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Breakfast With Santa

by brittany arlene jackson

It was another successful year for Rotary's annual Breakfast with Santa. Despite the thick fog at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, Jolly Old St. Nicholas arrived on time to St. Patrick's Parish Center to the delight of children and their parents. The 5th annual breakfast featured pancakes and sausage, a candy cane, a stuffed animal, and pictures with everyone's favorite Christmas icon.

Many of the local Rotary chapter's approximately 50 members bought tickets to donate to local, underprivileged families. A member of Rotary, Patrick Titterington, took and printed pictures for the children. Retired Troy educator Jill Wilson was Santa's helper and provided a warm welcome to incoming guests. According to Melissa Kleptz, the coordinator of the event and the Executive Director of the Troy Foundation, the Rotarians have been hugely supportive of this event since its inception 5 years ago. "The mission of Rotary is to serve children of the community," Kleptz said. "Most of the stuff that we do helps to provide scholarships for educational opportunities like waco or just to provide coats and gloves or shoes. The breakfast is a fun way to bring joy to families and especially children during this time of year." Rotary touches approximately 500 children through various initiatives they insti-

The event was staffed not only by Rotarian volunteers but by several sophomore boys with Interact, a junior Rotary Club for high school students. Jake Daniel and Ryan Pour were recruited by upperclassmen at Troy High School to join the

gate and support annually.

Credit Union Robbers Caught

Two men were jailed over the weekend in the Dec. 4 robbery of the Abbey Credit Union on Wayne

Justin Higbee, 34, of Brown Township is charged with aggravated robbery while Jeremy Miller, 32, of Huber Heights is charged with complicity to aggravated robbery in the incident, according to Troy police reports.

Business employees told police a man in a black hooded sweatshirt and hat came in with a white paperbag and a note saying he had a gun and wanted money. A gun was not shown.

After leaving the bank, the man headed on foot toward Crescent Drive. A witness said he was seen getting into a brown Honda Civic,



driven by a second man.

Police said Higbee was identified by people who saw the photo from a bank camera on social media.

He was arrested in Butler Twp. Miller was arrested in Huber Heights.

Miller and Higbee were scheduled for arraignments Monday,

Dec. 7, in Miami County Municipal Court. They refused to go to the jail video arraignment so the hearings were rescheduled for Tuesday. Police said the men are half brothers.

They were being held on \$500,000 bail each set over the weekend.



Jeremy Miller



Justin Higbee

Soup Kitchen Christmas

BY BRITTANY ARLENE JACKSON

The St. Patrick Soup Kitchen is preparing for a busy Christmas this year. Troy Christian Girls basketball coach, Richard Steineman, Deb Grant, and a host of volunteers are coming together to make this season memorable for those who cannot afford to make a traditional Christmas dinner for their familv. Generous local businesses and individuals have stepped up to donate food and funds as the soup kitchen gathers resources to provide meal packages full of everyone's favorite seasonal flavors.

27,000 dinners are served annually out of the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen. Last year, they delivered 1,427 of those dinners on Christmas day. The Christmas meals are not served at their Mulberry Street location where food is regularly provided daily from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. tween noon and four, they can This year's Christmas dinner have their dinner delivered to will include turkey and dress- their door and eat around their ing, mashed potatoes and gra- Christmas tree." vy, sweet potatoes, green beans,



Soup Kitchen Volunteers (L to R) Deb Grant, Dave Steineman (brother of Richard), Curtis Wolf, and Joseph

cranberry sauce and dessert, delivered at the door of people's

According to volunteer coordinator and self-proclaimed Chief Bottle Washer, Deb Grant, the service the soup kitchen offers on Christmas is intrinsic to the spirit of the day. "Families can stay in their jammies like most of us would want to do on Christmas Day," Grant said. "Then, be-

Duchak Joins Sheriff Race

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Miami County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Dave Duchak announced Dec. 3 he would run for sheriff in the March Republican primary.

Duchak made the announcement outside the sheriff's department on the Courthouse Plaza. He has been with the depart ment for 25 years.

"The state of the sheriff's office is very strong and I intend to keep it that way. There is no one more experienced and knowledgeable or better prepared than I am to hit the ground running from day one to be your next Miami County sheriff," Duchak

Chris Anderson, a retired Troy police captain, and Steve Cooper, retired sheriff's office captain, previously announced their intentions to see the office held by Charles Cox. He was first elected in 1988 and is retiring at the end of his term in December



Dave Duchak

The deadline for filing for the primary election is Dec. 16 with the county Board of Elections. As of Dec. 4, Cooper was the only candidate to file nominating petitions.

Cox will serve as Duchak's campaign chairman and Cox's wife, Lynn, as his campaign

Duchak is a graduate of Tippecanoe High School, attended the University of Dayton and graduated from the Butler Township Police Academy in 1986.

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United Way Fund Raising On Track

BY NANCY BOWMAN

The United Way of Troy is on its way to reaching its 2015 goal of \$810,000, campaign leaders told agencies and supporters during the campaign holiday celebration Friday, Dec. 4.

Changes in corporate calendars the past few years means some campaign final reports aren't received

until after the first of the year, Richard Bender, United Way director, told those gathered for the holiday luncheon at the Troy Senior Citizens Center.

With those calendars in 97 percent of goal as of Fri-2015 campaign co-chair. He termed that information "excellent news."

get the word out. We are 3 percent short of goal, but I know in my heart the people, the businesses of Troy will rise to the occasion."

The United Way of Troy mind, the campaign was at provides funding to more than 25 agencies throughday, said Maurice Sadler, out the Troy area. Many of those agencies had repre- because of the people gathsentatives at the luncheon. ered for the event and the Sadler thanked them, say- Troy community.

"We need to continue to ing they "work hard and diligently to support people of all ages."

> Board member Earl Reives stood in for Mayor Mike Beamish, expressing gratitude to all businesses and other contributors to the United Way. Reives said the campaign does well

recognized four departing tions to talk about the Unitboard members – Bill Barney, Greg Taylor, Richard its agencies offer the com-Culp and Ed Westmeyer for their terms of service.

Bender said the board during the past year made a concerted effort to reach out to more possible supporters. The result was meeting with and working with about a dozen new

The organization also companies and organizaed Way program and what

munity and its residents. He said the work of everyone is appreciated.

"Thank you for making Troy such a great place to live and work," Bender said.



TROY TRIBUNE - WEEK OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

Miami County Sheriff Reports

THURSDAY 12/3

4:58 p.m. To the Miami County Jail for a report of marijuana found in an envelope. Jail staff reported that a card was sent by an unknown person to an inmate. While inspecting the envelope for illegal contraband, one marijuana cigarette was located wedged between the pages of the card. The inmate was questioned, but he said he did not know who would be sending him drugs through the mail. The card was booked into the property room.

FRIDAY 12/4

1:39 a.m. To the Miami County Jail for a report of a fight. Two inmates were involved in a physical altercation. One of them sustained a bloody nose. Neither wished to press charges. In house discipline was issued to both for violating jail rules.

11:32 a.m. A deputy initiated a traffic stop in the 1400 block of W. Main St. on a vehicle that fit the description of the getaway car used in the Abbey Credit Union robbery. The driver said that he was just returning home from work, and the deputy was able to verify his story. Unfortunately for the driver, he was found to be under suspension and had an active warrant. He was arrested for the warrant, given a citation for driving under suspension and transported to the Miami County Jail.

10:25 p.m. Traffic stop on Elm St. at Fountain St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension, drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11:56 p.m. Traffic stop in the 2400 block of State Route 718. The driver was cited for suspicion of OVI, then released to a sober

SATURDAY 12/5

2:00 a.m. Traffic stop on W. State Rt. 41 at Washington Rd. The driver was cited for

2:26 a.m. Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The driver was taken into cus-

1:29 p.m. To Troy-Sidney Rd. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her 11-year-old daughter had been "mouthy" all day. She said that she refused to go to school on Friday and broke her younger sister's toy. The deputy spoke with the daughter at length about her behavior and the consequences of her actions. The mother was advised of the steps to take to file unruly charges in the future. The daughter agreed to go for counselin<mark>g</mark>.

9:57 p.m. To the Miami County Incarceration Facility for a report of someone bringing heroin into the jail. A new inmate was being processed, and a jailer saw the inmate trying to conceal a plastic baggy of powdery brown material. The inmate admitted that it was heroin. The evidence was seized and secured and the inmate was transported to the downtown jail for processing. He was charged with conveyance of prohibited items into the jail and for possession of heroin. The heroin will be submitted to the lab for confirmation.

SUNDAY 12/6

3:50 a.m. To Piqua-Troy Rd. for a report of an accident. The driver had left the scene but was later located at her home in Piqua. She was transported back to the scene and later arrested for OVI and reasonable control. Her vehicle was towed.

9:41 a.m. To Fenner Rd. for a report of a hit-skip accident. Three mailboxes in the 3800 block were hit by a car. The only thing left behind was a tan passenger side mirror with no markings indicating the manufacturer. The victims were notified and a report was done for insurance purposes. There are no suspects.

Trib Briefs

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Board puts levy on ballot

The Troy City Schools Board of Education took the final step needed to place an operating levy renewal on the March bal-

The board voted 4-0 with

member Dave Heffner absent to

ask the Miami County Board of

Elections to place the 5.8-mill, five-year request before voters. The county auditor's office recently certified the amount the levy would raise would be \$3.4

Musical fundraiser Saturday

million annually.

Friends and coworkers of Danny Kidder are holding a musical fundraiser to raise money to help him and his wife with expenses as he faces frontotemporal dementia.

Kidder and his wife, Mary, live in Casstown. Until recently,

he was employed by Motoman.

The fundraising is being organized by coworkers and fellow musicians, said Mark Acton, who said he and other organizers at one time had a band with the Kidders. Acton, Zane Michael and Bart Goings also worked with Kidder.

help the couple meet ongoing expenses. Frontotemporal dementia is described as a condition similar to Alzheimer's. The fundraiser will be held

The goal is to raise money to

Saturday, Dec. 11, from 12:30 to 10 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center, 444 E. Water St., Troy. The music will begin at 1 p.m. A \$10 donation at the door is

being requested. For more information on fron-

totemporal dementia visit www. alz.org/dementia/fronto-temporal-dementia-ftd-symptoms.asp.

Study, contract OK'd

The Miami County commissioners voted Dec. 3 to ask the Ohio Department of Transportation to declare a reasonable and safe speed limit for McKaig Road west to the area of State

tech with the county engineer's office, said the county is working with the city to make a consistent speed limit along McKaig Road from Troy west. Motorists driving the area en-

ter and exit Concord Township

and the city limits around 10

times along the stretch of road. The goal is to make a consistent speed limit, making it easier to enforce and safer, Neikirk said.

Troy's speed limit now is 25 mph and the county's is 55 mph. The proposed speed for the area is 45 mph.

Two lights eliminated

The city of Troy has converted two intersections from stop lights to stop signs following a study of the signals.

The signals at Race and Mulberry streets and Simpson and Mulberry streets have been Chad Neikirk, engineering bagged by city crews and the stop signs placed, Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, told city council in a report on city activities.

Sheriff protecting parks

A contract for the Miami County Sheriff's Department to provide police protection to the county parks was approved Dec. 3 by the county commis-

Under the agreement, the sheriff's department will provide protection up to 40 hours per week at a price of \$39.28 per hour. The cost of the 2016 calendar year contract includes a 2 percent wage increase over the 2015 contract.

County Wants to Buy New 911 Radios

BY NANCY BOWMAN

Miami County's Communication Center Board is supporting a proposal under which the county would help buy new radios for police, fire and EMS agencies across the county.

The county commissioners are expected to vote as early as Thursday, Dec. 10, on the proposal to purchase radios the public safety workers would use beginning later next year to communicate using an updated radio system bought by the county in September.

The \$2.5 million radio system backbone by Motorola Systems will allow emergency workers to communicate easier with other agencies across the state. The system is expected to be ready for use by September 2016.

The need for updated radios to go along with the system was a concern for many local governments and agencies, including volunteers. The local governments have included money are being sought to help offgrant applications won't be re-rangement. ceived until later next year.

The Communication Center Board, made up of representatives of police, fire, EMS, the county's cities and the county commission, heard the radio purchase proposal Dec. 2 from Jeff Busch, Communication Center director, and Mike Brown, consultant. The proposal then was out-

lined Dec. 3 for the commissioners, who gave verbal support of the plan. The proposal from Motoro-

la is a year-end offering that includes pricing 45 percent less than the cost to buy the radios under the state purchasing contract, if the agreement is accepted before year's end. With the pricing and the num-

ber of radios each agency across the county said in a survey it would need to operate, the county could buy the portable and mobile unit radios needed for fire, EMS and police for for radios in budgets and grants \$1,657,838, Brown said. The do their job," Brown said of the tion than most," he said. purchase likely would be done set the locals' costs. Answers to through a seven-year lease ar-

After gathering information on needs from each agency, Brown said a formula was drawn up to make the purchase equitable to all agencies. For example, the formula includes one portable radio for every sworn police officer; two portable radios for each medic unit/ambulance; one portable for a fire department tanker, brush truck, utility vehicle; and four portables for every engine, truck and rescue vehicle.

The county would buy the radios, batteries and chargers while the local governments/ agencies would pay for the accessories they want and installation. The local governments/ agencies also could buy additional radios at their own cost if

The estimated cost for the governments/agencies for installation, programming and accessories is just under \$650,000.

"This gives them the radios to

Tim Eggleston, city manager of Tipp City and a Communication Center board member, said the proposal is "a win-win" for everyone. "I will say one I was not expecting," Eggleston said later last week. "Anytime the city can take advantage of other funding sources, it allows us to apply the savings to projects that come up unexpected."

and any additional radios that might be needed, Eggleston Commission President Jack Evans asked Busch if the purchase was affordable. Busch

said it was. "There is no ques-

tion. Safety is paramount," Ev-

The city staff has no issues

with purchasing accessories

Commissioner John "Bud" O'Brien said the county has made a substantial investment in the center's technology in recent years.

Brown said the investment shows. "You are in a better posi-

Concord Township Trustees Pass Resolution for Traffic Study

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BY BONNIE L. MCHENRY

At the December 1, 2015 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, the trustees passed a resolution that requests the Miami County Engineer to conduct traffic studies at three intersections on Lincolnshire Drive to assess whether four-way stops are needed.

Resident Phyllis Moore asked that the trustees request a traffic study at the intersection of Swailles and Pesection does not fall under the town-

ship's jurisdiction since Peters and Swailles are both county roads. You need to contact John Huelskamp, County Engineer, directly."

In addition, the trustees passed a resolution to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund to cover the shortfall for spending in the Road and Bridge Fund.

In new business, the trustees reported that all staff evaluations ters to determine whether a stop- are complete. The trustees recomlight is justified rather than the curmended that all fulltime employrent flashing light. However, Don ees receive a 3% wage increase and Pence, Trustee, said, "That inter- summer workers hourly rate be in-

\$44,900.00

\$49,900.00

Duchak Joins Sheriff Race

law enforcement full time with the Covington Police Department as a patrolman in 1987 later becoming a sergeant. He was hired at the sheriff's office in 1990, serving as patrol deputy, detective, shift patrol sergeant, shift patrol lieutenant, detective lieutenant, administrative and road patrol captain and, since 2011, chief deputy.

A number of chal-

He began work in lenges face law enforcement, Duchak said, including heroin, jail space and budget issues including meeting

> technology needs. Among his goals would be continuing a strong partnership between the department and the community, Duchak said.

He lives in Troy with his wife, Sheri, and two teenage children.

Duchak can be contacted at duchakforsheriff@gmail.com.

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In a battle between two teams expected to battle it out for the league title, Miami Valley used a big run at the end of the first half, and a dominating fourth quarter to knock off the Troy Christian girls' basketball team last week 47-27 at Troy Christian High School.

Both teams were missing key components to their offense, as Troy Christian is still without Meredith Haddad, who is recovering from an injury. Miami Valley was without their leading scorer and college prospect Tia Karras.

"Some of our inexperience showed tonight right before the half," Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman said. "I thought the girls hung in there the best they could, they just had better athletes than we had."

Scoring was at a minimum during the opening four minutes of the game as Miami Valley led early 4-2. Lauren Lavy and Ali Kamentz give the Eagles a slim lead late in the quarter, and a 15-footer from Arden Kamentz gave the hometown squad an 8-7 lead after the

opening period.

Kathryn Lee scored consecutive baskets with just over three minutes left in the half as Troy Christian was in front 16-15 with 3:05 left in the first half.

Troy Christian Girls Fall To MVS, Boys Win

That is when Miami Valley turned up the heat, and outscored Troy Christian 9-0 over the remainder of the half, to take a 24-16 lead at the half. They took the lead out to ten

early in the third quarter, but the Eagles had one more gasp in them. Lee hit consecutive shots for Troy Christian and with just over four minutes remaining in the third period, they were still within six points, trailing 28-22.

From there, it was all Miami Valley, as they outscored the Eagles 19-5 the rest of the way,

Lee led the Eagles with 14 points and eight rebounds, while scoring four apiece were Lavy, and both of the Kamentz girls. Hailey Peters added nine

Troy Christian came back on Saturday, and held Temple Christian without a field goal for the entire game, and earned a 40-2 victory in a non-league



Arden Kamentz brings the ball up the floor for the Eagles.

Troy Christian Boys- Their Metro Buckeye Conference winning streak has reached 40 consecutive games with a 57-36 win over Miami Valley on Friday night. Troy Christian only allowed two field goals in the

"It was another solid effort for our defense," said Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki. "We did a great job limiting them on drives to the hoop, and used a full court press to pick up the tempo of the game."

"We created a lot of turnovers. Our defense is ahead of schedule, now we need our offense to catch up."

Troy Christian led 12-1 in the first quarter, and continued to lead at the half, despite shooting 4-18 free throws in the first half and 8-26 for the game.

KC Kamentz led Troy Christian with 19 points, while James Anderson added 15 and Seth Wynne had 10.

"It was good to see those guys get confidence," Zawadzki said.

Troy Christian (2-0, 1-0) travels to Xenia Christian on Friday, and Mississinawa Valley on Saturday.

Troy Bowling Results

GIRLS

Troy- 2294 (Jenna Stone 165-210 375, Rachel Darrow 182-177 359, Aleigha Smith 163-179, Kirsten McMullen 178-161, Jennica Funderburg 155-125, Bakers

Tecumseh- 2195 (Adrienne Lutz 173-149= 322, Katie Stamper 126-185= 311, Kaley Thompson 145-158 303. Jessica Perkins 146-137 283, Jennifer Dilley 129-122 251, Bakers 725)

Tecumseh- 2844 (Zach Helm 239-148 387 ,Jay Woosley 188-247 435, Matt Brown 222-225 447, Caleb Collins 180-257 437, Dillon Terrell 211-201 412, Bakers 726)

Troy- 2621 (Landon Flory 222-230 452, Jason Shiltz 194-150 344, Aaron Stone 190-185 375, Hayden Jackson 232-253 485, AJ Kendall 209-125 334, Bakers



Eagles Hope To Enjoy Continues Success

BY JIM DABBELT

It will be a new look squad this season for Troy Christian wrestling, as they begin what they hope will be another successful year. Two seniors return for coach Steve Goudy, but the mindset is the same with the Eagles... success.

"We will be young with only two seniors, but our expectations never change, we want to get as high on the podium as we possibly can," Goudy said, as his squad opened the season at Centerville. "Realistically, I think we can finish in the top ten. I have seen some great improvements so far with great attitudes."

"We only have eleven kids out this season and that is a "But this is a great group of

kids. They have great work year. ethic and are excited for the season to start."

The two seniors this year are 170-pounder Jordan Strine, and 195-pound Levi

"This is Jordan's third year of wrestling, and I have been as pleased with him as anyone in the room," Goudy said. "He will turn a lot of heads this

"Levi was a district qualifier last year, and he wants it more this year. He is hungry. "He is a little banged up from football and when he gets to 100 percent, we has great things ahead." will see good things."

back is 106 pound sopho- a district appearance last to state last year. more Jacob Edwards, who year. challenge for us," he added. was also named captain this

"This is the first time for a sophomore captain, but this is a kid who did everything in the off season," Goudy said. "He is the complete package, a great student, good work ethic and a leader. He was also a state qualifier last year, and has his sights set higher this year."

At 120 will be Michael Sergent, who placed fourth in the state two years ago.

"He was an alternate last year, so he is chomping at the bit to get back at it and get to March," Goudy said. "He is a lot stronger, and

Brandon Swihart also re-Another wrestler who is turns at 220, coming off of

"I think he can get to Co- lighter this year which is a said. "My common theme is end.

lumbus, and win matches," Goudy said. "He has a lot of raw strength and is work-

The final key wrestler back is heavyweight Seth Douglas, a junior who went

ing on his technique."

"He came in 20 pounds

big deal," said the Eagles that it's good to know where coach. "He is ahead of the you came from, but we game compared to where don't look in the rear view he started last year. He has mirror. Come March, you potential to be a state placer will find out who paid the this year."

TROY CHRISTIAN

where the bar has been set ipate in the Ashland Crestby the past teams," Goudy view tournament this week-

price and who didn't"

"The kids are aware of Troy Christian will partic-

Troy Girls Drop Pair Of Games

BY JIM DABBELT

After gathering a one-point lead heading to the fourth quarter, the Troy Trojans girls' basketball team could finish off the Shawnee Braves last week, as they fell in a non-conference matchup 45-40.

The Trojans finished 4-13 at the free throw line in the game, and couldn't put it together in the final eight minutes suffering the defeat.

Troy didn't waste any time getting on the board as Bailey Hess buried a three to give the Trojans a quick 3-0 lead, then Kiyha Adkins added a three for the Trojans but the Braves fought back to tie the game at eight. Shawnee connected on consecutive three's to take a 14-10 lead after the opening period.

Shawnee quickly increased their lead to ten before the Trojans put together an 11-0 run over the final 4:50 to get the lead at the half. Alexis Otstot connected on three straight three-point shots to bring the Trojans back into the lead 21-

Another strong defensive stand at the end of the third period brought the Trojans back from a 29-26 deficit into a 30-29 lead heading to the fourth.

Alaura Holycross led the Trojans with a team high 11 points, while Otstot added nine points and Sierra Besecker scored eight.

*Also last week, the Trojans fell short to the Fairmont Firebirds

48-33 dropping their fourth consecutive game to open the season.

The Trojans struggled offensively, trailing 16-3 out of the gate, and continued to struggle at the half, falling behind 30-12.

Troy didn't have anyone in double figures, as Bailey Dornbusch and Otstot each scored six points.

Troy Boys Basketball- Romello Yaqub scored 30 points for the Troy Trojans boys' basketball team, but the Trojans fell short to Fairmont last Friday night 66-59 despite falling behind early and nearly completing the comeback.

Austin Persinger added 12 in the loss, as Fairmont took a 31-23 lead into the half, and survived the Trojans' 23 points fourth quarter



trying to complete the comeback.

The Trojans hosted Fairborn last night, before returning to the court on Friday night at Greenville, and heads to Northmont on Saturday night for a varsity doubleheader with the girls, beginning at 6 p.m.





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Troy Museum Open House

BY BRITTANY ARLENE JACKSON

The Overfield Tavern Museum and the Museum of Troy History are joining forces to host their annual Victorian Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The free event will close the season for the museums that will not open again until May. The Victorian Christmas Open House will feature unlimited access to rooms and exhibits dating back to the early 1800s, including but not limited to textiles, receipts from the Fort of Greenville in 1795, early Miami County Bibles, and George Washington memorabilia that will be on display for the first

The Museum of Troy History is situated in a quaintly appointed and maintained brick home that was built in 1847 by John Kitchen. Its Victorian Parlor will be showcased at the open house with the warmth of Christmas décor from the era in which it originated. According to Doug Tremblay of the Troy Historic Society, there will be punch available to guests and the 1900 Parlor Grand Piano will also be played by various local pianists throughout the afternoon. This museum will also feature an 1860 bedroom and foyer along with a 1920 kitchen and a mockup of a one room school house. "We look forward to this event every year," Tremblay said. "It's a wonderful way for the community to come out and experience a Christmas celebration that highlights the history in

Bob Patton, the curator at The Overfield Tavern Museum, is looking forward to sharing exhibits like the recently discovered Fort of Greenville receipts and the Miami County Bibles. "These were exciting discoveries," Patton said. "We have such rich history preserved here." The tavern was built in 1808 by Benjamin Overfield and continues to be beautifully maintained by Patton and the museum board for the public to visit during the summer months. Patton watches over and guides tours through the two-story Tavern over the course of the year with the help of the museum's mascot, a little dog named Levi. Patton, Tremblay, and other local historians come together at events like these to share their passion for and extensive knowledge of Troy's local history. The Museum of Troy History and the Overfield Tavern Museum are located across from each other on the corner of Water Street and Mulberry Street.



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Woman's Idea Made a Difference in Troy

BY JUDY DEETER

Looking back in history, we sometimes find people who made a made a difference in the place they lived. Over time, however, their names have been forgotten, though their work lives on. Almost a century ago, a Troy woman named Ruth Hufford had an idea that improved and inspired people throughout the area.

When Ruth was about 21, she decided to start an organization to help local residents intellectually through learning pursuits and by providing assistance and cheer to those in unfortunate circumstances. On January 6, 1920, she invited 14 friends and acquaintances to her home to organize what became known as the Girls Civic League. By the end of the year, the organization had grown to 68 members; by the end of the decade, nearly 200 woman had joined the league.

Every meeting was a learning experience for members. League women researched topics of interest to women and gave speeches on a variety of topics at their meetings. As early as February 1920 (only a month after their founding), they discussed the passage of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. According to former Troy historian and writer Lois Davies, two papers were presented at that meeting: "'Who are the Democratic Presidential Possibilities? Why?' By May Robbins (De-Weese) and 'Who are the Republican President Possibilities? Why?' by Florence De Frees."

Soon after the start of the Girls Civic League, Hufford wrote an essay about the work of the organization's Social Services Department. "One of the highest ambitions of any worthwhile organization is to smooth the rugged paths of the world and lessen its woes. The Girls Civic League, still in its infancy, has been unable to make many paths less rugged or to diminish the woes of the world to any great extent, but the duty of the Social Service Department is to strew flowers and to pour out sunshine with the hope that our little spot on the globe has been made brighter if only in a very small way."

One of their first projects took place in the summer of 1920 when they brought Chautauqua performances to Troy. The Chautauqua performances included speeches, music, and plays. Lois Davies once wrote, "Exceeding their guarantee of 700 advance ticket sales, the girls also enriched their treasury with 50 percent of the walk-in receipts, \$334.00."

On holidays such as Valentines Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, members worked to bring cheer to children with a variety of treats. In February, they made and distribut-

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The John Kitchen House, home to the Girls Civic League

ed valentines to children at the Knoop Childrens Home, for Thanksgiving they delivered treats to the Miami County Infirmary and in May, they prepared May baskets for those who were "shut-ins" or ill.

In her essay, Hufford described the league's early Christmas activities. She said that the league members met at Howell's Grocery store then went throughout Troy singing Christmas carols. A man named Harry Blackmore loaned them his "school truck" to get the league carolers around town. On the night after Christmas, they distributed snacks to Troy children at the Community Christmas Tree. "...Troy kiddies lived over again Christmas morning at the Community Christmas Tree, where each child was given a candy cane, an apple, and a box of Animal Crackers. The 'Eagles' very kindly furnished a Santa Claus who passed out cheer along with his treat."

Funding for league projects came from fundraising activities, gifts from local citizens, and members were sometimes assessed money.

Most local women's clubs did not include physical fitness as an organizational activity. The member new and old is expect-tory and The Troy Historical Girls Civic League was an ex- ed to be there and let Ruth see Society. Items from the colan Athletic Department to keep members healthy. They took hikes, swam together, played basketball and did calisthenics.

During the early years, the Girls Civic League met in a variety of places. By 1923, it was their own. Officers and trustees looked over several properties and decided to buy a two-story brick house at 124 East Water Street, which was built in 1847 by Troy tailor John Kitchen. At the time of the sale, it was owned by G. Raymond Harris.

The first floor of the building was vacant and could be used

floor had a rental apartment with tenants Ernie and Mabel Boller. Their rent money would help pay the loan on the building. (Eventually, a league member lived in the apartment and served as building caretaker.)

The house needed more repairs than the women originally believed, but local lumber vard owners Mr. Montross and Mr. Crowfoot donated wood and enlisted friends to help fix up the property. A new hardwood floor was laid and broken windows repaired. Tenant Ernie Boller refinished the house woodwork. The league members paid for some work to be done and bought furniture for the house.

On June 28, 1924, Ruth Hufford married Mr. Charles Olcott and soon after they moved to Beaumont, Texas. The 1940 US Census shows that Charles was a newspaper editor there and Ruth was a Junior High School teacher.

Ruth never again lived in Troy, but did sometimes return. On August 30, 1928, an Open House was held to honor her. An announcement regarding the event says: "Every ception. The league also had the results of her efforts. The Girls Civic League—her Brain-Child. This was a noble thought on the part of Huffy, now lets show her—by our presence how much the League means

The work of the Girls Civic felt that they needed a place of League went on for 65 years through the Great Depression of the 1930s, World War II, and well into the second half of the twentieth century. Women who belonged to the league learned leadership skills and became prominent Troy professional women and organization leaders. Lois Davies said that Alma Coble (Powe) "went on to purse

for league activities. The second a professional career in the theater with a traveling stock com-

By the mid-1980s, however, other groups did similar work to that of the league, Federal Government programs provided for the needs of the less fortunate, and membership in the league had fallen. The Girls Civic League ended.

Their house was sold to the Troy Museum Corporation and became the Museum of Troy History, which it still is today. Historical markers at the museum show it once belonged to the Girls Civic League.

Lives of untold numbers of people were changed for the better intellectually and socially because of Ruth Hufford's idea. She once wrote: "The aim of this Department (the league's Social Service Department) is to increase the spirit in the League until every citizen of our city will feel that the Girls Civic League is truly a friend of the sort that makes this desert world blossom 'as a rose." Ruth Hufford Olcott died in 1977.

Copies of Girls Civic League speeches and/or photographs are now in the collection of both the Museum of Troy Hislections are available for public viewing and research. Contact The Troy Historical Society at (937) 339-5900 or by email at tths@frontier.com for further



Children visit with Santa at the Girls Civic League in this undated photo. Provided by the Troy Historical Society





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Troy Noon Optimists Help Spread Christmas Cheer

Christmas Cheer, a local project created and managed Lisa Kendall-Maxson. Maxson was the speaker at the last meeting of the Optimists, and after sharing her story, the men and women of the club decorated 2 trees that Lisa and Krissy McKim-Barker of Hospice immediately delivered to the Hospice unit at UVMC.

Our area has many people who need cheer over the holidays due to health issues, lack of mobility, or other personal issues. Lisa Kendall-Maxson was herself hospitalized over the holidays years ago at the James Cancer Hospital, and someone had delivered to her a "Ohio State Buckeye" themed tree. Lights were on the tree, and she reports, "I never turned those lights off until the day I was dismissed," the day she was healthy enough to return to her family in Troy.

Lisa felt a desire to give back by sharing Christmas Cheer with others. Members of the Troy Noon Optimist saw Lisa's plea in a church bulletin gave her a call asking for her to

Responding to a call for a share her story and project. As mission of joy, the Troy Noon a result of her visit, two 3' trees Optimist Club trimmed and were decorated, and immedidonated trees to Operation ately after the speaking event, Lisa and Krissy delivered them to the UVMC Hospice Unit for persons hospitalized there.

> The two speakers stated that their biggest delivery date will be December 14. Last years' goal was 50 trees, and the result of word getting around, more than 100 trees and the accompanying cheer were delivered to recipients.

> If your business, church, civic or youth group, or families would like to participate, contact Lisa Kendall Maxson at 937-875-0708, or email TL-Maxson@gmail.com, and she will give you information on how to proceed. You might also 'like' her on Facebook@ Operation Christmas Cheer.

The Troy Noon Optimist Club will celebrate its support in the community of Troy for 60 years this next year 2016. The club motto is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids". Along with many sponsored youth projects and the "Avenue of Flags" program, the club is glad to have supported their pledge to Optimism by participating in the "Operation of Cheer" program.



Financial Focus

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Ten reasons you should add life insurance to your Christ-

During the season of generosity, consider one of the most generous gifts of all

You can't drive it around the block. You can't wear it for an evening out. You can't watch anything on it. And chances are it won't elicit squeals of delight when opened. But of the many gifts you can give, life insurance might make the biggest difference to those you love.

So, what are ten reasons you should buy yourself a life insurance policy for Christmas? Thrivent Financial suggests the following:

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Freedom from worry. Knowing that your family is prepared financially if you're no longer around can provide an incredible sense of reassurance. It can help provide your loved ones a measure of security and stability when everything else in their life is being shaken if you're no longer around.

It's a cornerstone of a sound financial strategy. Protecting

yourself against risk is an important part of any financial strategy. People often underestimate the extent to which a premature death affects a family's income and assets. Life insurance helps protect your financial strategy.

It sets a good example. Being financially prepared for an unknown future can speak volumes to those around you and as the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words.

It may assist with paying final expenses. It's easy to underestimate the amount of money needed to pay for a funeral and other final expenses. A life insurance policy can help ensure those final expenses don't burden your loved ones.

It may help pay off debt. Funds from a life insurance polvors can use those funds to cover credit cards, car loans and even mortgage payments.

It may help pay for college. Leaving a legacy for your children or spouse through the gift of education might be one of the more meaningful ways benefits could be used. Your gift could open doors for them to build a solid financial future for themselves through a life-long career.

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> There are endless possibilities of gifts you could put under the Christmas tree this season. And if someone depends on you financially, you likely need life insurance. It's that simple. So with the iPhone, Xbox or Kindle all wrapped up, consider adding life insurance as one more gift that could wind up being far more meaningful.

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Cell Phones Collected at YWCA Piqua



Barb Davis, Public Policy Chairperson, is shown with phones that will be donated to the Miami County Family Abuse Shelter Phones are programmed to call 911 and have been used to save the lives of womer and their children

Just got a new cell phone? What to do with the old one? Donate it to the YWCA Piqua. The YWCA Piqua has collected over 3100 cell phones for donation to the Miami County Family Abuse Shelter since 2004.

"Phones that are donated can be used for reprogramming to 911 and given to victims of domestic violence. Any damaged or broken phone can be sold and the monies from the sale will be used to benefit the Miami County Family Abuse Shelter," said Barb Holman, Executive Director of the Shelter. "We truly appreciate the work of the YWCA in serving as a collection point for the phones. Victims of domestic violence benefit from the program and have an outlet for help if the situation arises," she

Barbara Bollenbacher, a member of the Public Policy Committee, has been delivering the phones to the Shelter since the inception of the program. "I am so happy to be involved with this project," she said. "Part of the mission of the YWCA is to empower women. This program certainly allows women to get help when the need is there."

Phones are collected throughout the year and can be dropped off at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street. It is suggested that all personal information be cleared from the phone. If possible, phone chargers should be included.

"This is a great way for individuals, businesses and industries to feel good about helping others instead of leaving the phone on the shelves at home or work," said Barb Davis, Public Policy Chairperson.

For more information, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or phone 937-773-6626.

Stouder Foundation Announces Grants

The Stouder Memorial Foundation recently awarded \$225,004 for the following grants:

UVMC Foundation \$115,061 for the Emergency Dept. Renovation and Expansion

\$30,000 for general operating

Miami County Dental Clinic \$29,440 for the OSU College of Dentistry Student Internship Partnership

\$25,000 for Patient Care Tower

New Creation Counseling \$10,000 Expansion of Psychiatric

Miami County Recovery Coun-Miami County Health Partners cil \$7,000 for the Reducing the Risk Program

Riverside of Miami County \$6,000 Autism Movement Therapy Program

GIVE Medical Ministry \$1,170

Dayton Children's Hospital in support of Air quality monitor and medical equipment

> Troy City Schools \$733 for Replacement of 6 Infant/Child AED pads and 1 Adult AED pad/bat-

Troy Lions Charities \$600 Preschool Vision Screening

Since becoming a component fund of The Troy Foundation in 1998, over \$3 million in grants have been awarded. Members of the 2015 Distribution Committee

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are Doug Tremblay, chair, Cam Armstrong, Ann Baird, Rachael Boezi, Sondra Christian, Grant Kerber, Sallie Schoettmer, Soha Shah and Polly Thomas

The Stouder Memorial Foundation is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, or how your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Alicia Har-

relson at (937) 339-8935.

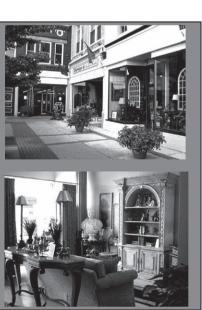
The Stouder Memorial Foundation accepts grant requests from charitable organizations providing health care services in Miami County. Requests are reviewed by the Board of Trustees quarterly in January, April, July and October. The next deadline is January 4, 2016. For more information please visit our website at www. thetroyfoundation.org or call (937)339-8935

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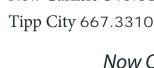
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TROY TRIBUNE - WEEK OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

Breakfast With Santa

Interact Club. Interact currently has 5-8 high school boys in the club that meet weekly and participate in local Rotary initiatives, especially those involving elementary school students from Miami County. "We've planted flowers at Concord Elementary, helped with a clean-up day, raise money doing lemon shake-ups at the Strawberry Festival," Daniel said. "It's fun. I like it." According to Pour, Breakfast with Santa is just one more opportunity to do something to give back to the community. "The kids come in and they're so happy," Pour said. "This is a great thing to do." Members of Interact greeted families, helped with odd jobs, and took tickets at the event. Their reward: the smiles of excited children, a Santa hat, a picture with St. Nick, and the warmth and joy of serving during the Christ-

John Frigge has been the Interact advisor for over 25 years and a member of Rotary since 1990. When he first joined Rotary, the former advisor for the Interact Club was retiring from his post. Frigge took up the mantle and continues to mentor young leaders in community service and local projects to give back to the children of the city. The Troy Interact Club is the oldest chapter in the nation, beginning in 1961 as an extension of Rotary's mission. Frigge has personally mentored 4 Valedictorians and 6 Salutatorians during his time as advisor.

"There is nothing more rewarding than seeing these kids grow up and continue to be active in the community," Frigge said. "Sometimes they will even come back as full members of Rotary." The current Rotary president Andrew Johnston was a part of Interact in high school. "We didn't have Breakfast with Santa then but we're here to give back; we have always found ways to serve," Frigge

According to Frigge and his advisees, they loved seeing the children come dressed up for breakfast and excited to see Santa Claus. "We have the best Santa Claus in all of Miami County. He is the real deal," Frigge said. "If there's anyone who knows how to bring Christmas spirit to these kids and their families, it's him."

American Red **Cross Offers Free** Online Courses

Who knew that trying to add a little festive decor to the home for the holidays could be so hazardous to a person's health? But it is. Between people stepping on broken ornaments, straining their backs or falling off ladders adding lights to the side of the house or trying to place the star on the top of the tree, two to three people visit the emergency room EVERY HOUR this time of year with holiday decorating-related injuries. So with accidents happening more frequently during this busy time of the year, the Red Cross is offering the gift of safety during December with a number of first aid/CPR courses, including FREE online training courses.

Now through Dec. 31, American Red Cross is making its online first aid and CPR courses available at no cost. These courses cover a variety of first aid, breathing and cardiac emergency topics.

For those interested in more detail and personal training, traditional and blended-learning classes are available for certification and are taught all year long. Check our webpage <u>www.redcross.org/nmvo</u> for details.

Be prepared for accidents that could occur during your holiday season. Aunt Susan might not be thinking and grab the pie out of the oven and not think twice about not having her oven mitts on. Be the one who can safely and properly take care of her burn. Maybe Uncle Frank will learn his lesson and not talk while eating, but just in case, you will be the one that can handle the situation if he were to choke on his food. Be the one who is Red

OBITUARIES

Naomi C. Shanesy

Naomi C. Shanesy, age 91, of Troy, passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Hospice of Dayton. She was born on July 29, 1924 in Tipp City to the late Walter W. and Naomi (Souders) Campion. On August 5, 1944, she married Thomas R. Shanesy. He preceded her in death on February 2, 2000.

Naomi is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law: Timothy and Renee Shanesy, Thomas and Kristi Shanesy, all of Troy, OH and John Shanesy of Apex, NC; three daughters: Linda Brewer of Pawleys Isl, SC, Mary Anne Mader of Webster Groves, MO and Jane Karns of Troy, OH; one sister: Mary Jane Arnold of Troy, OH; nineteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her husband, Naomi was preceded in death by one sonin-law: David Brewer; and one

sister: Janet Shuler.

Naomi was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy, where she sang in the choir. She was also a former member of the Troy Rec Board. Naomi and her husband, Thomas, were owner/op erators of the former Shaughnessey's Television & Appliance of Troy.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy with Rev. Fr. James Duell as Celebrant. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 409 East Main Street, Troy, OH 45373 or Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, OH 45424. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Bertha Elizabeth Vanchure

Bertha Elizabeth Vanchure, age, 91, of Troy, passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at Genesis/Troy Care & Rehabilitation Center in Troy. She was born on September 14, 1924 in Martins Ferry, OH to the late George and Beulah (French) Vickers. Her husband, Charles Vanchure, preceded her in death in 2007.

Bertha is survived by two

sons: Charles (Dixie) Vanchure and Thomas (Sharon) Vanchure, both of Troy; Two daughters: Pamela (Larry) Partin and Brenda (Companion, Dave Clegg) Vanchure, both of Troy; one sister: Reva Huppental of Cadiz; one half-brother: Billie Vickers of Martins Ferry; one step brother: Bobby Hertig of FL; ten grandchildren: Charles G. Vanchure, Jr., Charlene McAdams, Charlotte DeBoard, Carlon Vanchure, Penny Vanchure, Tom S. Vanchure, Tony Vanchure, Tammy Vanchure and Scot and Chad

Partin; twenty great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Bertha was preceded in death by three sisters: Geneva Meadows. Alice Davis and Janet Cramer; one brother: Chuck Vickers; one daughter: Sandra Marie in infancy; and one great granddaughter: Brook.

Bertha was employed by the Troy School System in the cafeteria for 10 years before retiring. She had been a resident of Troy since 1950.

Funeral services will be held at10:30 AM on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Paul Napier officiating. Burial will follow in Miami Memorial Park in Covington. Friends may call from 5-8 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the funer-

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

Johnny H. Dulin

Johnny H. Dulin, age 88, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Hospice of Miami County Inpatient Unit in Troy. He was born on March 17, 1927 in West Liberty, KY to the late Bazie and Vannie (Price) Dulin. His wife, Thelma Irene (Cantrell) Dulin,

Johnny is also survived by three daughters: LaDonna (Harold) Montgomery of Bay Springs, MS, Deborah Curtis of Troy and Yvonne Noel of Celina; two sons: John (Janice Recher) Dulin of Vandalia, OH and Rick (Cathy) Dulin of Sidney, OH; nine sisters: Delena Shaver of West Liberty, KY, Lella (Gerald) Drake of Campton, KY, Louressa (David) Anderson of Piqua, OH, Nola (James) Sargent of Middletown, OH, Lola (James) Johnson of Campton, KY, Earlina (Charles) Ferrell of Troy, OH, Sue (Buel) Cantrell of West Liberty, KY and Shirley (Chris) Long of Elizabethtown, KY; one brother: Bazie Dulin, Jr. of West Liberty, KY; thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Johnny was preceded in death by daughter:Kimberly Duncan, son: Harley Dulin, brother: Jerry

Dulin, sister: Fredah Montgomery and granddaughter: Heather Courtney Dulin.

Johnny attended Peddler Gap Schools and graduated from Morgan County High School. He proudly served his country as a member of the US Army, where he graduated from European Intelligence School and served in the Honor Guard. Johnny was a member of the Masonic Lodge #775 in Elkfort, KY. Johnny was employed by TWA as a Lead Ramp Serviceman before retiring in 1984. He formerly owned Dulin's Construction Company and Dulin's Restaurant. Johnny enjoyed his family and woodcarving.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday December 5, 2015 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Den ny Cantrell, his nephew, officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy with Full Military Honors. Masonic Services were held at 7:45 p.m. on Friday December 5, 2015 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County PO Box 502 Troy Ohio 45373. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

Larry D. Linker

Larry D. Linker, age 81 of Troy passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015 in the Hospice Unit of Upper Valley Medical Center. He was born on January 10, 1934 in Anna, Ohio to the late Eugene and Lorma Linker. Survivors include three step daughters and step sons-in-law Linda and James Fricke of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Peggy and Steve Leadingham of Spring Valley, and Mary Eismann of Raleigh, North Carolina. Larry was also survived by five step grandchildren, Sherry Peranich, Leonard Rojas, Adam Leadingham, Ryan Callahan, and Kelly Cornette. Nine step great grandchildren also survive, Lindsay, Kelsey, Ethan, Peyton, Kirsten, Nicholas, Riley, Dani, and Dylann. Also survived by brother and sisterin-law Jack and Linda Linker of Cincinnati. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years Norma Linker, who passed away on November 25, 2005, stepson Dwight Dabney of Dayton, step granddaughter

Christa Muirhead, and brother Tommy Linker. He graduated from Harrison High School and also graduated from Miami Jacobs College with an Associate's Degree in Accounting He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Troy. Mr. Linker was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during the Korean War on the Destroyer USS Phillip. He was a member of the American Legion Post 43 in Troy, and former member of the VFW in Huber Heights, and Loyal Order of the Moose in Troy. Mr. Linker was employed at the Sinclair Refining Company for 8 years and B.F. Goodrich Corp for 29 years and was an avid Cincinnati Reds baseball fan. A funeral service was held 12p.m. Thursday, December 3. 2015 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor David Leckrone officiating. Interment was in Forest Hills Memorial Garden, Tipp City. Military service at the graveside by the Veterans Memorial Honor

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Soup Kitchen Christmas

or an email requesting meals at a home, they "don't ask questions. We just have to know where to go and how many meals you need," Grant said. They are only delivering Christmas dinner to Miami County residents this year.

Richard Steineman opened the soup kitchen in Troy in 1996 and St. Joseph's house for homeless men in 2004. His desire to serve the community came out of his experience with international travel for sports at the age of 25. "It was at that time I saw people who were less fortunate

Grant also said, when they receive a call diate needs," Steineman said. "I decided I had to do something." He ran a soup kitchen and homeless shelter for 10 years in Cincinnati before returning home to Troy. The St. Patrick Soup Kitchen is supported by a board of directors, the United Way, and a base of generous donors who also feel a pas-

sion for the vision Steineman began. Right now, the Soup Kitchen is still in the throes of enlisting and coordinating volunteer drivers and meal packers for Christmas Day. They have the resources but many hands and drivers are still required to fill the needs this Christmas Day. "We would Grant said. "Last year, the phones were ringing off the hook with requests for meals and volunteers." Those ordering meals call the soup kitchen at 335-7939. Those who are interested in helping to serve on Christmas Day are being asked to contact board member, Greg Taylor, via email at greg@

Guard of Troy.

soupkitchen.org. "We are so grateful to all of the generous men and women who contribute their time and resources to make this possible," Grant said. "We count it a privilege to serve those who are in need in our community this





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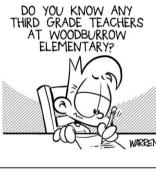
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By Larry Warren







Crossword Puzzle

#209

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ACROSS

1. Cousin of reggae 4. Soothing substance

8. Scold 11. Parker part

12. Going to the dogs, e.g.

14. Cocktail addition

15. Flabbergast 16. Response to a thank you

18. Hummus holder

20. Unfortunate 21. Quite the expert

24. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"

27. Shone

30. Young fowl 32. Off shore driller

33. Start liking

34. Ancient Celtic priest 35. Domain of a noble

37. Having a dense coat

38. Place to hibernate

40. Spring tide

36. Everyone

44. Spaghetti dish 49. Like

50. Poem of praise

51. In tune

52. Special effects abbreviation 53. Tally (up)

54. Fill beyond full

55. Suffered from

DOWN

1. Center's pass

2. New Zealander 3. Support

4. Trash receptacle

5. Bother

6. Tight- .

7. Numbskull

8. Nothing 9. Perfect tennis serve

10. Diamond, e.g. 13. Farm call

19. City in Texas

17. NYC borough

22. In between

23. Take it easy 25. Prompted

26. Chorus member 27. Pan, e.g.

28. Old money

29. Last Hebrew month 30. One of Henry VIII's six

31. Mr. Turkey

33. Road crew supply

35. I found it!

37. Finland natives 39. Back then

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43. Gave the cash for

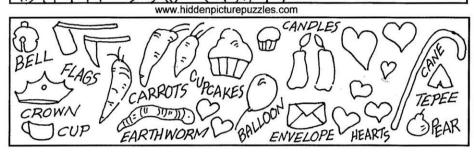
44. Feathered stole 45. Offbeat

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Rachel McAdams

Hidden Treasures



Sodoku

#205

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Trivia Challenge

October 2015 Current Events Quiz

1> A study in which country revealed that one third of all men would die early due to a nationwide smoking epidemic?

a. France

b. Russia

c. England d. China

a. Rocky

2> A TV version of which popular 80s movie was announced in October of 2015?

c. Lethal Weapon d. Back to the Future

b. Dirty Dancing

3> Ebola made a return to the city of Calabr in October

c. Chad

b. Laos

Calabr?

a. Sierra Leonne

d. Nigeria

4> Which pop star was

diagnosed with lupus in

5> What was the name of 2015. Where is of Twitter's new channel that was launched

> in October of 2015? a. Days

b. Weeks

c. Moments

d. Times

October of 2015?

a. Selena Gomez

b. Taylor Swift

c. Chris Martin

d. Beyonce

snar defeat in Madison Square Garden in Oc-

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tober 2015? a. Undertaker

b. Rusev

c. John Cena

d. Big Show 7> Who had a hit in October 2015 with

the song "Hotline Bling"?

a. Drake

b. Beyonce c. Rudimental

6> Who did Brock Led. Jay Z

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS Trivia

Scrappy.

9) Zany - The Animaniacs aired between 1993 and 1998.

10) Roger - Klause is the name of their talking fish.

11) Dee Dee - Dexter is a boy genius that performs various ex periments in his secret lab. 12) Pickles - Elizabeth Daily was

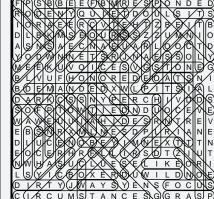
the voice for Tommy Pickles. 13) Caitlin - Jude was working at the hockey rink as the Zambo driver. 14) Sharon Spitz - The voice was provided by Alicia Silverstone.

15) He is missing his arms and legs - The Oblongs is a family that has been deformed by toxic waste.

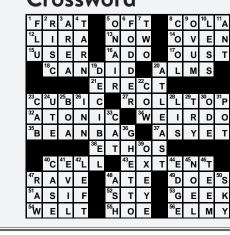
Sudoku

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Word Search



Crossword



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At Home

Outside the Box Fruitcakes

When more than one request for an item comes across my desk in a matter of days, I can take a hint. Yes, December seems to be the month for all things baked, including that illusively tantalizing fruitcake. Because the following recipes are long, there will be no history or stories of fruitcake legends recorded for posterity herein. Just fruitcakes, but not just any fruitcake. Chocolate using mashed potatoes, a no-bake using a baked cake and a pioneer sausage cake that defies all explanation, reprinted here for your consideration. These recpes have been baked and found to be

Contact Connie at mooredcr@Juno.com or via this newspaper.

Chocolate Potato Fruitcake

- 1 cup butter, room temp.
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 eggs, yolks and whites separated 1 cup cold mashed potatoes
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 squares (1 oz. each) semi-sweet chocolate, melt-
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sal
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup apricot brandy
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 ½ cups candied pineapple and cherries,

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease a 10inch tube pan. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg yolks, potatoes, vanilla, and melted chocolate. Sift together flour, spices, salt and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture alternately with the brandy Fold in nuts, raisins and candied fruit.

Beat egg whites with clean beaters until stiff but not dry. Fold gently into cake batter. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Put a circle of greased brown paper or parchment paper on top of pan greased side down. Place a pan of hot water on the lower rack of the oven. Bake cake on middle rack for about 2 hours or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on rack. Remove cake from pan and cool completely. Wrap in plastic wrap-store in a tin in a cool place such as refrigerator. Cake is best left to ripen for a few days up to a few

Pioneer Sausage Fruitcake w/ Hard Sauce

- 1 box (16 oz.) raisins

4 cups flour

- 1 pound mild bulk sausage (we use Bob Evans)
- teaspoon baking soda 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon Dash of nutmeg, optional
- Hard Sauce-recipe follows

In a saucepan, place raisins and enough water to cover them. Cook until tender, drain

and keep one cup of the raisin water. In the raisin water, dissolve baking soda. In large mixing bowl, using electric mixer, e sausaae and suaar. This will tal

at least five minutes. Keep scraping the meat off the beaters and down the bowl sides. You need to break it up thoroughly and beat in sugar thoroughly. (The sausage acts as the shortening in this recipe.) When the meat and suaar are thoroughly blended, add the raisins and raisin/baking soda water. Beat in the flour, nuts and spices. Spoon into greased and floured Bundt pan

or tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour. Test with toothpick for doneness. Do not over bake. Cool in pan about 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely. Serve with Hard Sauce.

Hard Sauce:

Cream ¼ cup butter with 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon bourbon. Beat well and chill before serving. Can be warmed enough to pour over cake slice but tradition is a spoonful of the cold sauce on top of the cake.

Refrigerator Fruitcake

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix (regular size) 1 pkg. fluffy white frosting mix (refers to Pillsbury**-
- see note) 4 cups candied mixed fruit (sometimes referred to
- as citrons) 1/2 cup whole red candied cherries
- ½ cup whole green candied cherries
- 1 ½ cups seedless raisins l cup pitted dates, cut up
- 1 pound pecan halves

Make the cake according to package directions but bake 5 minutes longer than directed on box. When cool, allow air to for an hour or two. This cools and dries it.

Crumble the cake into a very large mixing bowl. Add the fruits and nuts and toss to mix

Line 2 loaf pans (9x5x3) with foil. Smooth out all the wrinkles.

Now for the "secret" to the cake. Make the frosting mix according to package directions. Originally the recipe called for the Pillsbury frosting MIX but it is no longer made. Instead use 2 packages of Jiffy white frosting mix. After the frosting is made: Blend it thoroughly with the cake/fruit/nut mix. It is a sticky job but there is no substitute for your hands.

When all is mixed well, pack into the two prepared pans. Again, use your hands to get it into the corners and packed down well. Cover with foil and refrigerate for at least 24 hours.

Unmold and test-it should slice like a solid loaf of fruitcake. If too moist, store uncovered in refrigerator for another 24 hours. When desired consistency is reached, wrap in foil, keep refrigerated until needed.

This recipe is original as posted on Cooks.com

When I tested this, the candied citrons and cherries were not used. We don't like them. I used the same total amount of fruits but substituted Craisins, golden raisins, currants, coconut and dates along with pecans. Still worked fine.

Tip of the Week

TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

Speeding Part 3

In Speeding Parts 1 and 2 we discussed the traffic offense of speeding in Ohio. Dealing with speed during the operation of a motor vehicle as well as the maximum posted limits on certain streets in various zones. Part 3 will be a discussion of the penalties and points assigned to the speeding convictions.

Ohio law requires any Mayor's Court, Municipal Court or Federal Court with jurisdiction in the state must report all convictions to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. A conviction also includes the forfeiture of bond for the violation.

When a police officer issues a citation for speeding, it is actually only a summons to appear in court for the alleged offense. The only person who can declare guilt is when a judge finds the offender is guilty of the offense. A trial by judge is always a right a person has before any punishment can be given. When a citation is written the

officer will assign a court date and time for the offender to appear to begin the process of a trial. Should the offender decide not to go to trial, the court has a bond schedule for all offenses. The offender can sign the back of the citation and deliver it to the court with the bond amount and this is called forfeiture of the bond and the person

is found guilty and the bond includes the fine and court costs.

The penalty for every violation has a degree of offense. A non-moving or first time offense for moving violations is usually minor misdemeanors. As a MM, the offense carries no jail time possible. Running a traffic control device, minor speeding, equipment violations are in the MM category. The fine or bond is the most one can be assessed. As each offense progressive-

ly becomes more serious, the degree of the offense increases. Not only does the offense carry a monetary fine, actual jail time can be given by the judge. For instance a 3rd speeding offense within a twelve month period becomes a fourth degree misdemeanor. Along with the fine the judge can give up to 30 days in jail. A fourth offense of being found guilty within 12 months becomes a third degree misdemeanor punishable by a higher fine and 180 days in the coun-

The Ohio Revised Code also makes the speeding violations fourth degree misdemeanors when the offense is for going faster than 35 mph in a business district, 50 mph in residential districts and 35 mph in a school zone with children present.

When the offense is a fourth degree misdemeanor or higher, punishable by jail time a bond cannot be forfeited. The offender must appear in court on the assigned court date.

had experience in appearing in court multiple times would ask the issuing officer to maybe write the ticket for less than what the actual speed was so they could just post bond and not have to appear. To me this was asking the officer to lie and sign a court affidavit to facts that were not true. The idea behind a fine and possible jail time is to act a deterrent not to commit the offense again, not make money for the court.

People who claim the City has the officer go out and write speeding tickets for revenue are simply wrong. A city or government entity paying a trained police officer, driving very expensive police vehicles is not even coming close to breaking even let alone making a profit with a \$9 fine, which is the amount that comes back to the city on a \$100 plus fine/court costs.

When found guilty or bond is forfeited, the court of jurisdiction then submits the record to the BMV who must keep the court transcript on file. The BMV then assigns points to the offender's driving record.

A minor misdemeanor speeding ticket will put two points on your record. When convicted of going more than 30 mph over the speed limit, four points are attached. The points always stay on your record just as does the conviction. What the point system does is to catch the frequent offenders and allow for

Over the years violator's who their driving privileges to be suspended.

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Within a 24 month period a person who accrues 12 points is now going to have their driver's license suspended. So let's take a person who just does not care about spending money on fines and has no intention of driving safely. Two speeding tickets, a red light violation, stop sign and a speeding for 37 mph in a school zone adds up to 12 points and an automatic State Suspension of driving privileges.

Take away half of those 12 points and a person convicted of an OVI being assessed six points and again they have reached 12 points and a suspension over and above the OVI

Now here is where the true cost of speeding comes into play. Every insurance company in the State of Ohio has access to your BMV driving transcript and a person with high points will be paying high risk insurance just to keep their license. I have a friend who sells only high risk insurance out of his business. He has made a very nice living off people who care nothing about how they drive.

Read the Ohio Revised Code sections dealing with speeding penalties and points being assessed. It actually is worth the read to evaluate what kind of driver you are by totaling the number of points you have accrued over two years or even longer.

Gardening Commentary

BY MEADOWVIEW GROWERS

Why Some Poinsettias Can Be **Short Lived**

Poinsettias and many other plants purchased at the big box stores are many times weakened before they are purchased by the consumer. Shipping long distances and the lack of good care the plants receive day after day stresses the plants. Remember most box store employees are not plant people and are busy with other chores. This weakened condition of the plants is caused by the days that they are in transit and many times in cartons en route to the stores. The plant's roots tend to dry out while they are in transit. After the plants arrive at the stores, many times it can be a day or so before they receive much attention and the plants are further weakened. Poinsettias are a sturdy plant when they have enough daylight but in many of the stores they are on carts in the aisles and down

hill they go. Further damage occurs when the plants leave the store on the way to the customer's car, no protection is provided. The weather in Ohio can be very



Spoiled Poinsettias

cold in December and tropical plants need protection from winter temperatures. By the time this poor 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, or other house plant, that they just purchased, starts to look very poor in a few days.

There is no comparison to a plant purchased from a local greenhouse or garden center where the plant is grown locally and kept in a bright, warm greenhouse. These local plants are not shipped hundreds of miles or ever put in dark boxes for days. The plants in the local greenhouse are fertilized



Healthy Poinsettias

and watered properly and do how easy it can be to take care not get blasts of cold air. When of a good, healthy plant. the plant leaves the greenhouse a plastic or paper cover to protect it from damage due to breakage and also protection from cold temperatures. When plants are cared for in this way and the customer follows the directions for plant care in the home, poinsettia plants will do well throughout the winter and many times until Easter and be-

If you have not purchased a poinsettia or other house plant from a local greenhouse or garden center because you have had some bad experiences with plants in the past, this is the year to give these local plants a try. I'm sure you will see a huge difference in the quality and

House plants and poinsettias, the poinsettia is "sleeved" with in particular, are getting a bad rap this time of the year because of the abuse these plants receive in the box stores. 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 good plants for the holiday and l be-

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tion or comment.

Tax Tips

WITH ARROWHEAD TAX SERVICE

Seven Tips to **Protect Your** Computer Online

Scammers, hackers and identity thieves are looking to steal your personal information and your money. But there are simple steps you can take to help protect yourself, like keeping your computer software upto-date and giving out your personal information only when you have a good reason.

We all have a role to play to protect your tax account. There are just a few easy and practical steps you can take to protect yourself as you conduct your personal business online.

Here are some best practices you can follow to protect your

tax and financial information:

1. Understand and Use Security Software. Security software helps protect your computer against the digital threats which are prevalent online. Generally, your operating system will include security software or you can access free security software from well-known companies or Internet providers. Other options may have an annual licensing fee and offer more features. Essential tools include a firewall, virus/malware protection and file encryption if you keep sensitive financial/tax documents on your computer. Security suites often come with firewall, anti-virus and anti-spam, parental controls and privacy protection. File encryption to protect your saved documents may have to be purchased separately. Do not buy security software offered as an unexpected pop-up ad on your computer or email! It's likely from a scammer

- 2. Allow Security Software to Update Automatically. Set your security software to update automatically. Malware - malicious software – evolves constantly and your security software suite is updated routinely to keep pace.
- 3. Look for the "S" for encrypted "https" websites. When shopping or banking online, always look to see that the site uses encryption to protect your informa-

- tion. Look for https at the beginning of the web address. The "s" is for secure Unencrypted sites begin with an http address. Additionally, make sure the https carries through on all pages, not just the sign-on page
- 4.Use Strong Passwords. Use passwords of at least 10 to 12 characters, mixing letters, numbers and special characters. Don't use your name, birthdate or common words. Don't use the same password for several accounts. Keep your password list in a secure place or use a password manager. Don't share your password with anyone. Calls, texts or emails pretending to be from legitimate companies or the IRS asking you to update your accounts or seeking personal financial information are generally scams
- 5. Secure your wireless network. A wireless network sends a signal through the air that allows you to connect to the Internet. If your home or business wi-fi is unsecured it also allows any computer within range to access your wireless and steal information from your computer. Criminals also can use your wireless to send spam or commit crimes that would be traced back to your account. Always encrypt your wireless. Generally, you must turn on this feature and create a

password.

- 6.Be cautious when using public wireless networks. Public wi-fi hotspots are convenient but often not secure. Tax or financial Information you send though websites or mobile apps may be accessed by someone else. If a public Wi-Fi hotspot does not require a password, it probably is not secure. If you are transmitting sensitive information, look for the "s" in https in the website address to ensure that the information will be secure.
- 7. Avoid phishing attempts. Never reply to emails, texts or pop-up messages asking for your personal, tax or financial information. One common trick by criminals is to impersonate a business such as your financial institution, tax software provider or the IRS, asking you to update your account and providing a link. Never click on links even if they seem to be from organizations you trust. Go directly to the organization's website. Legitimate businesses don't ask you to send sensitive information through unsecured channels.

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Staunton Township Trustees Approve Road Resurfacing Payment

BY BONNIE L. MCHENRY

Staunton Township Trustees, the trustees approved the final payment to the Miami County Engineer for the resurfacing of roads in 2015 for \$108,980.21. The contract included the cost of the asphalt, aggregate, berm, butt joints, and driveway paving.

Trustee Bill Gearhart requested that the fiscal officer provide information to the trustees concerning income and expense statements to allow the trustees to more easily monitor the township budget. Fiscal Officer Sarah Fine indicated that the information is available, but agreed to provide it to the trustees in a more user-friendly form.

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for is scheduled for December 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Staunton Township Build-

Concord Township Trustees Pass Resolution for Traffic Study

per hour.

Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer, reported that the township received notification from the Ohio Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program that the township received a MORE Grant. The MORE grant provides funding to townships throughout the state to upgrade safety signage on township roads. The grant allows townships to purchase and install safety signage along with related posts and hardware across their township. This is the third year that Concord Township has received the grant.

Neil Rhoades, Road Superintendent, reported that the road crew has almost completed leaf pickup. He

creased from \$8.00 to 10.00 said, "It took a couple of extra days because of the volume of leaves in the Merrimont subdivision. I would like to pick up brush piles throughout the township."

> Pence replied, "In doing so, we are enabling residents to take advantage of our services despite the announcement that brush pickup ended."

Tom Mercer, Trustee, added, "Compliments go to the road crew for the great job they did on leaf pickup."

Dave Duchak, Chief Deputy, provided the trustees with an update on the junk car complaint. He reported, "The junk vehicle complaint was investigated by Zoning and Planning and there were no violations. The vehicle is registered and tagged and is operable. the Township.

The vehicle is parked on a hard surface in compliance with the city ordinance." The residents have been notified that the vehicle in question does not meet the junk vehicle requirements.

In addition, Duchak noted that the trustees need to revise their junk car resolution to grant to the Sheriff's Department the capacity to enforce the junk vehicle or-

Last, the trustees recommended that the rent for Larry Morrow's lease of township property for agricultural production remain the same for 2016 because crop prices have dropped.

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in PAGE 10 TROY TRIBUNE - WEEK OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

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Attorney General Issues Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative Update

ress of DNA testing being conducted as part of the Ohio Attorney General's Sexual Assault Kit Testing

for December

As of December 1, 2015, 240 law enforcement agencies have submitted 11,665 kits to be tested as part of Attorney General DeWine's Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Testing Initiative. Of those, 2,331 kits were submitted after Senate Bill 316 took ef-

Forensic scientists with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) have completed testing on a total of 9,230 of the kits, resulting in 3,377 hits in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

part of the effort.

Background on Attorney General DeWine's Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initia-

Attorney General DeWine launched the initiative in 2011 after learning that dozens of law enforcement agencies across the state were in possession of rape kits, some of which were decades old that had never been sent to a DNA lab for testing. Attorney General DeWine then made an open call to law enforcement to send their kits to year. The law also requires BCI for DNA testing at no cost to them.

To ensure the timely analysis of the thousands of kits submitted as part of the In Cuyahoga County SAK Testing Initiative,

Ohio Attorney General alone, 420 defendants have DeWine hired 10 addition-Mike DeWine released a been indicted following al forensic scientists. By hirstatus update on the prog- DNA testing conducted as ing this additional staff, the older kits are tested as quickly as possible, without slowing down the testing of the more than 8,913 rape kits associated with recent crimes tested by BCI as part of their regular casework since 2011.

> Senate Bill 316, which went into effect on March 23, 2015, now requires Ohio law enforcement agencies to submit any remaining previously untested sexual assault kits associated with a past crime to a crime laboratory within one that all newly collected rape kits be submitted to a crime lab within 30 days after law enforcement determines a crime has been committed.

Door-to-Door Meat Seller Accused of Violating Ohio Consumer Protection Laws

Mike DeWine announced a lawsuit against US Beef Cincinnati LLC for misrepresenting its products and failing to notify consumers of their right to cancel.

"We found that this company aggressively solicited consumers at their homes and misrepresented the quality of the meat it offered for sale," Attorney General DeWine said. "Some consumers spent hundreds of dollars on meat they later found to be inedible. We're seeking refunds for affected consumers and an end to any violations of Ohio's

The Ohio Attorney General's Office currently is aware of 22 unresolved complaints against the company, and reported losses total about \$5,300. Many of the consumers are elderly.

consumer laws."

According to the Attornev General's lawsuit, filed in the Butler County Common Pleas Court, US Beef misrepresented the amount

Ohio Attorney General or weight of the meat products it sold to consumers, failed to honor its guarantees about the products' freshness and taste, ignored consumers' complaints, and failed to give consumers notice of their right to cancel a door-to-door sale.

The lawsuit accuses US Beef Cincinnati LLC and owner Joey Lightcap Traum with violating Ohio's Consumer Sales Practices Act and Home Solicitation Sales Act.

Attorney General DeWine offered consumers the following tips for handling door-to-door sales:

Understand your cancellation rights. In Ohio, you generally have three days to cancel a contract that results from a door-to-door sale. The seller must notify you about your right to can-

Research a company's reputation before signany payment information. Check for complaints on

file with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and conduct a basic Internet search with the company's name and words like "reviews" and "complaints."

Talk to your neighbors. If a salesperson claims to have sold products to someone in your neighborhood, ask your neighbors whether the claims are true and find out about their experiences with the seller.

Get information in writing. Before signing an agreement, ask for detailed written information about your cancellation rights, the refund policy, and the pay-

ment schedule. Trust your instincts. If an offer seems too good to be true, or if you feel uncomfortable, don't sign the agreement.

Consumers who suspect unfair or deceptive practices should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office ing a contract or providing at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or 800-282-0515.

Secretary Husted Announces December 2015 as Family-Centered Businesses Month

A special of "Thank You" Gifts & Giveaways now until Christmas

Husted today announced "Family" as the December 2015 theme in the Ohio Business Profile Program. With the holiday season in full swing, this designation highlights businesses that are run by and those that offer support to Ohio families.

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"One of the great things about family owned businesses is that the people who run them really are part of the community. They give back through volunteer and charitable work all the time, they aren't just focused on this quarter's earnings, they're focused on the tested values that help make businesses and families strong for the long run," Secretary Husted said.

Companies profiled this month include:

Reitter Stucco and Supply Co. Inc. (Columbus, Ohio) is a fourth-generation family owned company serving the residential and commercial building markets of Central Ohio since 1915. The company is a leader in the industry and has completed projects on Central Ohio landmarks and family oriented institutions like Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Columbus Zoo, COSI and the Columbus Convention Center.

Shoppe (Findlay, Ohio) is a family owned and operated full-service garden center and gift shoppe that also specializes in landscaping and grounds maintenance. As a family owned business, they are dedicated to giving back to the community by hosting free family activities each season such as Christmas train rides, visits with Santa and live reindeer and children's crafts.

The Homeless Families Foundation (Columbus, Ohio) provided community support to 254 families and children facing homelessness last year. The foundation educates children through afterschool and summer programming while also empowering families to achieve stable housing and self-sufficiency.

Newlon Tire, Inc. (New Lexington, Ohio) has served Southeastern Ohio in the automotive and farm service industry since 1979. The Newlon family has worked in the automotive industry together since 1914 and takes pride in doing business with multiple generations of families in their commu-

Ohio Secretary of State Jon nity, giving back to veterans and sponsoring local family events.

PatchWorks House (Tiffin, Ohio) connects families in conflict or crisis situations with services to create and encourage safe and cooperative parenting and family interactions. The staff at Patch-Works House understands that family life can be challenging, their parenting coordination, mediation and education services seek to strengthen families experiencing difficulties.

In fall 2015, Secretary Husted announced two new initiatives to propel small business growth in Ohio including the reduction of costs associated with filing a new business in the state. Secretary Husted is also now a Google "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map" partner, giving new and existing Ohio businesses easy access to free tools through the web giant such as free web hosting and placement on Google's map and search tools. Ohio is now the least costly state in the region to start and maintain a new business. Learn more by reading Secretary Husted's guest column in the Cincinnati Enquir-

Launched in June 2011, Ohio Business Profile has helped raise Feasel's Garden Center and Gift awareness about companies registered and doing business in Ohio that are creating interesting products, offering outstanding service, contributing to their local communities and employing Ohioans in the process. Each month, a handful of diverse businesses linked together by a common theme are featured on the Secretary of State's website, where Ohioans are encouraged to submit companies they feel are deserving of recognition in future months.

The Secretary of State's office also releases a monthly report of new business filings in Ohio and recent data shows Ohio is on track for another record year for the number of newly-registered businesses. One reason for the growth has been the launch of online services. In October 2013, Secretary Husted launched Ohio Business Central allowing businesses to file some of the most commonly used forms online and services continue to be expanded. Since January 2011, more than 397,000 filings have been submitted and half of all new companies are now started online in Ohio.



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