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## Multi-County Theft Ring Busted

By Seth Gecko

Twenty-one law enforcement agencies from 11 counties worked together for over a year to break up a theft ring that has been active in Clark, Miami and several surrounding counties.

Billy Barrett, Markus Barrett, Jerry Bush, Jesse Rieder, Ricky Large, Ricky Terry and Kenneth Melton have all been indicted on numerous charges, including engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, burglary, breaking and entering, safe cracking, vandalism, theft and receiving stolen property.

The group has been nicknamed the Band of Thieves 2.

The seven suspects have been charged with thefts in Darke, Preble, Shelby, Miami, Montgomery, Clark, Madison, Delaware, Franklin and Pickaway counties.

Six of the defendants are related, either brothers or cousins. Melton is a friend of the family.

The investigation started in October, 2014 with a series of burglaries and thefts in Darke and Miami counties. "One of my detectives came to me and mentioned how this was very familiar and the MO's matched up," said Darke County Sheriff Toby Spencer at a press conference Friday afternoon. "I told him to run with it and see where it goes."

The detective contacted Miami county, and the investigation grew from there. "We were finding out that it was a problem in many other areas," said Spencer. "We soon learned that it was pretty widespread."

Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly said that his investigation began in January with a theft on Quick Rd.

Spencer said that there could be more suspects, and that the investigation is still ongoing.

"Warrants were executed at 4 a.m. yesterday morning, and it was the fastest arrest I've seen," said Kelly. The suspects were in custody within three minutes.

"We wanted to catch them when they were sleeping," said Wilson. "And they were."

Spencer estimated that the amount stolen could range from thousands to millions. The damage caused during the thefts could amount to even more.

Clark County Prosecutor D. Andrew Wilson will be prosecuting the suspects. "We're prosecuting them in Clark

## Memorial Honors Homicide Victims

By Nancy Bowman

Sherry Nolan knows the pain associated with losing a child to homicide.

She shared some of her thoughts about how to go on after such devastating personal loss during this year's Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Hope on Dec. 10 at the First Lutheran Church of Troy.

More than 50 people, including those who have lost a loved one to homicide or other forms of violence along with police and prosecutors, participated in the service coordinated by the Miami County Victim Witness Program.

Following the 2001 murder of her daughter and unborn grandchild in an act of domestic violence, Nolan found herself involved in the Parents of Murdered Children organization.

The group started in Cincinnati



Candles lit by those who gathered for the 2015 Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Hope

ti in 1978 and now has more than 60 chapters nationwide. The goal is to support and help people rebuild their lives, Nolan said.

The organization, she said, "Is one no one wants to be a member of yet

also one (that) one can't live without."

Noting she has been asked many times how one can go on after losing a child, Nolan offered the follow-

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## Schools Seek Input from Residents

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy City Schools want to have a talk with district residents.

Among topics for discussion: should the district build new schools or fix up what it has with added permanent improvement money?

Those discussions would require a look at issues such as continuation of the neighborhood schools approach, consolidation, all day kindergarten and whether the district would pursue construction assistance dollars from the Ohio School Facilities Commission, Superintendent Eric Herman said during a Dec. 3 board meeting.

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## Hayes Leaves Troy Main Street



Katherine Hayes

By Nancy Bowman

Katherine Hayes is saying good-bye to the Troy Main Street organization after 15 months on the job as executive director.

Hayes' resignation was announced last week by the nonprofit Main Street downtown revitalization organization.

She is taking an economic development position in Greater Cincinnati. The organization asked that she not yet reveal its name.

Hayes will depart Dec. 31. Until then, she is working closely with Stephanie Silk, Main Street's marketing and events coordinator, who will serve as the interim director.

Hayes, who is from northern Kentucky, joined the local Main Street organization in fall 2014. She previously served a Main Street program in Coos Bay, Oregon, with AmeriCorps.

The new job offer "came out of the blue," Hayes said, adding the decision



Stephanie Silk

to leave Troy was "very, very difficult."

In the end, it was a personal decision, allowing her to be closer to family, she said.

"It has been really neat to be a part of Troy development. Troy is on such a positive track," Hayes said.

Will Harrelson, 2015 Main Street board president, said Hayes "was a tremendous advocate for our downtown" whose enthusiasm for economic development and small town life will be missed.

"We really appreciated her contribution of new programming that she brought from her previous position as a main street director. The Board of Trustees for Troy Main Street thanks her for her effort and energy and wish her well in her future career endeavors," Harrelson said.

Ben Redick, who will be Main Street board president next year, agreed.

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## Free Trade Market Opens Downtown

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Troy is now home to Miami County's first fair trade market, appropriately located on Market Street. Pachamama Market opened on Black Friday and boasts a plethora of colorful clothing, scarves, men's gifts, jewelry and other handmade items that are 100% certified through the global Fair Trade Federation. The products are shipped to Troy from various countries all over the world and come with a story of hope. The purpose of fair trade is to create opportunity, cultivate environmental stewardship, and support safe and empowering working conditions for artisans.

Lindsay Woodruff is the owner of Pachamama and named the store to mean "Mother Earth" in the language of the ancient Quechua Tribes from the Andes Mountains of Peru. "I love the idea of creating an opportunity for people in my community to have a global impact," Woodruff said. "In all my professional development and all of my training, I've learned that fair trade is not only a sustainable way to actually end global poverty but investing in women is the way to do it."

Woodruff's resume is a testimony to her experience and focus on making the world a better place. She has her master's degree in non-profit management, worked with AmeriCorps,



Lindsay Woodruff at the Pachamama Market

and studied abroad in Peru. She and her husband have spent extensive time learning about the practical development and structures of different socio-economic groups in other countries and how fair trade impacts on people and communities. According to Woodruff's research, when men have financial opportunities or opportunities in education, they tend to leave their local community; women, on the other hand, reinvest profit in their local area.

"Fair trade and specifically supporting women through fair trade is an approach to business and development based on dialogue, transparency, and respect that seeks to create greater equity in the international trading system," Woodruff said. "Fair trade supports farmers and craftspeople in developing countries who are socially and economically marginalized." Finding markets and customers for goods is a challenge that Woodruff is hoping to en-

gage in Troy. All of Pachamama's products come from Africa, South Asia, and Central and South America.

Pachamama Market has been a long-time dream for Woodruff, who grew up in Tipp City and has lived in the area most of her life. She lives with her family in the area still. Two years ago, when she began acquiring the information and developing the contacts to begin her own business, she started looking at possible locations. 116 S. Market Street came available on November 11. "Miami County is home to groups of people who have the desire to support positive local and global initiatives, small businesses, and those who are less fortunate," Woodruff said. "I want them to have the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts that give back...and for them to know that there's a story and person directly benefitting from their purchases here."

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## Kiser High School Alumni Meetings

The Kiser High School Alumni Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, excluding November and December. The meeting are held at the American Legion Post #200 located at 5046 Nebraska Avenue in Huber Heights. Meetings begin at 7:00pm.next meeting will be on June 24. Graduates, attendees and friends of Kiser High School are welcome to attend.

Please park at the rear of the building and use rear entrance

## Casstown Church Announces Christmas Services

Casstown United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Eve Cantata and Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve from 11:00 p.m. to Midnight.

The church is located at 102 Center St. in Casstown and has chair lift accessibility.

For more information, contact the church at 339-4828.

## Park District to Hold Dog Social

The Miami County Park District will hold its Dog Social "Santa Clause Dogs" on December 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 E. St. Rt. 41 east of Troy. If your dog is nice and plays well with others, bring them to the park dressed to impress and meet new friends. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there spreading Christmas cheer. Participants can walk, talk and show off their dog while leisurely strolling down the trail with park district naturalist Spirit of Thunder. Don't miss this fun event! Remember, owners are responsible for their dogs. Please clean-up after your pet. Meet at main trailhead. Register for the program by going to the program calendar at MiamiCountyParks.com, e-mailing register@miamicountyparks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 109.

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Jerry Bush



Jesse Rieder



Ricky Large



Ricky Terry



Kenneth Melton

County because it's centrally located to the area affected and because of the large number of offenses committed in Clark County," said Wilson.

Spencer stated that the defendants appear to be career criminals. "It's just their nature," he said. He did not believe that the thefts were to support drug habits.

The thefts were from businesses and from outbuildings. Only one theft was from

an attached garage to a residence.

Spencer said that most of the thefts involved vehicles, tools and ATM machines. "Anything that wasn't fastened down, they were going after it," he said.

All of the suspects not currently incarcerated were arraigned Friday morning at Clark County Common Pleas Court.

Billy Barrett is facing 28

counts with a maximum prison sentence of 43 1/2 years. He is currently incarcerated at the Noble Correctional Institution for parole violation.

Markus Barrett is facing 27 counts with a maximum prison sentence of 29 years. His bond was set at \$100,000.

Jerry Bush was charged with 16 counts and has a maximum sentence of 20 1/2 years. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Ricky Large faces 29 counts with a maximum sentence of 36 years. He is currently incarcerated in Madison County.

Kenneth Melton faces two counts with a maximum sentence of 12 1/2 years. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Jesse Rieder faces 6 counts, maximum sentence of 17 years. His bond was set at \$100,000.

Ricky Terry was charged

with 22 counts, with a maximum prison sentence of 32 1/2 years. He is currently incarcerated in Franklin County.

Kelly identified 8 thefts attributed to the defendants, including the theft of a pick-

up truck on S. Dayton-Lakeview Rd. that was driven through the windows of Big Mike's Gas & Go in Brandt so that they could steal the ATM machine.

# Sheriff Reports

## TUESDAY 12/8

**10:12 a.m.** To Broken Woods Dr. for a report of a fraud. A man reported that someone used his e-mail address to purchase airline tickets. The name used for the flight was Mohammad Alam Millu. The flight departed Florida at 7:10 and arrived in Louisiana at 10:04 a.m. The information was forwarded to Homeland Security in Columbus.

**1:45 p.m.** Two people came to the Miami County Incarceration Facility for visitation. Per policy, both were asked for identification, and both presented Ohio non-driver ID cards. The deputy went outside and found one of them in the driver's seat, and he said that he was the one who drove them. He was cited for driving under suspension and called for a licensed driver to pick up the vehicle.

**5:37 p.m.** To Norbert Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that some time since Saturday night, someone entered his shed and stole several items.

## WEDNESDAY 12/9

**1:17 p.m.** To Windmere Dr. for a report of a fraud. A woman reported that she received a billing statement from Walmart Mastercard. She said she does not have an account with Walmart. The bill showed \$2900 in new charges since November 30. She said she contacted Walmart and their fraud department verified that the account was opened on November 30, but that she did not personally open the account. They closed the account and are starting an investigation. She asked that the incident be documented.

**8:04 p.m.** Traffic stop on W. Main St. at Washington Rd. The driver

said that the vehicle belongs to her daughter and that she does not have a valid driver's license. The deputy confirmed that her license had been suspended. She was cited for driving under suspension and for marked lanes. She was released to a valid driver.

**9:17 p.m.** To Normandy Lane for a fraud complaint. A man reported that someone used a check in his name to withdraw \$998 from his account. He said he contacted the bank and they will return his money. He asked that the incident be documented.

## FRIDAY 12/11

**1:13 p.m.** Traffic stop on Sherman Ave. at Ash St. The drug dog walked around the vehicle and did not alert to an odor of narcotics. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

**8:13 p.m.** Traffic stop on I-75 near

# Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Trial to be continued

A hearing scheduled Dec. 11 on a motion by Richard Terrel seeking to have statements made to police investigating the death of William York Sr. thrown out of evidence was continued at the request of lawyers.

In the motion, Terrel's lawyer said a request also is being made to continue the late January trial of Terrel and a second person in York's death.

Terrel, 36, of Troy is charged with murder and other felony offenses in the May death of York, 88, of Tipp City. William York Sr's remains were found June 3 in Kentucky. He had been reportedly missing days earlier by family members.

York's granddaughter, Hope Earnshaw-York, 24, of Tipp City, is charged in association with his death with felony indictments for gross abuse of a corpse, receiving stolen property and tampering with evidence.

Terrel's lawyer, Jay Adams of Xenia, claimed in the motion filed in Miami County Common Pleas Court to suppress Terrel's statements that the statements were not made voluntarily.

The Dec. 11 hearing was continued after a motion filed by Adams.

"By agreement of the parties and given the weight and gravity of this case, both the defense and the State of Ohio have agreed that more time is necessary for the parties to potentially resolve matters that need to be addressed," Adams wrote in the motion.

New dates for the hearing about Terrel's statements and the trial have not been set.

Piqua man gets six years

Six years in prison was ordered Dec. 7 for a Piqua man convicted of complicity to kidnapping and complicity to rape of a developmentally disabled woman in June 2014.

Patrick Anthony, 57, was one of two men indicted in the incident involving the woman in her early 30s.

Police said the mother reported her daughter was picked up at her Tipp City home in June 2014, and returned the following morning. The behavior was not normal for her daughter, the mother told police. The daughter told police she was tied to a bed, handcuffed and raped while her legs were held.

Anthony made no comment before sentencing. He also was convicted of complicity to intimidation of a witness.

County Prosecutor Tony Kendall said he talked with the vic-

tim and her family who agreed the recommended six-year sentence "is just, under the circumstances."

Judge Christopher Gee ordered the six-year term in Miami County Common Pleas Court. He gave Anthony credit for 236 days served in jail and classified him a Tier III sex offender. That will require him to register his address with the sheriff in the county where he lives every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Harry Reedy, 59, also of Piqua, was sentenced in October to eight years in prison on charges of rape and gross sexual imposition.

Also charged initially in the case was Trishica Leighly, 38, of Piqua. She was not indicted in the 2014 incident but later was indicted and convicted of intimidation of a witness involving two witnesses in the case. She was sentenced to one year in prison.

Demolitions OK'd

The Troy Planning Commission approved Dec. 9 the demolition of three structures purchased earlier this year by the city to provide more parking downtown.

The commission voted to OK demolition of buildings at 9, 15 and 24 S. Mulberry Street. The buildings are located in the city historic district but are not listed or eligible for the National Regis-

ter and have no significant historical value, according to a report the commission by city staff.

The structures will be removed and the properties graded and seeded until plans for reuse are developed and reviewed by the commission, Tim Davis, city planning and zoning manager.

The commission also approved a request for window signs by Brower Stationers on South Market Street.

Jail contract extended

Miami County will continue to house female prisoners in the Shelby County Jail, as needed, under a contract modification approved by the county commissioners Dec. 10.

The county has been housing up to 15 females at a cost of \$55 each per day in Shelby County since August 2014.

The new agreement includes a change in terms from a set period of time to month to month. The commission last month gave the sheriff's department the go ahead to open a third, 60-person pod at the Incarceration Facility between Troy and Piqua.

The pod will house female prisoners from the county as well as any female prisoners the county can contract to house. It is scheduled to open next year once the sheriff's department hires additional correction officers.

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2836 N Washington Rd	12/8	\$92,000	Gambill Ranzie E	Bank Of America
100 N Norbert Dr	12/8	\$151,000	Boyd Teresa	Harvey David & Tracey
1118 S Clay St	12/9	\$60,000	Meek Phyllis E	Steineman Richard W
1324 Fleet Rd	12/9	\$60,000	Schaefer Thomas D	Barga Gary N & Carolyn K
795 Staunton Rd	12/7	\$0	Jp Morgan Chase Bank	Sec. Of Housing & Urban Dev.
414 Maplecrest Dr	12/7	\$0	Bigelow Mark T & Robin A	Bigelow Mark T
1887 W Main St	12/8	\$734,700	Victoria Land Partners Lp	Niki Holdings Lp
1372 Edinburgh Dr	12/7	\$0	Easton Thomas G & Mary J	Easton Thomas G
2741 Stonebridge Dr	12/8	\$450,000	Francis David J & Clarice N	Howell Joann W As Trustee
Horseshoe Bn Rd	12/7	\$355,000	Schram Lynn Alan & @ (5)	Brinkman Richard L & Rebecca E
W Sr 55	12/7	\$355,000	Trustee Of Martha L Schram Trust	Brinkman Richard L & Rebecca E

# Soon You Can Text 911

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County's Communication Center should have the ability to receive and respond to text messages by mid-2016.

The county commission Dec. 10 approved purchase of an Emergency Call Works Next Generation Telephone System from Motorola Solutions for \$312,411. An added cost of \$420,000 will cover maintenance for 10 years and a system hardware refresh after five years.

The purchase will be made as a change order to the county's contract with Motorola for a new 911 center radio system backbone that also is being installed.

Jeff Busch, Communication Center director, said the system complies with requirement for

the center to handle texts. The current system does not accept texts and could not be upgraded to handle that function, he said.

The new telephone system's maintenance agreement includes updates of software to comply with future requirements such as receiving digital images and video.

The request was for the phone system for the center dispatch. There is a separate administrative phone system.

Busch told commissioners the request, approved recently by the 911 center board, included six positions for the dispatch center and six for the backup emergency operations center in another location in Troy.

The system, he said, is designed to allow use of both centers si-

multaneously for 12 stations in the event of a major emergency event.

Quotes were received for a system to ensure the price was in-line with what others were asking. The project did not have to be bid under state law that exempts 911 phone systems from bidding requirements, Busch said.

He said center staff also sat in on demonstrations of available systems and found the system being purchased was the most user friendly.

In other business Dec. 10, the commission heard from Mike Wolf of WS Electronics about commission discussions of buying new portable and mobile radios to go along with the new radio system backbone. The system

will allow agencies – police, fire and emergency medical services – to communicate easier with others across the state, when needed.

The commissioners were expected to agree to an incentive package offered by Motorola to purchase radios for the county agencies before year's end. A consultant working with the Communication Center on its upgrades said the offer was 45 percent less than the cost to buy the radios under the state purchasing contract.

Wolf said he and another radio manufacturer, Harris, would like the county to offer the opportunity for bidding on the radios.

Commission President Jack Evans said Wolf's request would be referred to Busch.

# Kendell to Seek Re-Election

By Nancy Bowman

Miami County Prosecutor Tony Kendell is seeking re-election next year.

Kendell, who was appointed to the position before being elected last year, announced his bid for re-election outside the county Safety Building on Dec. 12.

"I have two passions in my life. One is my family and the other is prosecuting criminals," he said.

"I have dedicated my professional life to public service. It has been both my honor and my privilege to serve the citizens of Miami County. Over the last two plus decades I've successful-

ly convicted over 6,000 felonies in the common pleas court and during my tenure as county prosecutor have researched and written dozens of legal opinions."

Kendell faces a Republican primary challenge from retired Municipal Court Judge Mel Kemmer of Troy. Kemmer, who announced his bid earlier, filed his petitions Dec. 12 with the county Board of Elections.

Kendell is a graduate of Wright State University with a degree in economics and economic theory. He received his law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1996.

He worked in the prosecutor's

office as an assistant prosecutor and first assistant prosecutor before being appointed prosecutor by the county Republican Central Committee in 2013 following Gary Nasal's resignation to become Municipal Court judge. Kendell was elected to complete the remaining time on the term in November 2014.

Kendell, 52, resides with his two children in Springcreek Township, Piqua.

More campaign information is available on a campaign website, reelectkendell.com.

The deadline for filing for the March primary is Wednesday, Dec. 16. Also filing petitions late

last week was Greg Simmons, who is running as a Republican for county commissioner for the seat held by Richard Cultice. Cultice earlier filed petitions and announced his intention to run for re-election. Simmons said he would announce formally this week.

Dave Duchak filed his petitions to run for sheriff late last week. He now is chief deputy. Steve Cooper of Tipp City, a retired sheriff's captain, filed his petitions for sheriff last week. Chris Anderson, a retired Troy police captain, also has announced his plans to run for sheriff.

# Council Approves Police Pay Hike

By Nancy Bowman

New contracts with Troy police officers and sergeants include a 2-percent pay hike in each of the contracts' three years.

The contracts were approved Dec. 7 by Troy City Council, which also authorized the 2 percent pay increases for the city's non-bargaining unit employees.

The city continues in contract negotiations with police captains, firefighters and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), said Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director.

Among major changes in the approved police officers and sergeants contracts is an agreement for the city to pay a minimum of \$2,000 per family Health Savings Account (HSA) or \$1,000 for a single HSA for qualifying employees in year one followed by \$1,400 and \$700 the second year and \$1,000 and \$500 the third year. The compensation for any-

one opting out of health insurance now will be \$2,400 family or \$800 single.

There also will be no increase in the uniform allowances during this contract although the city will buy each officer/sergeant a dress coat for use in formal occasions, Titterington said.

In other business, council held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to the development plan for phase four of the Stonebridge Meadows housing subdivision near Concord Elementary School.

The developer proposes to remove a more than 50-year-old house on the property and add four lots – three 12,000 square feet and the other greater than 15,000 square feet.

Five people, three who live in the subdivision and two, a couple who live across the road on State Route 718, spoke against the changes.

Resident Glen McMurphy said he and some other residents were

not interested in standing in the way of development. However, he said, they "want to maintain the integrity and uniformity of the development."

McMurphy asked council to reject the proposal and ask the developers to consult with residents on any proposal.

The couple who said they built their home across from the subdivision said they, too, wanted to see the subdivision maintain its original integrity. A council committee was scheduled to meet Tuesday, Dec. 15, to discuss its recommendation on the proposed changes.

In other business, council approved a number of ordinances and resolutions. Among them were:

- The 2016 city budget and appropriations;
- Funding for 2016 for Troy Main Street (\$55,000), the Troy Rec (\$29,000) and the Troy Development Council (\$125,000);
- A 10-year street lighting agree-

ment with Miami Valley Lighting. The agreement was negotiated by a consortium of 23 cities and goes into effect Jan. 1. Among contract provisions are no increase in monthly street light unit charges for five years followed by a one-time 5 percent increase in year six followed by that rate for the next five years; upgrades in Mercury Vapor lights to LED lights within the first five years; and upgrading of high pressure sodium lights within the first seven years with a "modest" per light installation charge.

- An option for customers to pay city utility bills on line with a credit card. The option would include a convenience fee per transaction of \$2.95 for up to \$100 and 3 percent of any transaction over \$100. The customer would pay the third party vendor. Under the agreement, the city will pay a one-time \$600 software set up fee.

Councilman Tom Kendall did not attend the meeting.

On December 7, 2015, the Miami County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael Eleyet, thirty-seven years of age, and Lauren Jones, twenty-eight years of age, both of Troy for felony possession of heroin and possession of drug abuse instruments. Subsequent an in-

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# Hayes Leaves Troy Main Street

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"We wish nothing but the best for Katherine and appreciate the time and effort she has put forth with Troy Main Street. As we move forward, we will continue to fill the executive director's position with someone who shares both the vision of Troy Main Street and its membership, and will perform the duties diligently and passionately," Redick said.

The board will begin an executive director search soon but has been in touch already with local and regional economic development organizations about the opportunity, Harrelson said.

He said the board is confident in Silk's ability to continue the day to day operations and preparations for an expanded 2016 during which there will be a focus on year-round programming and an expanded Troy Streets Alive event.

More information about Troy Main Street and its activities is available at [www.troymainstreet.org](http://www.troymainstreet.org).

# Schools Seek Input from Residents

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"We want to at least take the conversation to the community," he said.

The board agreed, supporting initially a request to gather names of community members who might be willing to help explore options as an advisory board.

The district has an operating renewal levy on the ballot in March. It then won't have an existing tax issue before voters until 2019 when a 1.1-mill permanent improvement levy would expire.

The time in between could be used for the discussion and possible proposal for a request for dollars for facilities in 2017.

"We are saying we have a window" but also a lot to consider and discuss in coming months, said board President Doug Trostle.

Part of the discussion was sparked by the recent completion of a facilities assessment of mechanical, electrical and plumbing needs by consultants from SHP of Cincinnati. Renovation of those features of all district buildings would cost an estimated \$50.9 million, according to an analysis summary report.

Along with that, the buildings' five-year plans outlining repairs and replacements that are

"have to" items shows the \$680,000 generated each year by the permanent improvement levy can't get everything listed done, Herman said. The five-year plan, he said, "is not glamorous ... is not a wish list."

The district's oldest school building, Van Cleve, is more than 100 years old. The newest building was the junior high in 1972. There have been additions and renovations at the buildings over the years.

Trostle said he supports the neighborhood schools concept. Fellow board member Joyce Reives said, "I agreed but we could have fewer." Herman said putting some schools together would make more sense financially.

"There are some things that are going to take time to talk through," he said. "People in Troy like their schools, are traditional."

Board member Ginny Beamish said it is important to "hear what the community has to say."

"We have to have some vision out there, and let it evolve," Trostle said.

Board members discussed the school locations, how full they are today and those where expansion would be possible (such as the high school).

Herman said the Dec. 3 discussion was designed to plant seeds for more in-depth exploration of options.

As it moves forward, the board will need to decide if it will want consultants to help coordinate discussions and efforts such as focus groups. SHP provided a proposal for consideration and several other companies offer similar services, Herman said.

## Troy Sports Notes

Troy Boys Bowling- Wayne 2232 Troy 2136 (Troy scores: Brandon Beck 225-183, Trevor Yost 171-226, Patrick Schwartz 164-213, Bryan Bir 160-182, Sean Martin II 160-182. Baker games 151, 206.

Troy Girls Bowling- Troy 2218 Wayne 2097 (Troy scores: Aleigha Smith 233-179, Rachel Darrow 192-214, Jenna Stone 189-199, Kirsten McMullen 159-158, Jennica Funderburg 190. Baker games 152, 226).

Troy Hockey- Troy was playing in the lovely Northern Kentucky rink where they have struggled the past two seasons. Last season Troy played the Norseman three times starting in a pre-season matchup where Troy was embarrassed 9-2 down south. Troy later in the season came back in a 2-2 tie game and then in the final matchup beat the club team 4-2.

Troy started very slowly and gave up a goal halfway through the first. Prestyn Hoefler evened things up on an unassisted goal, before Kentucky took a 2-1 lead to end the first.

The second period found Kentucky scoring again to take 3-1 lead. With 1:07 to go in the second Doug Eardly took a Hoefler pass and buried it to bring Troy within one. In the third period the Norseman scored on a power play to make it a 4-2 game.

Hoefler scored his second of the game with a little over 5 minutes in the game with Caleb Salazar and Eardly getting the helpers. Troy fell to its fourth loss in five tries giving them a very discouraging 1-4 record.

Shaemus Nevin was in the goal and took the loss. Hoefler had two goals and one assist. Eardly had one goal and two assists. Salazar picked up the last assist.

\*Troy was playing their first league game of the season at the Cincinnati Gardens. When Troy took the ice it appeared they were skating in a fog. Literally, a fog! The Gardens has no humidification and there was a thin fog over the ice that just wouldn't leave and gave both teams issues.

The LaSalle Lancers took advantage of the conditions and shot a long shot in on Troy's keeper Cory Neff that slipped by giving the Lancers a quick 1-0 lead.

Troy started slow again, which has been the issue the past few games. That all changed very quickly when Troy Moore found Hoefler on the week side where he tied the game up at 1-1. John Wehrkamp tapped in a Noll pass to give Troy the lead for good. Tyler Hess took a pass from Enrique Alejandro and Eardly and hit the back of the net for a 3-1 Troy lead.

Hoefler scored on the back door from an Noll pass to end the first period with your Trojans in the lead 4-1. The second period started the same way the first did, with LaSalle scoring off a deep shot from the blue line. Hoefler answered for the third time off a back door pass from Noll to make it 5-2. Noll went top shelf on a great Eardly pass to make it 6-2. Tyler Hess scored his second of the game when he deked the goalie and made it a 7-2 Troy lead. Assist to Charlie Ryan and Dominic Wenrick. The second came to an end with Troy up 7-2.

The third period started with Troy on a five minute penalty kill. Troy did an excellent job controlling the puck and with 14 second to go in the penalty Noll scored an unassisted short-handed goal to give Troy the 8-2 lead and the win.

Cory Neff saw 12 foggy shots and stopped 10 of them. Hoefler had the hat trick with his 3 goals. Noll had 2 goals and 3 assists. Hess had 2 goals and Johnny Football had 1 goal and 1 assist. (John Wehrkamp...sorry!) Moore, Alejandro, Ryan, Shane Smith and Wenrick each picked up 1 assist.

# Trojans Storm Back To Stun Fairborn

By Jim Dabbelt

Trailing by 15 points early in the third period, the Troy boys' basketball team needed a spark. What they got was a much needed run to get back into the ballgame.

Troy put together a 21-5 run in the span of eight minutes, as the Trojans fought back to defeat Fairborn last week 54-53 at the Student Activity Center in Troy.

It started out with Fairborn jumping in front early 14-5, as the Skyhawks used the Branden Lilley Show to get the early lead. Lilley, who ended up with 39 points with eight three-pointers on the day, hit three of them in

the opening period, as Fairborn led early 8-2 and 11-5 before Troy cut into the deficit. Romello Yaqub hit a short jumper, and when Austin Funderburg hit a layup with 30 seconds left, the Trojans only trailed 14-9 after the opening period.

Troy continued to try to get the lead as Trey Bucio hit a 15-footer and the Skyhawks lead was one point. Lilley answered with another three, then hit two more and added a free throw with 3:18 left in the opening half, pushing the Fairborn lead out to 26-15.

Zach Reichelderfer broke the string with two free throws, and later an old-fashioned three-point play from Yaqub allowed

the host Trojans to close the gap to 29-20 with 1:46 left in the half.

In the final minute of the half, Jordan Pumroy connected on a three, and Lilley added a pair of layups, taking a 37-24 lead into the half.

The third quarter saw Troy begin their comeback. Reichelderfer buried a three, then later scored on a rebound to cut the Fairborn lead to 41-31.

Funderburg and Persinger each cut the deficit to 41-35, then as Keenan Kinnel connected from three point land, and it was a one possession game.

Lilley connected on another three to end the third period, giv-

ing the Skyhawks a 44-40 lead, but Trojans finally got the momentum to start the fourth.

Yaqub and Persinger gave the Trojans their first lead of the game early in the fourth. There were five lead changes in the final two minutes of the game, and with 8.5 seconds left, Yaqub hit the game winner to give the Trojans the 54-53 victory.

Yaqub led Troy with 17 points, one of three players in double figures. Persinger added 11 and Reichelderfer scored 10.

On Friday, the Trojans fell short to Greenville in a GWOC North contest 74-46, and on Saturday, Troy was defeated at Northmont 69-53.

# Troy Christian Boys' Split Games

By Jim Dabbelt

Their Metro Buckeye Conference winning streak was in serious jeopardy, but the Troy Christian Eagles turned a six point deficit with five minutes left, into a thrilling 51-47 victory over Xenia Christian on Friday night. With the win, the Eagles extend their league winning streak to 41 games.

"We didn't panic when we were six points down," Troy Christian coach Ray Zawadzki said. "We made a nice run and it was gut check time for the kids."

Despite leading 29-20 at the half, the Eagles had to battle after Xenia Christian controlled the third period to take the lead into the final eight minutes.

With the game tied, Luke Dillahunt gave the Eagles a three point lead with 1:54 left with a big

three-point shot, and down the stretch, it was Seth Wynne, who scored a career high 20 points, taking control of the game. He hit 8-9 free throws down the stretch. Also scoring double figures for the Eagles was James Anderson with 13 points and 11 rebounds, his first career double-double.

"We just relaxed and started getting back to back stops on defense," Zawadzki said. "If we focus on our defense, our offense will come. We forced them into some tough shots, ran our offense and the kids made plays."

"We talk about it all the time, this is a collective task and we all have to perform a role every play," the Eagles coach said. "We have to move forward, and they are leading to trust each other. These kids give maximum effort on every play."

\*Troy Christian lost their first game of the year on Saturday night, falling to Mississinawa Valley 63-59 on the road in a non-league contest.

Down 14 at halftime, Troy Christian watched as Mississinawa Valley went on a 9-0 run to start the third quarter. The Eagles were down 25 with 12:50 left in the game, and Troy Christian made one of the biggest comebacks that coach Zawadzki had ever seen.

The Eagles hit eight 3's to tie the game at 59 with under a minute to go. With 12 seconds left, the Eagles couldn't get the shot they wanted, and had to foul extending the margin to four points.

"The kids played so hard, most teenage kids down 25 would have packed it in and gone home," Zawadzki said. "There was a lot of

heart in them, and were really competitive. In the locker room we used it as a lesson for life. No matter how far down you are, it can always turn around at any moment."

Jacob Brown scored a career high 14 to lead Troy Christian, while Chase Hayden added 12 and James Anderson 11.

Troy Christian is 3-1 overall, and return to action on Saturday against Dayton Christian at home, 7:30. Next Tuesday, the Eagles host Yellow Springs also at 7:30.

"Those are the two biggest tests in our league, so they will be really big games for us," Zawadzki said.

Troy Christian girls' basketball-The Eagles' girls' basketball team lost to Dayton Christian 41-29 last week.

# Troy Hands Bethel First Loss

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a game where Troy was trying to get things turned around after a rough start, while Bethel was in pursuit of their first 4-0 start in many years. The Trojans used a big start to the game to sprint out to a big lead, and hold on for a 45-31 win over the Bees last week at the Hive.

The Trojans bolted out to a 12-0 lead, and from that point, the teams were even as Troy won their first game of the year.

"It was a great start, and Bethel did a great job playing us a little better than even the rest of the second half," said Troy coach Nathan Kopp. "I was proud of the girls' effort, we got some turnover and easy baskets and that helped."

"Alexis Otstot again is producing with three three's and 11 points," he added, also praising Alaura Holycross and Stephanie Chavis and the versatile play of Bailey Hess.

"For the first time all year we shot better than 50 percent from the free throw line."

Troy jumped out quick, as Bailey Hess hit an early three, and two minutes later, Otstot scored five quick points to give the Trojans a 10-0 lead. Becky Schweiterman put Bethel on the board with 2:29 left in the opening period, but the Trojans led 17-4 after the opening quarter.

Bethel fought back, and scored 10 of the next 12 points, as five different Bees scored to cut their deficit to 21-14 with 3:05 left in

the half. Nobody scored another field goal in the half, as Troy took a 22-14 lead into the half.

The Bees fought in the third period, as Alaina Hawthorn scored four points in the period, and Bethel only trailed by seven early in the third. But Troy went on an 11-6 run to end the quarter to take their lead back out to 34-20 after three.

"We cut down on the turnovers in the second half," Bees coach Mark Mays said. "We fought back and the defense had a lot to do with that. Our offense started to run the things we were trying to run, and the complexity of the game changed."

Otstot led the way for the Trojans with 11 points, while Holycross added 10 and Chavis

scored eight. Bethel was led by Hawthorn 12 points, including a long range prayer at the buzzer. Courtney Schmidt and Schweiterman each added six.

Troy travels to Springboro tonight before playing in the Miami East Invitational this weekend. Bethel returns to action hosting Tri-Village tomorrow night at 7 p.m. and heads to Yellow Springs on Saturday.

\*Bethel defeated Mississinawa Valley last week 52-35 after leading 32-8 at the half.

Schweiterman led Bethel with 16, Hawthorn added 14 and Grable 10.

Bethel plays Tri-Village tomorrow night.

# Memorial Honors Homicide Victims

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ing thoughts:

- "Learn how to live with the hurt rather than becoming consumed by it."

- "Be kind and gentle to yourself and figure out what you should do. Balance it against what you are capable of doing, and then compromise.

- "Forgive yourself for living when your loved one has died. Talking about your loved one will

not increase the level of sadness. Instead, bringing the name of a loved one into a conversation is a treasured gift."

Nolan said it is important to remember that grief changes the rules.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all which have the potential to turn a life

around," she said. "Just be there to listen, it is the greatest gift to give to any survivor ... Grief is nature's way of healing a broken heart."

Also offering words of support during the service were Tony Kendell, Miami County prosecutor, and Chief Deputy Dave Duchak of the Miami County Sheriff's Office.

Kendell said those who work in the criminal justice system such

as police, prosecutors and victim advocates see their work not as a job, but as a calling.

They realize, he said, "the penalties allowed ... pale in comparison to any loss you have suffered."

Duchak said the courage of families and friends of victims inspire police who are charged with investigating the crimes. "Your strength gives all of us in law enforcement the ability to keep doing what we do," he said.

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## Kroger Recalls Bakery Fresh Goodness Chocolate Brownies Due to Undeclared Allergens

The Kroger Co. has recalled Bakery Fresh Goodness chocolate brownies (16 oz, tub) sold in its retail stores because the product may contain walnuts not listed on the label.

People who are allergic to walnuts could have a severe reaction if they consume this product. For consumers who are not allergic to walnuts, there is no safety issue with the product. One Kroger customer has reported a possible allergic reaction in connection with this product.

All stores operating under the JayC and Smith's names, as well as Kroger stores located in Georgia; South Carolina; Auburn, Alabama; Greater Cincinnati (including Northern Kentucky and Dayton, Ohio plus South Eastern Indiana); Central and Northwest Ohio; Northwestern West Virginia pan-handle; Michigan; Hopkinsville and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee; Huntsville, Alabama; Indiana (except SE Indiana and Evansville); Illinois; Eastern Missouri; Texas and Louisiana; no other Kroger locations are included.

Kroger has removed this item from store shelves and initiated its customer recall notification system that alerts customers who may have purchased recalled Class 1 products through register receipt tape messages and phone calls.

Kroger is recalling the following item:

Product UPC Codes Size

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Customers allergic to walnuts who have purchased the above product should not consume it and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement.

Customers who have questions may contact Kroger at 1-800-KROGERS.

# Ohio Planned Parenthood Investigation Reveals Fetal Remains Disposed of in Landfills

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that his office has concluded its investigation into the alleged sale of fetal tissue by Planned Parenthood affiliates. While the investigation did not find any indication that fetal tissue was sold by Planned Parenthood affiliates in Ohio, the investigation did reveal that that aborted fetuses from Planned Parenthood facilities are ultimately disposed of in landfill sites.

Earlier this year, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine directed his Charitable Law Section to investigate whether Planned

Parenthood affiliates in Bedford Heights, Cincinnati, and Columbus were violating Ohio law by selling fetal tissue, or abortion trafficking, in violation of Ohio Revised Code 2919.14. The Charitable Law Section requested documents and financial records from Planned Parenthood organizations as well as companies they contracted with. The investigation did not find that fetal tissue was sold by Planned Parenthood affiliates in Ohio.

The investigation showed that the disposal methods documented by the Planned

Parenthood affiliates violate Ohio Administrative Code 3701-47-05, adopted in 1975, which requires that a "fetus shall be disposed of in a humane manner." Specifically:

All three Ohio Planned Parenthood affiliates have sent fetal remains to companies which disposed of the fetuses in landfills.

Additionally, the Planned Parenthood facility in Bedford Heights stated it uses only one company for disposal. However, that company stated to investigators it does not accept fetal remains for disposal as a corporate

policy.

"Disposing of aborted fetuses from an abortion by sending them to a landfill is callous and completely inhumane," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. "It is important the public be aware that these practices are taking place at these Ohio facilities."

Attorney General DeWine referred his investigative findings to the Ohio Department of Health for further action. A copy of DeWine's letter is available on the Ohio Attorney General's website.

## Health Insurance Deadline Nears

In Ohio, 62,181 people signed up for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

HHS encourages consumers to enroll before the December 15 deadline

Heading into the final days before the December 15 deadline for January 1 coverage, over 2.8 million consumers selected a plan in the HealthCare.gov platform as of December 5, 2015, including 62,181 in Ohio. This includes both new consumers and consumers returning to shop for private health insurance plans sold on Healthcare.gov.

"I am pleased with the strong start to this year's Open Enrollment," Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said. "While we have more work to do, more than 1 million new consumers have signed up for affordable quality coverage in the 38 states that use HealthCare.gov. And existing Marketplace customers who have returned and shopped for a more afford-

able plan are paying less in premiums this year than they were paying last year. Time is running out to sign up for a health plan that begins on January 1. With less than a week remaining before the December 15th deadline, we urge consumers to visit Healthcare.gov and get enrolled."

Open Enrollment for 2016 health coverage at HealthCare.gov began November 1, 2015, and runs through January 31, 2016. However, it's important to note that individuals who need coverage starting January 1, 2016 must sign up by the December 15, 2015 deadline.

Having health insurance when you can afford it is now the law. If someone chooses not to buy health insurance and could afford to do so, they are at risk of paying a fee of \$695 or more.

Consumers should visit HealthCare.gov or CiudadodeSalud.gov to review their coverage options, learn about what financial assistance is

available, or to sign up or re-enroll in a plan that best meets their needs.

Five Facts about Open Enrollment in Ohio:

Since Open Enrollment began on Nov. 1, 62,181 Ohio consumers have selected a plan in the Federally Facilitated Marketplace.

Plans for 2016 are affordable, 57 percent of Ohio enrollees can find plans for \$75 or less a month in premiums after tax credits. Nationwide, about 8 out of 10 people who enroll in health coverage through HealthCare.gov qualify for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable.

For 2016, 85 percent of returning Ohio HealthCare.gov consumers could save an average of \$923 annually in premiums before tax credits for a plan in the same level of coverage by returning to shop.

When Ohio customers visit HealthCare.gov they'll find a va-

riety of quality health coverage options available. For 2016, Ohio consumers can choose from 17 issuers and an average of 81 plans.

Free confidential enrollment help is available if people in Ohio have questions or want to talk through their options with a trained professional.

Visit LocalHelp@HealthCare.gov to find a listing enrollment centers and events in your community where free, confidential enrollment help is offered.

Representatives at the 24-hour Call Center are available every day at 1-800-318-2596. Call Center representatives can answer questions and help people enroll in coverage over the phone.

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## Attorney General Calls for Uniform Pre-Certification Requirements for Peace Officer Applicants

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine called on the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) to adopt uniform pre-certification standards for all applicants to Ohio peace officer basic training academies. The request would implement several recommendations of the Ohio Attorney General's Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training, which issued a report of findings and recommendations in April 2015.

"It is time for uniformity of qualifications for all peace officer basic training applicants in Ohio," said DeWine. "Major police departments in Ohio, including Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, have already adopted these pre-certification standards. It is important that these increased standards be used by all academies."

The increased pre-certification standards DeWine requested be adopted include:

**Drug Screening:** applicants pass a drug screening prior to admission into an academy.

**Psychological Exam:** each applicant undergoes a psychological exam to confirm that applicants have the right psychological makeup to serve as a peace officer.

**Truth Verification Test:** each applicant pass a truth verification test, such as a voice stress analysis (VSA) or polygraph.

**Physical Fitness:** candidates pass a pre-entrance physical fitness assessment.

Additional criminal disqualifiers in addition to the current felony disqualifications.

Prior to the Advisory Group's report, the only pre-certification requirements were:

Applicants must be over the age of eighteen and have a medical provider sign off that they are physically able to attend an academy.

Applicants with felony convictions or offenses that create a state or federal weapons disability are not permitted to attend a basic training academy.

In addition to the five standards which could be adopted by OPOTC, the Ohio General Assembly is reviewing legislation which would codify Ohio Administrative Code requirements of a high school diploma or GED for peace officer basic training appli-

cants. House Bill 204, sponsored by Rep. Tim Derickson (R-Hanover Township) and Rep. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville), passed the House on June 17, 2015 by a 96-2 vote. It is currently pending before the Senate Government and Reform Committee.

The next OPOTC meeting is scheduled to take place on January 14, 2016 in London, Ohio.

## State of Ohio Reaches \$6.5 Million Settlement with Solar Group

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA), the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA), and the Ohio Attorney General's Office announced that the three agencies have reached a \$6.5 million settlement with a Perrysburg manufacturing company for unpaid loans. The settlement and payment to the state resolve

collections actions against Willard & Kelsey Solar Group for loans owed to DSA and OAQDA.

"Because these types of debts are historically very difficult to recover, this \$6.5 million payment is a significant recovery of taxpayer funds," said Attorney General DeWine.

"This is a win for taxpay-

ers," said David Goodman, Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "These loans were given before the current system of monitoring and in those days, too often, when a company went under, taxpayers were left holding an empty bag."

"The Ohio Attorney General along with the cooperation of DSA and OAQDA were

successful in recovering a significant amount of taxpayer funds," said Chadwick Smith, Executive Director for the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority.

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group was a startup company in Perrysburg that was founded to manufacture solar panel products. Willard & Kelsey was granted loans in 2009 with the former Ohio

Department of Development worth \$5 million and in 2010 with OAQDA worth \$5.1 million on a \$10 million line of credit.

After it ceased operations, the company was unable to make loan payments. As a result, DSA and OAQDA certified the loans to the Attorney General's Office for collections. The settlement accepts a \$6.5 million pay-

ment made yesterday to resolve both loans and related litigation.

The law firm of SheaHartmann LLP represented the state agencies in the collections litigation as special counsel, with the assistance of the Ohio Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section.

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# Tip *Of The* Week

By Sgt. Jj Mauro  
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## Getting Involved

Recently a man robbed a bank in a city in Miami County and was captured that day. Another man robbed a restaurant in a village and was not captured in the process. What are the heroin addicts learning here? That banks, with their cameras and multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies working the case does not have a good chance of success. However low security mom and pop diners usually do not have cameras and are not federal offenses so the likelihood of detection has better odds for the criminal.

What the criminal is not taking into consideration is the more good guys in the establishment, the better the odds of one of those carrying a concealed weapon. I am sure most everyone saw on the news the good guy who got involved during the robbery of a restaurant and captured the criminal outside. The bad guy was held at gunpoint until the police arrived and took over. This is what I have been stressing since Ohio passed the Carrying Concealed Weapons law and it is now legal for the good guys to carry and protect themselves, their families and the general public. I say kudos to the good guy here.

This good guy citizen did the right thing in following the robber outside the restaurant before confronting him. Had the citizen confronted the robber inside the establishment, the chances of the situation going bad in a heartbeat are tremendous.

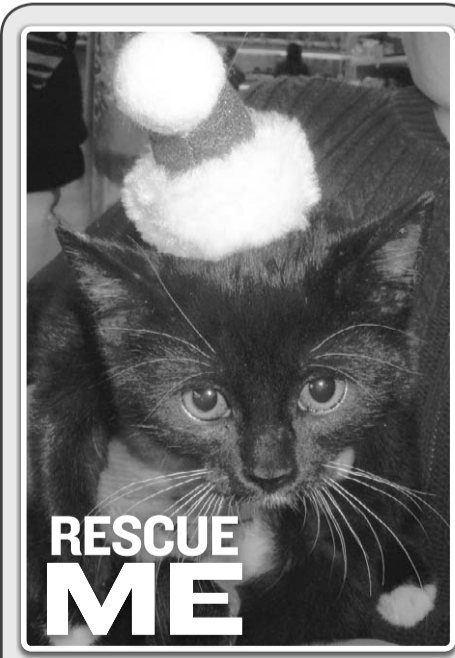
The robber could have had an accomplice inside who could have ambushed the good guy. It is well documented that in these types of scenarios the good guys and even police get tunnel vision and neglect to watch their back. An accomplice does not even have to have a firearm to ambush the citizen. A restaurant has innumerable items which can be used as weapons, steak knives, a chair upside of the head, anything can be used.

I have made many an arrest at gunpoint and applaud this good citizen for becoming involved and resulting in nobody being hurt. Especially the good guys.

In this incident, the bad guy was in the act of committing a felony robbery and the citizen was justified in the use of a deadly weapon to protect himself. We have discussed this before and had it been a misdemeanor theft offense, the good guy probably would not have been justified to draw a weapon to detain the criminal. I am not a lawyer and will not give legal advice. But I do have opinions and experience based on my extensive career in law enforcement.

But please do be aware that getting involved can turn bad for the good guy and any innocent citizens who may get injured or killed during this type of encounter. Then expect grand jury hearings, trials, civil lawsuits and so on.

On behalf of this one retired police officer, to the citizen who chose to get involved I say good job and thank you.



Born in 2013, Scout is a neutered, male, black and white, Beagle / Terrier mix dog. He is a good dog who is house trained, but does not like to be crated. He is only in our system because his owner became too frail to properly care for him, and asked us if we would find him a new home.

Scout has had obedience training and should do well in almost any environment. However, because of his small size, we would be reluctant to place him in a home with small children. He will also need a home with a fenced in yard, as Scout loves to run and play outside.

For more information on Scout, or any of our other dogs, cats, puppies or kittens: Please call us at 937-450-1227 or contact us via email at Lovefourpaws@ATT.net.

# At Home

By Connie Moore

## Sharing from Our Kitchens

Since this is the month of all things cooked, baked and bragged about, I thought I would share some recipes from the kitchens of writers and editors right here at this newspaper. Some were handed over willingly, others with some trepidation. But all are down-home dishes that are eaten and enjoyed with family and friends.

Maggie Yowler, editor of the Enon Eagle shared her wonderful recipe for Sausage-Stuffed Squash. Her notes included this: “we call it “squashage”. Her family adapted it from a recipe in Taste of Home cooking magazine. As most often happens, it turned out better than the original. Maggie shared that her fam-

**Maggie’s Sausage–Stuffed Squash**

- One acorn squash
- ½ pound breakfast sausage, ground
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- ½ cup thinly-sliced tart apple (peeled)
- 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ¼ cup sour cream
- Dash of salt and sugar
- 1/3 cup diced Velveeta cheese

Halve the squash, remove seeds, and smear with a light layer of butter and honey. Place cut side down in baking dish. Cook for 30 minutes at 350 degrees or until tender.

Meanwhile, in small skillet, cook sausage and onion till done, then add apple and cook till tender. Drain.

In separate bowl, combine flour, egg and sour cream. Mix into sausage mixture.

Turn squash over, fill with sausage mixture. Top with salt, sugar. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes in 350 degree oven. Add cheese cubes to top and bake for another 5 minutes.

ily has a history of cooking and baking that reaches beyond their own kitchen. But that’s another story.

Bonnie McHenry, a staff writer for all four KBA newspapers shared a very refreshing Fruit Salad with Sour Cream Dressing. Chilled, it can be a side dish, dessert, or centerpiece for a party buffet. Bonnie notes that according to individual tastes, other fruits can be added or substituted.

Andy Grimm, editor of the New Carlisle News and office manager for all things important newspaper-wise, is a very busy young man. But he does love sweets. I happen to know from personal experience that he (and his father, Dale) will accept all manner of baked goods during office hours; Andy is the newspaper’s main taster of traditional and experimental recipes. After all,

**Dale’s Pepper Steak**

- ½ pound stir-fry steak strips
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 1 can beef gravy
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups rice

Prepare rice according to directions. Brown steak strips in greased pan. Cut peppers into strips, cut onion into quarters and separate layers.

When steak is brown, add peppers, onion, gravy and butter. Add two or three shakes of Worcestershire sauce. Stir all ingredients. Cover and simmer over low heat until peppers and onion are tender. Serve over hot rice. Serves -3.

**Dale’s Breakfast Muffins**

- English muffin
- Large egg
- Sliced ham (amount to suit your taste)
- Real cheese (I never use sliced “processed cheese product”)
- Butter

Toast the muffin. Fry the egg and ham in lard. (Vegetable oil doesn’t quite cut it.) Lightly butter the muffin. On the bottom of the muffin place egg, ham and cheese in that order. Salt and pepper to taste. Put the top on the sandwich. As a variation, use two strips of thick sliced bacon instead of ham and cook the egg in the bacon grease. “See, there’s nothing to it.”

what would a newspaper be without that brave soul that goes beyond mere words, getting to the meat of a story? His favorite dessert by his own admission is Cherry Crisp.

Finally we come to Dale Grimm himself. Of his expertise in the kitchen he had this to say: “Me in the kitchen is a dangerous situation.” While that may be true, he shared two down-home recipes that sound great for cold winter evenings and weekend breakfasts. His first submission was Pepper Steak, which he “got down pat while his wife was disabled and having a bad day. She would shout out directions from the bedroom and after three or four times, it stuck in my memory. She wouldn’t trust me cooking anything else.” (Maybe there is something to him saying he is dangerous in the kitchen after all.)

**Traditional Cherry Crisp**  
**Filling:**

- 5 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened tart cherries
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon almond extract, optional

**Topping:**

- ½ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ cup chopped pecans

If cherries are frozen, thaw them but do not drain. Mix in the sugar and flour. Pour into an 8 or 9-inch round baking dish.

For the topping, mix together all topping ingredients, cutting in the butter till mixture forms crumbs. Sprinkle over cherry filling. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes or until fruit is tender and topping golden. Serve warm with ice cream.

**Easy Cherry Crisp**

- 2 cans cherry pie filling
- ½ box yellow cake mix (dry)
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine

In 11 x 7-inch glass baking dish, spread pie filling. Sprinkle the ½ box of cake mix over top of cherries. Sprinkle on the pecans. Drizzle the melted butter over the dry cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until browned and bubbly. Note-seal the remaining ½ box of cake mix in zip top plastic bag and store in freezer for another crisp later.

When Andy confided in me that his dad had a secret recipe, I wasn’t sure whether I should ask, but I went out on the proverbial limb and found that Dale is a better cook than he gives himself credit for. Breakfast Muffins is his take on the McFastFood icon. A much better take I might add. Dale said, “I always told my kids that it was similar to the breakfast sandwiches at fast food restaurants, but better because I use real eggs, real ham and real cheese.”

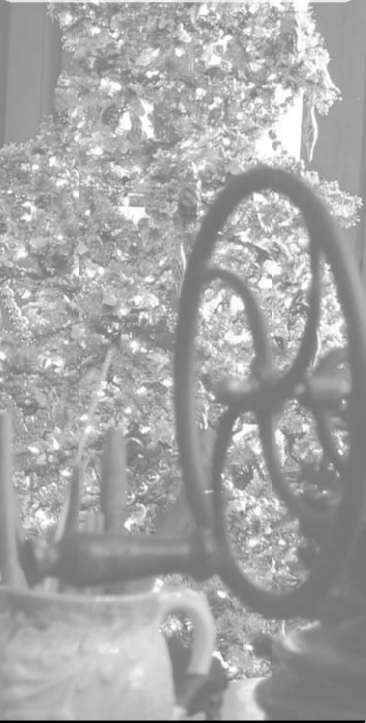
I have a feeling Dale knows more about cooking than he’s letting on. There might be a whole story just lurking in his kitchen, like those forgotten ingredients in the back of the cupboard just waiting to be opened up for a culinary story of some magnitude.

*Comments? Contact Connie or any of our cooks via this newspaper. Have a recipe you would like to share? Email Connie at moored-cr@juno.com.*

**Bonnie’s Fruit Salad w/ Sour Cream Dressing**

- 1 can pineapple in juice, drained
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 jar maraschino cherries, drained
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 apple, cubed
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon orange juice

In large bowl, lightly toss all fruits together. In small bowl, blend sour cream, honey and orange juice together. Pour over fruit and toss well. Serve or chill for later use.



# Gardening Commentary

By Meadowview Growers

## Gardening by the Bale

Gardening by the Bale, using straw bales to grow your vegetable or flowers, is an interesting concept and it works very well. This is a great way to garden, see the list of benefits below.

You might be wondering why we want to talk about gardening at this time of the year, after all, it is winter and just before Christmas? There is one simple reason- Now is the time to put any straw bales, you and your friends have left from fall decorating, to good use. Yes, they may be soggy, wet and heavy but that is just what you want for Gardening by the Bale. If you don’t have any soggy bales, now is

the time to get some new straw bales and put them in the garden, or anywhere you want to grow your garden plants next spring. These dry bales of fresh straw that you purchase need to sit out in the weather over the winter so they are in the best condition for spring planting.

Take a look at the many benefits of Gardening by the Bale:

- Gardening by the bale allows all of us to grow something just about anywhere a straw bale can be located where there is plenty of sun.
- Have terrible soil, or need to let the garden sit fallow for a year? Then Garden by the Bale!
- Less bending, gardening is easier on the back and great for mobility challenged gardeners.
- Straw bales will help to protect your plants from soil borne diseases.
- Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, cabbage, lettuce all do very well

- in bales.
- Straw bales are inexpensive. (Caution- do not use Hay bales.)
- They’re instant, and besides watering and feeding, somewhat foolproof.
- There’s no necessity to roto-till the garden and there is no digging in the soil.
- You will find that there is very little weeding.
- When you’re finished using the bales, after the 2nd year, just till them into the soil, use them as mulch for the next series of bales, or put them in the compost pile.
- A conversation piece, who else do you know that is growing a garden using bales of straw?
- One caution- root crops like carrots, beets, onions, etc. will not do well with this culture.

If the bale is held together with wire or plastic twine you’re good. Sisal twine will rot so replace it with galvanized wire (14 gauge

will work) and get it on as tight as you can so the bale does not come apart when the twine rots. Remember- Only Straw Bales.... NO Hay. Hay has too many weeds and will not work as well as straw due to the rate of decomposition.

Once you have the straw bales in place go sit by the fire and read a good book. Early in March will be the next time you will have to do anything. If you go to MVG’s website there is more information about the next steps so you can have a great harvest with less work. If you have a gardening question send it to info@meadowveiw.com for a prompt response.

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# Tax Tips

with Arrowhead Tax Service

## Saver’s Tax Credit Benefits You Twice

Did you know that you that could get two tax breaks for the price of one?

The tax break is informally called the Saver’s Credit, and it was created to encourage low-and moderate-income workers to save for retirement. As with most tax credits, this one can increase your refund or reduce your tax liability. To be eligible for the credit, you must contribute to an IRA or 401(k). If you put that contribution in a traditional IRA or 401(k), and you may also be able to claim another deduction, lower your taxable income, and get twice the tax credit benefit.

### Who can claim the credit?

The Saver’s Credit is available for individuals 18 or older who are not full-time students or claimed as dependents on another person’s taxes. Your annual income can’t be more than \$30,000 for single filers; \$45,000 for heads of household, and \$60,000 for married couples. You can claim the tax credit benefit when you contribute up to \$2,000 (\$4,000, if filing jointly) to an IRA or 401(k).

### How do you calculate the credit?

As with most tax calculations, the amount of your credit depends on your income. The lower your income, the greater your tax credit benefit. Let’s just focus on single filers. If your adjusted gross income (AGI) for the year is no more than \$18,000, you can claim 50 percent of your contribution. If you gave \$1,000

that means you can claim a \$500 credit. For an AGI of \$18,001 to \$19,500, you can claim 20 percent of your contribution. From \$19,501 to \$30,000, you can claim 10 percent. For other filing categories, check out the IRS table and see how to get more on your tax return.

### What about IRA deduction?

Along with the Saver’s Credit, you can also take the regular tax deduction for contributing to a traditional IRA or 401(k). So, that single filer who makes no more than \$18,000 and who contributed \$1,000 to a traditional IRA can lower his or her taxable income to \$17,000 by taking the IRA deduction. Together, that’s a \$1,000 IRA deduction and a \$500 Saver’s Credit, for \$1,500 in tax savings.

### Are there other benefits?

401(k)s and IRAs are great

tax-deferred ways to save for your retirement. You don’t pay taxes on that money until you withdraw it, which ideally will happen after you have retired.

### Claiming the credit

You will need IRS Form 8880 to claim the Saver’s Credit, and you will need to itemize your deductions. Rollover contributions aren’t eligible for the tax credit benefit. You have until April 15, 2015 to contribute to an IRA and claim the credit for the 2014 Tax Year. For your 401(k), you must make a contribution by the end of the year.

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Locate all the words below in the word search. #127  
 They may be across, down or diagonally in any direction.



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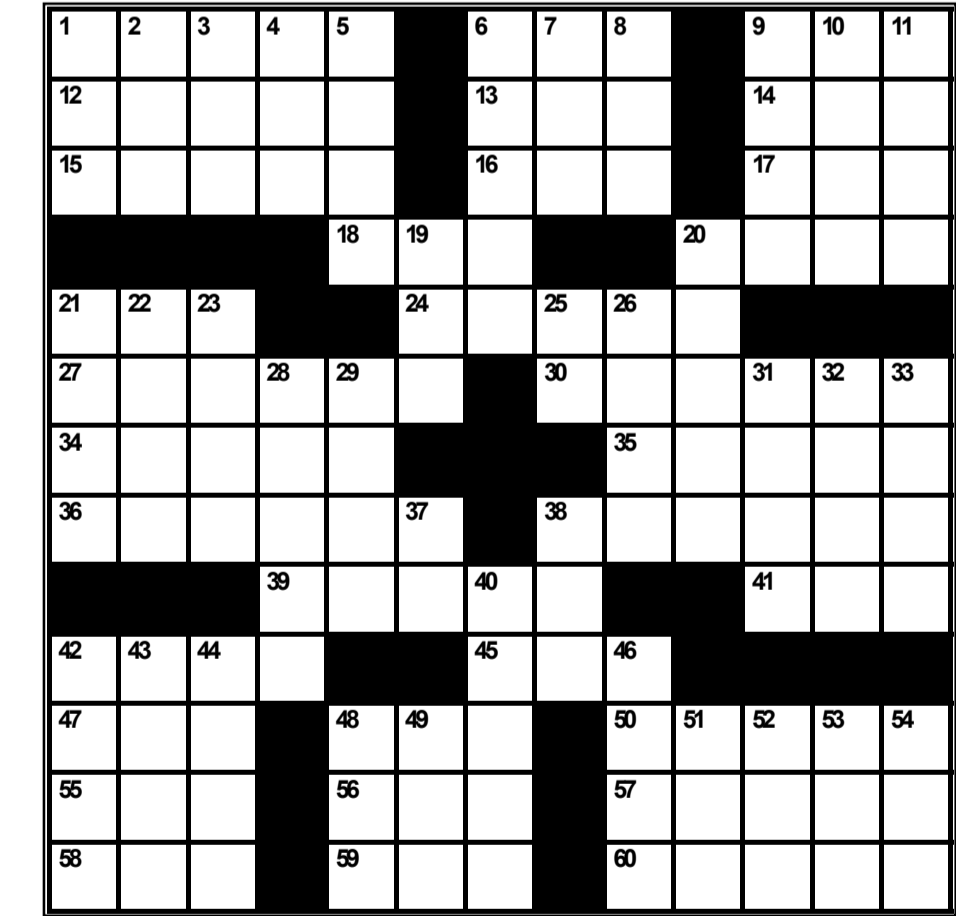
## Cooper

By Larry Warren



## Crossword Puzzle

#210



### ACROSS

- Hannah Montana star, first name
- Pooch
- Hawaiian dish
- Japanese city
- "Born in the \_\_\_\_" Springsteen song
- Hunter's quarry
- Yellowish-brown
- Cribbage piece
- \_\_\_\_ Grande
- Bite
- Ages and ages
- Part of an E-mail address
- Telling a whopper
- Support on the sides
- Drink maker
- Split
- Perform penance
- Improve, in a way
- Where to find Eugene
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Gathered dust

- Mexican moolah

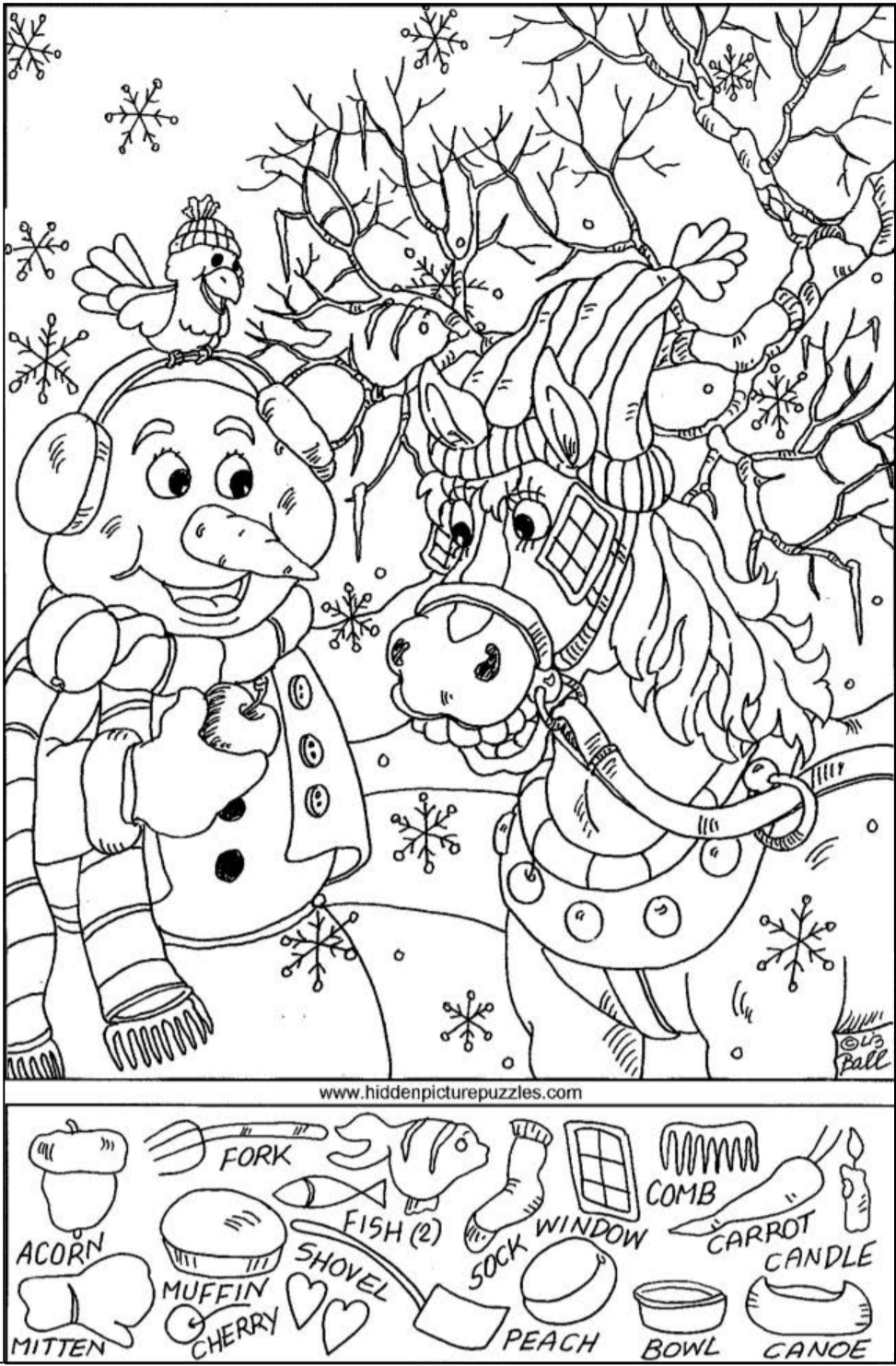
- Sky sighting
- "\_\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
- Road goo
- Not healthy
- Put the kibosh on
- Dear \_\_\_\_
- String quartet member
- Pig's home
- Use
- Big name in games

### DOWN

- Kiwi kin
- Doctrine
- Chem classroom
- Just manage, with "out"
- James Patterson story for example
- Litter member
- "It's no \_\_\_\_!"
- Kind of order
- French priest
- Mishmash
- Sacred image: Var.
- Family
- Fine-grained quartz
- Remove text
- Foreshadow
- Skiers' tow
- An \_\_ girl (very popular)
- Close by
- Dispatch boat
- Guitar part
- Quagmires
- Small forest buffalo
- Lady's man
- Howdy!
- Arms!
- Like a teddy bear
- Operatic soprano
- Do magazine work
- Hot
- Stub your toe, word
- Kitchen meas.
- Be laid up
- Prefix, recent
- Pilot
- Not in good physical shape
- Pedicurist's concern

## Hidden Treasures

By Liz Ball



## Sudoku

#206

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## Trivia Challenge

### October 2015 Current Events Quiz

- October 2015 would have marked what birth-day of John Lennon?
  - 55
  - 45
  - 65
  - 75
- A peace rally in An-kara was targeted with two bombs in October of 2015. Where is Ankara?
  - Turkey
  - Israel
  - Spain
  - Russia
- Which company re-called 8.5 million cars in Europe in October 2015?
  - Ford
  - Suzuki
  - Volkswagen
  - Nissan
- Which band asked Donald Trump to stop us-ing their song "Dream On" in his political campaigns?
  - Aerosmith
  - The Beatles
  - U2
  - Green Day
- Which professional wrestler was involved in a high profile court case with Gawker in October 2015?
  - HHH
  - Steve Austin
  - The Rock
  - Hulk Hogan
- Who released the al-bum "Another Country" in October of 2015?
  - U2
  - George John
  - Elton Michael
  - Rod Stewart
- Which country re-elected Alexander Lu-kashenko as President for a fifth term?
  - Finland
  - France
  - Belarus
  - Russian
- Stephen Fry stepped down as the host of which long running show in Oc-tober of 2015?
  - They Think It's All Over
  - News 24
  - Have I got News For You
  - QI
- A movie version of which game series was announced in October of 2015?
  - Sonic the Hedgehog
  - Assassins Creed
  - Metal Gear Solid
  - Gran Turismo

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

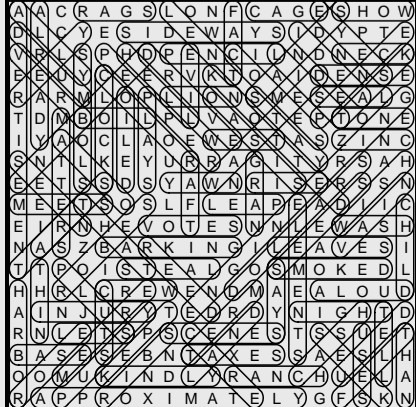
### Trivia

- China - As of 2015, Greece has the most smokers.
- Lethal Weapon - Starring Danny Glover and Mel Gibson, the original Lethal Weapon film was released in 1987.
- Nigeria - Ebola comes with a high risk of death, killing ap-proximately 50 percent of those infected.
- Selena Gomez - Lupus is a sys-temic autoimmune disease where one's immune system attacks healthy tissue.
- Moments - 'The best of Twitter in an instant' is the new service's tagline.
- Big Show - Lesnar withstood three Chokeslams from the Big Show before winning the match.
- Drake - Hotline Bling was re-leased as a digital download.

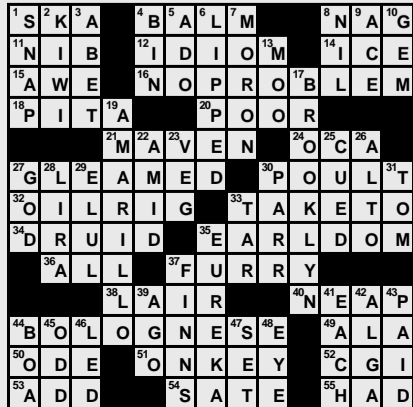
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## Word Search



## Crossword



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CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.  
Plaintiff

vs.

JASON BURKS, et al.  
Defendants

CASE NO. 15 CV 00333

JUDGE: JEANNINE N. PRATT

LEGAL NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Jason Burks and Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jason Burks, Name Unknown, you will take notice that on the 3rd day of August, 2015, Plaintiff, filed a Complaint for foreclosure in the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, 201 W. Main St., Safety Bldg., 3rd floor, Troy, OH 45373, being Case No. 15 CV 00333, alleging that there is due to the Plaintiff the sum of \$54,310.59, plus accrued interest of \$1,154.10, plus interest at 4.25% per annum from January 1, 2015, plus late charges and attorney fees applicable to the terms of a Promissory Note secured by a Mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 507 South 3rd Street, Tipp City, OH 45371-1729, being permanent parcel number Parcel Number G15-006460

Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of a default in payment of said Promissory Note, the conditions of said Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

Plaintiff prays that the Defendant named above be required to answer and assert any interest in said real property or be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, for foreclosure of said mortgage, marshalling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied according to law.

Said Defendant is required to file an Answer on or before the 15th day of January, 2016.

By Tina Woods Attorney for Plaintiff  
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## Chancellor Visits Edison



Chancellor John Carey addresses regional leaders during his visit to Edison State Community College

Chancellor John Carey of the Ohio Department of Higher Education visited Edison State Community College on Monday, December 7. The visit was made with Senior Vice Chancellor Gary Cates to meet with Edison State President, Dr. Doreen Larson, tour campus, and discuss student success and workforce development initiatives.

Following a guided tour of campus, an open forum luncheon was held with those in attendance including local chamber leaders, area educa-

tional leaders, industry leaders, Edison State's Board of Trustees, and officials of the college.

"I was pleased to learn more about everything that Edison is doing to help students succeed and prepare them for a career," said Chancellor Carey. "I was particularly impressed with the career plan that students follow throughout their time at Edison, which ensures they stay on track to reach their goals."

During lunch, Carey spoke about the Affordability and Efficiency Task Force, and

what community colleges are doing to help make education more affordable.

Partnerships currently held between regional educators, employers, and Edison State were also discussed at length, with an emphasis placed on the educational pathways that have been developed to help fill the skills gap and boost the regional economy.

"President Larson is doing a great job, and I look forward to our next visit," added Carey.

## Grant Supports Student Emergency Fund at Edison

Edison State Community College now has additional resources to help low-income students weather financial emergencies. Students can apply for small grants to help cover expenses just beyond their means, which allows them to quickly return focus to their academic pursuits.

"Even the best planning can't address unforeseen emergencies that can take students' time, energy, and focus away from their studies. These grants add another tool to the already plentiful resources that Edison State provides to give students the best chance to succeed. The quick delivery of the funds, combined with not having to worry about how and when to pay back the dollars, combine to make this the best possible method and delivery of just-in-time financial support," said Scott Burnam, Edison State Vice President of Student Affairs.

The student emergency grant program at Edison State is made possible by a \$17,500 Dash emergency grant from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. Edison State is one of 31 community and technical colleges in Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin that received a combined \$1.5 million in Great Lakes grants to build emergency grant programs that help low-income students

overcome financial obstacles that might otherwise cause them to drop out.

"Great Lakes is pleased to provide more resources to colleges like Edison State that are dedicated to supporting students in times of greatest need," said Richard D. George, President and Chief Executive Officer of Great Lakes. "Emergency grants are a bridge to college completion and the financial security a degree can provide."

Edison State will begin making student emergency grants of up to \$500 each in spring 2016. Qualified expenses will be paid within 48 hours of an approved application. Students also will be referred to additional campus, community, and financial literacy resources to supplement the grants, address root causes or contributing factors to the financial emergencies, and further support students' persistence.

To serve greater numbers of students throughout the Great Lakes grant period and beyond, Edison State will contribute matching funds during the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years. "Our shared commitment is key to making emergency grant programs sustainable long-term," said Amy Kerwin, Vice President - Community Investments at Great Lakes.

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