster care agency Isaiah's Place reviewed the books after Troy police searched the nonprofit's offices Nov. 23 and subsequently received the resignation of director Kelley Gunter and terminated fiscal officer Matthew Gunter, organization lawyer Steven Justice said.

A sworn statement of a Troy police detective with details of alleged misuse of more than \$100,000 in Isaiah's Place funds was used to obtain court approval of the search warrant executed at the agency Nov. 23.

The search warrant served at the agency's Wayne

Street offices subsequently was filed in Miami County Municipal Court.

Police said an agency employee told them funds have been used for casino trips and gambling, home repairs and vacations, among other spending.

"After this came to light, we did our own internal review of financial statements and we determined, based on the review, there was factual support with what Detective Baker set forth," Justice said of the search warrant

The board subsequently received the resignation of Kelley Gunter and terminated Matthew Gunter. They are siblings.

Employee Irene Early has been named interim director as Justice and board members work with the state on ensuring the agency continues operations.

"The others who work there are very hard working people who do a fantastic job of running the agency," Justice said. "We have been doing all we can to work with the agency to help it come out of this."

He said he agency board members were "shocked" when they learned of the allegations days before the search.

Justice said the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services license Isaiah's Place every two years as

a private child placement agency.

Police said in the search warrant affidavit that the employee came forward, with an attorney, knowing that an audit was coming.

The search warrant states the investigation involves possible tampering with records, theft and falsification. Subpoenas also have been obtained for bank records.

The agency had around 10 employees and works with approximately 50 foster parents and 120 children. "It has a great track record," Justice said.

The search warrant in-

# York Gives Details of Murder

By Nancy Bowman

Hope Earnshaw-York told investigators of her grandfather William York Sr.'s murder that Richard Terrel repeatedly struck him in the back of the head with a metal ball bat as she and York were arguing over his "nit picking."

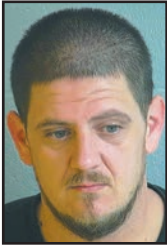
William York Sr., 88, died in late May 2015 at his Tipp City home. His body was found June 3, 2015, dumped in a red sleeping bag in a Kentucky creek after relatives reported him missing a couple of days prior.

Terrel, 37, of Troy was sentenced to 15 years in prison and Earnshaw-York, 25, to three years in prison Nov. 29 for their roles in the death, abuse of the corpse and tampering with evidence to attempt to conceal the crime. Both will receive credit for 545 days served in the county jail since their arrests.

The separate sentences were held before Judge Christopher Gee in Miami County Common Pleas Court. Both Terrel and Earnshaw York along with York family members spoke before the sentences were imposed.



York



Terrel

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# Church Plans Live Nativity Scene

By Nancy Bowman

Members of the Troy View Church of God plan to bring the Christmas story to life this weekend with presentation of a "Troy View of Bethlehem" live drive through nativity.

The nativity will be available for visitors Dec. 9 and 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the church at 1770 N. County Road 25A,

Troy, just north of the El Sombrero restaurant.

Visitors can take a trip back in time from their vehicle and hear the story narration on a CD in their car or via iphone and the Troy View website at troyview.org.

Church members have been planning and making

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# United Way Campaign Running Short

By Nancy Bowman

United Way of Troy campaign leaders asked supporters Dec. 2 to spread the word that this year's funding campaign is "running a little short."

Leaders said during the annual holiday luncheon at the Troy Senior Citizens Center that around \$625,000 had been pledged so far toward the 2016 campaign goal of \$825,000.

The campaign usually goes into January and another \$130,000 in pledges is anticipated by then, leaving around a \$70,000 shortfall, Andrew Wannemacher, campaign co-chairman said.

Wannemacher said leaders realized they were "preaching to the choir" but asked supporters to spread the word that an employee contribution of \$1 per paycheck is helpful. So far employees at around 45 busi-



United Way of Troy Board members Earl Reives (L) and Andrew Wannemacher speaking at the UW annual luncheon.

nesses and organizations had made pledges to the campaign.

The effort is to get the word to employees because business owners "are routinely tapped to give funds for a variety of causes," Wannemacher said.

"Things have been tight the past couple of years from

the United Way's perspective," he said.

The campaign helps finance 29 agencies, including a recent addition, the Troy-Miami County Public Library's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project.

"Be our eyes and our ears out there. Tell people about the great things our agencies



United Way Board Member Andrew Wannemacher (L) and Executive Director Richard Bender speaking at the UW annual luncheon.

are doing," Richard Bender, United Way executive director, said.

Earl Reives of the United Way board asked those attending to applaud the agencies whose efforts don't end with doing the business of their agency. "They love what they do. They love the people they serve, and they love

Troy, Ohio," Reives said.

Among agencies receiving United Way funding are American Red Cross, Miami County Chapter, CASA/GAL, Child Care Choices, Family Abuse Shelter, Family Services/Services for the Deaf, Partners in Hope, St. Patrick Soup Kitchen, The New Path, Altrusa Mobile

Meals, Health Partners, Hospice of Miami County, Miami County Recovery Council, Miami County Well Child Clinic, Miami County YMCA, New Creation Counseling Center, Rehabilitation Center for Neurological Development, Troy Nursing Association and Milk Fund, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, The Clubhouse/Dream Builders, Girl Scouts, Lincoln Community Center, The Future Begins Today Home Work Helper Program, Troy Playground Association and Troy Rec,

In closing comments, Bender asked people not to focus on the shortfall but the great things in the community. "The way our agencies work together, the way our community supports us, most communities don't have that," he said.

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# Miami County Sheriff Reports

## Monday 11/28

**10:44 a.m.** – To Eldean Rd. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone used his credit card number to make a \$1400 purchase.

**3:22 p.m.** – While stationary near the Miami County Fairgrounds, a bicyclist approached the deputy and turned over identification that he found on the roadside north of the fairgrounds. The ID expired in 2012. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. It was submitted into property.

## Tuesday 11/29

**2:46 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Troy Sidney Rd. at Rusk Rd. The driver handed the deputy an expired Ohio Identification card. The deputy asked if he had a license and he responded, “No, I don’t.” He was found to be under suspension. He was cited for failure to reinstate and no license plate light. A valid driver was called to take control of the vehicle.

## Wednesday 11/30

**1:39 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. at Eldean Rd. The driver was found to be under suspension and was cited for it.

## Thursday 12/1

**12:30 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Stonycreek at Farnham. The driver had run his son over earlier in the evening in Covington. The driver was cited for OVI, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The passenger was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and open container. Pills taken during a search were submitted to the lab for analysis. The vehicle was towed.

**4:37 p.m.** – To Broken Woods Dr. for a report of a theft. Someone had entered an unoccupied residence and took kitchen cabinets and a 40-gallon water heater. Total value of the stolen items was over \$10,000. There are no suspects.

**6:19 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Eldean at Farver. The vehicle committed several traffic violations. The driver said that he had no license and that it was his girlfriend’s vehicle. The passenger also said that he had no license. The deputy learned that both had suspended licenses. The driver was cited for marked lanes and driving under suspension. The vehicle was released to a valid driver.

**7:49 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 75 mile marker. The passenger was found to have an outstanding warrant from Hamilton County and was within their pickup radius. The warrant was confirmed and the passenger was taken to the Maimi County Jail. The driver was cited for a turn signal violation.

**9:27 p.m.** – Traffic stop in the 1600 block of W. Main St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

## Friday 12/2

**2:45 a.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The driver was found to be under suspension. He was cited for speed and for driving under suspension.

**12:32 p.m.** – Darke County Sheriff’s Office requested that a deputy check a local business for Thomas Rutter for a felony warrant from their county. He was located at the address given and was transported to Rt. 36 and Rt. 721 where he was turned over to them.

## Saturday 12/3

**1:34 p.m.** – To Cathcart Rd. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that someone used her credit card to purchase a gaming system online with Wal-Mart. She said the order was shipped to the Piqua store and picked up on November 15 by the suspect.

## Sunday 12/4

**2:11 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Franklin at Hobart. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

# Troy Police Reports

## Monday 11/28

**1:32 p.m.** – To Troy Jr. HS. A school employee had a 13-year-old female student in his office who had brought a marijuana pipe to school. The girl’s mother and grandmother responded to the school and were informed of what happened. The girl said she was holding it for a friend who attends another school. The pipe was submitted into property and the girl was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**4:25 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Staunton at Ohio. The driver was cited for expired plates.

**9:41 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Dorset at McKaig. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver was cited.

**11:42 p.m.** – An officer saw a vehicle pull out of the Shell station on W. Main St. The vehicle had no front plate, and the officer recognized the vehicle from an incident a month prior. In that incident, the driver was arrested for an outstanding warrant. He stopped the vehicle on W. Main St. at the I-75 overpass. The driver was aware that there was no front plate, but said that it was his girlfriend’s vehicle. He also said that he had no license. The officer learned that he was under 9 active suspensions and 6 failure to reinstate entries. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and display of plates. The owner responded to the scene and she was warned for wrongful entrustment.

## Tuesday 11/29

**12:33 a.m.** – An officer saw a vehicle run the red light on Market St. at Simpson St. without trying to slow or stop. He initiated a traffic stop, and the driver said that he did not want to stop suddenly due to the wet pavement and his “not-so-good tires.” He was cited for the red light violation.

**12:38 a.m.** – Traffic stop in the 100 block of King’s Chapel. The driver said he did not have a license. The passenger said the same thing. The driver was cited for no operator’s license and a license plate violation. The vehicle was parked and the two walked home.

**3:03 a.m.** – Traffic stop on W. Market at Grant. The vehicle’s registration expired on 11/10/16. The driver said he thought he had until the end of the month to renew it. He was cited for expired plates.

**9:51 a.m.** – To Brookside Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that guns

were taken from his home. He said that he is unaware of when they were taken, but it could have been as long as a year ago. He said that a woman lived at his home for about 3 years and that she is a known thief and drug user.

**4:32 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Adams St. The vehicle was clocked at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver was cited.

**8:29 p.m.** – To Heather Rd. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that two women were harassing him by phone calls and text messages. He wanted them warned. The officer contacted the two and warned them. They also wanted the RP warned for phone harassment. He was warned.

## Wednesday 11/30

**5:40 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Weston at Fleet. The vehicle had expired registration and the driver said he was not aware of it because it is his girlfriend’s vehicle. He was cited for expired plates.

**10:34 a.m.** – To Fairview Ct. A woman said that she suspects her husband of hacking into her cell phone and her Ipad. She said that he has downloaded several apps to her phone, compromised her Icloud and activated a hot spot using her phone. She said that she suspects that he has been using her identity on her Microsoft account. She was advised that there was no evidence nor any way to access her devices. She was persistent that her complaint be investigated, but the officer told her that there was not enough information or evidence that anything has happened.

**5:16 p.m.** – A woman came to the Police Station to turn in a debit card that she found in front of her residence on Franklin St. The officer was able to get a work address for the owner, but learned that the owner would not be at work until 11:00 p.m. The card was released to a supervisor who said that she would give it to the owner.

## Thursday 12/1

**7:18 a.m.** – To Stonyridge Ave. for a report of a juvenile refusing to go to school. The officer arrived to find the girl dressed for school but refusing to go. She gave several reasons for not going, including being nervous, being tired and not wanting to get up early. She was told that she was going to school and the officer transported her to school. Once there, she was refusing to go to her class. The principal contacted Juvenile Probation and they

asked for her to be brought to juvenile court. She was given a one day suspension at school and was taken to Juvenile Court.

## Friday 12/2

**8:18 a.m.** – To Troy High School for a report of an accident. A woman reported to school personnel that she saw a gold minivan strike a red SUV parked in front of the school. The minivan left, but she wrote down the license number. The owner of the minivan was contacted. She said that her daughter had the vehicle today and that she said that she had struck a vehicle while leaving the school. She said she had told her daughter that she couldn’t leave the scene and that she had to contact the school or police. The daughter said that after she struck the vehicle, she was scared and didn’t know what to do. She was advised the consequences of her actions. He got her insurance information to give to the owner of the SUV.

**8:57 a.m.** – Traffic stop in the 1800 block of W. Main St. The officer could detect a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. She said she had marijuana in the center console and gave it to the officer. He asked if there was more and she produced another bag with a small amount of marijuana in it. The officer searched the vehicle and found an open beer bottle. The driver said it was left there from over the weekend. He also found a marijuana grinder and a glass pipe in the center console and another pipe in a storage area. She said she had a couple of caps of Ecstasy in her purse. They were also given to the officer. The property was submitted to the property room. The passenger was released and the driver was taken to the station for processing, then taken to the Miami County Jail and charged with possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**9:34 p.m.** – To W. Market St. for a report of a fraud. A woman reported that she opened a bank account with \$100. She said that someone made two check deposits totaling \$1000. She said a friend had brought her here and must have taken her account information. She said she doesn’t know the friend’s last name, address, phone number or any other identifying information. She said she had contacted the friend through Facebook. The officer asked to see the messages and she said they were on her other phone that doesn’t work anymore. The bank was

skeptical that the woman was not involved in fraud. The woman has a lengthy record of felony drug abuse and theft.

**12:30 p.m.** – To W. Main St. for a report of phone harassment. A woman reported that a former employee and the employee’s boyfriend keep calling the business about money that is owed to the employee. She said she told the employee that she will get her check, but it takes 7-10 business days to process it. Both the employee and the boyfriend said that they want the money now. She said that a staff member told her that the boyfriend threatened to “bust some heads.” She said she wants them warned not to call back and wants them trespassed from the business. The employee was contacted and warned for phone harassment and informed that they were trespassed from the business. The employee hung up on the officer when he tried to get information on the boyfriend.

**5:40 p.m.** – Traffic stop on W. Market St. near Arthur Rd. The driver had run the red light at Arthur Dr. and Dorset and was following another vehicle too closely. The driver said that he was not sure if the light was red and that he was trying to pass the other vehicle because it was going too slow. He was cited for the red light violation and warned for following too closely.

**5:48 p.m.** – To Ohio Ave. for a report of criminal damaging. A man reported that his vehicle had been repossessed earlier in the day and that the tow company had damaged it. The officer saw scratch marks on the bumper and a guard under the bumper was missing. There was also a large scratch down the middle of his driveway. He was advised that this is a civil issue, not criminal.

## Saturday 12/3

**2:23 a.m.** – Traffic stop on Hobart Circle. The driver had a suspended license. The officer asked about her driving privileges, and found that she was driving outside of them. He detected the odor of an alcoholic beverages, administered field sobriety test and determined that she was not impaired. She was cited for driving under suspension and a turn signal violation. She was advised that she could not drive the vehicle and to call for a valid driver.

**2:40 a.m.** – To Branford Rd. for a report of a disturbance. An adult female was

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ventory filed Nov. 28 in Miami County Municipal Court shows computers were seized along with bank records, receipts, tax paperwork, payroll documents, policies, training documents and board minutes. Troy Police Capt. Jeff Kunkleman said police contacted the Ohio Attorney General’s Office for advice because of the number of documents seized.



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# Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
3 N Ridge Ave	11/18	\$155,000.00	Corigraphics Inc	Halm Scott L
2006 W Stanfield Rd	11/21	\$225,000.00	First Troy Corp	Senior Active Holdings Llc
731 Michigan Ave	11/21	\$78,500.00	Ording Penelope	Mcqueen Lou Motter
222 S Union St	11/21	\$25,000.00	Cole Halley	Weaver Timothy J
1998 W Main St	11/21	\$765,000.00	Lak Capital Investments Llc	Houchens Restaurants Llc
1018 E Canal St	11/21	\$74,000.00	Coning Logan R	Hughes Robert J
521 Shaftsbury Rd	11/22	\$116,500.00	Brewster David A & Shannon N	Gray Lawrence A & Jacklyn T
956 Linwood	11/22	\$102,150.00	Parker Amber	Taylor Mallorie L
3286 Heatherstone Dr	11/22	\$313,380.00	Patel Keyur	Nvr Inc
3302 Heatherstone Dr	11/22	\$342,240.00	Szakal Joseph R III & Kelli L	Nvr Inc
1061 Barrington Dr	11/22	\$89,900.00	Scott Investments Of Troy Llc	Halifax Land Co Llc
214 S Mulberry St	11/22	\$280,000.00	Keystone Real Estate Group Ltd	Dap Investment Holdings Llc
1311 N Market St	11/22	\$65,000.00	Ritter Ralph D & Connie K	Francis Bryan J & Tarah J Davidson
1557 Brookfield Ln	11/23	\$0.00	Jim Bobs Llc	Stead Robert A & Jymmie A
103 Kings Chapel Dr	11/23	\$0.00	Coggburn Clarence K	Coggburn Clarence K & Valerie A
1060 Windmill Ct	11/23	\$89,900.00	Rayson Investments Llc	Halifax Land Co Llc
1370 Sheridan Ct	11/23	\$86,000.00	Shade Kyle P & Renee E	Wesco Diana
112 Finksbury Ave	11/28	\$155,000.00	Brown Deron W	Karns Brian M & Jane E
518 McKaig Ave	11/28	\$32,500.00	Jakubek John D	American Mutual Fund Llc
230 S Dorset	11/28	\$146,500.00	Kennedy Tyler J	Le Chau M & Tuau K Tu
1560 Leedes St	11/28	\$132,700.00	Shah Paresn H	Woody Joseph E
101 E Water St	11/28	\$158,000.00	Thompson Kyle W & Caitlin J	Begg Bryan J & Stacy L
Walnut St	11/28	\$158,000.00	Thompson Kyle W & Caitlin J	Begg Bryan J & Stacy L
502 Armand Dr	11/28	\$162,500.00	Goodstein Richard G & Janis M	Trevino Joseph J
1337 Chelsea Rd	11/29	\$0.00	Owens Julie	Owens Torrence & Julie
423 S Plum St	11/29	\$125,600.00	Woodruff Nicole M & James T	Enneking Matthew D & Sheila A
614 Michigan Ave	11/29	\$75,000.00	Tyree Kaitlynn M & Rusty D	Konicki Bobi G
650 W Market St	11/30	\$0.00	Leffel Karen A	Leffel Larry K & Karen A (Tod)
215 W Simpson St	11/30	\$0.00	Stormer Cassandra L	Stormer Seth A & Cassandra L
3317 Heatherstone Dr	11/30	\$360,385.00	Mary Jeremy A & Kate L	Nvr Inc

# MVVM Donation



The Edward D. Martino Memorial VFW Post 4615 made a \$1000 donation to the Miami Valley Veterans Museum. Pictured (left to right) are Mike Hurley, Post Commander; Mitch Fogle, Museum Executive Director; Tristan Weis, President of the Museum Board; Carl DeSantis, Museum Communications Director; and Wendell Morgan, Post Trustee.

# City Council Extends Marijuana Moratorium

By Nancy Bowman

Troy City Council voted Monday, Dec. 5, to extend the city moratorium on cultivating, processing or dispensing medical marijuana now permitted by state law to allow time to review options and implement local regulations.

The council this summer was among a number of area communities approving a 180-day moratorium on implementation of the state law that went into effect Sept. 8. State rules and regulations are being developed. The law allows local governments to limit or prohibit medical marijuana activities.

The council in November rejected a proposal that would have prohibited cultivating, processing and dispensing of medical marijuana within the city limits.

The question of what lo-

cal regulations should be implemented will go back before the city planning commission. The commission previously recommended council ban cultivating and processing but allow up to five dispensaries to operate in specific business districts. Before the council vote, that recommendation was amended to call for a ban on all activities.

In other action Monday, council approved the city's 2017 appropriations ordinance, which outlines how money will be spent in city government.

Council also approved continued support of three organizations. The Troy Recreation Association, operator of the downtown Rec for youth will receive \$29,000 next year. The Troy Main Street program will receive \$55,000 and the Troy Development Council will receive \$125,000.

The council discussed the appropriations and the agency funding in work session Nov. 28.

The budget recommendation document stated the 2017 budget would maintain basic services by continuing current staff levels, replacing one ambulance and replacing two regular trash packer trucks with automated models. With the purchase of the automated trucks, new trash containers would be purchased for residents similar to the containers used in the recycling program.

Council also voted to approve a proposal to vacate an alley between West 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 at a public hearing last month.

# Staunton Township Trustees Review Tractor Bids

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the December 5, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, the trustees reviewed estimates for a new tractor and mower that will cost the township approximately \$46,500. The township trustees have applied for a grant from the Troy Foundation to cover part of the cost. They will find out whether the grant was awarded within the next month.

In addition, the township is hoping to expand the current facility to allow for additional storage and expanded space for the trucks, mowing, and road treatment equipment. The estimated cost for

the expansions is \$12,500.

The trustees announced that they plan to attend the Miami County Township Association Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10, 2016

In addition, Trustee Levi Long and Trustee Bill Gearhart have completed an assessment of all of the township road signs and determined that they are all in good condition.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building. And, according to Trustee Gearhart, I have committed to bringing my cheesecake, which is world class, so please plan to attend.

# Attorney General Warns of Puppy Scams

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine warned consumers to avoid puppy scams. Several consumers have reported losing hundreds of dollars trying to buy a puppy online in recent weeks.

"Some 'sellers' who advertise online are con artists," Attorney General DeWine said. "They post a picture of a cute puppy and tell you to wire money for a crate or insurance. Then they take your money without delivering anything in return. People expect to receive a cute puppy, and instead they get nothing."

In a typical puppy scam, a consumer finds an ad for a puppy online. The consumer communicates with the seller, agrees to buy the puppy, and wires a few hundred dollars to have the puppy delivered. After the consumer pays, the seller demands more money for seemingly legitimate costs, such as for a

crate, shots, shipping insurance, or other transportation fees. Generally, consumers who pay receive nothing in return. In some cases, consumers receive a puppy but say the puppy was sick or did not come with the American Kennel Club registration the seller promised.

In addition to advertising puppies, con artists also may pretend to offer kittens, parrots, or other pets. Generally they communicate with the consumer via email, phone, or text, send pictures of the animal, and ask the consumer to pay using wire transfer or money order.

To avoid scams:

- **Research breeders and sellers carefully.** Check complaints filed with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau, and review feedback from other customers. Be skeptical if you find no in-

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# Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

## Commission OKs communications agreements

The Miami County commissioners approved an agreement for continued maintenance of the county Communication Center radio system until the switch to the state MARCS system now planned for early next year.

The agreement with WS Electronics will be on a month-to-month basis at a cost

of \$14,000 per month. Communication Center Director Jeff Busch told the commissioners Nov. 29 the amount is the same as the previous agreement with WS Electronics.

The Communication Center handles police, fire and EMS calls and dispatches countywide.

The conversion of the county's radio system to the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) is expected to be done by the end of January, Busch said.

In other action last

week, the commissioners approved an agreement to extend the date for a fact finder hearing in negotiations with Communication Center dispatchers (now called communicators) until Feb. 28.

The commission was told contract talks with the communicators are continuing.

## Threats lead to prison time

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

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

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, Paul Watkins, assistant prosecuting attorney, told Judge Jeannine Pratt.

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Investigation files at the county prosecutors' office were opened for review following the sentences.

Binders of reports included information on findings, interviews with both defendants and others and details such as comments Earnshaw-York made to relatives in phone calls from the county jail following their arrests June 3, 2015, in Butler Twp., Montgomery County. She and Terrel were driving William York Sr.'s missing truck.

Earnshaw-York told investigators in various interviews that the attack May 26, 2015, was in the garage of William York Sr.'s home, where she, Terrel and her young son had been staying.

She said she and her grandfather, who was called "Pop," were moving her son's toys into the garage where Terrel was working on his car. Earnshaw-York said her grandfather was regimented in his routine and that "hurtful" things were said in the argument such his telling Terrel to get a job.

"When Pop turned his back to Rick and grabbed my arms to make a point, Rick freaked out and started hitting him," Earnshaw York is quoted as saying in one call June 7, 2105. She said her grandfather called for help and asked Terrel to stop before succumbing.

She told another relative she was trying to ensure the child did not see what had happened and couldn't

call police out of fear Terrel would kill her.

Reports said a marriage license for Terrel and Earnshaw-York was found in Terrel's car, which was searched after being found sitting in York's garage. Terrel is described in reports both as her boyfriend and at times her husband.

Also found in the car's search was a shopping list for cleaning items including mops, gloves, garbage bags and ammonia.

The reports and other evidence outline how the two cleaned the crime scene, wrapped the body in bedding and a sleeping bag and moved it to a storage locker off Wagner-Ford Road in Dayton. Terrel rented the storage locker May 27, 2015, according to evidence. After leaving the body, Earnshaw-York said they went to buy heroin.

Materials used in the clean up were taken to the Montgomery County Solid Waste facility for disposal with a receipt showing the cost of that transaction as \$ 2.47.

The body was moved June 2, 2015, from the storage locker to Gunpowder Creek, in Boone County, Ky., and dumped off a bridge.

Evidence of a decomposing body was found both in the storage locker and the back of William York Sr.'s truck.

Terrel, who in some interviews blamed Earnshaw-York for the death, later led investigators to

that location. The sleeping bag with the remains was seen in the river, and recovered.

The Boone County Coroner's Office said York died from blunt impact injuries to the head.

Terrel faced up to 18 years in prison following a plea deal in which a murder indictment was dismissed and replaced with felony voluntary manslaughter. He pleaded guilty to that charge along with tampering with evidence, gross abuse of a corpse, felonious assault and two counts of receiving stolen property.

Earnshaw-York pleaded no contest and was found guilty of gross abuse of a corpse, tampering with evidence and three counts of receiving stolen property.

The receiving stolen property charges involved guns stolen from William York Sr.'s home.

A lack of forensic evidence caused by a scrubbing of the crime scene and Earnshaw-York's refusal to cooperate with prosecutors after initial statements contributed to Terrel's plea deal, county Prosecutor Tony Kendell said.

"The judge did what he could do. This has been problematic from day one," Kendell said of the case.

"They had uninterrupted access to the crime scene. They cleaned it with ammonia, bleach and other cleaning agents that just decimated any forensic evidence," he said. "None of us are happy about the turn of

events."

In court, Terrel said there was nothing he could do to change what had happened. "I would just like to apologize for any actions I had in this matter," he said.


"I want to make clear this was not some premeditated crime," Earnshaw-York said, adding the actions were "drug fueled." She called herself a "coward" for not intervening and said her lack of response was out of concern for her two year old child and one she was carrying at more than seven months into pregnancy.

Among those speaking at sentencing was Earnshaw-York's sister, Vanessa Thoma, who said her "Pop" saw the good in everyone, including Terrel.


"My family deserves to feel safe ... the community and elderly need protected from him," she said. "Rick Terrel doesn't deserve to breathe the same air we breathe."

Bill York Jr. told Gee he was "sickened" to be in court. He said his father was the oldest of 13 children, a World War II veteran, a former coach, a professional dog trainer and a developer, among other things. "This was a gutless act by a gutless individual," he said.

Sharon York, Hope Earnshaw York's mother, said both her daughter and her father in law were "vulnerable" at the time. "Both are paying a terrible price for it," she said.



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# Troy, Tecumseh Compete In Sidney Invitational

By Jim Dabbelt

Troy placed eighth overall in the Jim McCracken Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday, while the Tecumseh Arrows finished ninth, as they were the only two local teams involved in this event on opening weekend.

At 106, Troy's Brandon Lewis finished 1-2 in his pool placing third, while Tecum-

seh saw Kainen Hackney was 1-3 overall, finishing fourth in his pool.

Scot Sinkhorn from Tecumseh finished 1-3 in the 113 pound pool for the Arrows.

At 120, Joe Daffner from Troy was 1-3 in his pool A, while at 126 pounds, Tecumseh's Hunter Donnen went 3-1 in his pool.

Weighing in at 132 pounds,

Lucas Rogers from Tecumseh won his pool before advancing to the round of placers, as he finished fourth overall. Troy's Carson DeHart finished third in his pool.

At 145, Michael McBride from Troy lost his matches in Pool A, with Tecumseh's Tommy Rowe placed second overall in his pool. At 152, winning his pool was Troy's Justin Mittelstadt before fin-

ishing fourth overall with a 7-0 loss to Derek Cavin from Versailles. Also in that weight class, Samo Olejnicek from Tecumseh placed fourth in his pool.

Jonathon Sirion from Tecumseh was fourth in his pool at 160 pounds, while at 170, it was Jacob Shoop from Troy finishing fourth in Pool B.

Shane Shoop from Troy dominated his pool to ad-

vance to the bracket play, where he placed second overall, losing in the finals to Dominic Shelley from Mentor 3-2.

Weighing in at 195 was Davin Snyder from Troy, who won his pool and finished second overall after losing in the finals to Seth Campbell of Miamisburg.

Brandon Henn (Tecumseh) finished second at 220

in his pool and placed third overall after winning his third place match against Isaac Grilliot from Versailles 7-2. For Troy, Will Brumfield placed third overall in his pool.

Finally at 285, Troy's Jake Browning finished third in his pool, and Tecumseh's Greg Asher won his pool and finished fourth after a forfeit loss in the finals.



Hayden Hartman is fouled going up for a shot.

## Eagles Split Opening Weekend

Troy Christian lost a heartbreaker on Friday night, as the area boys' basketball season officially tipped-off around Ohio. The Eagles lost to Franklin Monroe 68-65 in overtime to spoil their home opener. On Saturday, the Eagles bounced back with a 67-56 victory over New Bremen.

"It was a great night for high school basketball, two quality teams battling and the kids gave everything they had for their team," said Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki. "It was fun to observe. Neither team wanted to lose, and it made for a good night of basketball."

"We didn't get the result we wanted against FM, we just lost the battle but we will win the war. We will be better after that game."

Troy Christian could pinpoint the reason they lost on Friday, going 8-24 from the free throw line.

"It wasn't effort or execution, it comes down to missing the free throws. No high school team can shoot 33 FT% and win. It is an area we are working on."

James Anderson had a big night for Troy Christian with 23 points and 16 rebounds, but had to come out in the overtime after cramping up.

"He showed his potential and showed why I was touting him as the league Player of the Year," Zawadzki said. "Nine guys scored. Sophomore Connor Case saw in first action, and hit 3 three's,



Connor Case tries to make something happen for the Eagles.

and played confident. Everyone gave their best effort."

On Saturday night against New Bremen, Troy Christian came out and jumped out to a 19-10 lead and never trailed.

"Our defensive pressure was very intense and we maintained it for 32 minutes," Zawadzki said. "They could not handle the pressure." Troy Christian attempted 45 free throws in the game.

Seth Wynne hit three shots from beyond the arc, and finished with 12 points. James added 15 points and Case pitched in 12.

"Cameron Strine and Ben Schenk were both very solid for us," Zawadzki said.

Troy Christian is off this week, and returns on December 13 to play Dayton Christian at Centerville High School.

## Eagles Roll In Home Opener

By Jim Dabbelt

Coming off of a season opening loss at Indian Lake, the Troy Christian girls' basketball team hoped that a home opener against Jefferson would get them on the winning track under first year coach Tony Ferraro.

It didn't take the Eagles long to answer that question last week as they dominated the Broncos 70-14 behind a game high 25 points from senior post player Hailey Peters.

"I thought we had a good practice the day before and concentrated on moving the ball and reversing the ball side to side and distributed the ball well," said Troy Christian coach Tony Ferraro. "

"Hailey had 25 points and 10 rebounds, she was working on moving without the ball," Ferraro added. "She started to realize backdoors and use her target hands. Our girls were looking for her."

Troy Christian came out fast, building a 10-2 lead in the first two and a half minutes. Peters controlled the paint scoring six of the ten, while Kenley Blake and Kathryn Lee helped build the lead.

Jefferson battled in the opening quarter, as they cut the deficit to 12-6 with five minutes left in the opening quarter before Troy Christian controlled the rest of the quarter.

The reeled off 13 consecutive points including seven from Peters, to build

a 25-6 lead and put the game away early.

Sara Earhart also added four points in the run, and when Peters scored early in the second period they built a 19-point lead.

Peters continued her dominance in the paint and when Blake recorded a steal and layup, Troy Christian led 32-8.

Jalyn Forrer also got into the act, as the sophomore buried a three and two ensuing free throws with 1:18 left, and the Eagles went into the half comfortably in front 39-11.

In the second half, the Troy Christian defense didn't allow a field goal in the third period, and only gave up three points in the second half.

Cara Salazar and Blake both pushed the lead out in the third period, as the Eagles enjoyed a 57-12 lead heading to the fourth.

Also for Troy Christian, Lee added 15 points and 15 rebounds, Blake scored 12, Salazar dished out eight assists and Lavy had six.

"We are realizing who our girls are for each role, it's a learning process," Ferraro said. We talked about roles early in the year, and they are starting to learn things."

"Kathryn did a great job going to the boards. She had seven offensive boards and that is important for us. She is coming back from an ankle injury and took pride in her rebounding more than he scoring."

## Trojans Survive Braves In Opener

By Jim Dabbelt

Down the stretch of their season opener last week, the Troy girls' basketball team knew they were in a battle. First-year coach Aaron Johnson was curious how well his team would be able to handle the adversity of a close game.

The Trojans passed the test, and came away with their first win of the season, defeating Springfield Shawnee 46-43 giving Johnson his first win as new Trojans coach.

"That was a big win for us," Johnson said. "We made a huge leap forward and the effort was tremendous. I have never seen them play with that level of tenacity and did it for four quarters."

"We didn't execute to my liking, but they played hard. Part of my issue with scrimmages was not competing. We competed against Shawnee."

Early in the game, Shawnee went on a 10-0 run to give the Braves a 10-2 lead with five minutes left in opening quarter. After a timeout, Kiyha Adkins scored three consecutive baskets to make it 10-8.

Troy ended the first quarter with an 11-10 lead.

"Shawnee had their run and we responded," Johnson said. "You could see the girls starting to believe."

Troy maintained a slim lead at the half, as they led



Gabbi Johnson scrambles for a loose ball for the Trojans.

20-18 at the break.

"Lizze Weaver had a big first half for them and we didn't shoot as well we should have," Johnson said. "Unfortunately for us, Alaura Holycross picked up two fouls in second quarter, and without that post presence we weren't efficient enough."

"We talked about execution, and we switched to a zone at halftime to find their shooters. Offensively we were forcing some things and not letting the game come to us. We needed to run the offense through."

Holycross established her presence in the third period with six points and dominated post according to Johnson.

"They had a tough time guarding her in the post," he said. "For Shawnee, they



Jordan Short goes in for a layup for Troy.

stayed in the game late in the third with two big threes, and Troy trailed 34-32 heading to the fourth.

"My assistant wanted to press and go full court and get turnovers and easy baskets," Johnson said. "The first five times they had the ball, they turned it over four times on us. We were then up due to the press on some easy baskets."

But Johnson was concerned how well this team could handle being in a close game. He found out quickly in his first game with the Trojans.

"The part that concerned was how we were going to play with the lead," he said. The composure they had was what I was looking for."

With a minute to go, Shawnee hit a three to cut Troy's lead to 44-43. Troy

then tried to run the clock with 20 seconds left, and Hess his two free throws. Shawnee lost the ball to Adkins on a steal and the Trojans survived.

"The staff believes in this group, but we are not the ones on the floor," Johnson said. "We told them to play for one another, and that began to happen in the fourth quarter. I have never seen them smile and be happy on the floor. That is what a team does, the come together as a team."

Adkins led with 14, Jordan Short added 11, Holycross had eight and Hess with seven for the Trojans.

**Troy Boys Basketball** - The Trojans boys' team did not play on opening weekend, and will host Greenville this Friday in their first game of the new season.

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arrested for OVI and released to a sober driver.

**9:29 a.m.** - A man came to the Police Station to turn in a debit card that he found in the street near the Brewery this morning. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. The card was submitted into property.

**1:02 p.m.** - To the 1100 block of Long St. for the second time in three days for a report of a drug overdose. A 30-year-old woman

had overdosed again and the RP was performing CPR. Medics arrived and began to treat the unresponsive woman. Narcan was administered and she woke up. The resident said he had just picked up the woman so she could retrieve some of her belongings. He said she immediately went into the bathroom, then into the bedroom and was found shortly afterward. The bedroom and bathroom were searched, but no evidence of drugs was found. The

woman was transported to UVMC by Medics.

**5:02 p.m.** - An officer saw a vehicle run the stop light at the north side of the square, nearly striking three pedestrians. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver said he knew he ran the light and almost hit the pedestrians. He expressed regret, but was still cited for the red light violation and warned about a broken taillight.

**8:24 p.m.** - An officer saw

a vehicle run the red light on Main at Walnut, nearly striking the officer's vehicle. He initiated a traffic stop on Main at Plum. The driver said that she was not paying attention. She was cited.

**9:00 p.m.** - Traffic stop on S. Ridge near Wayne. The vehicle was clocked at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that he just got off work and was in a hurry to get home. He was cited for speed.

**Sunday 12/4**

**12:03 a.m.** - To Kent St. for a report of a domestic disturbance. An officer saw a water bong in plain sight in the residence. One individual was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**8:23 a.m.** - A woman came to the Police Station with an unruly juvenile complaint. She said that her 16-year-old daughter had left the house without permission overnight and has not re-

turned. She said the girl had been grounded and does not have her phone with her. She said that she received a message identifying a possible location of the girl. The officer went to the home and learned that the girl was there, but another individual had taken her home. The officer then went to the girl's home and found that she had returned. She said that she had just been walking around all night. She was charged with unruly juvenile and curfew violation.

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# Troy Leadership Applications Now Available

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce is now taking applications for the Leadership Troy program. This program was created by the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Edison Community College. It is designed to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in commu-

nity organizations. Leadership Troy consists of nine full-day sessions to be held once a month from February through October. The sessions will expose the participants to a variety of social and economic issues and opportunities facing the Troy community. The program will consist of panels, lectures, on-site visit, group discussions, simulations and

internship participation on a local community board. Participants are required to serve either an internship on a local community service board, write a research paper, or participate in a team action project. The Leadership Program will be celebrating its 33rd year of preparing residents of the Troy area to assume leadership roles in the community.

Applications for the 2017 Class of Leadership Troy are now available on the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce website (<http://www.troyohiochamber.com/pages/leadership-troy>) or at 405 SW Public Square, Suite 330, Monday thru Friday from 8-5 pm or by calling 339-8769. Deadline for returning competed applications is December 15th, 2017.

# Rotarians Host Troy High School Basketball Coach

Troy High School's basketball season has begun and the schedule is a busy one. Troy Rotary Club hosted Coach Paul Bremigan and three of his players at their November 29th meeting to hear about the plans and goals for the 2015-16 season.

Named head basketball coach at Troy in 2015, Bremigan begins his second season with a more seasoned group of players. The 2014-15 season ended with a 8-15 record but the prospects for this year are much better. He stresses the need for mental

toughness with all his players to help overcome a lack of physical height on the team. Bremigan plans to focus on better rebounding as a key to the team's success this year as they drive toward their goal of winning the Greater Western Ohio Conference (GWOC) North division title.

With 11 players on the varsity, Bremigan will depend on every player to give stable, strong performances game in and game out. He will rely heavily on the three co-captains to provide leadership both on and off the

court through communication and a strong work ethic. The team's goals are simple: (1) win the GWOC North division; (2) win more games than last year; and (3) beat the "team to the north." For more information, visit [www.troy.k12.oh.us/Athletics](http://www.troy.k12.oh.us/Athletics).

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 distributed from the fund, including support for Dolly

Parton's Imagination Library program, Rotary's annual Shoe Project, academic and community service scholarships, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and WACO Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org).

# Troy Rotary Foundation Gives Grants for Shoe Projects

Troy City Schools and Partners In Hope will receive funding to provide shoes to students and children in need, thanks to the Troy Rotary Foundation. The grants were approved in November, just in time for the Partners In Hope Christmas Shop and the end of the school year.

The Shoe Project ensures area preschoolers and students have the right pair of shoes to wear each day. When it first began, Rotarian Stewart Lipp (1934-2014) was the chairman. He would welcome the students and their families to his store, David's Shoes in downtown Troy, and made sure the fit was perfect for every child. After he retired and closed the store, the Troy Rotary

Club began collaborating with Troy City Schools and Partners In Hope to make sure that children who need shoes get them quickly and easily. "Each year, we are pleased to provide 50-60 pairs of shoes for students in the Troy school system," explained Melissa Kleptz, executive director of The Troy Foundation and chair of Rotary's Shoe Project. She noted that, since the project started, the club has provided hundreds of pairs of shoes to students in the Miami Valley area.

Rotary and the Troy Rotary Foundation deliver vouchers for the Shoe Carnival, 1855 West Main Street in Troy, to local school administrators and teachers to distribute to

students in need. Kleptz explained that the vouchers allow the kids and their families to select shoes that meet the needs of athletes, academics and active students from kindergarten to high school age. During the Christmas season, Partners In Hope provides an estimated \$800 of shoes to area preschool children, thanks to Rotary's help. Along with supporting the students and children through the Shoe Project, Rotarians also provided footwear for summer campers at Brukner Nature Center in August, just before the school year began.

In addition to the Shoe Project, 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 distributed from the fund, including support for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, Rotary's annual Shoe Project, academic and community service scholarships, and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and WACO Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit [www.troyohiorotary.org](http://www.troyohiorotary.org).

# What To Do in Troy

**Heroic Love – A Story of Forgiveness**  
**December 15,**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**WACO Air Museum**

On Thursday night, December 15th, Vietnam fighter pilot and POW, Guy Gruters, discusses the heroics of others as well as how he turned hate to love, despair to hope, fear to courage and bitterness into forgiveness during his five year and three-month stay as a POW in Vietnam. Guy has given speeches and testimonials throughout the US and around the world, as well as numerous television appearances. To this day he continues in his quest to bring "Heroic Love" to the world through his presentations.

He flew over four hundred combat missions in Vietnam, first flying low-level combat missions in the O-1 over South Vietnam, assisting the ground troops of the 173rd Airborne Brigade by directing fighter strikes on the enemy forces. Then he volunteered to serve in a top-secret MISTY Squadron, which flew low level flights in F-100s for the purpose of finding and directing other fighter aircraft to the targets on the ground in North Vietnam.

As a result of the extensive anti-aircraft fire involved, he was shot down twice over North Vietnam. The second time, December 20, 1967, he was captured and

spent the next five years as a POW in six different POW camps, twice kept in the famous Hanoi Hilton.

At home preparing for Christmas for their two little girls, his wife Sandy was visited by an Air Force Captain who informed her that her husband had been shot down again and his well-being was not yet known. On December 25, Sandy was once again visited by the same Captain and informed that Guy had been taken prisoner.

While in the camps, Guy relied on his faith to see him through his darkest moments, including finally being able to forgive the guards that had killed his friend, Lance Sijan.

He was finally freed from the prison camp when his brother, Terry, and others flew in a major series of air strikes in December, 1972, called Linebacker II. This campaign, later known as The Christmas Bombing Campaign, was what brought the North Vietnamese to their knees and lead to a peace agreement.

Guy Gruters was responsible for saving many lives and won significant combat awards including two Silver Stars and two Distinguished Flying Crosses for risking his life to save his fellow countrymen and South Vietnamese civilians.

Plan to make this great story of Heroic Love part

of your Christmas season....a time to focus on something of true importance. This presentation will be held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. While the event is free and open to the public, tickets need to be secured by calling WACO Air Museum at 937-335-9226. The WACO Aviation Lecture Series is sponsored in part by Dayton Power and Light Corporation. Please visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org) for details.

**Movie at the Mayflower: White Christmas**  
**December 17,**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**9 W. Main St.**  
**White Christmas,**

Paramount's belated follow-up to the 1942 hit Holiday Inn, was the studio's first VistaVision production. A veritable warehouse full of oldie-but-goodie Irving Berlin tunes are woven into the film's simplistic plotline, along with a handful of new songs, of which "What Can You Do With a General?" is the "least" memorable.

Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye (replacing an ailing Donald O'Connor) play nightclub entertainers Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, while Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen are cast as singing-sister act Betty and Judy. The foursome travel to Vermont to visit Bob and Phil's WWII commanding officer, General Waverly

(Dean Jagger, who looks and sounds like Dwight D. Eisenhower!), who now runs a rustic old inn. Discovering that the general is in dire financial straits, the four entertainers secretly make plans to bail the old guy out with a big musical show, enlisting the aid of Bob and Phil's army buddies. Corny in the extreme, White Christmas evidently struck a responsive note with film fans; it was the high-grossing picture of 1954, and a decade later proved to be a ratings bonanza when it was given its network-TV premiere. Of the four stars, Crosby comes off best, especially when singing the title song at the beginning and end of the film; Kaye is a bit overshadowed this time out, though he's quite funny camping it up in a "drag" version of Irving Berlin's "Sisters." Still a big favorite on the home-video circuit, White Christmas may not be the best Bing Crosby musical on the market, but it's certainly one of the most heart-warming. [Author: Hal Erickson]

**Showtime:** 4PM  
(Doors open at 3:30PM)  
**Tickets:** \$5, or \$3 with a non-perishable food item

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# Book Club at Troy–Miami County Public Library

Join the Troy Library for a book discussion at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016. We will be reading and discussing "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh for the month of December. The library's adult book club usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. We read a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles.

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

For more information, call 937-339-0502, ext. 120, or visit [www.tmcpl.org](http://www.tmcpl.org).

# A Musical Christmas with David Wion

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is pleased to have David Wion present two Musical Christmas Concerts on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. David is known throughout the area for his piano concerts and for being a part of the Twilight Concert Series and Afternoon Musicale series at the Dayton Art Institute. David will perform Holiday favorites, such as: *O Little Town of Bethlehem, What Child Is This, White Christmas, The Christmas Song* and many more. David will be joined by vocalists Justin Williams and Gregory J. Ashe. Come early and tour the beautifully decorated Hayner House and enjoy some wonderful Holiday music in the East Room. Refreshments will

be served after each concert. The Hayner doors will open at 1:00 PM on December 11th. This concert is free and open to the public.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is proudly supported by the citizens of the Troy City School District through a local tax levy and generous gifts to the Friends of Hayner.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center is located at 301 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Hayner Center is closed on holidays. For more information, please visit [www.troyhayner.org](http://www.troyhayner.org) or call (937) 339-0457.

# City Requests Comments on Stormwater Management Plan


The City of Troy has a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) general permit (#OHQ000002) as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. As part of this storm water permit, Ohio EPA requires the development and implementation of a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) that satisfies the appropriate water quality requirements of Ohio Revised Code 6111 and the Clean Water Act. This year the City of Troy was required to update its Storm Water Management Plan which identifies and describes the best management practices (BMPs) selected by the City of Troy to address the six minimum

control measures (MCMs) in the permit. The six MCMs are:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation and Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The draft plan is located on the City's website for review [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov).

Please send any comments to Christy Butera, Assistant City Engineer, by calling at 937-339-2641 or at [christy.butera@troyohio.gov](mailto:christy.butera@troyohio.gov) by December 16.



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## Douglas R. Anders

Douglas R. Anders, age 60 of Dayton, passed away Monday, November 15, 2016. He was born March 6, 1956 in Piqua to the late Milton and Helen Mae (McMacken) Anders. He is survived by his brother Robert Anders of Piqua. A graveside memorial service was held 10:00AM Friday, December 2, 2016 at Fletcher Cemetery.

## Margaret Marie Lawson (Curry)

Margaret M. Lawson, age 67 of Tipp City, passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 at her residence. She was born December 16, 1948 in Glasgow, PA to the late Guy and Ellen (Rickard) Curry. Margaret is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Karen and Leroy Michael of Piqua, and Deborah and Daniel McCarty of Cincinnati; son Don Lawson and his significant other Jennifer Mellen of Tipp City; three grandchildren: John Brandenburg, Leah Brandenburg, and Joseph McCarty; brother James Curry of AL; and sister and brother-in-law Brenda and Len Hobbs of TX. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Lawson, who passed away in 2001. Private services will be held at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

## Ann Audrey Perry (Zell)

Ann Audrey Perry, age 83 of Clearwater, FL, formerly of Troy, passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in Largo, FL. She was born August 5, 1933 in Ludlow Falls to the late Charles W. and Mary J. (Settles) Zell. Ann married Jerry C. Perry on November 26, 1976 and he survives in Clearwater, FL. Other survivors include son Tim Gould of Key West, FL; two daughters: Teresa Gould of Port Tobacco, MD, and Sherry Gould of Fairborn; as well as two sisters-in-law: Ruby Burton of Troy, and Dora DeHart of West Milton. She was preceded in death by son Danny Gould; brother-in-law Willard Perry; and three sisters-in-law: Rosie Randall, Velma Jacobs, and Jessie Hattery. A graveside service was held 2:00PM Friday, December 2, 2016 at Miami-Corwin Cemetery: 6379 Corwin Ave. Waynesville, OH 45068. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

## Beverly Jean Supinger (Huntsberger)

Beverly J. Supinger, age 78 of Tipp City, passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 at Kindred Hospital in Dayton. She was born October 27, 1938 in Troy to the late Frank W. and Mary L. (Weikert) Huntsberger. Beverly is survived by daughter and son-in-law Deborah and Bennie Stumbo of Troy; two sons: Rick Seidel of FL, and Timothy Seidel of Sidney; nine grandchildren: Shaun and Shane Stumbo, and Amanda, Jennifer, Cassie, Jeff, Justin, Kyle, and Tyler Seidel; as well as 10 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her companion of many years, Arlie Lester of Tipp City. She was preceded in death by three sisters: Carol Stoltz, Shirley Vorpe, and Wanda Ferrell. Beverly loved casino gambling, going to Daytona Beach, FL, and especially enjoyed and loved her grandchildren. She attended Troy Baptist Temple. She was a retired cook and transit driver for CAC in Troy. A graveside service was held 2PM Monday, December 5, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery, Troy with Pastor Gary Wagner officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy

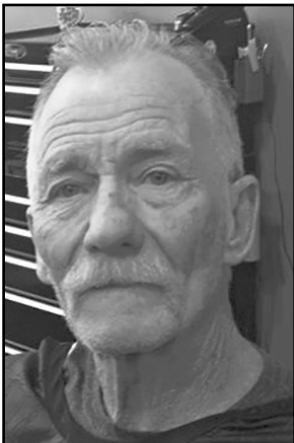
## Connie Caye Kiser (Harper)

Connie Caye Kiser, age 68 of Troy, OH, passed away Monday, November 28, 2016 at her residence. She was born August 10, 1948 in Troy to the late Harold Edgar and Thelma Irene (Larck) Harper. Connie is survived by her husband of almost 50 years William “Bill” Ray Kiser; sons: William “Ray” Kiser Jr. (Beth) of Tipp City and Mark Allen Kiser (Tonya) of Troy; sisters: Ann Jenks of Casstown and Mikki Gibbons of Tipp City; special niece: Angela Sandlin of Tipp City; grandchildren: Seth, Cody, Chelsey, Kelly and Jacob; numerous nieces and nephews; beloved Heidi, her loving lap dog. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters: Kay Johnson, Iva Miller, Lorene Roberts and Gladis Hawkins; brother: Earl Harper. Services were held at 2:00PM on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with Rev. Rich Baker officiating. Interment was held in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to Upper Miami Valley Toys for Tots, 9250 Union-Shelby Rd. Piqua, Ohio 45356 or Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com). Special thanks to all Family and Friends. On behalf of Connie, a special thanks to the nursing staff at both Miami Valley Hospital and Hospice of Miami County.



## Sisco M. Spicer

Sisco M. Spicer, age 70, of Troy passed away on Monday, December 5, 2016 at his residence. He was born on April 4, 1946 in Williamsburg, KY to the late Charley Spicer and Reba (Waldroup) Spicer Clark. His wife of 45 years, Kathleen (Rudzinski) Spicer survives. Sisco is also survived by one son: Charles L. Spicer of Troy; two daughters: Tina (Paul) Lee of Piqua and Deirdre Andrews of Medway; sister: Margaret (John) Burris of Troy; brothers: Eddie (Sharon) Spicer of Sarasota, FL, Virdin (Lynn) Spicer of TN and Scott (Sugar) Spicer of NB; grandchildren: Tara, Melinda, Josh, Seth, Trevor, Brandon, Joseph and Vincent; a several great grandchildren; and special friends: Dale and Debbie Walker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers: Oscar, Henry, Earl and Tommy; and sister: Lula. Sisco was a retired mechanic. He proudly served his county as a member of the US Army from 1964-1966. He enjoyed playing the lottery. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 9, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with full military honors. Friends may call from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Society, 4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350 Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or Riverside of Miami County, 1625 Troy-Sidney Road, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).



## Betty Lois Burkholder (Rismiller)

Betty Lois Burkholder, age 67 of Piqua, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2016 at her residence. She was born August 16, 1949 in Piqua to the late Ervin and Hazel (Rarick) Rismiller. Betty married Jim Burkholder on October 18, 1969 and he survives in Piqua. Other survivors include son and daughter-in-law Eric and Terri Burkholder of Piqua; daughter and son-in-law Lois and Steve McPherson of Piqua; sister and brother-in-law Janice and John Small of Greenville; brothers and sister-in-law Ken and Beverly Rismiller of Bradford, and Galen Rismiller of Houston; grandchildren Nathan Burkholder, and Lee and Ashlee McPherson. She was preceded in death by brother Carl Rismiller. A funeral service will be held 10AM Friday, December 9, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Hospice Chaplain Ed Ellis officiating. Visitation will be from 5PM-8PM Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the funeral home. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County: PO Box 502 Troy, OH 45373. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.



## Velma Margaret Schlemmer (Paisley)

Velma Margaret (Paisley) Schlemmer, of Troy, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Koester Pavilion in Troy. She was born on November 22, 1911 in Old Washington, OH to the late Robert C. and Estella M. (Pollock) Paisley. She was married to Nelson Schlemmer and he preceded her in death in 1982. Velma is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: Robert and Alice Schlemmer of Troy; granddaughter: Sarah (Malvern) Connett of Union, KY and grandson: Rob (Holly) Schlemmer of Los Angeles, CA; and great-grandsons: Samuel and Ethan Connett. In addition to her parents and her husband, Velma was preceded in death by her sister: Doris Love. Velma was a graduate of The Ohio State University. She was a retired educator from the Troy City Schools after 20 years of service. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ, Troy, where she taught Sunday school for over 50 years. She was a trained Stephen Minister and a member of many committees of the church. She was a Past President and Board member of the Troy Historical Society and the Museum of Troy History. She was a former guest presenter on Troy history for Leadership Troy. She was a proud member of the PEO, Chapter DY. She was a volunteer and levy committee worker for the Troy Hayner Cultural Center. In 1992, she was the recipient of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. Velma loved to play bridge and taught many to play and enjoy the game. She was also active in book club, garden club and music club. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Lauren Allen officiating. Private interment in Riverside Cemetery, Troy. Friends may call from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Church of Christ, 120 South Market Street, Troy, OH 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).



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formation; some scam artists change names regularly to trick consumers. If possible, work with a local, reputable organization.

- **Never purchase a pet sight-unseen over the internet,** especially from an individual who requests an “adoption fee” or “shipping fee” via money order or wire transfer. To help detect a possible scam, conduct an online image search of the

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puppy’s photo to see where else the picture is posted on the internet. (Search “how to search by image” for help determining how to do this.) If the same picture shows up in multiple places, it could be part of a scam.

- **Visit the animal in person.** If you choose to purchase a puppy, visit the breeder in person. Ask many questions. Ensure the breeder has individual veterinary paperwork for the puppy on the letterhead of his or her veterinarian, and consider calling the veterinarian to verify the relationship. Obtain proof of purchase with the breeder’s full contact information on it.
- **Consider adoption from a local animal shelter,** where the entire family can meet and interact with an animal prior to adoption.
- **Watch for red flags.** Beware of offers that are

too good to be true, sellers who require payment via wire transfer or money order, requests for extra costs for airline pet insurance or a temperature-controlled crate, unexpected delivery problems requiring additional payment, or threats that you’ll be turned in for animal abuse or neglect if you don’t pay.

- **Report potential problems.** If you suspect a scam, contact the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. If you suspect animal cruelty, contact the seller’s local animal control agency or the humane society. The Humane Society of the United States has a puppy mill tip line at 1-877-MILL-TIP (1-877-645-5847).

Consumers can report potential scams by contacting the Ohio Attorney General’s Office at 800-282-0515 or [www.OhioProtects.org](http://www.OhioProtects.org).



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# Making Sense of Health Insurance

Provided by  
**Michael Dugan,**  
Benefits Analysis Corp.

## Deadline to Sign Up

The deadline to sign up for health insurance is coming faster than winter!

Maybe not that fast but it's coming...

The last day to sign up for Medicare is December 7, 2016 and the final day for individual/family insurance is December 15 if you want a January 1, 2017 effective date.

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is between October 15- December 7 every year. That is when people with a Medicare Advantage or Part D Prescription can change plans without answering health questions. For example, if you have a Humana Medicare PPO you can change to an Anthem Medicare HMO. Or if you had a Silverscript Part D Prescription plan you can change to the Humana Walmart Part D Plan, which might save you money. The effective date of a plan change is January 1, 2017 but you have to submit your application before December 7, 2016.

The final day for people under the age 65 is January 31, 2017. But if you want an effective day of January 1, 2017 you have to make a decision by December 15, 2016. For example, many people in Miami County have InHealth Mutual, which won't offer a plan in 2017. You should find a new plan by December 15 because your coverage will end January 1, 2017. Also, if you got a rate increase from your current insurance company (everyone did) your new rates will start January 1, 2017, which is why I recommend that everyone pick a new plan before December 15.

There are many changes to plans in Miami County in 2017 so if you haven't started

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# Columns & Opinion

## Gardening Commentary

By Meadow View Growers

### SOME POINSETTIAS LAST..... OTHERS..... NOT SO MUCH

Locally grown poinsettias look better and last longer in your home or office, and, when you can make your purchase directly from the grower, that is even better.

There is no comparison to a plant purchased from a local greenhouse or garden center where the plant is grown



Local poinsettias

locally and kept in a bright, warm greenhouse. These local plants are not shipped hun-



Poor poinsettia

dreds of miles or put in dark boxes for days. The plants in local greenhouses are cared

for with TLC. When your plant leaves the greenhouse the poinsettia is "sleeved" with a plastic or paper cover to protect it from damage. When plants are cared for in this way and the customer follows the directions for plant care in the home, poinsettia plants will do very well throughout the winter and many times until Easter and beyond.

Poinsettias and many other plants purchased at the chain stores are many times weakened before they are sold and the primary reason is due to shipping long distances

and the lack of proper care the plants receive day after day which stresses the plants. Remember most box store employees are not plant people and are busy with other tasks. This weakened condition of the plants is caused not only by the days that they are in transit but many times the length of time they remain in cartons. The plant's roots may dry out while they are in transit. Even after the plants arrive at the stores, it can be a day or so before they receive attention and the plants are further

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## Mrs. Greengate's Almanac

### December 2016

#### Modern Moons

December is known as the first of three winter months. The first day of December is the meteorological start to winter, even though it isn't until December 21st that winter solstice arrives. Solstice occurs twice a year when the sun is furthest away from the celestial equator. This winter solstice produces the shortest

day of the year and in converse, the longest night of the year. Generally, humans seem only to regard the short day part of an explanation, perhaps choosing to disregard the longest night part because they are already accustomed to work and chores in the darkness and having an innate need for sunlight, they bemoan the lack thereof.

Shortest days are recorded in Scandinavian countries where sunlight hours can be as few as two and a quarter. Traveling around the world, Moscow has but seven hours, Paris has eight and a quarter, Anchorage has five and a half hours of light and New York City has about nine hours. No wonder Native Americans called this full moon,

Long Nights Moon. Today we might call it Hungry Bird Moon or Comfort Moon. Birds forage continually at the feeder as humans look for warm clothes, warm food and warm homes as bastions against winter.

#### Fishing/Gardening

Anytime a line can be cast in the water and it not hit ice is a good day for fishing, so says Mr. Greengate. He looks at bundling up like an Eskimo one of the prices Ohioans must pay for December angling. Bait shop talk is ongoing as to best days, the vote being for the 5th through the

7th. Again on the 14th and 15th. Good days are also circled on the calendar for the 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th. A thermos of coffee and a hamper of substantial snacks is Mrs. Greengate's contribution to this madness called angler's enthusiasm.

She, on the other hand, is relishing in the knowledge that December environment reports agree with the condition of her yard and garden. Daily cold air and flurries lay to rest the weed, insect, grass and tree related chores of sum-

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## At Home

By Connie Moore

### Winter

When juncos suddenly appear sprinting across frost-covered grass to the bird feeder, we know winter has set in. It may still get to be sunny and sixty at noon, but in early morning hours, cold air penetrates family room windows, chilling our wake-up space as we watch the tiny winter birds come out of forest into yard. Yes,

we know winter is here.

When requests for baked chicken or hot casseroles overcome thoughts of grilled pork chops, we know winter has set in. It's not just outside or inside the house. Our systems seem to know when to switch from lean meat, greens and summertime fare to substantially soothing comfort foods that stave off cold and dark days. Yes, we know winter is here.

When emails come in for lost candy or cookie recipes, we know winter baking has set in. Light fruit salads and

ice cream move over for hot, bubbly apple bakes, warm pies and heavenly cakes as short days make longings for 'heavy sweets' a priority on the kitchen front. Yes, sweet winter days are here.

This month we'll take a look back at some popular recipes from winters past. Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to bake and try, ours is but to comfort bring, until all thoughts have turned to spring.

#### Noodle Casserole

- 1 can condensed cream of broccoli soup
- ¾ cup milk
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 garlic clove, minced or

- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- Dash of pepper
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) wide egg noodles, cooked, drained
- ½ of 16 oz. pkg. frozen broccoli-cauliflower-carrot mix, thawed
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed

In large mixing bowl, combine soup, milk, half of the cheese, garlic, parsley and pepper. Add prepared noodles, thawed vegetables and mix well. Pour into buttered 2 ½ quart baking dish. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Cover, bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Cover may be removed the last 10 minutes of

baking to brown top.

#### Buttered Pasta

- 4 ounces dry spaghetti
- 2-4 tablespoons butter
- Favorite seasonings

Break spaghetti into short lengths. Cook according to package directions. Drain, return to pan with butter. Toss over lowest heat setting until butter in melted. Add seasonings-garlic powder, pepper, salt, parsley, sliced black olives, drained pimentos, or a mixed seasoning such as Trader Joe's 21\*more about that later, or whatever you enjoy with pasta. Toss all together lightly. Serve hot. (Our favorite combination is pasta,

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## Financial Focus

Provided by **Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial**

### Making financial goals with both head and heart

What distinguishes financial winners from losers? Some people might be tempted to respond, "the size of a person's bank account" or "the performance of a person's investments." While few people would argue that how much one owns or how well it performs doesn't matter, those who view these measures as standards for success may be forgetting an important aspect: money is a tool, not an end, in life.

Values should be integrated throughout our financial decision-making. Asking the right questions upfront can help. For example "What is my mission or mission statement in life?" "What mindset do I bring to my possession – scarcity or abundance?" "What values are the guiding forces in my life?" "What activities give me energy and make me feel alive?" "How do I want people to remember me?" "What organizations and causes do I care about deeply?"

"Does the way I manage my money truly reflect my life's priorities?"

Knowing the answers to these questions can assist people in integrating their personal values with their financial decisions.

How do people integrate their personal values with their personal finances in the real world? Some choose to express their support of particular issues and organizations through charitable gifts. Others leave a legacy to their children or grandchildren. Still others allocate dollars for their personal development through education and training to bring their skills or passions to a higher level. And some people are better at monitoring their spending to focus on long term needs.

Those who tend to be most

satisfied with life – whether enormously wealthy or just scraping by – usually have successfully connected how they manage their money with their values and life purpose. They understand that money is a tool, not an end, in their life. Their finances typically surround and support their values linked to family, time, legacy, care for others, leisure, faith and everyday living. Real financial success comes from examining both what is in one's heart and what is in one's portfolio. When people's values and money are in alignment, they can be assured that the way they manage their money is supporting who they are and what they believe in. That can be one sure way to satisfy both head and heart.

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## Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO  
TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

### Parking Prohibited

A lot of police time is spent dealing with improperly parked vehicles. We have several businesses specializing in carryout transactions. Several signs were posted for a 15 minute zone. People would park in these spots and then go shopping or eating for hours. The business would lose money because customers would go elsewhere rather than not being able to park for 5 minutes to pick up their order and leave. Other neighbors of retailers and restaurants are burdened with people who pull right up to the driveway and block a portion of it, making it impossible to back out safely.

People who park in front of fire hydrants are endangering not only their house but those of their neighbors. A fire truck being blocked by a vehicle from gaining access to the hydrant and must hump hose from the next closest hydrant which by law is 250 feet away.

If that hydrant is out of service or more engines are needed the next closest hydrant may be another 500 feet away, the length of 1 and 2/3 football fields. Some hydrants or sections of older cities do not have enough pressure to pump the proper amount of water that distance. Thus I always towed vehicles I found blocking hydrants if I could not find the owner to move it immediately.

Some other parking regulations not readily known are parking on a crosswalk or within 20 feet of a crosswalk. Pedestrians must be able to see around parked vehicles to safely cross a busy street. A vehicle also cannot be parked within 30 feet of a stop sign.

I would gather that most people don't know that it is against the law to park within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a train track. Then there are always those who want to double park. This is parking next to a vehicle legally parked. This is often done in downtown business locations and in school drop off zones. Prior to the Broadway School Zone street

reconstruction I would write 3 to 5 parking tickets a day when parents and grandparents wanted to drop their kids off as close to the door as possible. They were teaching the little ones it was fine to run between parked cars. My response to the arguments was, "The safety of all the children is paramount to the convenience of your child."

So even if you think you already know all the laws dealing with parking remember each city can make laws beyond what the Ohio Revised Code prohibits. Such as prohibiting semi trucks from parking on city streets unless actually loading or offloading. When a semi truck gets towed, it runs into the hundreds of dollars just for the tow truck. So read the Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.68 below which is only one section of the ORC dealing with parking so you don't come out from a nice dinner or day of shopping and find your car ticketed or towed.

#### 4511.68 Parking - prohibited acts.

(A) No person shall stand or park a trackless trolley or vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic

or to comply with sections 4511.01 to 4511.78, 4511.99, and 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk, except as provided in division (B) of this section;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- (5) On a crosswalk;
- (6) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (7) Within thirty feet of, and upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control device;
- (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by a traffic control device;
- (9) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;

(10) Within twenty feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within seventy-five feet of the entrance when it is properly posted with signs;

(11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

(12) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(13) Upon any bridge or elevated structure upon a highway, or within a highway tunnel;

(14) At any place where signs prohibit stopping;

(15) Within one foot of another parked vehicle;

(16) On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway, or thruway.

(B) A person shall be permitted, without charge or restriction, to stand or park on a sidewalk a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter that has an engine not larger than one hundred and fifty cubic centimeters, or a bicycle,

provided that the motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, or bicycle does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. This division does not authorize any person to operate a vehicle in violation of section 4511.711 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Amended by 130th General Assembly File No. 66, SB 194, §1, eff. 6/2/2014.

Effective Date: 01-01-2004



Puzzles

Word Search

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



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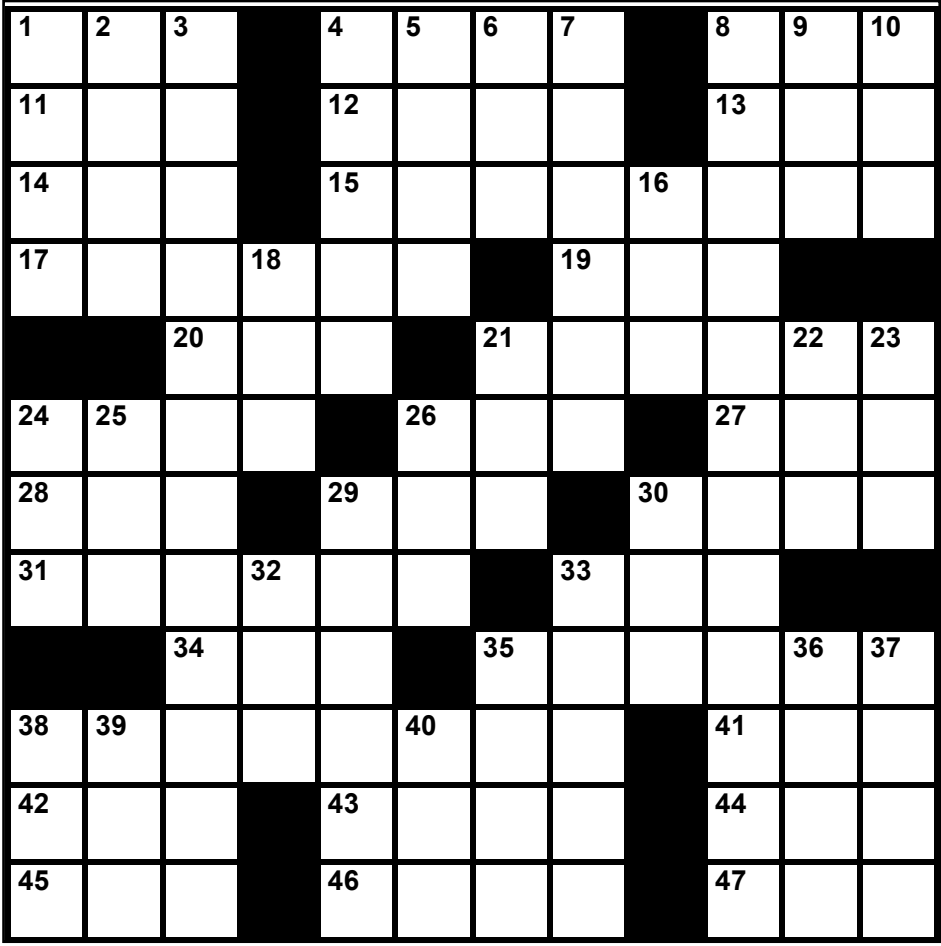
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BY LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

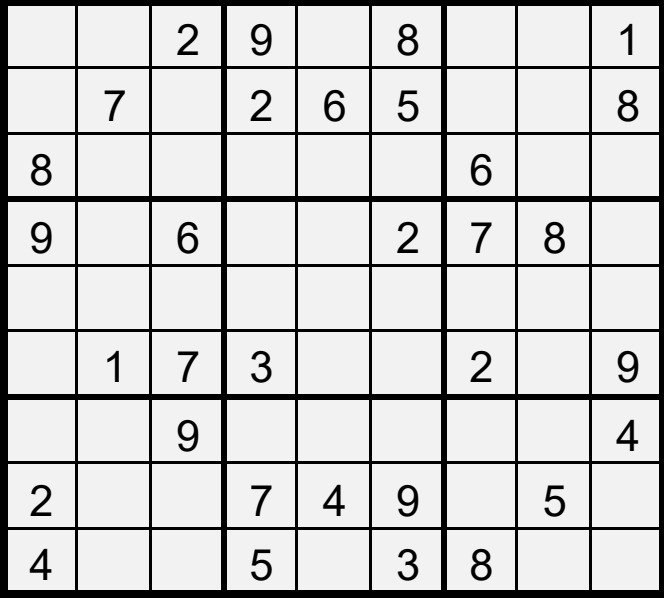
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- ACROSS  
1. Clear the tables  
4. It's checkered at the end of a race  
8. City transport  
11. Queen, maybe  
12. Indy is one  
13. Edmond Fitzgerald cargo  
14. Paul McCartney, for one  
15. Beguile  
17. Hung around  
19. One of a couple, for short  
20. Midweek day  
21. Going out with  
24. Crime syndicates
26. Triumph  
27. Randomizer  
28. Wonder  
29. Draw from  
30. Money owed  
31. Butterflies  
33. Old  
34. Didn't dawdle  
35. Poster heading  
38. Christmas Eve flier  
41. Believe, as a story  
42. Exist  
43. Observed  
44. Statement from Pinocchio  
45. Word repeated in "Jumpin' Jack Flash"
46. Cerise and vermillion  
47. Abolish  
DOWN  
1. Spiny-finned fish  
2. Military group  
3. Cream companions  
4. Given liberty  
5. Capture  
6. Whoopi's "Sister \_\_\_"  
7. Swiss tongue  
8. Substantial amount  
9. Circle section  
10. Busy insect  
16. Class with models  
18. Be my guest!  
21. Go down  
22. The point where
- pen meets paper  
23. Understand  
24. British isle  
25. Fall behind  
26. "Fuzzy Wuzzy \_\_\_"  
27. Hardly hardy  
30. Glistening beads  
32. It often has sliding doors  
33. Gathers  
35. Clarinet, for one  
36. Totally mess up  
37. Processed  
38. Dust remover  
39. Swing or Big Band  
40. Spud bud

Sudoku

#257  
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  
Christmas Trivia Quiz

- 1) How many Lords-a-leaping according to the traditional Christmas song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?  
a. 4  
b. 11  
c. 6  
d. 10
- 2) With a population of approximately 2,000 residents, "Christmas Island" lies in which Ocean?  
a. Atlantic  
b. Indian  
c. Pacific  
d. Southern
- 3) Complete the title of the 2000s Coldplay Christmas hit "Christmas \_\_\_"?  
a. Nights  
b. Lovers  
c. Bells  
d. Lights
- 4) Eggnog originated in which country?  
a. China  
b. Russia  
c. England  
d. Australia
- 5) Germans cook their Brussel sprouts at Christmas in what?  
a. Whiskey  
b. Eggs  
c. Coffee  
d. Beer
- 6) How many horses pull the sleigh in the Christmas carol "Jingle Bells"?  
a. 3  
b. 1  
c. 4  
d. 2
- 7) In which country would you eat "Lutefisk" for Christmas dinner?  
a. Sweden  
b. France  
c. Germany  
d. Colombia
- 8) The famous song "White Christmas" originated in which Christmas film?  
a. If Not Today  
b. When I Were Young  
c. Days Gone By  
d. Holiday Inn
- 9) What is Marley's first name in Charles Dickens' novella, "A Christmas Carol"?  
a. Daniel  
b. Marvin  
c. Robert  
d. Jacob
- 10) When did Queen Elizabeth II deliver her first "Royal Christmas Message" on TV?  
a. 1947  
b. 1966  
c. 1988  
d. 1957
- 11) Which of these action movies is set during Christmas?  
a. Die Hard  
b. Robocop  
c. Predators  
d. Terminator 2
- 12) Who penned the famous poem "The Cultivation of Xmas Trees"?  
a. William Shakespeare  
b. TS Elliot  
c. Ezra Pound  
d. Lewis Carroll
- 13) Who did the boy and the snowman meet in the much-loved TV cartoon "The Snowman"?  
a. Rudolph  
b. Jesus  
c. Santa  
d. Mary
- 14) Who played the role of "Bad Santa" in the 2003 comedy film of the same name?  
a. Ben Stiller  
b. Owen Wilson  
c. Billy Bob Thornton  
d. Will Ferrell
- 15) Which one of the following is NOT one of Santa's reindeer?  
a. Dasher  
b. Eddie  
c. Dancer  
d. Cupid



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mer and autumn. Her duties are now entirely household. Baking is foremost on her mind. Her goal? Bake on the same days that Mr. Greengate goes fishing, thereby being able to save enough cookies and candy from immediate consumption to actually having enough for sharing with friends and neighbors.

#### Outside the Yard

Winter hikes are scheduled throughout Ohio in December. Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve will host an

Orienteering Hike for children grades 4-8 on Dec.5. It is an all-day event. Preregistration is required. Call 937-537-6173.

Also on Dec. 5 is a Section Hike from noon to 4 pm on the Shawnee Backpack Trail in Shawnee State Park, meet at the lodge lobby at noon. This is a rough hike so wear appropriate footwear. Bring snacks and water. For more info, call or go online to Shawnee State park activities. First Day of Winter Hike

will be Dec. 21 at Cowan Lake State Park from 1-3 pm. This is a guided hike, length to be determined by group and weather. Dress for weather.

December 31st will see many outdoor enthusiasts at Maumee Bay State Park for the New Year's Eve Night Hike from 7-8 pm. Meet at the Trautman Nature Center for a naturalist-led hike on the boardwalk. All ages welcome. Call 419-836-9117 for more info.

#### Word of the Month

Airglow: a faint emission of light by a planetary atmosphere-for earth it causes the night sky to never be completely dark. There is generally a bluish color low in the sky. Another name for it is nightglow.

#### Quote of the Month

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night." Steve Martin, actor/comedian/musician

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butter, garlic, pepper, black olives and Parmesan cheese.

#### Sausage Cabbage Bake

- 2 cans low-sodium cream of mushroom soup  
- ¼ cup chopped onions  
- 1 cup sliced celery  
- 3 cups shredded cabbage  
- 1 pound Polish or smoked sausage

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients, having cut the sausage into 1-inch pieces. Pour into 2-quart casserole. Cover, bake for 50 minutes. Dish may be uncovered the last ten minutes and cheese sprinkled on top to brown.

#### Scalloped Oysters

- 1 pint oysters  
- 3 cups crushed saltine crackers  
- Pepper to taste  
- 1/3 cup melted butter  
- 2 cups liquid (oyster liquid and milk)

Drain oysters, saving liquid. Add enough milk to it to make the 2 cups. Butter a baking dish. Mix melted butter and crumbs. Alternate layers of crumbs and oysters. Season to taste. Pour liquid over all. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. If desired, a bit more butter may be melted and drizzled over all. Bake in 375 degree oven about 30 minutes or until browned and bubbly.

#### Tuna Pie

- 2 regular size cans tuna in water  
- 1 onion, chopped  
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms  
- ½ cup sliced celery  
- 3 tablespoons butter  
- ¼ cup flour  
- 1 can (14 ½ oz.) low sodium chicken broth  
- 2 cups frozen peas/carrots mix  
- 1 teaspoon crushed thyme  
- One pie pastry-home-made or store bought  
- 1 egg beaten with water  
- Parmesan cheese, optional

Drain tuna, set aside. In

skillet, sauté onion, mushrooms, celery in butter. Stir in flour and cook for a minute. Slowly stir in broth, cooking over low until thickened. Add peas/carrots and thyme. Pour into 2 ½ quart casserole dish. Adjust pie pastry round over top, folding edges under. Make several slits in top for vents. Brush with egg/water. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over top if using. Bake 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until bubbly and brown. Other seasonings may be used according to preference.

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weakened. Poinsettias are a sturdy plant when they have enough daylight but in many of the stores they remain on carts in the aisles and downhill they go.

Further damage occurs when the plants leave the store on the way to the customer's car and no protection is provided. The weather in Ohio can be very windy and cold in December and tropical plants need protection. By the time this weakened poinsettia or house plant gets home with the consumer the plant is really struggling. The next thing you know, the customer begins to feel like they do not know how to take care of plants because their new poinsettia that they just purchased starts to look very poor in a few days.

If you have not had a poinsettia or other house plant

from your local greenhouse or garden center because you have had some bad experiences with plants in the past, this may be the time to give these local plants a try. I'm sure you will see a huge difference in the quality and how easy it can be to take care of a good, healthy plant.

Many times the public feels like they cannot care for their plant purchases very well so they eventually give up, and that is a real shame. Plants improve the indoor environment where we live. Find a good local greenhouse and enjoy some healthy plants for the holiday and beyond.

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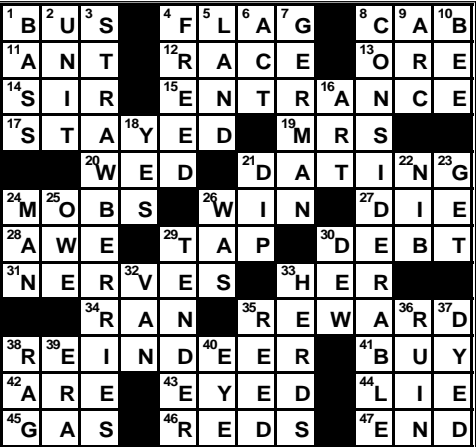


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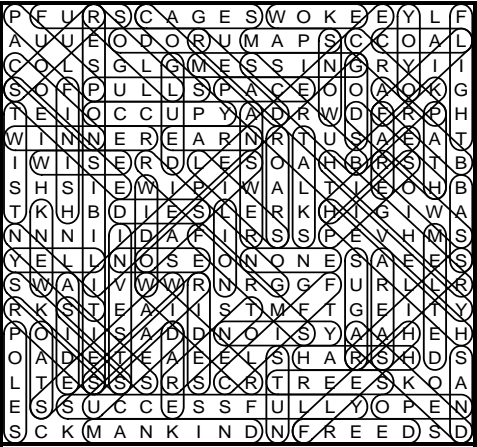


## This Week's Solutions

### Crossword



### Word Search



### Sudoku

6	3	2	9	7	8	5	4	1
1	7	4	2	6	5	9	3	8
8	9	5	4	3	1	6	7	2
9	4	6	1	5	2	7	8	3
3	2	8	6	9	7	4	1	5
5	1	7	3	8	4	2	6	9
7	5	9	8	1	6	3	2	4
2	8	3	7	4	9	1	5	6
4	6	1	5	2	3	8	9	7

### Trivia

- 1) 10 - The Twelve Days of Christmas is thought to be French in origin.
- 2) Indian - The island was first discovered on Christmas Day in 1643.
- 3) Lights - Coldplay was released as a digital download on in December of 2010.
- 4) England - Most historians agree that eggnog originated from a medieval Britain posset.
- 5) Beer - The traditional German Christmas meal features duck, goose or a roast.
- 6) 1 - Published in 1857, Jingle Bells was written by James Lord Pierpont.
- 7) Sweden - Lutefisk is dried whitefish. Traditionally, it is eaten with potatoes, green peas and white sauce.
- 8) Holiday Inn - White Christmas is heard during the Christmas holiday sections of the film.
- 9) Jacob - A Christmas Carol was published in 1843.
- 10) 1957 - Previously, the Royal Christmas Message was aired on radio.
- 11) Die Hard - Die Hard was released in 1988.
- 12) TS Elliot - The Cultivation of Xmas Trees was published in October of 1954.
- 13) Santa - The Snowman is based on a children's picture book of the same name by English author Raymond Briggs.
- 14) Billy Bob Thornton - Bad Santa marked John Ritter's last film appearance before his death in September of 2003.
- 15) Eddie - Santa's sleigh is led by eight reindeer.



# The Mckinnon Dash Company: It Didn’t Change With The Times

By Judy Deeter  
Troy Historical Society

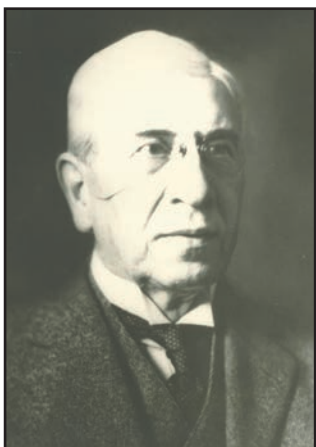
In the spring of 1980, workmen prepared to paint the exterior of a Hobart Corporation building, removing layers of old paint from the building’s walls. When paint was taken off one wall, a bit of Troy history appeared. Underneath the paint was the name of the building’s original owner the “McKinnon Dash Company.” In the late 1890s and early 1900s, the McKinnon Dash Company was one of Troy’s most important companies, but by the 1920s, it was gone. The product it produced had become obsolete.

The company did not start in Troy. It began in 1878 at St. Catherine’s, Ontario, Canada as a partnership between Lachlan Ebenezer McKinnon and H.H. Mitchell. There they operated a business named McKinnon and Mitchell Hardware, which manufactured hardware for use with horses or horse-drawn vehicles, including patented buggy and carriage dashboards and fenders. Their partnership ended a decade later in 1888, and McKinnon renamed the business the McKinnon and Dash Hardware Company.

After the partnership dissolved, McKinnon expanded the company into the United States. A subsidiary opened in Buffalo, New York in 1892 and a factory at Columbus, Ohio in 1894. (At some point, factories were also opened in Jackson, Michigan and Syracuse, New York.)

At that time in Troy, a group of businessmen were working with the City Council to bring new industries (and jobs) to town. The business group was named the Troy Improvement Committee. The group was eventually succeeded by a similar organization named the Troy Land & Improvement Committee. The newer committee, which was incorporated on December 8, 1894, was more aggressive in its work than the Troy Improvement Committee.

It should be noted that there was an economic depression in the United States in the early to mid-1890s. A good industrial base was needed to keep Troy and its residents prosperous. The Troy City Council granted



McKinnon



McKinnon Dashcoon Ridge

money to a variety of businesses so they could buy land and build factories. Several directors of the Troy Land Improvement Company are remembered as leaders of Troy, particularly Thomas B. Kyle, George S. Long, Augustus G. Stouder, and Thomas B. Wheeler.

In March 1895, the Troy Land and Improvement Company bought the 110 acre McKaig farm for \$22,000. On the McKaig land, they built what was in effect a business park—one of America’s first. The Troy Land and Improvement Company made offers to several companies to build factories on the McKaig farm. The McKinnon Dash and Hardware factory in Columbus was one of those businesses. The company accepted the offer and moved their factory to Troy along with its manager Leidy H. McConnell.

The Troy Land and Improvement Committee hired Trupp & Company of Tippecanoe City (Tipp City) to build a factory for McKinnon Dash near the corner of Pennsylvania and Olive Streets. Some sources say that the building ran along Olive Street to near Ridge Avenue. It was completed in the spring of 1896. A story in an April 1898 special supplement to the Miami Union newspaper described the factory as being “of brick and form(ing) three sides of a hollow square.” In the beginning, the building contained about 48,000 feet of floor space. Later, another 20,000 feet was added to the structure. In the company’s heyday, it daily manufactured about 800 leather dashboards for horse-drawn vehicles.

The Troy & Piqua branch of the Cincinnati Hamil-

ton & Dayton Railroad ran near the plant, which was ideal for both the receipt of materials to the factory and the shipment of completed dashboard orders.

In his book TROY THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, author/historian Thomas B. Wheeler says that Troy’s population of Troy grew in the 1890s because the Troy Land Improvement Company brought the McKinnon Dash Company and other businesses to town. People moved to Troy because there were jobs in the new and expanded factories.

In March 1913, a great flood struck Troy and the Miami Valley. The McKinnon Dash Company sustained a significant amount of damage. Water was estimated to be 12 feet deep inside the building. Workers could only enter the plant through the roof. There was damage both to factory equipment and finished dashboards. The company lost thousands of dollars.

In the early 1900s, the automobile began to replace the horse and buggy and business slowed. The McKinnon Dash Company did build some dashboards for automobiles, but the Troy factory never gained a market share to be prosperous. The factory closed sometime around World War I. (Note: The McKinnon Dash Company did continue to exist in other parts of the United States by manufacturing other products.)

In 1921, the Hobart Manufacturing Company, which operated next door to the McKinnon Dash Company, bought the McKinnon Dash building.

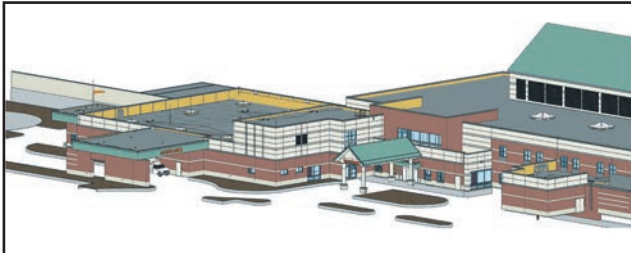
The President of the Hobart Manufacturing Company at the time of the sale in 1921 was Augustus Stouder.

He had been a director for the Troy Land Improvement Company when McKinnon Dash Company had come to Troy. It is interesting to note that the Hobart Manufacturing Company had been started (as the Hobart Electric Manufacturing Company) by C.C. Hobart. Hobart had moved his company to Troy from Middletown, Ohio through the efforts of the Troy Land Improvement Company.

Over the next few decades, the Hobart Manufacturing Company (later named Hobart Corporation) used the McKinnon Dash Company building to house its motor plant, for its subsidiary the Troy Metal Products Company, as its commercial dishwasher plant, the factory for its 3 and 5 quart KitchenAid mixers, its Sheet Metal Department, and commercial dishwasher assembly. For many years, the building was known as “Plant Two.” Hobart eventually demolished the building. The property is still part of the Hobart campus. (Hobart is now owned by Illinois Tool Works and part of the ITW Food Equipment Group.)

The McKinnon Dash Company, once the largest producer of dashboards in the world, ceased to exist because it did not find a way to change its product from the age of the horse and buggy to the modern automobile. It lost business and then went out of business.

For more information about the McKinnon Dash Company, visit the Troy-Miami County Public Library Local History Library at 100 West Main Street in Troy or contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com.



## UVMC to Unveil Expanded Emergency Department

Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) will unveil its expansion to the hospital emergency department (ED) at a community open house on Dec. 14.

The emergency department expansion under construction for the past year is the first of a two-phase project. The second phase will be renovation of the existing 16,800-square-foot emergency department, targeted for completion in the first quarter of 2017.

“We’re extremely excited about all that this expansion and renovation will provide for our community,” said Becky Rice, UVMC president.

“In addition to increasing the overall ED space and treatment room size to accommodate today’s patients and caregiver needs, the project is designed with the goal of enhancing efficient flow and delivery of care for our patients and their loved ones,” Rice said.

“This project speaks a lot about our commitment to Miami County, and Miami County’s commitment to us,” said Mary Boosalis, Premier Health president.

The 26,300 square foot ED addition features larger treatment rooms to better accommodate patients, their families, and caregivers. The new rooms are 160 to 180 square feet each, an increase from today’s rooms of 120 square feet.

“The addition is all new patient care space: treatment rooms, trauma rooms and support space for physicians and nursing staff,” said Diane Pleiman, UVMC vice president of operations.

“The rooms have designated patient areas, caregiver areas, and family areas,” Pleiman said. “You will have space for the pa-

tient as well as their loved ones to stay with them.”

The room layouts are single sided, meaning every room has exactly the same set up.

“This is extremely important for patient safety. As a caregiver, when I walk in a room, I don’t have to look for equipment because it is in the same location in every room. That is a huge benefit for us to be able to offer our community,” Pleiman said.

The project also includes addition of a public corridor that will allow people to access the rest of the hospital from the ED area. The new vestibule will allow those who enter to choose heading either to the ED or into the rest of the hospital.

The expanded ED will include medical imaging services encompassing a CT unit and X-ray unit to provide faster turnaround. Also, renovation of medical imaging space adjacent to the ED will include the addition of a second MRI unit.

“The new emergency department will include a modern appeal expected in today’s hospitals and features improved design and functionality. These designs will lead to improved patient experience, privacy, efficiency and overall quality of care,” said Dr. David Cohen, MD, ABEM, medical director of emergency services at UVMC.

“The new emergency department will also benefit its health professionals by providing larger rooms, centralized nursing stations, increased work stations and efficiency of patient flow,” Dr. Cohen said.

The community is invited to tour the ED expansion at the open house on Dec. 14 from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

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preparations for the nativity for months. More than 60 people are involved in the production.

Chris Lucas said she and Joan Green talked last year about a possible live nativity and visited one in Sidney. Lucas watched You Tube videos of similar events. She wrote the script and narrated the record-

ing.

“This is a whole outreach to the community teaching about the real meaning of Christmas,” said Green, who was in charge of costumes. “We are really excited about serving the community in that capacity.”

During a project workday in early November, she and others were busy placing cot-

ton balls on T-shirts to be worn by children who will portray sheep. Some live animals also will be on hand, courtesy of a church member’s relative.

Another church member was in charge of props, while another worked with the agencies to ensure traffic would not be an issue and another was in charge of constructing the

sets. Visitors will be directed around the church where around nine scenes will be in place.

“We have a part for everybody who wants to be a part of it,” Lucas said of the production. “It is really falling together.”

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