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Rec Committee Recommends Tax Hike

By Nancy Bowman

Troy City Council will be asked to place before voters in May a 0.25 percent income tax increase for 10 years to pay for a package of recreation/parks projects earlier proposed by the Operation Recreation 2020 Committee along with the addition of a second sheet of ice near Hobart Arena.

City council's recreation and parks committee will send the full council a split recommendation on the proposal.

All three committee members – Brock Heath, Robin Oda and Doug Tremblay – agreed Monday, Dec. 12, to recommend council place the tax request before voters in the May primary. The recommendation does not include an endorsement of the proposal.

Heath and Tremblay agreed to recommend the council approve the legislation as an emergency measure to help meet election filing deadlines. Oda said she was not comfortable recommending council take emergency action, meaning it would be asked to approve proposing the tax at its next meeting, Monday, Dec. 19. She said to vote without following council's regular readings process for proposed legislation appears to be "rushing."

The income tax proposal was first presented publicly

Projects proposed for 0.25 percent, income tax increase for 10 years in Troy:

Duke Park: A nine-field baseball/softball complex; three youth soccer fields; improvements of infrastructure to consolidate park maintenance operations; expanded parking; added park entrances; and other park enhancements.

Miami Shores Golf Course: Complete renovation of clubhouse; install outdoor practice driving range.

Hobart Arena: Construction of second ice rink to north of arena

William Maier Senior Citizens Center: Repair/renovations to roof, siding, foundation, doors, windows and concrete; restoration of shuffleboard courts; parking lot resurfacing.

Dec. 6 at a joint meeting of the city park and recreation boards. Those boards voted to recommend council place the tax question before voters.

City voters were scheduled to vote in the Nov. 8

Board of Elections Nov. 2 of an error in a decimal point in the tax request ballot language.

The error meant the request, if approved by voters, would have raised substantially less than what the city intended the 2.01-mill request to generate.

The 2.01-mill request was designed to generate \$1 million a year for 10 years for projects at Duke Park, Miami Shores Golf Course and the Senior Citizens Center.

The new proposal would generate \$2.57 million a year for 10 years. The additional money, basically, would cover the cost of the second sheet of ice. The additional ice rink was studied as the city looked at options for its recent riverfront development project but was considered cost prohibitive at that time. The riverfront project included the Treasure Island Park development, the Treasure Island Marina building renovations and the Hobart Arena expansion and renovations, which are scheduled for completion early next year.

The main differences between the previous proposal and the new one are the addition of a second city ice rink that would be built north of Hobart Arena, an income tax versus property tax and a reduction in the amount of private money that would need to

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Rotary & Lincoln Center Give Kids Breakfast With Santa

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

The vivid sights, sounds, and smells of the season brought the Christmas spirit to the Lincoln Center with Troy Rotary's Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10. This is year 6 for the Rotary initiative to bring Santa's encouragement to local children during the holidays. It was the first year, however, that the event was hosted at the Lincoln Center.

Executive Director of the Troy Foundation and Breakfast with Santa program leader, Melissa Kleptz said that the new partnership with the Lincoln Center came about because many of the families attending the breakfast in previous years came from the community surrounding the center. The event used to be held at St. Pat's Parish Center on East Water Street. "We found that there were quite a number of those who had been given tickets over the last couple years who did not have transportation to get to the breakfast," Kleptz said. "A lot of the families are already taking advantage of the tremendous services and facilities the Lincoln Center provides and so it just made sense for us to bring Santa to see the children in a venue that was more accessible and familiar."

Also, in years past, Rotarians and generous members of the community have bought and donated tickets for underprivileged children to have breakfast with Santa. This year, however, a successful fundraiser brought in \$2000 this summer making the tickets available for free to families.

Pancakes and Christmas coloring pages were an added bonus for children who saw Santa in his big, red coat surrounded by Christmas lights and presents on the Lincoln Center gymnasium stage. Reese Echols has been coming out to see Santa for three years and was still just as excited this year. He came with his best friend, Hudson Addis. Both of the boys sat on Santa's lap for a picture taken by Troy's Director of Public Service and Safety and Troy Rotar-

ian, Patrick Titterington. When Reese was asked if he had been good enough for Santa to bring him what he was wishing for, he said, "I think so." Then, upon further reflection he confidently said, "Yes!" His mother Jessica Echols, the Executive Director at local non-profit Partners in Hope, said that Reese and his siblings get three presents a year. When asked the reason why he received three gifts for Christmas each year, Reese said, "It's the same number of presents Jesus got from the wise men."

In person, Santa offered two gifts to children who came to sit on his lap. A stuffed toy and candy cane for each child were accompanied by wise advice from the Jolly Old Elf about "picking up" their toys and obeying their parents and teachers. Despite his gentle humility with the children, Santa was shrewd in asking the first question before he allowed anyone to interview him this year. "Have you been good this year?" was the question that preceded any further conversation with everyone's favorite Saint. Only after an affirmative answer was further inquiry permitted. He said he has been very proud of the boys and girls of Miami County and plans to grant many Christmas wishes this month. "I have been extremely busy but it is always worthwhile to spend a couple hours with the children here at Breakfast with Santa," Santa Claus said. Always in a jolly mood, he laughed and twinkled at each child, a pure reflection of the innocent joy of the Christmas season.



Huffman, Beagle Give State of the State

By Nancy Bowman

The Ohio General Assembly will face "a lot of challenges" when it addresses a new state budget next year, State Rep. Steve Huffman, of Tipp City, said Monday, Dec. 12, during the State of the State luncheon in Troy.

State Sen. Bill Beagle, of Tipp City, also spoke during

the luncheon coordinated by the county chambers of commerce. Beagle's comments focused on a new workforce and economic development project being introduced formally this week.

Huffman said his main concern with the upcoming budget discussions will be

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Troy Police Sergeant Gets Sexual Harassment Reprimand

By Nancy Bowman

A Troy police sergeant received a written reprimand and was ordered to undergo additional sexual harassment training following an internal investigation of allegations made in an anonymous email to city leaders.

Sgt. Joe Stutz received the reprimand from Chief Charles Phelps on Dec. 2, according to documents re-

leased by the city on Dec. 8. An email from an account "Helen of Troy" was received by the city Sept. 27. The anonymous author outlined a series of allegations against Stutz, some dating more than a dozen years.

The city was not able to identify who wrote the email, said Patrick Titterington, city service and safe-

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

Monday 12/5

2:35 p.m. – To Merrimont Dr. for a report of trespassers. A woman reported that she had just evicted a tenant who had lived at the property for ten years. She said that the previous tenants had allowed people to hunt on the property. She said she is no longer allowing hunting on the property. She said that she advised two individuals of the change in policy, and wanted the incident documented in case further problems occur.

Tuesday 12/6

4:43 p.m. – To the area of Shenandoah Dr. and Seneca Dr. for a report of solicitors. Three adult males were located and taken into custody for outstanding warrants and transported to the Miami County Jail. A juvenile who was with them was picked up by a family member. At the jail, one of the males was found to have syringes and pills on him. He was also charged with conveyance, possession of drugs and possession of drug abuse instruments.

Wednesday 12/7

6:24 a.m. – To the Miami County Solid Waste Transfer Station. An employee called to report that a vehicle was parked in the driveway. He said it had been there since Monday. He wanted the vehicle moved because it was blocking the driveway. Attempts to reach the registered owner were not successful. The vehicle was towed.

4:39 p.m. – A woman came to the Sheriff’s Office to report a civil dispute. She said that the father of her child contacted her about seeing the child. She said that he has no legal rights to their daughter and wanted the incident documented for future reference.

Thursday 12/8

2:28 p.m. – To Laurel Creek Dr. for a welfare check. The deputy summoned Troy EMS to the scene to evaluate the subject, but she refused to be transported to the hospital for further examination.

Friday 12/9

2:17 p.m. – To Fiesta Dr. for a report of found property. A woman reported that she was cleaning out a rental property and found a Kentucky driver’s license. She wanted to turn it over to a deputy. The deputy was able to make contact with the owner, and left a message that he could retrieve his license from the Sheriff’s Office.

3:42 p.m. – To Piqua-Troy Rd. for a report of a domestic disturbance. Both parties agreed that the dispute did not turn physical and there was no evidence to suggest that it did.

Saturday 12/10

11:37 a.m. – To Upper Valley Medical Center for a report of an intoxicated patient assaulting hospital employees. The patient had calmed down by the time the deputy arrived. Hospital employees said that they had been kicked and they were afraid that she would “break the doors off the hinges.” Her blood alcohol level was .340. She was sedated and examined. Hospital employees did not wish to press charges.

Sunday 12/11

3:26 p.m. – To JDC for a report of a wanted individual on the premises. A woman visiting her son had an active warrant from Mercer County. The warrant was confirmed and the woman was transported to the Miami County Jail.

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Commission accepts Cultice resignation

Miami County Richard Cultice's resignation due to retirement was accepted by the county commission at its Dec. 8 meeting. Cultice, a Troy resident, will retire effective Dec. 30.

Greg Simmons, also a Troy resident, was elected to the commission seat in the Republican primary in March. His term is effective after the New Year.

Council to hear annexation request

Troy City Council will be asked to approve the annexation of 55.8 acres east and north of Lytle Road.

The annexation request was filed earlier this year by First Troy Corp., Richard S. Messler, CEO.

The property now is in Concord Township. The

annexation was approved Sept. 29 by the Miami County commissioners.

Engineer says road crews are ready

Miami County's engineer's office and highway department are ready for the challenges of the winter, county Engineer Paul Huelskamp said Thursday, Dec. 8.

County crews have been preparing trucks, mounting plows and salters and filling the salt-storage barn with rock salt. The county has 2,000 tons of rock salt on hand and could buy an additional 3,500 tons. The salt is mixed with ice grit and distributed on county roads and bridges.

Huelskamp asked motorists to slow down during inclement weather and to stay back 80 feet (four car lengths) from a plow truck working to clear the highway.

Troy Police Reports

Monday 12/5

9:56 a.m. – To the 1800 block of W. Main St. for a report of an accident. A driver westbound on Main struck a vehicle in front of him.

12:46 p.m. – To Troy Jr. High School for a report of found property. A school employee reported that a bullet was found near the flagpole. It was submitted to property for disposal.

3:51 p.m. – Traffic stop on Oak near Race. The vehicle did not stop for the stop sign. The driver said he didn't see it. He was cited.

4:11 p.m. – Traffic stop on Race near Oak. The driver did a rolling stop at the stop sign and was not wearing her seat belt. She said she had just left her home. She was cited for the seat belt and warned for the stop sign.

5:11 p.m. – Traffic stop on Main near Plum. The vehicle had sped through a stop sign on Main at Water. The driver said he thought he had made it through the light. He was cited.

5:47 p.m. – A man came to the Police Station to report damage to his vehicle. He said it was a rental and was parked on Water St. for the day. It appeared that someone had pushed the mirror until it broke. There are no suspects.

7:26 p.m. – To Heatherstone Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that someone used his account to purchase a laptop computer. There are no suspects.

Tuesday 12/6

1:25 p.m. – Traffic stop in the 1500 block of W. Main St. The driver was found to be under suspension, but he was not aware of it. He was cited.

1:38 p.m. – To W. Main St. A man reported that his business was broken into overnight and cash was stolen.

4:38 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a shoplifting in progress. While enroute, dispatch advised that the suspect left the store and left the area in a teal colored Nissan. An employee said that a man and a woman entered the store and started selecting baby clothing without looking at prices. He said they then separated and the woman left the store. He said he followed the man as he continued to walk around the store and his cart was still full of clothes. He said the man then pushed the cart out of the store. He said he grabbed the cart and the man ran toward the Nissan. They were last seen traveling east on Main St. Surveillance video showed the two subjects and caught the plate number of the Nissan. The officer pulled up a photo of the owner, a Dayton resident,

and it was not the man involved. The owner was contacted, and he said that his ex-wife has the vehicle and he has not been able to get it out of his name. He said he believes that she lives in Columbus, but has no contact information for her.

7:31 p.m. – Traffic stop on Market near Foss Way. The vehicle's plates had expired on 9/7/16. The driver said she bought the vehicle this past summer and was not aware that she had to renew the registration. She was cited.

Wednesday 12/7

7:15 p.m. – Traffic stop on Ridge near Wheeler. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said she was not paying attention to her speed and thought the speed limit was 35. She was cited.

8:15 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams St. near Foss Way. The vehicle was clocked at 40 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said that she thought she was doing 30. She was cited.

9:31 p.m. – Traffic stop on Market near Littlejohn. The vehicle was clocked at 55 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he was running late for an appointment. He was cited.

10:28 p.m. – To Nutmeg Sq. N. for a report of a possible overdose. The officer arrived at the same time as Troy Medics and found a man lying on the floor gasping for air. Once the subject was resuscitated, he said he had not used any drugs today. He was able to walk to the squad to be transported to UVMC. No drugs, instruments or contraband were located in the home.

11:37 p.m. – To the 600 block of E. Canal for a report of a hit/skip accident. A vehicle had struck 3 parked cars, then fled the scene. One of the vehicles suffered “considerable damage.” The suspect vehicle has not been identified.

Thursday 12/8

2:53 p.m. – To S. Dorset Rd. for a report of telecommunications harassment. One individual was warned.

4:45 p.m. – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. near the railroad tracks. The vehicle was clocked at 49 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he thought the speed limit was 55. He was cited.

6:00 p.m. – Traffic stop at Main and Marybill. The driver did not stop for the light at Main and Experiment Farm. He said he thought the road looked slick. He was cited.

9:54 p.m. – Traffic stop on Commerce Center Blvd. The vehicle was clocked at 55 MPH in a 35 MPH zone and had only one work-

ing headlight. The driver said that his speedometer showed him at 35 MPH, and that it is not illegal to have only one headlight if the working light is on the driver's side. He was advised that he was incorrect regarding headlights. He was cited for speed and given a warning for headlights.

11:48 p.m. – To Lafayette St. for a report of a disturbance. While investigating the call, the officer found drug paraphernalia in the residence. The homeowner was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Friday 12/9

2:03 a.m. – Traffic stop on Experiment Farm Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 48 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver was found to be under suspension. He was cited for driving under suspension and a valid driver came to take control of the vehicle.

8:35 a.m. – To Wheeler St. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her 13-year-old daughter refuses to listen to her and is refusing to go to school today. The girl was charged with being unruly.

3:10 p.m. – To Troy Jr. High School for a report of possible child abuse. A school employee reported that a 12-year-old boy stated that his mother struck him and pushed him into a bathtub. Both the boy and his 13-year-old sister had been out of school since last week and had apparently been staying with their father in Springfield. The boy said his mom became upset with him and began hitting his arms and other locations on his body. He said he ended up in the bathroom and his mom pushed him into the bathtub. He said as he fell, he hit his head on the tub and his side on the grab bar. He said his mom was still hitting him and spit on him while he was in the tub. He said his sister was trying to get the mother off of him. He said that he suffered injuries, but they had since healed. The sister reluctantly confirmed most of his story. Children's Services was notified and asked for a copy of the report. The officer then went to the motel where the family was living. There were two adults and six children living in the room. The mother said that she is not working, but her boyfriend is. She said that she cannot find a house to rent because of the size of the family. She said that the abuse shelter would not help her because she was in a stable residence. No charges were filed at the time.

5:16 p.m. – To Imperial Ct. for a report of a man not breathing. Troy EMS administered Narcan and he subject started breathing and waking up. He denied taking heroin, but went with the squad to UVMC.

6:21 p.m. – Traffic stop on Commerce Center Blvd. The vehicle was clocked at 47 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he thought the speed limit was 35. He was cited for speed.

8:50 p.m. – To the southbound on-ramp of I-75 at Main St. for a report of a one-car accident. The driver was arrested for OVI and failure to control.

11:58 p.m. – Traffic stop on N. Market St. The vehicle's registration expired on 5/14/16. The driver said that his license was also expired. He was cited for both.

Saturday 12/10

1:23 a.m. – Traffic stop on Main at Dorset. The driver was arrested on a warrant and cited for a red light violation and possession of marijuana.

4:11 p.m. – Traffic stop on Crawford near Race. The vehicle had only one working brake light. The driver said that she did not have her license. The officer could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officer learned that her license was suspended. She claimed she had driving privileges, but she did not have any paperwork with her. She denied having marijuana in the vehicle. As she got out, the officer could see traces of marijuana on her pants. The vehicle was searched, but an insignificant amount of marijuana was found. The driver was cited for failure to reinstate and an inoperative brake light. She claimed that she was babysitting and was headed home, and that fell within her driving privileges. The officer said he doubted that since she had three passengers and was headed away from her home. She was advised that she is required to have her paperwork with her and warned her not to drive again.

5:01 p.m. – To Motel 6 for a welfare check. The subject was found to be OK, but had an outstanding Warrant.

9:27 p.m. – Traffic stop on Drury at Summit. The vehicle was clocked at 39 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he was just out for a drive around the block and didn't know he was speeding. The officer could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle, and the driver said he had just smoked some while driving around the block but didn't have any more in the vehicle. The driver was cited for speed.

Sunday 12/11

12:26 a.m. – To Lake St. for a report of a disturbance. A man was cited for disorderly conduct.

4:40 a.m. – To Merry Robin Rd. for a report of an unre-

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Commissioners Approve Repairs, Receive Grants

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners Dec. 8 approved repairs to the furnace at the county Animal Shelter after a carbon monoxide leak was found during a routine inspection.

The commission approved an agreement with Rieck Services to have the furnace repaired and to install a new exchanger, support assembly, exhaust regulator and flame

retainer.

The commission was told a crack in the heat exchanger was allowing carbon monoxide to leak into the shelter's lobby and office area. When a problem was found in an inspection, the unit was shut off immediately.

The cost of the repairs and new parts was set at a maximum \$2,534. The work will include reassembly work, unit start up, gas pressure check and a one-year war-

ranty.

The commission also approved more than \$3,000 in educational grants as part of the educational waste reduction grant program sponsored by the county's Solid Waste District. Grants were awarded for seven projects proposed by teachers in Tipp City and Troy schools.

- Grants of \$500 were awarded to Van Cleve school sixth grade in Troy for Montgomery County Environ-

mental Learning Center field trip; to Van Cleve sixth grade for recycled sculpture field trip, Dayton Art Institute; to Troy Christian schools, campus composting project; and Tippecanoe High School for tiny house building project.

- Other grants were: \$468 to Troy Christian High School for classroom recycling bins; \$450 to Van Cleve school, Troy, Carillon Park sustainable building field trip; and \$375 to Cookson El-

ementary, Troy, for in-classroom aquaponics project.

The commissioners last week also OK'd the appointment of Richard Osgood to the county Visitors and Convention Bureau board of trustees. Osgood, the county's new director of development, will complete the unexpired term of former director Craig Thompson as well as a new term that will expired Jan. 1, 2019.

Also approved were Ohio

Statewide Communications Interoperability Memorandums of Understanding with law enforcement, fire and emergency management agencies in Champaign, Clark, Darke, Montgomery and Shelby counties. The MOUs are part of agreements being put in place as the county Communication Center continues the path to joining the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System, or MARCS, early next year.



Superintendent Eric Herman and Board President Doug Trostle congratulate SRO Brandon Fellers.



Herman and Trostle wish the best for Marion Stout.

School Board Bids Farewell to Fellers, Stout

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy City Schools thanked long-time business manager Marion Stout and school resource officer Brandon Fellers for their service to the district during its December meeting Monday, Dec. 12.

Stout is leaving at year's end for a new job with the Miami County Educational Service Center. Fellers is retiring from the Troy Police Department.

Stout has served the district as business manager and human resources director for more than 25 years. She didn't want a whole lot of fanfare over her departure, Superintendent Eric

Herman said.

"Most of the people here have been hired by Marion ... The district has that flavor," Herman said. "I took it for granted, she would take care of her area."

Fellers has been SRO for several years at the high school. Herman credited Fellers with addressing safety items at the district.

"I cannot say enough. He is really going to be missed," Herman said. "We don't have a whole lot to give you other than our thanks."

Board President Doug Trostle told Fellers the board appreciated his work with countless students over the years.

"I'd like to thank the

schools and the board," Fellers said, noting that the relationship between the schools and the police department has grown over the years.

Herman reported that representatives of the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) met with district representatives as part of the ongoing facilities project preparations. More information was requested from the commission, he said.

In other business:

- The board heard about an anatomy and physiology course proposed for addition to the high school curriculum next school year.
- Heard a financial report

from district Treasurer Jeff Price.

- Accepted \$4,355 in gifts/donations to the schools for the month. Among the donations were \$1,000 from The Troy Foundation in recognition of teacher of the year, Mick Roberts, and \$1,000 from Kroger to the high school marching band to be used as needed.
- Adopted the 2018-2019 school year calendar.
- Set is annual organizational meeting for Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Education offices.
- Met in an executive session to discuss personnel. No action was taken after the discussion.

Concord Township Trustees Postpone McKaig Annexation

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the December 6, 2016 meeting of the Concord Township Trustees, the trustees tabled signing the paperwork for the Philpot Annexation for 2436 McKaig Road. According to Trustee Don Pence, the township needs a formal agreement with the City of Troy, and the Miami County Road Department outlining road maintenance and paving responsibilities for the area because segments of the road in the area fall under different jurisdictions. When the road maintenance issues are formalized, the township trustees will sign the annexation papers.

In addition, the trustees approved the renewal of two annual contracts. The first

was the contract with eLIANT Technologies for maintenance of the website. Additional wording was added to the contract to specify the timeliness of postings to the site.

The trustees also approved the Annual Contract with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority for \$9025 for insurance.

For the road department, Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades reported that he had a request from a resident to place a No Outlet sign at the beginning of Creekwood. According to Rhoades, residents turn onto the street thinking it is a through fare and end up turning around in residents driveways.

Rhoades also reported that many of the leaves are late in falling and residents

have called to request pickup although the pickup schedule has ended. The final pickup dates were from December 1 through December 6, 2016. He added, "The road crew plan to address any late leaves as best as they can. However, we will need to start prepping the truck for plowing soon."

In new business, the township received their annual certification for road mileage for 2016. There were no changes to the report; however, with the development of some new subdivisions in the township, Rhoades expects the mileage to increase next year. He will watch for the changes to be applied.

In other business, Trustee Tom Mercer requested that the Neighborhood Watch Sign that is posted on Fenner

Road be removed. The group is defunct.

Furthermore, Mercer reported that Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating fell for the Troy Fire Department that services Concord Township. This rating system helps insurance companies determine fire risk for an area and use it as one factor to set home owner insurance rates. ISO Rating has a large impact on most fire departments. They range from ten to one with "1" being the best. He recommends that residents check with their insurer to see if they can reduce their insurance premiums because of the better rating.

The next meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Building.

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be raised. The \$4 million previously targeted for private contributions by the Operation Recreation Committee has been reduced to around \$1.5 million. However, the committee will work to raise as much as it can, and possibly allow the city to stop collecting the special income tax before the 10 years expires, said Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director.

Councilman Brock Heath encouraged the Operation Recreation Committee to pursue as many private dollars as possible. "The committee has committed to raising as much money as we can," said Bobby Phillips, a council member and also president of the Operation Recreation Committee. He said the committee has grown since the first tax proposal to 13 organizations to now include the local skating club and hockey programs.

During the discussion, Oda questioned the addition of the second ice rink to the new request and said she was struggling with the request for a recommendation. "It's a hard hit for citizens," she said.

Oda asked if the city had discussed with the city schools and the Miami County Park District their plans to approach voters for support in coming years. "That hasn't come into the discussion.

Where do we draw the line?" she asked.

Titterington answered, "It is not our discussion. Those are not city issues."

In a memo on the proposal to council, Titterington said that while the Operation Recreation Committee initiated the first tax proposal, the city staff and Mayor Mike Beamish this time would be "taking a lead position in partnership with the Operation Recreation levy committee."

Titterington said the mayor and Kathy Slack of the Troy Skating Club would be lead spokespeople for the effort while the Operation Recreation group would provide volunteers, grassroots coordination and marketing efforts.

Before making its recommendation Monday, the committee heard from representatives of some Operation Recreation committee members including the Trojan Soccer Club, Junior Hockey, Senior Citizens Center and Troy Skating Club. The representatives talked of their particular organizations' needs as well as the financial impact the added recreation facilities could have on the community including its hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

"What we are talking about is going to be huge for Troy," Heath said.

Bethel Presents Christmas Services

Bethel United Methodist, 2505 East Loy Road, invites all to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Come celebrate on Sunday evening, December 18 at 7:00 pm. A traditional and casual service will include Christmas Carols, Bible stories and candlelight service with the traditional singing of Silent Night. This pre-Christmas celebration can provide a time for families who will be traveling or have scheduled events on Christmas Eve to reflect and be a part of the true meaning of Christmas with friends. A time of fellowship will follow.

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dealing with the cost of expanded Medicaid and related Medicaid costs that will total almost \$2 billion in the next budget. "We have to come either with new taxes or cutting budgets," he said, adding that he anticipates the approach will be finding ways to cut the budget.

"I think we have a lot of challenges and the governor has a lot of challenges when the budget comes out," he said.

"It will be interesting to see what proposal the governor brings forward ... So stay tuned,

Beagle said. The governor's budget is expected in early February.

Huffman also briefly discussed the state's medical marijuana law approved by the General Assembly earlier this year. When the law was passed, he said he insisted on local control. "You guys can decide that," he said of an issue that is being addressed in several area communities, including Troy.

The most appropriate

3:05 p.m. - To Experiment Farm Rd. A restaurant employee reported that a man left without paying his bill. The employee did get a license number. Charges will be filed.

4:24 p.m. - To Vincent Ave. for a report of phone harassment. A man reported that he was talking to a girl on Facebook. He said he then started getting messages from a male subject

who told him to stop talking to the girl or he would hunt the RP down and physically assault him. He showed the messages to the officer. He was advised not to contact either person. The officer contacted the male subject who said that he was 17 years old, the girl is 14 and the RP is 22. He said he did not like the fact of the RP talking to his girlfriend. He was advised not to contact the RP again.

places for medical marijuana facilities would be in industrial parks versus a downtown, Huffman said. He said he believes the legislature's action on medical marijuana kept a "pseudo-recreational" marijuana issue off this fall's ballot.

Beagle said the state this week will unveil a state workforce and education alignment project designed to help employers in their continuing efforts to find enough qualified employees. The project was paid for using a federal grant.

"Our goal is to align education and training with workforce development and make sure everyone is growing in the same direction," he said.

The goal was an end-user friendly system. The initial information on the site involves in demand jobs or professions and some but not all training facilities in those areas. The goal is to include all training facilities and more types of jobs.

The tool can be found at ohiomeansjobs.com.

Monday 12/12

12:38 a.m. - To Maplecrest Dr. for a report of an unruly juvenile. A woman reported that her 16-year-old granddaughter left the residence without permission. She said that the girl's sister heard the girl talking on the phone, then she left through a window. The girl was entered into the system as missing.

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Huelskamp Wins OCTM West District Award

By Nicolas Cook,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

The Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics awarded Mr. Huelskamp the 2016 OCTM West District Award for outstanding secondary classroom teacher. Mr. Nirode nominated Mr. Huelskamp, where then he was put into a pool of candidates from 8 districts and was picked to receive the award at the conference in Sandusky.

Mr. Huelskamp teaches math using hands-on activities. “One of the most common asked questions I hear is ‘when am I ever going to use this?’ If I can show my students how math is used in the real world, then they will be more likely to understand math,” said Huelskamp. Some of the hands on activities include using the quadratic formula to launch marbles at certain targets on a model castle and plotting points on a graphing calculator to form images.

Some of Mr. Huelskamp’s former students validate his teaching style. “Mr. Huelskamp’s way of teaching math made it more relevant and relatable to the real world,” said Jenna Vent.

It is more than real world application that makes Mr. Huelskamp a good teacher. “His humor made his class more enjoyable and he is always willing to help students before and after school,” said Taylor Schmitz.

“He’s one of those teacher who you can tell that they love their job and really care about their students. He connects with his students and talks with them on their level,



Huelskamp

which makes him easy to talk to,” said Logan Chaney.

Mr. Phillis and Mr. Nirode are two people who influenced Mr. Huelskamp in his method of teaching are. Mr. Phillis use to be a math teacher at THS and later became principal. “When I was a student here at THS, I had Mr. Phillis as a teacher. He was the head of the math department and would mentor the other math teachers, one of whom was Mr. Nirode,” said Huelskamp “When I became a teacher here, Mr. Nirode was then the one who mentored me and I quickly adopted his way of hands-on teaching.”

Mr. Huelskamp is thankful to Mr. Nirode and Mr. Phillis for helping him win his OCTM West District Award and for helping him get to this point in his career, and the students of THS are thankful to Mr. Huelskamp for his teaching style in making the content more relatable and caring about the students.

Nicolas Cook is a Trojan Tempo staff member who congratulates Mr. Huelskamp on his award.

Troy HS Resource Officer Set to Retire

By Shelby Campbell, Staff
writer for the Trojan Tempo

Troy students may have seen two resource officers in the building, and it is not due to safety concerns: it is just the changing of the guards. After serving in the US Navy as a White House guard under both President Reagan and President H.W. Bush for four years, helping the community as a Troy police officer for 26 years, and aiding students in safety for 14 years, Officer Fellers is retiring as the school resource officer to pursue a new career: real estate.

“I’ve had my real estate license for a year now, and I’m ready to try something new,” said Fellers.

His replacement, Officer Chris Tilley, has been in law enforcement for 17 years along after serving as

a military police officer in the Air Force for six years.

“I’m excited to work with students, and add to what Officer Fellers has contributed to the high school,” Tilley said. “I’m also excited to work with Mrs. Weaver to uphold safety standards.”

The school resource officer is at the high school to assist the teachers in keeping students safe.

“We work closely with the staff here at Troy High School to maintain a safe environment for students. We also come into classrooms to help educate students on things such as the fourth amendment, which prohibits illegal search and seizure,” Fellers said.

In addition to assisting at the high school, Officer Tilley, as the resource officer, runs the police sum-



Officer Fellers

mer camps, such as the CSI camp.

He wants to work at the high school because he already has training with and enjoys students. He also wants students to have experience with an officer.

“I want [students] to see that [police officers] are not the bad guys that the media

portrays,” said Tilley.

Troy High School welcomes Officer Tilley into the Trojan family and wishes Officer Fellers a happy retirement.

Shelby Campbell is a senior staff writer for the Trojan Tempo who is a big fan of the fourth and all the other amendments.

Maintaining the Balance Between Work and School

By Ryan Quinlan,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

The Christmas season is upon us. The temperature is dropping, lights are springing up around houses and trees about town, and the air dances with holiday cheer and clouds of frosted breath. But as the commercials and holiday specials constantly remind us, one of the most important parts of Christmas is exchanging gifts between friends and family.

Many students are able to afford these gifts due to their part-time jobs. A large portion of the student body, mainly consisting of upperclassmen, hold jobs in order

to earn some extra spending money, to save for college, or just to gain valuable experience. This does present a problem, however. Those students who hold steady jobs must carefully balance their hours and schoolwork to avoid being overly stressed out.

The temptation to work long hours during the school year is appealing to some. After all, what student wouldn’t welcome a couple hundred dollars every two weeks? “I always take home like \$400 dollars every check,” said senior Jesse Kruckeberg, who goes to the Upper Valley Career Center. “But I also work 40-

hour weeks, and don’t have much time for anything else,” Kruckeberg added. As he shows, a problem arises when work conflicts with school. After all, there are only so many hours in a day, and students can become highly stressed out from the tedium of keeping up with homework and slaving away at some minimum wage job for hours on end.

“I work way too much, and I’m tired all the time. But I want the money too, I mean, how else am I going to get myself a car and apply to colleges?” said Nate Cade, a senior at Troy High School. His issues reflect those of many high school students:

weighing the benefits of money against academics.

In many instances it may be necessary to focus more on school and less on one’s job. Especially since one’s academic standing in high school may help shape their future in these formative years. And unless it’s absolutely necessary for them to work to provide for their families, sometimes students may have to say ‘no’ to a paycheck and look at the bigger picture.

Ryan Quinlan is a senior Trojan Tempo Staff Writer whose job is to write humorous little blurbs at the bottom of his articles. This one is an exception.

Semester Exam Schedule Changed

Nicolas Cook,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

In recent years, semester exams at THS are held the week before Christmas break, but this year the dates and schedules have changed.

Midterm exams will now be held after Christmas break between Jan 9-13. “We will have our normal schedule during

this time instead of block scheduling,” said Mrs. Weaver, THS Principal. The exams may take more than one day to finish, since students will only have the normal class time to complete it. Teachers are allowed to test on multiple days so students have enough time.

The reason exams have been postponed until after break is due to the AIR tests.

“The AIR tests begin on the December 12, the Monday before Christmas break,” said Weaver. “This week was the only additional window the state gave us, which is why we postponed exams until the 9th of January.”

There is some concern from students and how they will perform on the exams. “After returning from break,

I think I might forget some of the content I learned. I would rather not return from break and have teachers cram in reviews before the test. I would also rather take the exam in one sitting, rather than taking it on two separate days,” said senior Matt Merritt.

“Since some of the tests will take two days to finish, they might not seem as long. There

is more time to study between tests, but I am concerned I will lose the information I learned before break,” said senior Sydney Burton.

Teachers also are adjusting to the new schedule. “From a teacher’s standpoint, I don’t think it is as bad,” said Mrs. Straka. “I do have some concern about students who might lose the information they

learned while on break, but we do have a week to review before the exam and I believe my students will still do fine.”

While over break, it may not be a bad idea to study for classes that students find to be the most difficult to prepare for before the exams begin.

Nicolas Cook is a Trojan Tempo staff writer who welcomes the new schedule.

OSU Students Attacked by Fellow Student

By: Camryn Spencer,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

The Ohio State University has been big in national news with a close win over Michigan on the football field on November 26, but the following Monday, school continued in the news in a way no one would wish on their worst enemy. On that Monday, the school suffered a horrible event that left 11 students hospitalized, one in critical condition, and

the 18 year-old student suspect dead. This violent attack hit home at Troy because previous THS students are attending the university and were present during the unraveling of the events.

“I stayed in my house during the attack. It was happening on the north end of campus, and I live off of the southern side, close to the Medical Center. The screams of the sirens were unreal as ambulances and police cruisers zoomed by,”

said Emily Royer, a senior at OSU and a 2013 Troy graduate. “My friends that were already on campus were put on lockdown, and had to stay in their classrooms and buildings, until the situation was contained and better understood.”

The 18 year-old student, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, was shot and pronounced dead shortly after running his car into a group of pedestrians and proceeded to stab and injure people. Officer Alan

Horuijko stopped the attack within a minute, potentially saving many lives of the staff and students on campus. The attack even had Michigan set aside the rivalry with a Facebook update from their athletic department saying, “Stay safe, Buckeyes.”

Thankfully, no THS alumni were injured during the violent attacks, but still were in our minds as new information and updates were given to students, faculty, and the public. This raises

the question, what would THS do in a similar violent situation?

“We would have a similar plan as to what happened at Ohio State. The difference is, the students at the university are adults and students are still kids,” said Officer Fellers. “We have staff trained and ready for if and when a situation like OSU’s arises and have set procedures to reduce an attack possibility.”

With the attack resulting in an FBI investigation,

Buckeyes continue with regular classes and activities on campus. We keep the Buckeyes in our minds and hearts as the investigation continues.

Camryn Spencer is a sophomore at Troy High School and a long time Ohio State football fan. A few close friends and acquaintances attend the university and were safe during the attack. She prays that we can overcome attacks like these and prays for peace.

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Eli Palmer looks to make a move.

Trojans Open Season With League Loss

By Jim Dabbelt

If Friday night's season opener was any indication of what is to come for the Troy boys' basketball team this season, fans who attend the games are in for quite a season.

In a game that saw a minimum of 13 lead changes, the Trojans watched as Greenville took the lead for good with four minutes remaining in the fourth period, and outscored the Trojans 14-7 down the stretch to defeat the host Trojans 75-67 in front of a stellar crowd at the Student Activity Center in Troy.

The Trojans, who were looking to rebound from last year's 8-14 regular season battled the Wave through the opening quarter that saw three ties, and an early lead for the Trojans.

Leading 8-5, the Trojans watched as Greenville quickly reeled off seven straight points in just over a minute to take a 12-8 lead. Troy battled back in the final minute behind a score from Keenan Kinnel and two free throws from Zion Taylor, closing the Wave lead to 17-14 after the opening period.

The Trojans battled back to take the 22-21 lead with 5:37 left in the half when Eli Palmer and Taylor both buried three's and a layup from Zach Boyer put the Trojans on top.

After Greenville went on a 8-2 run to regain the lead, Palmer and Taylor delivered again for the Trojans, hitting consecutive three's to take a 30-29 lead with 2:10 left in the half.

As the half wound down, Troy enjoyed a 6-0 run over the final minute to take a 37-



Ryan McClurg drives to the rim for the Trojans.

32 lead into the break.

Troy continued to maintain the lead early in the second half, as Zach Reichelderfer scored to give the Trojans a 45-40 lead with five minutes left in third period.

Boyer hit consecutive layups in the final two minutes of the quarter, and the Trojans opened up a 51-43 advantage. Greenville quickly fought back.

Trae Wood connected from three-point land, and Peter Pandey added a short jumper to make it a one possession game before Kinnel ended the period with a score for the Trojans.

Greenville took their first lead of the game since the middle of the second when they put together a 6-0 run early in the fourth to take the 56-54 lead.

The Trojans led 60-59 with 4:21 left, but from there it was all Greenville as they regain the lead and held on for the win.

McClurg led the Trojans with 17 points, while Kinnel added 11 and Taylor scored 10.

Troy is back in action at Butler Friday night and heads to Shawnee on Saturday.

Trojans Complete Comeback 35-34 Over Greenville

By Jim Dabbelt

Greenville held a five point lead in the fourth quarter when the cardiac kids from Troy struck again.

After two close games to open the season, the Trojans had another one last week, as they came from behind to defeat the Green Wave 35-34 on the road at the Darke County school. With the win, the Trojans now stand 3-0 on the young season.

"Going to Greenville is a tough place to play and can be intimidating," said Troy coach Aaron Johnson. "Despite that, I was pleased how we made plays when we needed to."

Troy outscored Greenville 12-6 in the fourth period to complete the comeback, as they took the lead late in the fourth period, and Kihya Adkins picked up a crucial steal for a layup late in the game to put the Trojans up three.

"That was huge for us," Johnson said. "There were just so many clutch plays



Kihya Adkins looking to make a play for Troy.

that the girls' stepped up and made. It was great to see that kind of tenacity."

Leading the way for the Trojans was Alaura Holycross with 15 points, while Adkins added nine. Bailey Hess scored five for the Trojans in the win, while adding four was Jordan Short.

In the final quarter, Holycross, Tia Bass and Hess took control of the boards for the Trojans.

Holycross added 24 rebounds to her point total, while Hess grabbed 13 and Bass had 12.

The Trojans defense shut down the Wave to only two points in the opening quarter, as they took a 6-2 lead after the first period. Greenville fought back in the second quarter to close the Troy lead to 15-12 at the half.

Greenville controlled the third period outscoring

the Trojans by eight, before the Troy defense stymied the Wave in the final eight minutes to pick up the win.

Bass added four blocks in her first varsity start, and her presence according to Johnson was huge.

"We were 2-8 at the line in the fourth quarter," Johnson said.

"Our goal is to win the league, and we talked to the girls about that possibility and they are buying into it. We are starting to see a better work ethic in practice."

*The Trojans suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday, falling to Sidney in a GWOC matchup 54-31. Adkins led the Trojans with eight points, while Hess scored six.

Troy is back in action tonight as they travel to Butler for a 7:30 contest, then will be involved in the Barn Ball Classic at Miami East this coming weekend. They play the host Vikings team on Saturday night at 7:30, and come back Sunday night for the consolation/championship game.

Troy Notes: Eagles Cruise Past Yellow Springs

Hailey Peters led three players in double figures with 16 points as the Troy Christian girls' basketball team defeated Yellow Springs last week 56-30 in a Metro Buckeye Conference game.

The Eagles held a slim three-point lead after the opening period, and extended it to 22-9 at the half.

Peters also grabbed seven rebounds in the win, while adding 12 points was Cara Salazar and Kathryn Lee scored 11. Salazar dished out seven assists in the win and grabbed three steals.

Defensively, the Eagles held Elizabeth Smith, who came in averaging nearly 30 points per game, to only seven points.

Troy Bowling - The Troy bowling team defeated Tecumseh last week 2692-2569. Leading the way for Troy was Aaron Stone with 229-274, Jason Shiltz 177-151, AJ Kendall 215-193, Hayden Jackson 181-204, and Carson Rogers 156-186. Tecumseh was led in scoring by Matt Brown 207-210, Dylan Terrell 230-146, Jay Woosley 170-135, Leo Williams 188-166 and Allen Ward 142-200.

In the girls match, Troy dominated their match 2567-1980. Troy had Aleigha Smith with 226-238, Cassie

McMullen 179-224, Kiersten McMullen 212-201, Jennica Funderburg 134, Alyssa Shilt 165, Jenna Stone 167 and Sierra Brown 125.

For the Arrows, Adrienne Lutz 181-136, Maddie Dusko 120-137, Keirsten Means 122-150, Alaina Collins 162-134 and Emma Watts 117-152.

Troy Wrestling - The Troy wrestling team placed third overall at the Edgewood Invitational last weekend, earning 121.5 points.

Two Trojan wrestlers captured their championship matches, as Joe Pascale won the 120 pound weight class with a pin in 59 seconds over Jordan Pierce of Wilmington, while at the 195 pound class, it was Davin Snyder edging RJ Tolliver also of Wilmington 4-2 to bring home the title.

Shane Shoop earned third place overall in the 170 pound division, defeating Gage Johnson of Franklin via pin in 1:55 in the third-place finals. Also finishing third for the Trojans was Ryan Dever at 152 pounds, defeating Sean Mondello of Talawanda 9-6.

A pair of Troy wrestlers also took home a sixth place finish as Carlos Quintero lost his fifth-place match at 138 pounds, losing to Ian Shomaker of Talawanda 5-2,

and David McGraw lost at 145 to Kyle Brady of Milford 5-2.

Troy Christian Swimming - Tipp hosted Troy Christian, Miamisburg and Eaton in a home meet last weekend. In the boys' meet, Tipp was second and Troy Christian third. For the girls, Troy Christian won the meet with Tipp third.

Several local swimmers placed in the top two of each event. In the girls 200 Medley Relay, Tipp was second and third overall, while in the boys' 200, Troy Christian earned the top two places.

In the 200 Free, Alexis Cook took home the first place finish, and in the boys race, Matthew Moebius of Troy Christian won the event, with Poynter was second.

The 200 IM saw Buynak take second overall in the girls' race, while Ezekiel Fulton was first overall in the boys' 200 IM. Prenger won the girls' 50 Free, while Moebius was second in the boys' race for the Eagles.

In the 100 Butterfly, Cook won the girls' race for Tippecanoe, while Gracie Glaser was second for Troy Christian, with the Eagles taking the top two spots in the boys' race, with Matthew Newcomer winning the race, with Grant Doucette taking

second.

The girls' 100 Free saw Sophie Pitsenbarger win the event, with Tipp's Woltz second. Newcomer gave Troy Christian a second place in the 100 Free boys' race. Katie Mullins was second in the 500 girls' Free for Tipp, while Doucette swam well in the boys' race, winning the event. Schwartz was second for Tipp.

The girls' 200 Free Relay saw the Tipp team of Nicole Downing, Madison Leonard, Tasha Bruner and Kayla Bruns was second, while in the boys' race, Troy Christian was first overall with Newcomer, Moebius, Benjamin Schaffnit and Alexander Klint.

Swimming to a second place finish in the girls' 100 Backstroke was Buynak from Tipp, while Klint gave Troy Christian a first place finish in the boys' race, with teammate Schaffnit second.

Also placing second in the 100 girls' Breaststoke was Glaser, with Fulton and Voisinnet the top two in the boys' race.

Tipp swam well in the 400 Free Relay with Woltz, Prenger, Buynak and Cook capturing the title, and in the boys' race, Troy Christian duplicated that finish as Doucette, Nick Pratt, Jacob Voisinnet and Fulton.

Edison State Students Inducted to Honor Society

Fourteen new members were inducted to the Edison State Community College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) during a ceremony on Tuesday, November 15 at the Piqua campus. Each semester, students are invited to join the honor society based upon academic criteria.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was established in 1918 to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programming.

New inductees include: Brian Carpenter, Gabriella Clingman, Daniel Cox, Regan DeMotte, Matthew Green, Marlee Hess, Alexander Longfellow, Tiffany Morgan Bryan Owen, Wendy Owen, Emily Snyder, Penny Sykes, Shaina Wagoner, and Aaron Zekas.

During the ceremony, Associate Professor of English Stephen Marlowe recognized the candidates for their academic achievements.

"Our newest group of inductees are exemplars of the best Edison State has to offer," said Marlowe. I was lucky to have their, and their guests',

attentions, it was an honor to be invited, and it was my privilege to attend. If you ever despair after the youth of tomorrow, just visit a PTK event. You'll come away with your faith renewed."

"We welcome, congratulate, and are proud of our newly inducted, well-deserving members," added William Loudermilk, Faculty Advisor and Associate Professor of English.

Each semester, the Student Leadership Committee selects a member of the Edison State faculty or staff to honor during the ceremony. This semester, Sharon McFadden,

Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program and Debra Williamson, Adjunct Professor, were commended for providing outstanding service to the students of Edison State.

Recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members and 1,275 chapters.

For more information about the Edison State chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, email ptk@edisonohio.edu.

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ty director. "Although the email was sent anonymously and possibly without credibility, due to the sensitive nature of some of the allegations and our desire to protect the integrity and reputation of our sergeant, department and community, we felt that a thorough investigation should be made. Mayor Beamish and I are satisfied that a complete, objective, and professional

investigation was conducted and that the appropriate and correct conclusions were reached," Titterington said.

Phelps said Capt. Jeff Kunkleman was assigned to conduct an internal investigation that included interviews with several officers who were present or reported to be present during the alleged actions.

Following the investigation of 12 alleged actions, it

was found seven were unsubstantiated; four confirmed and handled previously by verbal reprimands and one allegation confirmed but not addressed.

Phelps wrote the written reprimand resulted from the investigation into claims Stutz had sexually harassed the department female officer by calling her names. The officer did not report the incident and described her re-

lationship with Stutz as "fine." "Your comments and conduct against (the officer) though she made no complaint against you, are a violation of policy," Phelps said in the letter to Stutz. "As a supervisor, you have a greater responsibility to guard against this behavior and to be an example for those in your charge. I would advise you to take that responsibility seriously."

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Making Sense of Health Insurance

Provided by Michael Dugan, Benefits Analysis Corp.

Small Group Insurance

Many small businesses are buying group health insurance plans because of the troubles with Obamacare. It's a surprising trend because many people predicted the small group health insurance market would vanish because of Obamacare. People thought that small business would drop group health insurance and employees would buy coverage on their own. However, the small group market found a way around many of the Obamacare regulations and there are cheaper and better plans available.

Also, group health insurance premiums aren't taxable to the business or the employee and companies with as few as 2 employees can buy a group health insurance plan. For example, I recently worked with a restaurant owner in Troy that decided to buy a small group plan for himself, his wife and one other employee. They were healthy and saved about 20% compared to individual plans. They also found a PPO that worked with all of the hospitals in the Dayton area. There are no broad network PPO plans available on the individual market. An employer is required to pay at least 50% of the individual premium and at least 50% of eligible (full-time) employees must be on the plan. If you own a small business and you're troubled by the options available on the individual market, I recommend that you consider a small group health plan. I'm a broker for group health insurance and I work with all insurance compa-

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Columns & Opinion

Gardening Commentary

By Meadow View Growers

Christmas Season House Plants

Now that we are into the Christmas season we will see, and maybe even have, one or more of the holiday plants in our home. There are several varieties that most of us will only see at this time of the year. Here are a few of them that are available here in our area: Christmas Cactus, Cyclamen, Kalanchoe, Amaryllis and the ever-popular Poinsettia. These plants brighten our homes, offices, churches and hospital rooms at this time of the year. They make a fine gift that lasts for weeks if



Cyclamen



Poinsettia

not months. Here are some things to consider to keep them growing well after you purchase one to enjoy where you live or work. They will do well when they have adequate light and moderate temperatures and are watered regularly. Prop-

er watering is likely to be the most challenging aspect of keeping plants healthy in the home or wherever you choose to enjoy it. No need to be concerned about fertilizing for the first 6 weeks or so. In order to keep your plants growing healthy, avoid keeping the

soil either too wet or too dry. What we want to do is to try and avoid the extremes by watering well when needed and then waiting a couple of days before watering again. Be sure the plant has good drainage and doesn't sit in water for more than a few minutes, pour the water out of the saucer or the roots will suffer from the lack of oxygen and begin to deteriorate. One way to tell if your plants need to be watered is to use the "one knuckle" test. Using your index finger, place it into the soil up to the first knuckle. If the soil feels damp to the touch and the soil tends to stick to your finger, the soil is wet enough and the plant should not be watered. Another way to tell if the plant needs watering is to pick it up, checking the weight. After some

experience it becomes rather simple to tell if a plant needs to be watered by how heavy the plant feels and whether it needs to be watered or if it can wait another day. Give this a try...water your plants by putting 2 or 3 ice cubes on the soil of your potted plant away from the stem every day. This will water slowly and without the mess of spilling water. Tell us how much you like this method. Normally, there is no problem with insects at this time of the year so no need to be concerned about this now. Send an email to info@meadowview.com with your question or comments.

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By Connie Moore

Winter Breads

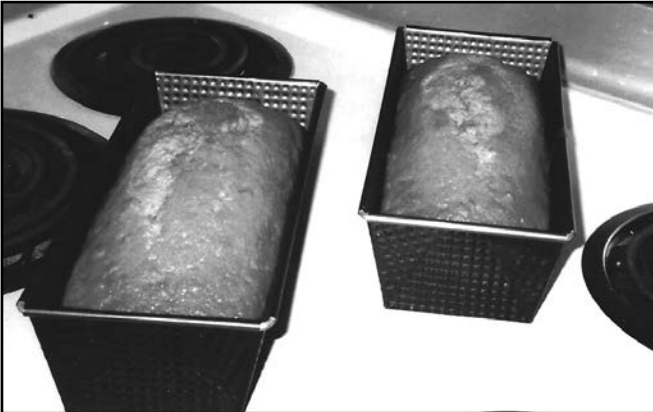
Years ago my mother-in-law asked me to help her bake quick breads for a fundraiser in Germantown. I baked twenty-two loaves in three mornings. It was a marathon baking session which I loved. Today, I'm doing good to get one loaf out of the oven. It seems the older we get the slower the mixer goes. Well, I can blame it on the mixer or the oven or anything else but the truth of the matter is that we just don't eat as much bread as we used to. We still love a hot biscuit with butter and jam. We go for muffins rather than loaves of fruited breads, dinner rolls rather than large yeast-scented loaves. Winter is the ideal time to bake yeast, quick or other kinds of bread; many of the ingredients are on sale during December. Waffles are a bread we don't think of as dinner or

supper fare but made ahead and froze, they can be popped in the toaster for a sweet or savory bit of bread any time. Even Martha White, those southern products on shelves since 1899, has wonderful ways with breads from just a couple of muffin mixes. So, don't skip baking some hot bread just because you don't eat as much as you used to. Small breads are just as tasty, take less time and energy and allow for more variety. Quick bread batters can be baked as muffins. Just adjust the time. Twenty-two loaves or a few muffins-winter is hot bread season.

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**Martha's Special Scones**  
- 2 pkgs. Martha White Muffin Mix, any fruit flavor  
- 6 tablespoons milk  
- ¼ cup butter, melted  
- Sugar & softened butter  
We found this easy recipe from Martha White years ago in a magazine. It works best with her muffin mixes. Place mixes in bowl. Add milk and

*melted butter. Stir to make a soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured surface. Knead gently into a 6-inch round. Brush with the melted butter and sprinkle with sugar. Cut into 8 wedges. Place on greased baking sheet about one inch apart. Bake 14-16 minutes at 400 degrees. Half cup of chopped nuts may be added. To serve, match jam with muffin flavor and have lots of butter on hand.*

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Pineapple Tea Bread
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 8-oz. can crushed pineapple with juice
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8x4 inch loaf pan. Cream butter, sugar and vanilla. Beat in eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add alternately with pineapple/juice. Mix just until blended. Over beating tends to make the bread tough. Pour into pan and bake for about 50 minutes or until a tooth-



pick inserted in middle of loaf comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out on rack to cool completely. Can be wrapped and frozen for up to 3 months. A half cup of chopped pecans can be added.

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**Bacon & Chive Cornmeal Muffins**  
- 2 pkg. (6.5 oz. each) Martha White Cornbread/muffin Mix  
- 2 teaspoons dried chives  
- ½ cup cooked, crumbled, crisp bacon  
- 1 1/3 cups buttermilk, milk or water  
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper  
Empty cornbread mixes into bowl. Stir in chives and

bacon. Add buttermilk and mix until batter forms. Divide into 12 greased or paper-lined muffin cups. Bake at 400 degrees for about 16 minutes or until done tested with a toothpick. Serve hot with plenty of butter and syrup if you like.

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Cathead Biscuits
- 4 cups self-rising flour
- ½ cup solid shortening
- 1 ½ cups regular butter-milk
This recipe can be cut in half if need be. (2cups flour, 1/4 cup shortening and ¾ cup buttermilk.) Place flour in bowl, cut in shortening with fork, pastry blender or clean

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Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

Endangering Children

Child endangering is a serious offense in Ohio and is treated as such. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) dealing with child endangering includes allowing a toddler to roam the streets unsupervised to having a child act in pornography. Each type of violation has a different penalty attached which can run from a first degree misdemeanor to high felonies. The particular section of the offense 2919.22(C) pertains to a person operating a vehicle while under the in-

fluence of alcohol or a drug of abuse while having a person(s) under the age of 18 in the vehicle at the time of the offense. Along with the 1st degree misdemeanor of OVI, the child endangering also is a 1st degree misdemeanor. Conviction of both offenses could result in each conviction carrying 6 months in the county jail. Since both violations also have a graduating penalty phase, previous convictions for either one turn into felonies. Both also call for the suspension of driving privileges, monetary fines and so on. The child endangering also means Children's Services will become involved. A parent can and commonly does lose

custody of a child when this crime is committed. A person who drives while under the influence with their child in the car, or family for that matter, must look at themselves introspectively and determine if they are not a full blown alcoholic or drug addict to boot. I once arrested a man for OVI who had gone to the high school and picked up his daughter and her date from the prom. With a chaperone like that, imagine the embarrassment of the young lady on that special night, not to mention the danger the father put everyone in. The expense of both an OVI and Child Endangering charge would not be miniscule, including attorney fees. With the OVI being handled in Municipal Court, the Child Endangering would

be in Juvenile Court. 2 court cases, possibly 2 trials. That would not be a 2 for 1 deal anyone would want. Following is the ORC section dealing with OVI/Child Endangering.
2919.22 Endangering Children.
(A) No person, who is the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped child under twenty-one years of age, shall create a substantial risk to the health or safety of the child, by violating a duty of care, protection, or support. It is not a violation of a duty of care, protection, or support under this division when the parent, guard-

ian, custodian, or person having custody or control of a child treats the physical or mental illness or defect of the child by spiritual means through prayer alone, in accordance with the tenets of a recognized religious body.
(B) No person shall do any of the following to a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped child under twenty-one years of age:
(C) (1) No person shall operate a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley within this state in violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code when one or more children under eighteen years of age are in the vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. Notwithstand-

ing any other provision of law, a person may be convicted at the same trial or proceeding of a violation of this division and a violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code that constitutes the basis of the charge of the violation of this division. For purposes of sections 4511.191 to 4511.197 of the Revised Code and all related provisions of law, a person arrested for a violation of this division shall be considered to be under arrest for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them or for operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a

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Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Share your financial and care inventory with those who need to know

Make time to discuss future financial decisions with family

Each year, thousands of Americans are thrust into the uncomfortable role of making long-term care decisions for their family members. These emotional decisions may create stressful situations for the entire family in addition to being time-consuming and expensive. Fortunately, there is a way to help reduce the stress connected to these situations: communication. Discussing plans for long-term care before the need arises can greatly reduce the stress that may arise while dealing with an illness or disability. Raising the subject may

create some momentary awkwardness for both parents and their adult children. However it is far better to discuss long-term care options ahead of time and together decide what makes the most sense for the family. Thrivent Financial recommends that families ask certain questions regarding a long-term care strategy: Where and how you would like care delivered, if you were to need it. The level of independence you'd like to maintain. The role you'd like your family to play in your care. How you want to fund

your care, while protecting your assets. Clear communication can help eliminate the problem of catching a spouse or adult child off guard. It can also help eliminate the burden of uncertainty with difficult decisions. Spelling out the location of important documents, as well as care wishes, ensures that family members have the information they need to provide for their loved one's desired care. Create a financial and care inventory It is also important to update family members on the location and status of financial and care documents. Having an inventory of these documents provides family members with a roadmap to critical information. It is focused on the "where" information on financial holdings is located; not specific details about the financial holdings. The inventory is not a legal document, and it need not divulge personal or confidential details you are not prepared to share. It should, however, enable loved ones to

quickly locate where you keep your financial, legal, care and legacy records should a crisis occur. This inventory should be updated at least annually, and copies given to family members - a lawyer or executor - or placed in a secure location where those who might need it can access it. While each family's inventory will differ, the inventory should include information related to where someone can find the following: Living wills/health care directives Insurance and other contracts (health, life, long-term care, annuities, auto, homeowners, etc.) Wills, trusts and deeds Bank accounts and investment accounts Credit card accounts and other outstanding debt Contact information for lawyers, accountants, brokers, agents Jewelry and other valuables Essential keys Instructions related to funereal arrangements

Personal instructions or messages Location of birth, marriage and military discharge certificates Information related to charitable gifts While it may be a difficult topic, open and honest communication about your long-term care strategy can be one of the best ways to prepare for a stress-free financial future. This article was prepared by Thrivent Financial for use by Matt Buehrer. He has an office at 29 West Main Street in Tipp City and can also be reached at 667-8270.

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OBITS

Dorcas May Walker (Studebaker)

Dorcas May (Studebaker) Walker, age 69, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Koester Pavilion in Troy. She was born in Troy on May 3, 1947 to the late Harley and Thelma (Wray) Studebaker.

Dorcas is survived by two sons: Rodney (Julie) Walker of Adel, IA and Chad (Mindy) Walker of Troy; and two sisters: Barbara Edmison of Casstown, OH and Melvadene Cruea of Troy, OH. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister: Betty Reynolds; and one brother: Richard Studebaker.

Dorcas was a 1965 graduate of Troy High School. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Troy. Dorcas was a Loan Officer with 5/3 Bank for 30 years. She enjoyed people and church.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy with Pastor Dale Christian officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

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

Joan T. Dunfee

Joan T. Dunfee, age 89, of Troy, OH passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Garbry Ridge Assisted Living, Piqua, OH. She was born on August 18, 1927 in Chillicothe, OH to the late John D. and Louise (Higgins) Kern. Joan was married to Luther B. Dunfee and he preceded her in death on October 11, 2005 after 55 years of marriage.

Joan is survived by her son and daughter-in-law: David and Linda Dunfee of Troy; son-in-law: Dick Kopus of DeGraff; grandchildren: Brian Dunfee (Keith Thompson) of Columbus; step-grandchildren: Jarrett Kopus and Tammy Kopus both of DeGraff; sister: Esther Brown of Bridgeville, PA and sister-in-law: Karen Kern of Chillicothe and extended family members including special friend: Dee Mahan; four nieces, one nephew and several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents and her husband, Joan was preceded in death by her daughter: Cindi Kopus; brother: Jack Kern; brother-in-law: Rex Brown and step-grandson: Joshua Kopus.

Joan was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Troy. She was a member and Past President of the American Business Women's Association and was honored as Woman of the Year in 1974. She was also a member and Past President of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Troy. She enjoyed bowling, reading, crocheting, baking pies and helping others. She had a great love of sports which included football, golf, baseball and she was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan. She also enjoyed doing Volksmarches. Joan was an executive secretary with the Hobart Corporation retiring after 25 years of service.

Services will be held at 12:00PM on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment will follow in the Casstown Cemetery, Casstown, OH. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00AM-12:00PM on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Miami Valley Chapter, 31 W. Whipp Rd., Dayton, OH 45459.

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



Korey Thokey

Korey Thokey, age 28, of Troy passed away Sunday, December 11, 2016 at his residence. He was born March 15, 1988 in Piqua to Steve and Shari (Derr) Thokey.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his daughter: Rylie Thokey; sister: Payton Thokey of Troy; brother and sister-in-law: Brock and Ashlee Thokey of Troy; Grandparents: Larry and Patricia Ouellette of Troy, Pam Clawson of Casstown, Doyle and Jeannie Derr of Bradford and Tom and JoAnn Thokey of Tampa, Florida; numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins and his girlfriend: Katie Laux of Troy.

Korey was a 2006 graduate of Troy High School and attended Edison State College. Korey was employed at Ernst Steel Technology in Moraine. He liked hunting, fishing and enjoyed watching football. He was a 49er's fan. Most of all, Korey enjoyed spending time with his daughter, Rylie.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy.

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

Irene Imel

Irene Imel, age 86, of Troy, OH passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Koester Pavilion, Troy. She was born on January 26, 1930 in Greenup, KY to the late Tilden and Mary Jane (Johnson) Allen. She was married to Lester Imel and he preceded her in death on September 19, 1982.

Irene is survived by her son: Ronald Imel of Troy; sister: Darlene Stephens of Greenup, KY; brothers: Chester Allen and Burns Allen both of Greenup, KY and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Tom, Noah and Andrew Allen and sisters: Elizabeth Kegley and Linda Kibbey.

Irene enjoyed gardening and reading. She was a member of Tipp City Church of Christ.

Services will be held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with Pastor Bob Vincent officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00AM-11:00AM on Wednesday at the funeral home. A Graveside Service will take place at 10:00AM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Hall's Cemetery in Greenup, KY. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373.

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

Philip D. Welbaum

Philip D. Welbaum, age 90, of Tipp City, OH passed away on Friday, December 9, 2016 at his residence. He was born on December 9, 1926 in Troy, OH to the late Hobart and Marguerite (Dye) Welbaum.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years: Vivian M. (Franktom) Welbaum; children: Terry Snook; Daniel (Carolyn) Welbaum; Guy Welbaum and Lisa (Mike) Oldham all of Troy; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; brothers: Gilbert Welbaum and Gary (Inez) Welbaum both of Troy; sister: Janet Jo Thompson of NC and brother-in-law: Herbert Wintrow of Troy.

In addition to his parents, Philip was preceded in death by siblings: Kenneth Welbaum, Deanna Tameran, Fred Welbaum, Roger Welbaum, Jean Waldheim, Nancy Wintrow and Gordon Welbaum.

Philip has served his country in the US Army during WWII. He was a longtime farmer and retired 46 years of service with AO Smith Company. Philip was a 1950 graduate of Hobart ARC Welding School. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and golfing. He was a true family man and loved his family deeply.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00PM on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00-2:00PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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



Magdalen D. Jakubek (Shuhayda)

Magdalen D. Jakubek, age 89, Troy, OH passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at SpringMeade Health Center in Tipp City. She was born on October 8, 1927 to the late Stephen and Pauline (Masar) Shuhayda and raised in Johnstown, PA. She married Francis A. "Frank" Jakubek who preceded her in death in 2003.

Magdalen is survived by four sons: James (Elizabeth) Jakubek of Ketchikan, AK, Thomas (Melissa) Jakubek of Oakland, CA, Kenneth (Susan) Jakubek of Creston, OH and John (Angela Sandlin) Jakubek of Los Angeles, CA; two daughters: Nancy (Robert) Jackson of The Plains, OH and Carol (Rick) Harker of Alexandria, KY; one sister: Wilma (Harold) Shaffer of North Canton, OH; grandchildren: Erin and Jodi Jakubek, Zachary and Caitlin Jakubek, Laura Jackson and Cathy (Randy Cooper) Jackson; one great granddaughter: Ruby Madgalen Cooper; seven step grandchildren, five step great grandchildren, special nieces and nephews and extended family. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother: Joseph Shuhayda; one sister: Mary Chlebovec; and one granddaughter: Milisa Jakubek.

Magdalen graduated in 1945 from Johnstown High School in Johnstown, PA. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick's Prayer Group in Troy and a former member of Holy Angels Prayer Group in Sidney. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and loved her family, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. Magdalen lived a life of deep faith.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 12, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy with Rev. Fr. James Duell as Celebrant. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373 or St. Patrick Catholic Church, 409 East Main Street, Troy, OH 45373. Friends may express condolences to the family through www.bairdfuneralhome.com.



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Puzzles

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



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Accuses
Arch
Basic
Beach
Best
Camel
Cheer
Class
Code
Crane
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Differences
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Ends
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Hidden Treasures

BY LIZ BALL



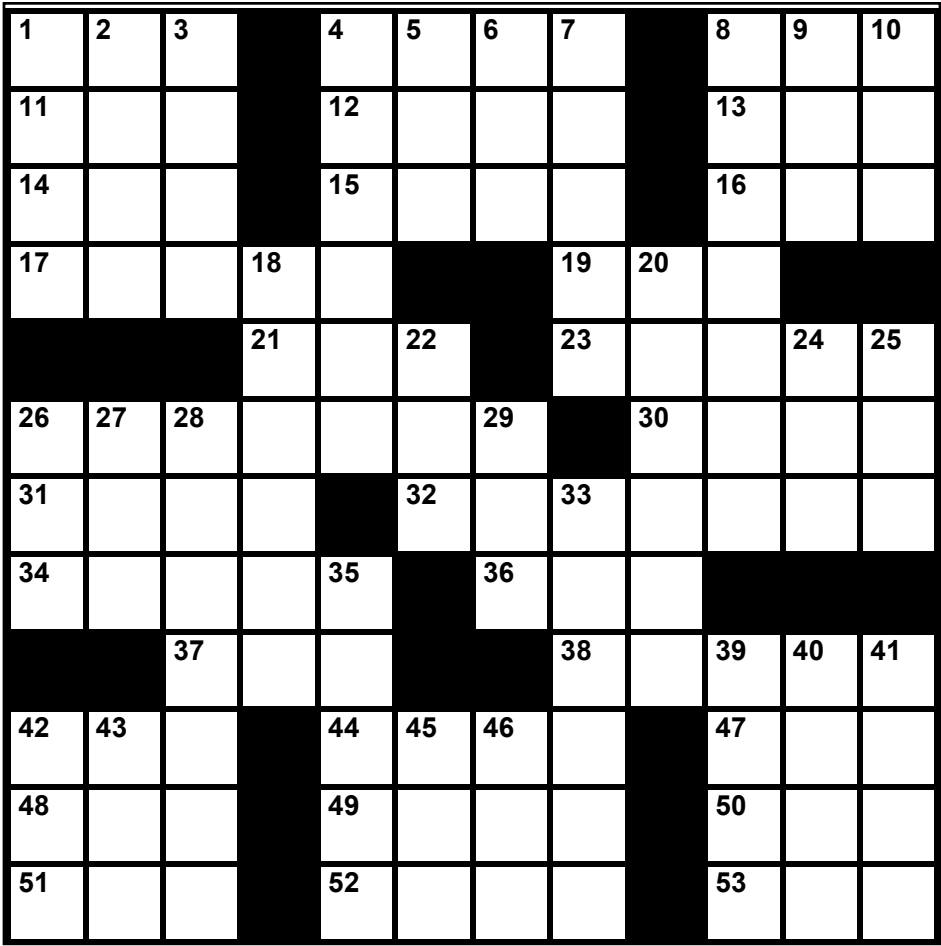
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Crossword Puzzle

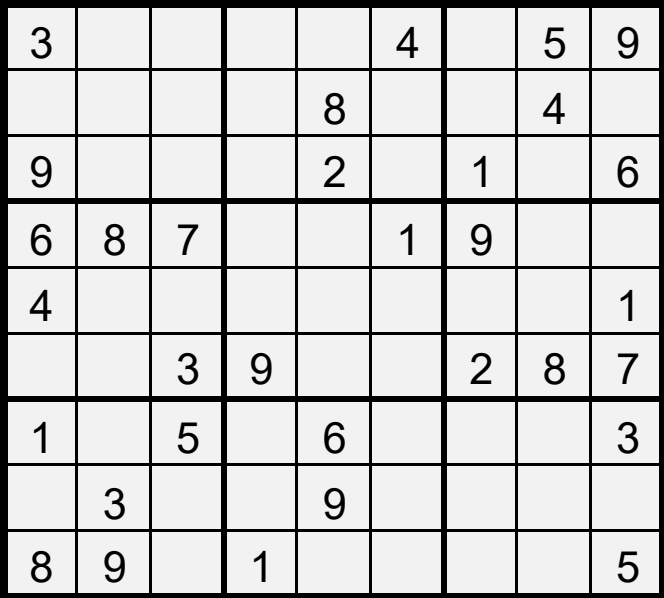
#18



- ACROSS
1. Compete in a certain cross-country race
4. Tiny building block
8. Princess's nighttime problem
11. Canister top
12. Air-freshener scent
13. Small hotel
14. Dined out
15. Lime coat
16. Unpaired, as a sock
17. War's opposite
19. Awful lot
21. Sign of Aries
23. Pilfer
26. More than one
30. Attendance-taking
- response
31. Geometry stat
32. Covered the walls
34. "Take a bite"
36. ___ diem (daily allowance)
37. Scandal subject, often
38. Fireplace remnants
42. Tip-___
44. Kind of drop
47. Clinch
48. One who gives a hoot?
49. Commuter's option
50. Winnie-___-Pooh
51. Triumphant cry
52. "A Farewell to ___"
53. Male delivery
- DOWN
1. Word with dash or stick
2. Flier on a string
3. Think-tank nugget
4. Enter into the picture
5. Haberdasher's offering
6. When lunch hour ends, often
7. Cheese treats
8. Go first
9. It may be split or loose
10. Connector
18. Build
20. Rest of the group
22. "Treasure Island" drawing
24. "You ___ old, Father William ..."
25. Walked first
26. Posed
27. Geologic division
28. Pitchers, e.g.
29. Place for a cat nap
33. Lustrous gems
35. Uncredited actor
39. Web page visits
40. Resounding effect
41. Looked over
42. Water pistol or popgun
43. Have to return
45. It contains a human drum
46. Archer's need

Sudoku

#258
Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.



Trivia Challenge

Pop Culture Trivia Questions

- 1.)Which female spent a week at number-one on the Billboard Hot 100 with the song "Part of Me" in 2012?
a. Katy Perry
b. Pink
c. Kelly Clarkson
d. Beyonce
- 2.)Which of the following Alfred Hitchcock movies was the first to be released?
a. The 39 Steps
b. Sabotage
c. Rebecca
d. The Lady Vanishes
- 3.)On the Simpsons, who breaks their leg in the opening episode of Season 6, which is a parody of the film "Rear Window"?
a. Lisa
b. Bart
c. Homer
d. Maggie
- 4.)The American rock band "Weezer" sang about which location in 2005?
a. New York
b. LA
c. Downtown
d. Beverly Hills
- 5.)CEO Ben Silbermann summarized his company as a "catalog of ideas". Name the website that his company operates.
a. Vine
b. Reddit
c. Pinterest
d. Flickr
- 6.)Johnny Depp provides the voice of the primary character in which of these popular animated movies?
a. Rango
b. Bolt
c. Puss in Boots
d. Megamind
- 7.)The hard rock/heavy metal band "Lordi" represented what nation at Eurovision in 2006?
a. Russia
b. Denmark
c. Finland
d. Sweden
- 8.)Now retired, this WWE Superstar's theme song was "All About the Power".
a. Justin Gabriel
b. David Otunga
c. Jack Swagger
d. Sheamus
- 9.)Which American boy band won a Grammy Award in 2002 for their song "Gone"?
a. Boyz II Men
b. NSYNC
c. New Kids on the Block
d. Backstreet Boys
- 10.)Making its debut in 2002, which American reality TV show is hosted by Chris Harrison?
a. The Bachelor
b. Survivor
c. Big Brother
d. Beauty and the Geek
- 11.)Based on fantasy books written by Terry Brooks, what
- MTV series stars Austin Butler, Poppy Drayton and Ivana Baquero?
a. Game of Thrones
b. Legend of the Seeker
c. The Last Kingdom
d. The Shannara Chronicles
- 12.)Which of the following films won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2009?
a. Avatar
b. The Hurt Locker
c. Inglourious Basterds
d. The Blind Side
- 13.)Originally called "TheFacebook.com", in what year did Mark Zuckerberg launch Facebook?
a. 2000
b. 2002
c. 2006
d. 2004
- 14.)Released by DreamWorks Pictures, what animated comedy film features a gingerbread man being tortured by Lord Farquaad, the ruthless ruler of Duloc?
a. Monsters, Inc.
b. Donkey Xote
c. Shrek
d. Toy Story
- 15.)As of 2016, which of the following artists has won the most Grammy Awards?
a. Taylor Swift
b. Aretha Franklin
c. Alicia Keys
d. Alison Krauss

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ingers. Add buttermilk all at once, stir only enough to form a soft dough. Turn out onto floured surface. Turn one or two times in flour. Do not knead or cut.

Pinch off portions of dough with floured hands. Form into large biscuits-the size of hamburger buns. Place on cookie sheet. Sides touching means soft-sided biscuits, placed apart means crisp-edged biscuits. Bake in 450 degree preheated oven for about 12-15 minutes or until raised, golden brown and done. Serve hot with butter, jelly, molasses or anything you enjoy on hot bread.

Strawberry Jam Bread
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup strawberry preserves or jam
- ½ cup buttermilk
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease bottom of an 8x4 inch loaf pan. Cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, salt and baking soda. Mix preserves and buttermilk together. Add dry ingredients and wet alternately to the creamed mix-

ture. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for about 60-70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Wrap and store in cool place overnight for easier slicing. A half cup of chopped nuts may be stirred into batter or sprinkled on top before baking if desired.

Rice Waffles
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup cooked rice, cooled
In mixing bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda. Make a well in the middle. Add sour cream, eggs and oil. Blend well. Add sugar and rice. Stir to incorporate. Bake on hot waffle iron. If not eating right away, bake waffles, cool completely on rack, wrap in wax paper and place in freezer bags in freezer. To eat, remove waffles, break into sections, pop frozen into toaster.

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metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine.

(2) As used in division (C) (1) of this section:

(a) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Vehicle," "street-car," and "trackless trolley" have the same meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of endangering children.

(5) If the offender violates division (C) of this section, the offender shall be punished as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (5) (b) or (c) of this section, endangering children in violation of division (C) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(b) If the violation results in serious physical harm to the child involved or the offender previously has been convicted of an offense under this section or any offense involving neglect, abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of, or physical abuse of a child, except as otherwise provided in division (E) (5) (c) of this section, endangering children in violation of division (C) of this section is a felony of the fifth degree.

(c) If the violation results in serious physical harm to the child involved and if the offender previ-

ously has been convicted of a violation of division (C) of this section, section 2903.06 or 2903.08 of the Revised Code, section 2903.07 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to March 23, 2000, or section 2903.04 of the Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section, endangering children in violation of division (C) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree.

(d) In addition to any term of imprisonment, fine, or other sentence, penalty, or sanction it imposes upon the offender pursuant to division (E) (5)(a), (b), or (c) of this section or pursuant to any other provision of law and in addition to any suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege under Chapter 4506., 4509., 4510., or 4511. of the Revised Code or under any other provision of law, the court also may impose upon the offender a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code.

(e) In addition to any term of imprisonment, fine, or other sentence, penalty, or sanction im-

posed upon the offender pursuant to division (E) (5)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section or pursuant to any other provision of law for the violation of division (C) of this section, if as part of the same trial or proceeding the offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to a separate charge charging the violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code that was the basis of the charge of the violation of division (C) of this section, the offender also shall be sentenced in accordance with section 4511.19 of the Revised Code for that violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.

(G) (1) If a court suspends an offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege under division (E) (5) (d) of this section, the period of the suspension shall be consecutive to, and commence after, the period of suspension of the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege that is imposed under Chapter 4506., 4509., 4510., or 4511. of the Revised Code or under any other provision of law in relation to the violation of division (C) of this section that is the basis of the suspension under division (E) (5) (d) of this section or in relation

to the violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code that is the basis for that violation of division (C) of this section.

(2) An offender is not entitled to request, and the court shall not grant to the offender, limited driving privileges if the offender's license, permit, or privilege has been suspended under division (E) (5) (d) of this section and the offender, within the preceding six years, has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of one or more of the following:

(a) Division (C) of this section;

(b) Any equivalent offense, as defined in section 4511.181 of the Revised Code.

(H) (1) If a person violates division (C) of this section and if, at the time of the violation, there were two or more children under eighteen years of age in the motor vehicle involved in the violation, the offender may be convicted of a violation of division (C) of this section for each of the children, but the court may sentence the offender for only one of the violations.

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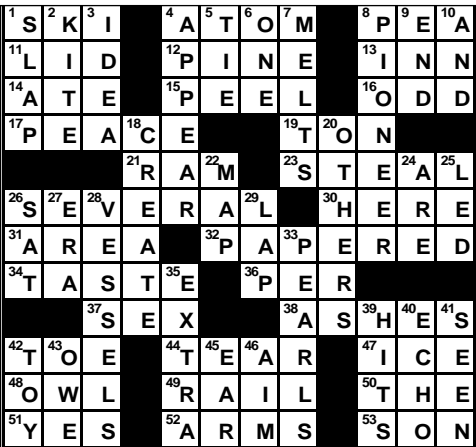
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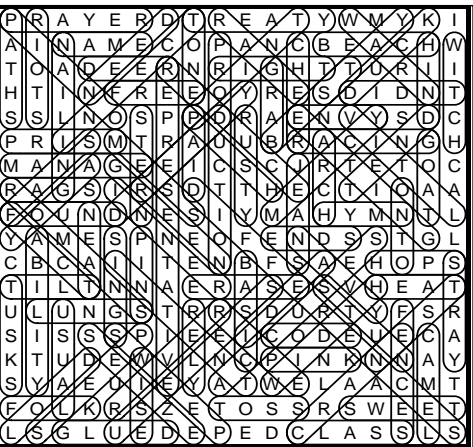
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Trivia

- 1.)Katy Perry - "Part of Me" was Katy's seventh number-one song.
2.)The 39 Steps - Released in 1935, The 39 Steps starred Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll.
3.)Bart - The episode is title 'Bart of Darkness'.
4.)Beverly Hills - 'Beverly Hills' was Weezer's first song to top the US Modern Rock Tracks chart.
5.)Pinterest - Pinterest made its debut in March of 2010.
6.)Rango - Rango was released in 2011.
7.)Finland - The band won the Eurovision Song Contest, with the song 'Hard Rock Hallelujah'.
8.)David Otunga - David was active as a wrestler from 2009 to 2015.
9.)NSYNC - Members of NSYNC include Justin Timberlake, JC Chasez, Chris Kirkpatrick, Joey Fatone and Lance Bass.
10.)The Bachelor - As of 2016, the Bachelor has run for 20 seasons.
11.)The Shannara Chronicles - The Shannara Chronicles made its debut in the United States on January 5, 2016.
12.)The Hurt Locker - The lowest-grossing Best Picture winner to-date (2016), The Hurt Locker won six Academy Awards including Best Director for Kathryn Bigelow.
13.)2004 - Facebook has more than 1.65 billion monthly active users.
14.)Shrek - Released in 2001, as of 2016, Shrek has seen three sequels - Shrek 2 (2004), Shrek the Third (2007) and Shrek Forever After (2010).
15.)Alison Krauss - Alison Krauss has won at total of 27 Grammy Awards.

The Miami County Community has always been generous towards the Family Abuse Shelter with donations of clothing, but their space to store these items is very limited. Moving forward, the Family Abuse Shelter will only be able to accept clothing items that are seasonally appropriate. They have building codes that they must comply with, so they have to be careful with how much is accepted and stored.

Summer 2017 brings the return of one of Troy, Ohio's favorite cultural events to its beautiful downtown. Throughout the months of May, June and July, Troy Main Street will present the eighth installment of Sculptures on the Square featuring LAS BICICLETAS, Urban Art from Mexico to the World.

"We are really excited to bring this exhibit to downtown," said Troy Main Street executive director, John Wilson. "There will be many opportunities for our community to interact with the sculptures through pictures, conversations and learning opportunities. We expect that LAS BICICLETAS will create excitement and interest in downtown Troy, while providing an art experience for our residents and visitors."

LAS BICICLETAS is an urban art exhibit created by Mexican artist Gilberto Aceves Navarro. From May through July of 2017, 30 colorful steel sculptures will grace Duke Park, Treasure Island, the bike path along the Great Miami River, and the sidewalks of downtown

tion on the event, visit www.ohioumvsd.com.

Troy Rotarians and the Troy Rotary Foundation support several community projects annually. During the 2015-16 Rotary year, over \$23,000 in scholarships and community aid was distributed from the fund, including support for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, Rotary's annual Shoe Project, academic and community service scholarships,

and sponsorships to summer camps at Brukner Nature Center and WACO Air Museum. The Troy Rotary Club is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club. To learn more about Rotary and membership, please visit www.troyohiorotary.org.

Guy has given speeches and testimonials throughout the US and around the world, as well as numerous television appearances. To this day he continues in his quest to bring "Heroic Love" to the world through his presentations.

He flew over four hundred combat missions in Vietnam, first flying low-level combat missions in the O-1 over South Vietnam, assisting the ground troops of the 173rd Air-

borne Brigade by directing fighter strikes on the enemy forces. Then he volunteered to serve in a top-secret MISTY Squadron, which flew low level flights in F-100s for the purpose of finding and directing other fighter aircraft to the targets on the ground in North Vietnam.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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