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Troy Council Hears First Reading of Rec Tax Proposal

By Nancy Bowman

Troy City Council heard comments on a proposed 0.25 percent, 10-year income tax increase for recreation and park facilities from seven people Monday, Dec. 19, before holding a resolution and ordinance that would place the request on the May 2 ballot to a first reading.

The resolution and ordinance will appear again on council's agenda Jan. 3 for a second reading with an emergency provision.

Council member Robin Oda asked council Monday to hold first readings on both the resolution and ordinance.

Oda said she thinks the public should be allowed to decide on the tax but she would not support the staff request for the council to suspended council's normal three readings and vote Monday as an emergency measure.

Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said the emergency action would help ensure the city is able to meet all requirements for filing for the May

2 ballot by a Feb. 1 deadline at the Miami County Board of Elections.

The income tax proposal was brought forward just weeks after council voted Nov. 7 to pull from the Nov. 8 ballot a property tax to pay for a list of recreation/park projects proposed by the Operation Recreation 2020 Committee. The request was withdrawn because of a misplaced decimal point in ballot language.

The property tax would have raised \$1 million a year for 10 years.

The proposed income tax would generate \$2.57 million a year to pay for the list of projects proposed by Operation Recreation along with a second sheet of ice near Hobart Arena.

At Monday's meeting, council again heard from several supporters of various Operation Recreation projects including the ice rink and soccer fields and improvements to Miami Shores Golf Course and the Senior Citizens Center. Proponents talked about the need for more facilities and how many of those facilities –

more soccer fields, ball fields and ice – could be used to host tournaments and other events to bring visitors and their money into the community.

Opposition was voiced by Bernie Vogel, who said he lives outside of Troy but pays city income tax, and city resident Lester Conard.

Vogel said the tax increase was "huge," would be taxation without representation in his case and in his mind the proposal was being rushed after the property tax request was dropped. "It doesn't seem right to me to come back a month later with an income tax," he said.

Conard said he was concerned for several reasons, including the Troy schools reported interest in asking voters to support a school levy, also in 2017.

Before council's discussion, Council President Marty Baker asked for clarification on whether those promoting the tax would be required to file a campaign finance report with the elections office. None was filed for the Operation Recreation campaign for the withdrawn

tax request.

Councilman Bobby Phillips, who also leads the Operation Recreation committee, said his understanding was the committee didn't need to file a finance report or designate a committee treasurer because it wasn't a political action committee.

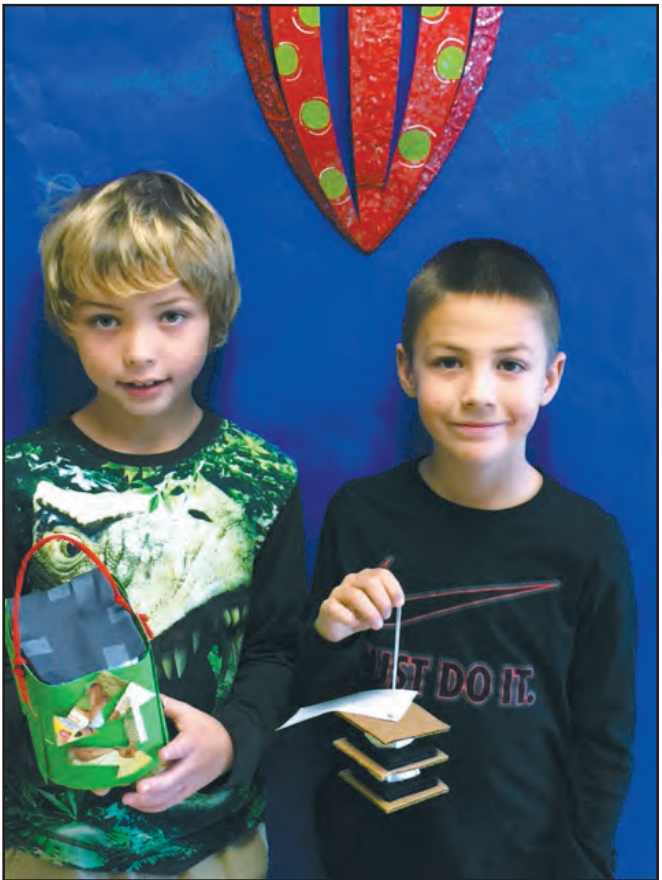
The proposed project list in the new Operation Recreation proposal includes:

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

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



Micah Pyles-Dodd (l) and Mitchell Sargent.

Cookson Participates In Recycled Ornament Competition

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

Christmas spirit was high at Cookson Elementary School for the annual Recycled Ornament Competition. The contest was organized by Miami County Solid Waste District and a representative from the district judged the work of participating students. The three students from Cookson who won awards for their ornament creations were Micah Pyles-Dodd, Mitchell Sargent, and Kayden Jenkins.

Micah is in 3rd grade and designed a recycling bin out of recycled materials to remind everyone about the daily, household materials that can and should be recycled. "I wanted to remind people to recycle our waste, especially at this time of year," Micah said.

Mitchell Sargent who is also in 3rd grade was originally planning to go

camping with his family back in November when the competition was first announced. Although the weather was too cold that weekend for them to go, Mitchell was already thinking about camping and chose to design a s'more out of cardboard and other recyclables "since we couldn't make a real one at the campground." Mitchell said he had fun making the ornament and really liked the way it finally turned out.

Kayden Jenkins was the smallest but by no means the least among the competition winners this year with a wreath ornament made up of pop bottle tabs painted red. His mother helped him with the paint but Kayden felt no less responsible and excited about his unique design. "I can't wait for it to hang on our tree!" Kayden said. Even at

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Sheriff Candidates File Finance Reports

By Nancy Bowman

Independent candidate Joe Mahan spent more than Dave Duchak in the fall race for Miami County Sheriff, which Duchak won.

Duchak, though, spent more on his overall campaign because he also was a candidate in the four-way Republican primary in March.

Duchak won the November race with 70 percent of the vote. He was elected to fill the position held the past 28 years by Sheriff Charles

Cox, who had planned to retire at year's end. Cox, 71, died two days following the election. Duchak subsequently was appointed acting sheriff by the county commissioners.

Post-election campaign finance reports were filed by treasurers for both candidates' campaigns before the Friday, Dec. 16, filing deadline with the county Board of Elections.

The Committee to Elect Joe Mahan reported spending \$982 following the pre-election finance report

that showed \$12,777 had been spent for a total of \$13,759. Duchak reported spending another \$8,834 after \$3,679 in the fall pre-election report for a total \$12,513. Duchak also reported \$54 in in-kind contributions in the fall campaign.

The bulk of the money for both campaigns came from the candidates themselves, according to the reports.

Mahan's campaign reported no additional contributions following the pre-election report.

Duchak's campaign reported two individual donations totaling \$150 and a \$2,469 check from the Miami County Republican Committee.

Mahan's campaign reported a zero balance on hand and no outstanding loans. The previous report showed \$12,793 in loans from the candidate. The post-election report listed those loans as paid in full.

Duchak's campaign reported a \$2,802 balance and \$17,500 in outstanding loans from the candidate.

Planning Commision Recommends New Marijuana Proposal

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy Planning Commission recommended a new medical marijuana regulation proposal for Troy to the city council Dec. 14.

The commission voted unanimously to support the proposal from city staff to ban cultivators and processors of medical marijuana but allow up to three retail medical marijuana dispensaries in the B-4 highway business zoning district.

The medical marijuana issue isn't new to the planning commission. It previously recommended bans on cultivators and processors and allowing up to five dispensaries in city business districts except the downtown and the historic district.

The city council received a committee recommendation to amend the planning commission proposal to limit the number of dispensaries to three. However, the

ordinance was amended at the council meeting to also ban dispensaries.

Council eventually failed to come up with the required votes to impose a ban. For the proposed total ban to be approved, council needed a supermajority vote because the planning commission recommendation had been changed.

Tim Davis, an assistant city development director, said the message from council appeared to be that no

dispensaries was considered too few but five too many for the city.

"It is clear the city council has only a thin majority willing to ban dispensaries, which can only prevail if the planning commission so recommends," Davis wrote in the staff recommendation. "From past meeting discussions, it is also clear that the planning commission is not willing to recommend an outright ban on dispensaries but is sensitive to protecting

both the historic district and residential neighborhoods."

The city has not received any inquiries regarding potential operators of dispensaries, Davis said.

The Planning Commission voted first to not hold a public hearing on the proposed restrictions.

It then voted to recommend the proposal for no cultivators and processors and a maximum three dispensaries in the highway business district.

"The highway district keeps it away from any neighborhoods and downtown but still allows some limited dispensing," said Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director.

"I don't think anybody's going to touch this," commission member Larry Wolke said.

He said he considered the commission vote an "academic exercise," but otherwise would "dig my heels in a little harder."

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Miami County Sheriff Reports

Monday 12/12

3:11 p.m. – To N. County Rd. 25A for a report of a child custody issue. A man reported that he was just granted full custody of his children and gave the deputy the order signed by the judge. The deputy then told the grandfather about the situation. The children then gathered their belongings and left with their father.

8:08 p.m. – A man came to the Sheriff's office with his mother to report that his license plate was stolen. The mother said that she allowed two individuals stay at her residence in exchange for fixing up the residence. She said she found out that they were doing drugs and kicked them out. She said that as they were leaving, she wrote down their license number. Her son then said that plate belonged to a broken down vehicle at their residence. The plate was entered as stolen. She believes that the two live in Englewood, so Englewood PD was notified.

10:05 p.m. – Traffic stop on Grant at McKaig. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody for OVI.

Saturday 12/17

6:14 p.m. – Traffic stop on Archer Dr. at Peters Ave. As he spoke with the driver, the deputy could smell the odor of burnt marijuana. The driver was cited with failure to display taillights, fictitious plates and possession of marijuana.

Sunday 12/18

7:14 p.m. – To the Miami County Jail for a report of a fight. All participants in the fight were charged with disorderly conduct.

8:52 p.m. – To Wilson Rd. at Rt. 55 for a report of a one vehicle crash. The driver was taken to the station for a breath test. He blew a .305. He was arrested for OVI and his license was suspended.

Trib Briefs

By Nancy Bowman

Planners OK requests

The Troy Planning Commission recommended city council approve the final plats for section two and three of the Halifax Estates subdivision. The recommendation came at the commission's Dec. 14 meeting.

The second and third sections include 29.3 acres with 22 single-family residential building lots.

Also recommended by the commission was a request to rezone 214 S. Mulberry St. from M-2 light industrial to B-2 general business district.

The commission was told Keystone Real Estate Group requested the rezoning for the property most recently used for storage. In a letter from Anthony Scott of Keystone, the commission was told the B-2 zoning was more compatible with planned future endeavors and more consistent with properties in the neighborhood.

The commission approved a different color for a previously approved awning at Reading for Change, 105 S. Market St. The commission previously OK'd Aruba blue for the awning color, while a red awning was installed.

The commission OK'd a request to reface a wall sign at 16 E. Water St. to read Tapestry Healing Arts Center and to approve a wall sign for Beauty by Bellotti at 111 E. Main St.

The commission also approved the appointment of member Dee Mahan to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for two years beginning Jan. 1.

Commissioners approve projects

The Miami County commissioners Dec. 13 approved an agreement that will allow the county Communication Center to receive text messages to 9-1-1 until a state system is in place.

The cost will be \$10,000 to set up a needed connection along with \$10,000 a year for three years for maintenance and operation. Once the state system is in place, the Communication Center will move the text operations to that system, the commissioners were told. In other business, the commission OK'd a roof repair project at the county Sheriff's Training Center. The work by Meyer Restoration of Piqua will include repairing and sealing the metal roof at a cost not to exceed \$5,623.

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Troy Police Reports

Monday 12/12

10:46 a.m. – The principal at Forest School reported that an 8-year-old student had not been at school for several days and was concerned that he might be in danger. Another student said that the boy is her cousin and he doesn't come to school because his mother is too drunk to get off of the couch. The officer went to the home and the mother answered the door. He could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person, and she appeared as if she had just awakened. He told her of the school's concerns, and she said that her phone had been disconnected and she was unable to call them. The boy appeared to be cared for, was smiling and did not appear to be sick. The mother said she has no transportation to get her boy to school. She was advised that there are programs to help her, but she had no response. She was advised that if he continued to miss school, the officer would be returning. After he left the residence, he got a call from the boy's stepmother. She said that the boy reached out to her and his father, stating that he was hungry and his mother was passed out. They were advised that if they were concerned for his safety, they should file for temporary custody.

2:39 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of shoplifting. A suspect was charged with theft.

5:32 p.m. – Traffic stop in the Ording's parking lot. The driver had turned left on a red light. The driver said she was not sure which light was hers and thought she had a left turn arrow. She was advised that the arrow was for southbound traffic. She was cited and released.

Tuesday 12/13

1:06 a.m. – To E. Canal St. for a report of a theft. A man reported that his bicycle was stolen from his front porch. There are no suspects.

4:46 a.m. – Traffic stop in the 1100 block of W. Main St. The vehicle's registration expired on 11-20-16. The driver said he forgot to renew the registration on his birthday. He was cited for expired plates.

2:05 p.m. – To Elmwood Dr. for a report of an overdose. A woman was charged with drug abuse and drug abuse instruments.

3:53 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a theft in progress. Store employees were detaining a woman accused of shoplifting. The woman admitted to stealing items and was charged with theft.

5:54 p.m. – Traffic stop on the I-75 northbound on-ramp at W. Main St. The driver was sweating and instead of pulling out his license was pulling out other items. He finally said that he had no license. He said that a friend had been driving, but walked away, so he had to drive to get home. The passenger was also unlicensed. The driver was found to have several suspensions, and was cited for driving under suspension and failure to yield when turning left. The driver consented to a search of the vehicle, but no contraband was found.

6:09 p.m. – To the 900 block of McKaig Ave. for a report of a disturbance. One individual was arrested for domestic violence.

Wednesday 12/14

5:13 a.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main at Dorset Rd. The driver had a suspended license, but said that he had driving privileges. He did not have any paperwork to that effect, nor was there any note in the system to that effect. He was cited for driving under suspension.

9:10 a.m. – Traffic stop on Staunton Rd. The vehicle was clocked at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver said he had no license and offered a Mexican passport that was valid until 2018. He said that he was not an American citizen and that he had no insurance. He was found to have been convicted of driving without a license in Montgomery County in 2011. The officer tried to contact the registered owner, but was unsuccessful. The driver said that the owner knows he is unlicensed, and did not have the time to apply for a license and mentioned other difficulties with his attorney. The driver was cited for speed and no operator's license. The officer was finally able to contact the owner. He informed her that the vehicle was towed and that she would have to provide proof of insurance and ownership to retrieve it. She was also informed that she was being cited for wrongful entrustment.

12:36 p.m. – A man came to the Police Station to report the theft of his truck. He said he was drinking at a bar last night and went to his truck around 1:30 a.m. and couldn't find it. He said that he and a friend looked around the area but couldn't find the truck. He said he didn't report it until now because he was intoxicated last night. The officer found that an officer spoke with the RP this morning at 4:41 a.m. and took him home because he was highly intoxicated and it was cold outside. The RP was asked why he didn't mention the theft to the officer this morning, and he said he "just didn't." He said he wanted to make sure a friend wasn't playing a joke on him and moved the truck. He said he had left the keys in the ignition. He was advised to check with his friends and come back the next day with his registration and insurance information. The officer then cruised the area searching for the truck and found it on Race at Oxford. The officer called the RP, who maintained that someone moved it. The RP came to the station to get his keys and was cited for untended vehicle for leaving the keys in the ignition.

1:48 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a shoplifter. A woman had tried to take merchandise without paying for it. She was charged with theft.

8:54 p.m. – Traffic stop on Huntington Dr. near Amberly Ct. The driver failed to stop at a stop sign. The driver said that he could not stop because his vehicle was sliding on the ice. The officer saw that the driver did not slow down at all as it approached the sign. He did not see the vehicle slide on the ice. The officer walked over to the intersection and saw no ice on the roadway. There was a small patch of snow that had no skid marks on it. The driver was cited for a stop sign violation.

9:10 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a shoplifter. A juvenile was charged with theft.

Thursday 12/15

7:34 a.m. – To Troy High School for a report of possible computer hacking. School employees had a 16-year-old male student in the office. The student was explaining how the hack of the school's system could have been done by a person known as "anonsec." The student said he had communicated with the hacker on an online forum, and may have instigated the hack after speaking of the hacker in a derogatory fashion. The hack was a multi-direction attack that shut down the school's internet systems two times on 12/14. Officials were not able to determine the identity or the IP address of the hacker. The officer and school officials determined that the student did not possess the knowledge to have performed the hack.

8:25 a.m. – An officer saw a vehicle parked on Stephenson at Northbrook with a flat tire. He had noticed the vehicle parked there for several weeks, and the plates expired in February, 2016. The vehicle also had a parking sticker on the window. The officer tried to contact the owner but was not successful. The vehicle was towed and the owner will be cited for junk vehicle and expired plates.

12:19 p.m. – To McKaig Ave. for a report of a burglary in progress. Dispatch advised that two subjects were running eastbound on McKaig. The resident said that one subject was a white male wearing blue jeans, a green hoodie and a tan coat. The other subject was a black male with a black knit hat. She said that she did not recognize either of them. She said that they were pushing on the back door trying to get in. She said she held a gun in her hand and yelled at them and they fled. City and County units checked the area but could not locate the subjects.

2:43 p.m. – To Brukner Dr. for a report of a possible drug overdose. The subject was given narcan and woke up. Drug parapher-

nalía was located nearby and the subject admitted to using heroin. She was transported to UVMC. The subject's son was on hand and was found to have an active warrant. He was arrested and taken to the Miami County Jail. The subject will be charged with possessing drug abuse instruments and drug abuse.

3:22 p.m. – Traffic stop on Stonyridge Ave. at Saratoga Dr. The vehicle was clocked at 39 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. She was cited for speed.

4:27 p.m. – A woman came to the Police Station to report that a UPS driver was leaving notes on her door regarding a package that needed to be picked up. She said that today she received a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS requesting her personal information. She said he reiterated that he was in fact with the IRS and that this is not a scam. She gave him her personal information. She said she then received an email claiming to be from the IRS, but the domain ended with .com instead of .gov. She then realized that it was a scam. Since she did not live in the city, she was referred to her local law enforcement. She was also advised to contact the Social Security office, her bank and to monitor her credit report.

Friday 12/16

12:27 a.m. – Officers saw a wanted person downtown. As they approached him, he ran and was caught on S. Plum St. He had a bag of marijuana, a digital scale and \$225 in cash on him. He was incarcerated for his warrants and charged with trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and obstructing official business.

7:44 a.m. – To Waco St. for a report of a private property accident. A man said he was backing a semi to the dock when he struck another truck that was parked at an adjacent dock and unoccupied. Both trucks had minor damage.

10:49 a.m. – To W. Dakota St. for a report of found property. A bicycle was found at the address and the resident asked that it be removed. It was a 26" Huffy Blackwater mountain bike, and was not reported stolen. It was submitted into property.

11:22 a.m. – A Maplewood Dr. resident came to the station to report a fraud. He said that he received a letter stating that he was approved for a credit card. He said that he never applied for it. He said that he soon received two credit cards in his name. He said the second name on the account was Christina Goodsell. He said the credit card company requested a report. He was given identity theft paperwork and a packet from the Attorney General's office.

11:24 a.m. – A Dorset Rd. resident turned in a gift

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Local Property Transfers

Property Address	Transfer Date	Price	Seller	Buyer
403 S Market St	12/12	\$180,000.00	Scott Investments Of Troy Llc	Delcid Luis A
824 S Crawford St	12/9	\$40,400.00	Crouch Robert D	Davis Teresa
230 Floral Ave	12/12	\$75,600.00	Debar Michael L & Bonita J	Thornton Jeffrey A & Jay A
1519 Fleet Rd	12/12	\$112,000.00	Scott Investments Of Troy Llc	Moran Suzanne N
1041 Stonyridge Ave	12/9	\$82,000.00	Brunswick Brian A & Melinda S	Bradley Michael
1219 Maplecrest Dr	12/9	\$0.00	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Development	Miller Eldora Leon
2481 Thornhill Dr	12/12	\$103,000.00	Quillen Brian K	Leeper Vance R
2520 Glenmore Ct	12/9	\$0.00	Watkins Jill	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Development
2433 W Sr 55	12/9	\$0.00	Hardesty Ventures Inc	Barron Corporation
2641 Shady Tree Dr	12/9	\$280,000.00	Myers Michael W & Dustin M Goubeaux	Harlow Builders Inc

Staunton Township Trustees Approve Contract with Casstown Fire Department

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the December 19, 2016 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, the trustees approved a new three-year contract with the Casstown Fire Department. The new contract is a renewal of the current contract with no changes. Casstown Fire Chief Chad Loy reported that the fire department is looking at purchasing a new grass rig sometime in the next three to five years. He said, “When we get ready to make the purchase we will probably ask

for a one time contribution to help purchase the rig.” He also introduced is Assistant Chief Jason Potter. He added, “We want to establish more and better communications between the fire department and the township; therefore, I am asking Potter to attend your meetings on a regular basis.” The trustees unanimously approved the new contract and look forward to working more closely with the Casstown Fire Department. With the winter weather over the last week, the

township received a couple of complaints about the road conditions. Darrell Hummel of Valley View called several times to complain about the road conditions on Valley View and Crestwood. However, both Trustee Bill Gearhart and Trustee Jeff Cron salted and plowed the area several times. Because of the shadows in the area and low traffic volume, the salt was not as effective as it was in sunny and more highly traveled areas in the township. Cron said, “The road conditions were some of the worst

conditions that I have seen in my years of service to the township.” Gearhart also reported that a resident who lives on Farver Drive south of Eldean asked him whether the township would consider either blacktopping or chipping and sealing the road. Gearhart notified the resident that the township does not have the funds to provide that service for what is essentially a private drive. The road is only a single lane and dead ends. Gearhart contacted Assistant Prosecutor Chris En-

glert to investigate abandoning the road and turning it over to the property owners. The township cannot plow the road because it is a single lane and there is no place to turn around. Englert initially indicated that it is possible for the township to abandon the road; however, a request would need to be made to the County Commission. Gearhart will follow up with the Assistant Prosecutor. The township has received another complaint about junk on a property on Orbison. Gearhart will notify

the property owner to clean it up. If no action is taken, the township will notify the Health Department. Finally, the trustees requested that property owners make sure that no vehicles are sitting in the roadway in bad weather. If vehicles remain in the roadway, the owners run the risk of damage to their property when the trustees plow. The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

Rotarians Host Yellow Tree Yoga’s Borton

Focusing on proper posture, deeper breathing and longer exhales are just some of the ways a person can destress themselves according to yoga instructor, Mary Borton. She shared the value of yoga with Troy Rotarians during their weekly meeting on December 13th. A Trojan native and former city school librarian, Borton opened Yellow Tree Yoga, 103 East Main Street, a few years ago. She was motivated to help area residents find an outlet for all the stress life brings each day. Yoga is a holistic system

that not only includes physical stress release but also helps a person get to an understanding of the causes and effects of that stress. Borton shared that yoga’s foundation is in deliberate breathing, and she teaches 30 different breathing exercises in the schools to teachers, staff and students. In addition to a focus of breathing, it is important to understand how movement, mindset and breathing patterns all contribute to a calmer approach to stressful events, the holidays and day-to-day life experiences. She noted that proper posture,

relaxed shoulders, deeper breathing, and longer exhales all help in bringing a sense of calm to oneself. Her studio offers classes six days a week for all levels of yoga practitioners. For more information, visit www.yellowtreeyoga.com or send questions to info@yellowtreeyoga.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.

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A very hearty thank you to all who have supported the Tribune.

Dale Grimm, Publisher

Troy Tribune

Troy Foundation Offers Matching Grants Program

By Nancy Bowman

The Troy Foundation is giving area residents an opportunity to enhance donations to nonprofit organizations serving the Troy community. A Matching Gift Fund of \$45,700 has been set up by the foundation governing board to use as matching funds for gifts made to qualifying 501(c)(3) organizations, Melissa Kleptz, the foundation’s executive director, said. The fund will continue

matches until the money said aside is depleted, she said. Under the program, each gift of up to \$250 will be matched by the foundation. As an example, Kleptz said a donor could give \$1,000 to the foundation and designate four organizations to receive \$250 each. The Foundation would deposit the donor check and issue a new check for double the original gift. It will distribute the checks to the recipient(s) in the donor’s name. “We had a surplus of in-

come from the last round of grants and felt this was a nice way for nonprofit organizations to boost their year,” Kleptz said. Checks may be mailed to the foundation or donors can drop them off at 216 W. Franklin St., Troy. The checks should be made payable to The Troy Foundation with a notation of the organization(s) the donor intends to receive the gift. Questions about the program can be directed to 937-339-8935. A similar matching pro-

gram – the Community Needs Fund - was offered in 2009-10. It came during the recession when local organizations were struggling to meet needs due to more demand for services and assistance. The foundation at first identified four groups to receive matching funds before opening the list of potential recipients to all existing nonprofits in the community. The foundation matched \$150,000 in donations through that program.

The Troy Foundation Awards Grants

At their December meeting the Distribution Committee of The Troy Foundation reviewed thirty-seven grant applications. The grants were awarded through the General Fund, the Lucy Fund and the Clyde and Kathryn Marr Funds of The Troy Foundation. In the end, The Troy Foundation is pleased to announce thirty-six organizations were chosen to receive \$430,162 as follows: Child Care Choice, \$300, for a computer upgrade in the office to assist with payroll and accounting and the monthly newsletters. Miami Soil and Water Conservation, \$500, for a tree seedling project to foster awareness and perspective on the worth of trees and the investment they are in our community. Miami County Educational Service Center, \$699.55, to purchase multi-sensory speech therapy materials to be used with preschool students to learn speech sound production skills and with the school-aged students to help oral and written language skills. Cookson Elementary School, \$855, for the purchase of new running shoes for the spring season of Girls

on the Run. UVCC, Early Childhood Education and Care, \$956, for support of the ECEC Level II students in applying for the Child Development Associate credentials. First Place Food Pantry, \$1,000, to support the transportation home program in conjunction with the Miami County Transit. St. Patrick Early Learning Center, \$1,100, for the purchase of materials to introduce the preschool children to early math, science, literacy, music and art skills. Reading for a Change, \$1,951, to purchase sound proofing materials to provide a reduction in the overall noise of the location. Upper Valley Career Center, \$1,987, for the purchase of Ozobot and Robot kits for the pre-engineering program being taught at the Troy Junior High School. The Overfield Tavern Museum, \$2,000, to provide support to maintain the monthly electronic newsletter and promoting Troy Historical Alliance special events through social media. St. Joseph’s House, \$2,000, providing operational support for the emergency hous-

ing costs during the months of December through March. St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Patrick, \$2,000, to provide support for the rent, utilities, and food assistance for Troy families in need. Troy High School Wrestling Parents Association, \$2,000, for the purchase of Bulgarian bags for the 2016-2017 wrestling season. GIVE Medical Ministry, \$3,500, to purchase a portable oxygen concentrator and several knee walkers to provide equipment for loan to residents with medical needs. Juvenile Education, DARE, \$3,500, for support of the DARE operations for the young people of the City of Troy. Camp Invention, \$5,000, for the week long summer camp for Troy area children focusing on the enrichment science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, \$5,500, for roof and flashing repairs at the front entry of the center. Eagles’ Wings Stable, Inc., \$6,000, for support of the tuition gap for equine assisted therapies for individuals for an 8 week session of therapeutic riding and equine as-

sisted learning. First United Church of Christ, \$8,000, for support of the backpack food program that provides bags of food for the weekend for elementary school children in the Troy City School District who are at risk for hunger over the weekend. New Creation Counseling Center, \$8,000, to provide support of the shortfall of patients who are unable to pay for psychiatric services. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Miami Valley, \$9,000, to provide support of the community based and school based mentoring program for Troy residents. WACO Historical Society, \$9,943, to help partially fund the replacement of the current HVAC system at WACO. Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, \$11,120, for the Downtown Troy Summer Music Series providing family entertainment to the citizens of Troy. Troy Christian Schools, \$13,600, for the purchase of an upgraded security alarm system that connects directly with the Troy Police Department. Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, \$10,000, providing mento-

ring support for approximately 190 young men and women in Troy participating in Cub Scout and Boy Scout packs. Miami County YMCA, Robinson Branch in Troy, \$20,000, for the purchase of an exterior LED Display Sign. American Red Cross Northern Miami Valley Chapter, \$15,000, to support the Home Fire Campaign in the Troy area. Partners in Hope, Inc., \$25,000, for the operational support “Relief, Education, and Development” programs. Troy Main Street, \$17,500, for the MKSK Urban Design Study for Downtown Riverfront Development. UVMC Foundation and Upper Valley Medical Center, \$25,000, providing support of the Rachel’s Challenge program promoting kindness and compassion in Troy City Schools. Health Partners Free Clinic, \$30,000, for ongoing operational expenses providing services to the uninsured and under-insured. Hospice of Miami County, \$21,660, for upgrades to conference room and the holiday wish program. Miami County Recovery

Council, Inc., \$40,000, for support of the Social Detox Program provided in an organized, residential, non-medical setting. Pink Ribbon Girls, \$17,500, toward the purchase of a new vehicle for the transportation of clients to appointments and support of a seminar for UVMC Cancer Care. City of Troy, Ohio, \$47,990, for the Wayfinding Strategy Initiative to connect and provide direction for visitors and residents to easily locate their destination as they maneuver into, thru, and around town. Dayton Children’s Hospital, \$25,000, for support of the new patient care tower for the continuation of life-saving pediatric care. The Distribution Committee meets quarterly to review grant applications. Only organizations with a 501(c)3 status are eligible to apply. For more information about the foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit www.thetroyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Wednesday, February 15th by 4pm for review at the March meeting.

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Area Teams Hit The Mats Before Christmas

By Jim Dabbelt

A few of the area wrestling teams were in action last weekend heading into this week's Christmas holiday, as both Tippecanoe and Troy Christian participated in the Tippecanoe Invitational, while Tecumseh hosted a meet bringing in Urbana and Ben Logan.

At the Tippecanoe Invitational on Saturday, 11 teams were able to brave the conditions to compete in the event. Mason was victorious with 266 team points, while Troy Christian was second overall with 249.5 and Valley View third with 181.5. Tippecanoe placed fifth overall with 135 points.

At 106 pounds, Ethan Turner of Troy Christian earned the championship gold with a first-place finish by earning a major decision over Andrew Carter of Mason 16-3 in the finals.

Also earning a first-place finish was Troy Christian's Jacob Edwards at 113 pounds, as he won his championship match with a ten second



Photo by Carla Ungerecht
Finishing as runner-up in the Tippecanoe Invitational were the Troy Christian Eagles.

pin against Brian Roberts of Boone County. Tippecanoe's Blake Ballard was fourth overall after falling in the third-place match to Lance Roberts of Chaminade Julienne in 1:11.

Weighing in at 120 was Troy Christian's Drew Whaley, as he finished second overall falling in the championship match to Christopher Jedding of Mason in 3:30.

Another title for the Eagles was won at 126 as Michael Sergeant, as the Troy Christian

grappler won a hard fought 8-7 victory in the finals over Sam Glassco of Mason.

Tipp's Conner Jackson earned fourth overall at 132, as he lost in the third-place finals to Jack Henry of Oakwood 11-1, while finishing sixth was Troy Christian's Lear Current.

At 145, Caleb Blake won the title, as the Tippecanoe wrestler defeated Micah Marshall of CJ 9-4.

Finishing second at 152 was Caleb Hoskins of Troy



Photo by Carla Ungerecht
The Eagles saw several of their kids place at Tipp City on Saturday.

Christian, losing in 1:57 to Hunter Johns of CJ in the finals.

Tipp's Lucas Moore finished fourth at 160, while Lucas Moore lost at 170 in 3:34.

Weighing in at 182 was Tipp's Mason Pence who finished second with a forfeit loss in the finals, with Troy Christian's Damon Beatty finishing fifth with a 1:55 win over Perry Gardiner of Valley View.

Nick Baker from Troy Christian finished third at

195 with a 29-second pin in the finals, while Tipp's Grant Carlson from Tipp was fifth at 220.

At 285, Troy Christian's Seth Douglas earned the championship with a 3:32 pin over Trent Wilson of Valley View.

*Tecumseh's wrestling team also hosted a meet with Urbana and Ben Logan last week, and the Arrows were successful in both matches.

The Arrows defeated Urbana 49-24 in their opening

match, then came back with a 50-24 victory over Ben Logan.

Winning by both matches for the Arrows were Kainen Hackney with two pins, Gavin Sineff with a forfeit and pin, Tommy Rowe had a pin and technical fall and Greg Asher recorded a pin and a forfeit win.

"We had five freshman and six sophomores in the lineup (tonight)," said Tecumseh coach Scott Herbert. "We are a very young team. We have 34 wrestlers with no seniors and two juniors. The rest are ninth and tenth graders. The middle school program under Darrell Hall and Anthony Watson has sent a lot of good, young kids to the high school."

"The kids showed a lot of heart last night wrestling their first dual without our returning senior Captain Caleb Young who passed away in an auto accident last spring."

Tecumseh also recently placed eighth out of 22 teams at the Sidney Invitational. Brandon Henn placed third, Lucas Rodgers and Greg Asher placed fourth. Rowe and Hunter Donnen placed fifth.

Trojans Fall To Sidney, Edge Butler

By Jim Dabbelt

After battling through an even first quarter, the Troy Trojans gave up 33 points in the second quarter, allowing Sidney to pull away for an 83-64 win over the Trojans last week in a GWOC North division game at the Student Activity Center.

Sidney held a slim 15-13 lead after the opening period before the Jackets outscored Troy 60-29 over the next two quarters, taking a 75-42 lead heading to the final period of play.

Sidney was led in scoring by Andre Gordon with 18, Allec Gordon and Devan Rogers each with 16 and Ratz Roberts with 14.

For the Trojans, Hayden Kotwica led with 17 points on 7-12 shooting, to lead four players in double figures.

Zach Reichelderfer added 12 points for the Trojans, while Eli Palmer and Zion Taylor each added 10 in the loss.

*Troy held on to knock off Butler on Friday night 61-59 to earn their first divisional win on the season.

Zach Reichelderfer led the Trojans with 17 points on the night, while Ryan McClurg added 14 points and Hayden Kotwica scored 10.

Troy's game with Shawnee on Saturday night was postponed due to the weather.

The Trojans are back in action this week Piqua on Friday night, before taking

Sports Notes: Troy Christian Earns Big Wins

After suffering a season opening loss at Indian Lake, the Troy Christian girls' basketball team defeated an improved Dayton Christian team last week 44-34, to win their fifth game of the season.

"Dayton Christian played extremely well and they took us out of our things in the first half," Troy Christian coach Tony Ferraro said. "In the middle of the third quarter they were up by three and outplaying us."

"We made some adjustments and went on a run. They are a good team, are well coaches and disciplined. They made us work for everything."

Lauren Lavy, Kenley Blake and Hailey Peters all scored 12 points for the Eagles to lead the way.

"They played a really good half and moved the ball well on offense," Ferraro said. We were very fortunate to escape with a win."

Ferraro praised his team for getting three kids in double figures, as things are starting to come together for the Eagles.

"Our wings stepped up," the coach said. "They were denying our post players and double teamed them. The wings did a great job and got the offense going."

"We had good kids off bench tonight. Cara Salazar also ran well as point guard and got everyone involved."

*The Eagles continued their strong play with a 41-33 win over Legacy Christian last week, as Peters scored 11 points for Troy Christian, and Lee added 11 rebounds.

Troy Christian Boys Basketball - Dayton Christian used a big 21-6 second quarter en route to a 74-67 win over the Eagles in conference action last week.

Troy Christian led 19-13 after the opening quarter, but fell behind 34-25 at the break.

The second half was pretty evenly played, but the Eagles could not get the win.

James Anderson had a huge game for the Eagles, with 28 points and 20 rebounds, along with six blocks. Peyton Spurlock added nine points in the

loss.

Also last week, the Eagles used a big fourth quarter to turn a seven-point deficit into a 44-36 victory over Legacy Christian.

Anderson again led with 18 points and 18 rebounds, Ben Schenk added nine and Seth Wynne had eight.

The Eagles played at Houston last night, and are now off for the Christmas weekend.

Troy Bowling - The Trojans had little trouble defeating Fairborn last week 2505-1980 in boys' bowling action. Aaron Stone led the way with a 268-202, followed by Hayden Jackson 223-202, Jason Shiltz 214-207, AJ Kendall 171-213, Landon Flory 226 and Logan Jones 157.

On the girls' side, the Trojans matched their male counterparts with another win on the season, as Troy defeated Fairborn 2553-2245.

A'leigha Smith led with a 226-268, Jenna Stone 236-246, Cassidy McMullen 226-233, Kirsten McMullen 200-192, Alyssa Shilt

157 and Jennica Funderburg 151.

Troy Christian Swimming - *In the Greenon Invaitatonal, several area swimmers placed in the top three in their events:

Boys 200 Medley Relay- Troy Christian 1st (Alexander Klint, Ezekiel Fulton, Grant Douchette and Benjamin Schaffnit).

Girls 100 Free- 3. Michelle Murray (Tecumseh) 1:01.23.

Boys 100 Free- Tied for third was Troy Christian teammates Doucette and Jacob Voisinnet.

Girls 100 IM- 3. Gracie Glaser (Troy Christian) 1:07.90.

Boys 100 IM- 3. Fulton (Troy Christian) 59.49.

Boys 50 Free- 3. Voisinnet (Troy Christian) 24.11.

Boys 50 Backstroke- 1. Klint (Troy Christian) 28.11, 2. Moebius (Troy Christian) 28.14.

Boys 50 Breaststroke- 1. Fulton (Troy Christian) 29.02 (new meet record).

Boys 200 Free Relay- 1. Troy Christian (Fulton, Klint, Moebius, Matthew Newcomer) 1:34.67 (new meet record).

Virtual Tour of Edison State Now Available

To remain on the cutting edge of technology, Edison State Community College now offers the opportunity to take a virtual tour of the campus. The recently launched YouVisit virtual tour takes users in and around the Piqua Campus, all from the comfort of their own home and device.

As participants follow the arrows through campus, an on-screen guide explains

the various functions and features of fifteen select areas. While touring, users can view 360-degree images, videos, and photographs to gain an in-depth look at the Edison State campus.

"Virtual tours are becoming increasingly popular among colleges and universities and have proven to provide an excellent visual representation of an institution's ethos," said Bruce McKenzie,

Director of Marketing at Edison State. "These types of tours give the viewer interactive control to become immersed in every detail of our college and campus grounds."

The virtual tour may be viewed on any desktop or mobile device with an Internet connection. For an even more engaging option, Virtual Reality (VR) headsets can also be used while tour-

ing. Users may simply download and install the free YouVisit app and begin the tour.

"We want the communities we serve to gain a better understanding of all that we have to offer and this seems to be the most advanced, effective, and accessible method of delivery available today," added McKenzie.

To view the virtual tour, visit www.edisonohio.edu/#-virtualtour.

Premier Health Offers Safe Holiday Driving Tips

This time of year, with all the holiday parties and festive occasions, many partygoers will be drinking. If you're celebrating with alcohol this holiday season, federal, state, and local law enforcement has a message for you: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Due to the increase in

drunk-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, law enforcement agencies across region will be out in force now through January 1, 2017—actively searching for drunk drivers. The facts are grim: in December 2015 there were 94 fatal crashes in Ohio involving at least one

driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher; 13 of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. On average, a third (31%) of all crash fatalities in America involves drunk driving.

"It's time for all drivers to get the message," said Sgt.

Jeff Kramer of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, "that drunk driving isn't a victimless crime. You could kill yourself or someone else, or get a DUI and go to jail." It's illegal in every state to drive over the limit of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL). And it might not take as much alcohol as you

think to get there. So the safest approach is to only drive sober. If you plan on drinking at a holiday party, bar, or restaurant, let someone else do the driving – a sober friend, a taxi or public transportation.

As part of the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled

Over enforcement campaign period, police will be increasing the number of patrols, setting up roadblocks, and using local media to reach all drivers. There are many ways to get home safely after drinking. Designate a sober

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Toastmasters Host Mull

Miami County Toastmasters were pleased to host professional speaker and Distinguished Toastmaster Gary Mull at their recent Open House on Monday, Nov 28, in Troy. Mull, who has served in leadership positions at every level of Toastmasters, including International Director, shared his speaking expertise with confidence and humor.

He offered the program “Five Essential Skills to be an Exceptional Presenter” to an audience of about 40 people. Toastmasters from many area clubs were eager to hear from such an experienced speaker and author. One lucky attendee went home

with the door prize of the book, Speaking of Success: World Class Experts Share Their Secrets, which includes a chapter featuring Mull.

“I have benefited tremendously from Toastmasters. I am thrilled by the opportunity to potentially change the lives of others with my message, and by opening the door to a great life-changing organization,” Mull said.

Visitors are always welcome. The informal club meetings are informative, encouraging, and supportive. Come and see for yourself what exciting opportunities awaits you with Toastmasters.

Soup Kitchen Offers Christmas Dinners

St. Patrick’s Soup Kitchen will once again be delivering hot Christmas dinners, on Sunday, December 25 between Noon and 3 o’clock to Miami County residents in need.

Meals include ham and mashed potatoes, candied yams, green bean casserole,

bread, fruit and homemade pie.

Please call (937) 335-7939 to place your order by Friday, December 23. Leave name, address, phone number and quantity of meals requested on our answering machine.

God bless EVERYONE!

Trinity Episcopal Sets Christmas Eve Services

The cold of winter will be transformed to the warmth of love as the community comes together to the warm glow of candles, the joyful sound of music and the comfort of hearing the ancient story of Christmas read through the scriptures.

Trinity Episcopal Church invites you to the church on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. for a service of liturgy, music and Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

The church is located at 60 S. Dorset Rd. in Troy.

Library Offers Children’s Winter Reading Challenge

The Children’s Winter Reading Challenge at Troy-Miami County Public Library begins Monday, January 3 and ends Friday, March 3; the program’s theme is “It’s Cool to Read” and is designed to encourage reading for pleasure. Participants can pick up a reading log at the library, set a goal

and read. The completed reading log can be turned in between February 20 and March 3 for a small prize.

For more information call 937-339-0502 ext. 121 or visit www.tmcpl.org.

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

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such a young age, Kayden has been taught that what would have been trash can have a new purpose and be used in positive ways instead of potentially contributing to waste that could harm the environment.

Enthusiasm for the project was shared by 3rd grade science teacher, Mrs. Shelley Stewart. She sees the integration of learning, lifestyle, and creativity as a beautiful amalgamation of curriculum standards and demonstration of learning. “We really enjoyed getting involved with this project,” Stewart said. “I’m so very proud of our students and their commitment to our earth’s well-being and to this specific work.”

Miami County Solid Waste District sent Lauren Karch out to represent their department and give awards to the children. Creativity was the primary quality taking into account during judging. Karch expressed that she was im-

pressed with the creativity of the Cookson students this year.

According to Cookson principal Stephanie Johnson, partnerships like the one with Miami County Solid Waste District are a gift to her students. “Our teachers and students and families appreciate the many resources and opportunities that are afforded to our students. It is optimal when our community has projects that so directly tie with the work our students need to be doing,” Johnson said. “The students’ work becomes even more meaningful and is recognized by not only us but by many others as well.”

Johnson said that these are the kinds of projects she enjoys offering to students and their families. Participation in community life and the joy and selfless sacrifice of doing good at this time of the year is paramount to the values Cookson seeks to instill in their students all year round.

Library Offers Winter Storytime

“It’s Cool to Read!” at Troy-Miami County Public Library! Registration for the winter session will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017; you can drop in at the Troy library, use online registration at www.tmcpl.org, or call 937-339-0502 to register.

Children from birth to 2 years, and their caregiver, will enjoy 30 minutes of one-on-one time and interact through stories, songs, and playtime. The emphasis of this program is on early literacy and parent/caregiver interaction. Baby laptimes are offered at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Toddler storytime focuses on early literacy skills while providing a fun, conducive environment for learning and social interaction. Children ages 2-3 and their caregivers will enjoy one-on-one time in a 30-minute weekly music and movement based storytime. Participants

will enjoy various activities which may include stories, songs, and a craft. Toddler storytimes are offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The preschool storytime is a 45 minute weekly program designed for children ages 4-5. Activities include stories, fingerplays or puppets, and a craft. Caregivers, please leave your child with the staff and enjoy some quiet time in the library. The preschool storytimes are offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Mornings in Motion, Move & Groove, Family Fun Nights, and more will be offered during the winter session; the seven week session will begin the week of January 16, 2017.

For more information, call the Troy Library at 937-339-0502 or visit www.tmcpl.org.

What To Do in Troy

World Race for Hope 5K
January 1, 1:30 p.m.
This is a great race for an exceptional cause (ending slavery) and also a fantastic way to start the new year. The race for 2017 will start and finish at First Place Christian Center in Downtown Troy.

The race supports anti-trafficking organizations in the Dayton area and around the world.

Friday Night Movies at the Hayner
January 6, 7:30 p.m.
Troy-Hayner Cultural Center
Friday Night Movies at the Hayner Center

feature classic movies with an introduction to the film, café style seating, and popcorn and soft drinks. All films begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

This Friday’s movie is Dead Poets Society (1989)

The film series is intended for mature viewers and may not be appropriate for children under 13.

To promote your non-profit club or organization’s events, email the information to editor@troytrib.com. You can also mail it to Troy Tribune, P.O. Box 281, New Carlisle OH 45344

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card that she found in front of her residence two weeks ago. It was placed into property.

3:00 p.m. – To Crescent Dr. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that her credit card was stolen.

3:33 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main near South Lane. The vehicle had a flat tire, had its 4-way flashers on and was traveling at 10 MPH. The officer stopped the vehicle to offer assistance, since traffic was backing up. The driver said he was on his way to the shop to get the tire fixed. He said he was driving because he could not afford a tow. The officer asked for his license and the driver offered an Ohio ID card. He said that his license was suspended, but he was in the process of taking care of it. He was cited for driving under suspension and a valid driver arrived to take control of the vehicle.

5:07 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of a theft. A suspect was located and charged.

8:00 p.m. – To S. Mulberry St. for a report of missing property. A woman reported that her electronic tablet was missing. She said she went to the store where she was shopping, and an employee told her that another employee was seen with the tablet walking toward the Customer Service desk. No tablet was located at the desk. The officer went to the store and was advised that the tablet might be in the Administrative Offices and that the employee did not have access. The RP was notified, and she said she would contact the store in the morning.

9:21 p.m. – Traffic stop on Raper at Mulberry. The vehicle’s registration expired on 8/7/16. The driver said she was under the impression that her boyfriend, who owned the vehicle, had renewed it. The officer found that she was cited a few weeks ago for the same violation. She was cited again and released.

9:53 p.m. – Traffic stop in front of Troy High School. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for OVI.

11:07 p.m. – To Todd Lane for a report of a possible heroin overdose. The subject was treated with Narcan and transported by Troy Squad.

11:43 p.m. – To Imperial Ct. for a report of a disturbance. A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend would not leave. The boyfriend was calling for a ride to take him somewhere else. She advised that they did not fight, but she just wanted him to leave. The officer learned that the boyfriend had two outstanding warrants. He was arrested and taken to the Miami County Jail.

11:50 p.m. – To the 1500 block of McKaig Ave. for a report of an accident. One vehicle had slid into another on the untreated roadway. While the officer was investigating, a third vehicle slid on the ice into one of the vehicles involved in the crash.

11:54 p.m. – To W. Main St. for a report of one driver chasing another motorist, and the female passenger of the suspect vehicle was naked. The vehicle was located. The driver was cited for OVI and driving under suspension and the passenger for open container.

Saturday 12/17

4:12 a.m. – An officer was following a vehicle southbound on S. Market St. His speed was excessive for the road conditions. The roads were covered with ice. He watched the driver try to turn left onto Raper St., but he was going too fast and struck the rear of a parked vehicle. There were no injuries. He was cited for driving too fast for road conditions.

4:41 a.m. – To the 900 block of E. Franklin St. for a report of an accident. A driver lost control on the ice-covered street and struck a parked vehicle. No citation was issued due to the weather conditions.

The officer noted that there were about 20 other crashes that had occurred during an 8-hour period.

8:10 a.m. – To Towne Park Dr. for a report of an accident. A driver was going too fast at the curve, hit the curb and damaged a tire. A second vehicle traveling in the same direction also failed to negotiate the curve and struck the first vehicle. Both were cited for failure to control.

4:52 p.m. – Traffic stop on W. Main St. The driver was found to be having a medical issue and was transported to UVMC by squad.

5:17 p.m. – Traffic stop on Adams St. near Foss Way. The vehicle was clocked at 44 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. The driver said he was not aware of the speed limit on Adams St. He was cited for speed.

10:08 p.m. – To S. Walnut St. for a report of a suspected drug overdose. One subject was transported to UVMC and two subjects were charged with drug related offenses.

11:23 p.m. – To Buffalo Wild Wings for a report of a disturbance. One adult male was trespassed from the

12:38 a.m. – To Terrace Place to assist a squad. A male was found to have overdosed on heroin and was transported to UVMC.

2:55 a.m. – Traffic stop on the lot of the Speedway on N. Market St. The driver was found to be under suspension and was cited. He contacted a valid driver to pick him up.

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Check Your Network

Many people sign up for insurance and later realize they can't see the doctor they want. I recommend checking with an insurance agent or online before you purchase a plan.

Some people call the doctor's office directly before they purchase a plan but that can be inaccurate. Many times an insurance company has many different networks and the doctor's office doesn't know what plan you have. For example, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has a different network for Group insurance, Medicare and Individual insurance. In fact, Anthem has 5 different networks in Miami County. Many doctor's offices accept the Anthem Group insurance network, which is call the Blue Access PPO. However, most providers in Miami County including Upper Valley Medical Center don't accept the individual Anthem plan, which is called the Pathway network.

It's also important to know what happens if you go to a doctor out-of-network. Most plans cover you in an emergency situation but some plans will not pay for a non-emergency situation. A plan that doesn't cover out-of-network doctors is called an HMO. An example of an HMO in Miami County is the Premier Health Plan.

A plan that does cover out-of-network services is called a PPO. It's cheaper to stay in-network with a PPO but you are still covered if you go out-of-network. As a result, PPO's are usually more expensive.

Again, I always recommend that you check with a

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Columns & Opinion

Gardening Commentary

By Meadow View Growers

Winter Pruning Tips – Shade Trees

Now that winter is here there is a limited amount of outdoor work we can do so we'll spend a little time talking about dormant season pruning. This week let's take a look at what we need to do to protect our investment in shade trees. When trees are planted in the proper location and are well maintained they provide huge benefits to property owners. They provide the following:

- increased property values
- reduced energy costs
- a better environment for living, cool shade

- a better habitat for wildlife
- improve the beauty of our surroundings all year long

These things are true ONLY when our trees remain in good condition. Developing the basic scaffold branching and other key structural items is important



Properly pruned

when trees are trained and properly pruned at a young age. If large shade trees are not maintained or are butchered, like a lot of them are by “topping”, they can become a major liability and very costly to remove.

Two of the photos included here show examples of properly and poorly



“Topped” tree

pruned shade trees. The tree with the open branching has been thinned out and allows wind to blow through the tree without damaging large limbs and provides filtered sunlight through the canopy for plants that are growing nearby while providing a great environment for the people living there. The photo of the tree that has been “topped” has many “suck-

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Stubs should be removed

At Home

By Connie Moore

Candy Making-1887

If you've ever walked into an Esther Price candy store, you know the power of sugar, chocolate and all that can be found in those gold boxes. In 1887, an unnamed reporter in New York found out for himself just how intense the experience could be in a large factory of sugar and chocolate. Here is his story.

“With fear and trembling, and a heart surcharged with anxiety lest somebody should see him, a reporter made his way into a candy factory the other day. He took a slim-legged dude along with him to swear to an alibi in case of need.

A door opened and shut, and the visitors found themselves in a room which at first

sight might have been taken for a machine shop. Ponderous wheels revolved noiselessly, and upon every side great engines stretched and drew back their long steel arms, engaged upon some unknown but titanic task. The odor of chocolate was well-nigh overpowering.

The reporter stepped forward to an enormous bowl of polished copper and gazed into its depths. A strange sight greeted his eyes. Within the interior of this great copper vessel revolved two large mill stones, while a steel rake, constantly in motion, directed a river of rich brown chocolate so that it flowed steadily under the wheels. It was extraordinary how this mighty torrent twisted in and out—a great writhing boa constrictor struggling to escape.”

“That is the grinder,” remarked the superintendent.

“That stuff in there is simply crushed cocoa bean and sugar. It looks semi-liquid, of course, but that is because of the essential oil of the bean.”

“Near the grinder stood a machine something like a great coffee mill. Cocoa beans in their entirety were turned into a hopper at the top and issued in the form of a liquid into a large vat beneath.

Chocolate making is rather a complicated process. Bean are first placed in a separator, which dries and sorts them. Next, they are roasted. Machine #3 cracks them, cleans and throws out shells and germ, preserving the kernels. After this, kernels are ground with sugar. Half made now, the chocolate is heated in an oven, then passed through three finishing machines. Finally it comes into the hands of pretty young girls, who wrap it in silver foil and box it.”

“In a small room well lighted and ventilated, five men

were at work. They looked like a band of Brazilian planters who had been lifted up and set down in the middle of a Canadian snow storm. They were clothed from head to foot in spotless cotton, cotton coats, cotton aprons, cotton trousers, cotton shirts and cotton caps. A white powder drifting through the room settled on their mustaches and faces, to say nothing of their clothing. This powder was cornstarch. Over a huge copper caldron, heating beneath by a coil of sinuous steam pipes, leaned one of those queer white figures. In his hand he held a gigantic spoon, and every now and then he stirred the contents of the vessel vigorously.

The reporter peered over the brink and saw a mass of snow white substance about the consistency of butter-milk. “Try some?” queried the superintendent, pushing a ladle into the vat. It was marshmallow, but oh, such

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Pay It Forward

By Karen Martin

Memories

Well Christmas is here once again, which seems so quick as usual. We are hurrying to make everything special for all that we love. We try to make all special so it we be the best they remember. REMEMBER is such an important word in that statement. We still have the memories of the past celebrations.

Memories can be all that we have of those we have lost. Those memories are a gift from them that can never be taken away from us. It is important that we share those memories of that loved one with others that loved them too and others in our ives that never had the pleasure of meeting them. They will always be a part of who we are, where we have come from. and where we will go. They will forever be in our hearts.

Thinking of our lost ones, especially when they were such a huge part of our celebrations, can be very difficult, to say the least. But there are others we still have to be strong for, and create new memories for them. Traditions sometimes have to change, as life always does. We can still attach their memory to it, as their special recipe or some decoration they always had.

One way to celebrate and keep their memories strong is to bring out all the family pictures from years past.

Even the young ones like to see who their great grandparents were, and their parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles when they were little. We can sit around and talk about all the past things that bring belly giggling laughter that makes our stomachs hurt. They are truly the best.

I hope you find greatness in the memories that you share, and I hope you find

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Tip of the Week

BY SGT. JJ MAURO
TIPP CITY POLICE RETIRED

Civil vs. Criminal

Anyone who paid attention to the OJ Simpson trial may already know the difference between a civil and criminal trial. OJ was tried in California State Court for murder and was found not guilty by a jury. That was a criminal trial and as such if found guilty of a criminal offense, could lose his freedom and/or life as imposed by the State.

After being found not guilty in a criminal court of law, the victims/relatives filed

a law suit in State Court demanding compensatory and punitive damages for the loss of their loved ones. That is a Civil Trial and does not carry any time in prison or the possibility of death. The only award that can be given by a jury in a civil court is compensatory damages which is money in compensation for their loss. The jury can also award punitive damages which is a statement made by the jury that the individual acted in such a manner that they feel he should have to pay money as punishment (punitive) for their loss.

In a criminal case the con-

victed person can be ordered to pay a fine, but those are usually miniscule compared to damages awarded in a civil action. A person can be covered by insurance to pay for compensatory civil damages up to a certain amount but insurance does not cover punitive awards. As such punitive damages must be paid by the convicted defendant.

OJ was found not guilty in criminal court but was found responsible in civil court and had to pay out damages to the victim's families. OJ later was arrested and convicted of criminal charges in a robbery scheme gone bad and that is what he is in jail for at this time.

In criminal court a jury must all vote to convict for a

defendant to be found guilty. The level of guilt must be proven by the state, “Beyond a reasonable doubt.” If any of the jurors have a reasonable doubt, the jury is hung and a mistrial must be the finding. The defendant can be tried again. If the jurors vote not guilty, the person is ruled not guilty and cannot be retried.

In civil court the level of proof that the victims or plaintiffs must reach is a much lower level, “...A preponderance of evidence.” Preponderance of evidence is in simple terms, 51 percent of the jurors must vote the defendant did what the plaintiffs claim. They then set a money amount both compensatory and punitive.

In municipal court, a criminal case can result in loss of

liberty. A civil case again does not carry jail time. Examples of a criminal case is assault, theft, child endangering all punishable by six months in the county jail.

Civil cases that sometimes are confused with criminal cases are any act which does not carry jail time. Examples would be speed, stop sign, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana and so on. Each one of these civil violation can become a criminal act if the person had previous convictions within the past 12 months or as in the case of disorderly conduct after reasonable warning to cease the disorderly action the person continues to do so and the discon becomes a misdemeanor the fourth degree and carries

the possibility of 30 days in the county lock up.

The only minor misdemeanor that is a civil offense and can result in incarceration is disorderly conduct where the person can be locked up for his own health and safety. A drunk passed out in the street is only a minor misdemeanor but can be incarcerated if the temperature is so cold that the person could freeze to death, so the jail will hold them until they sober up and can take care of themselves.

If an officer looks at your driving record and notices a habit of speeding tickets within the past year, expect to have the ticket written to a higher degree and face the possibility of time in jail.

Financial Focus

Provided by Matt Buehrer, Thrivent Financial

Six Simple Steps to Financial Success

After watching the stock market soar to record highs over the first four months of the year, many investors are wondering if they should make changes to their investment portfolios. Perhaps, but not because of what the stock market has done. Investment decisions based on short-term market moves are often short-sighted. A better approach is to stick to a long-term strategy built on proven investment fundamentals, and aligned with your goals and objectives. Here are six simple steps from Thrivent Financial that can help put your financial plan on the right track.

If your employer offers a 401(k) plan, use it. For a variety of reasons, it is often going to be your most attractive investment opportunity. Most employers will match a portion of your contributions, making your effective returns higher. If you contribute \$1,000 to your plan, for example, and your employer matches that at 50 cents on the dollar, your

contribution is actually worth \$1,500. A 401(k) also offers tax advantages on contributions and investment gains. Finally, it puts your contributions on autopilot via systematic payroll deductions. That makes it less likely you'll skip contributions, and also lets you take advantage of the powerful benefits of dollar-cost averaging*. Simply put, your regular, fixed-dollar contributions buy more shares when prices are low, and fewer when they're high.

Understand your investment horizon. Many people underestimate how long their retirement savings will need to last, which can lead to a host of mistakes. Some invest too conservatively, making it hard for their portfolios to keep pace with inflation. Others draw down their assets too quickly in retirement, boosting the odds that they'll run out of money in old age. The average 65-year-old in good health today can expect to live about 20 more years. Your investment strategy should reflect the pos-

sibility that you will not only meet, but perhaps exceed, the life expectancy averages.

Don't underestimate the corrosive effects of inflation—even at low levels. At a rate of just 2 percent, inflation cuts the buying power of a dollar by a third in about 20 years. At 3 percent, it does the job in 14 years. Make sure your portfolio includes some assets, like stocks, that historically have outperformed inflation over long periods of time.

Diversify your investment portfolio, but understand that you will need to do more to mitigate longevity risk. Diversification is the simplest and most effective approach to managing investment risk, but is ineffective at managing many other threats to your financial security. Longevity risk, for example—the risk of outliving your savings—is best managed by pooling your risk with other investors. One way to do that is with an annuity contract issued by an insurance company. Certain annuity contracts work like old-fashioned pension plans, paying a fixed income for life**. Some include escalation clauses that increase your payout over time to keep pace with inflation. Knowing that

you have provided for your basic living expenses with an annuity can provide the reassurance you need to take a long-term perspective on stocks and other growth-oriented investments—the ones your portfolio needs to keep pace with inflation.

When investing in stocks, don't confuse where a company is headquartered with where it earns its money. Many people are looking to capitalize on investments in the fast-growing emerging economies of Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Often, though, emerging-market companies are not fueled by growth in their own economies. Many are mining or other natural resources firms whose results are driven by global commodity prices. Rather than investing directly in emerging markets, a better alternative for many people is to invest in U.S. companies that do business globally. Many of these companies have brands that are household names in emerging markets, and some even earn more overseas than they do in the U.S. In fact, a large share of the profits of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index is generated outside the U.S. Bottom line, you already

enjoy substantial global diversification with U.S. stocks.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. The ever-expanding array of alternative investments can seem overwhelmingly complex, and may require frequent and ongoing attention. Rather than trying to do it yourself, consider working with a financial professional. Getting their advice on matters critical to your financial well-being will usually make good fiscal sense.

Thrivent Financial is represented in the local area by Matt Buehrer. He has an office at 29 W. Main Street in Tipp City and can also be reached at 937-667-8270.

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Rebecca C. Fisher (Wightman)

Rebecca C. Fisher, age 70 of Troy, passed away Monday, December 12, 2016 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy. She was born November 8, 1946 in Washington, PA to the late William and Bernadine (Boyles) Wightman.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her husband, Jeffery Lynn Fisher, who passed away March 18, 2012.

She was a 1964 graduate of Winchester High School in Winchester, IN and retired as a Social Worker from Koester Pavilion.

Private services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Andy Cantrell

Andy Cantrell, age 90 of Troy, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at his residence. He was born January 1, 1926 in Pilgrim's Knob, VA to the late Joseph W. and Hannah (Mullins) Cantrell.

Andy is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Charles and Susan Cantrell of Troy, and Christopher and Brenda Cantrell of Jefferson City, TN; four daughters and sons-in-law: Aundrea Cantrell of TN, Pamela Cantrell of TN, Stacy and Nathan Hamilton of Troy, and Ann and Bill Kindell of Troy; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; as well as two sisters and brother-in-law: Bessie King of WV, and Connie and Robert England of Tipp City.

He was preceded in death by his beloved companion, Cathy Jo Westfall, who passed away November 21, 2015; three brothers, and five sisters.

Andy was a US Navy Veteran of WWII. He was a member of Troy Eagles #971, and a life member of VFW Post #5436 of Troy. He retired as a Pipe Maker from Tube Products in Troy, and worked at E&J Bar in Troy for 10 years. Andy enjoyed watching western movies, military history, and spending time with his family.

A funeral service was held 11AM Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy with Pastor Tracy Bodey officiating. Military Honors by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy took place following funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice of Dayton: 8069 Washington Village Dr. Dayton, OH 45458.

Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Timothy Allen Williams

Timothy A. Williams, age 37 of Troy, passed away Friday, December 16, 2016. He was born September 24, 1979 in Troy to Creig Williams of FL, and Kimberley (Pack Williams) Omlor of Sidney.

Along with his parents, Timothy is survived by stepfather John Omlor of Sidney; daughter McKenna Renee Williams of Tipp City; the mother of his daughter: Elizabeth Cantrell of Tipp City; brother Scott Randall Williams and his fiancée Lisa Parker of Tipp City; sister Jamie Williams of Palm Bay, FL; cousin Bradley Ryan Pack; nephews Brayden Scott Williams and Dylan Micheal Williams; niece Ciara Jean Williams; and grandparents Richard and Kathy Williams of Englewood.

Timothy loved sports and watching football every weekend. He loved Ohio State and the Bengals. He also looked forward to seeing his daughter on the weekends. He graduated from Tipp City High School in 1999 and was on the track and baseball team. He worked at Clopay in Troy for over 4 years.

A funeral service will be held 10AM Friday, December 23, 2016 at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Visitation will be held from 4PM-7PM Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the funeral home. Contributions may be given to the family in his memory. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Harold Wayne Beaty

Harold W. Beaty, age 84 of Troy, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at his residence. He was born April 21, 1932 in Champaign County to the late Harold C. and Helen L. (Bishop) Beaty.

Harold is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law: Vickie and Joseph Brown of Troy, Teresa and Michael Luersman of West Milton, and Barbara and Mark Daffner of Troy; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Donald and Carolyn Beaty of Troy, and Gary Lee and Cathy Beaty of Sebring, FL; one sister and brother-in-law: Linda and Richard Scholz of Troy; as well as brother-in-law John Neves, Jr. of Troy.

He married Mary Louise Neves on April 1, 1953, and she preceded him in death on August 1, 2013. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and brother-in-law: Rosemary and Victor Green, and Betty Neves.

Harold proudly served his country in the US Army. He was a 1950 graduate of Christiansburg-Jackson High School, and was a member of First Lutheran Church in Troy. He was also a lifetime member of Troy Fish and Game. He retired as a Meat Cutter from both Dinner Bell of Troy, and Caven's Meat of Conover.

A funeral service was held 11AM Friday, December 16, 2016 at First Lutheran Church, Troy with Pastor Chuck Beckett officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Troy with Military Honors by the Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard of Troy. Patriot Guard Riders were in attendance at the funeral home and church for their service. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Miami County: PO Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. Arrangements entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy.

Donald Dillon

Donald Dillon, age 83, of Casstown, passed away on Monday, December 12, 2016 at his residence. He was born on April 20, 1933 in Lenore, WV to the late Albert and Rosa (Marcum) Dillon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Egie O. (Muncy) Dillon.

Donald is survived by one son: Michael Dillon of Piqua; nephew: Dallas Dillon of Casstown; and two grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sons: Randy, Dirty and Barry Dillon.

Donald proudly served his country as a member of the US Navy from 1950-1954 during the Korean Conflict.

Private family services will be held at their convenience. Arrangements are being handled by Baird Funeral Home in Troy.

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

Michael R. Gumbert

Michael R. Gumbert, age 59, of Troy, OH went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy, OH. He was born on June 15, 1957 in Troy, OH to the late Ralph Edsel Gumbert and Carmella May (Livingston) Gumbert of Troy.

In addition to his mother, Michael is survived by step daughters: Casey Wetsig of Centerville and Krystal Evans of Riverside; two nieces: Sara Gumbert and Anna Gumbert, both of Ft. Loramie; and brother: Mark Gumbert of Troy.

Michael was a 1975 graduate of Troy High School. He received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Colorado Tech University, where he graduated Cum Laude. Michael was a machinist most of his life at OCHS Industries and Hobart Sunshade.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 19, 2016 at the Baird Funeral Home in Troy. The family received friends following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Miami County, P. O. Box 502, Troy, OH 45373. 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.

Susan Lynn Dykes

Susan Lynn Dykes, age 60, formerly of Troy, OH passed away on Monday, December 12, 2016 at Hearth & Home Assisted Living, Vandalia, OH. She was born June 14, 1956 in Troy to the late George R. Speelman and Emilia Bianchi. She is survived by her husband of 43 years Norman G. Dykes of Butler Township; sons Joshua and Matthew Dykes of Troy; son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Shannon Dykes and grandchildren Jocelyn and Vincent Dykes and Adriana Barrett-Knick, all of Troy; sister Lucinda Saams of Atlanta, GA; and brother Scott Speelman of Fort Wayne, IN.

Susan was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Troy and a past member of the Troy Beautification Committee. She was a graduate of Troy High School and worked for many years as a certified nurses aide at local area hospitals and in-home care services.

She was a ray of sunshine in the lives of all who knew her. She was the rarest of souls who never met a stranger and whose instinct to care and help others came as naturally as breathing. Her greatest joy was being a mother.

Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday December 15 at Baird Funeral Home in Troy. A Private Funeral Service for family and friends will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday at First United Methodist Church in Troy, with former pastor Theron Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 31 West Whipp Road, Dayton, OH 45459. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.bairdfuneralhome.com.

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Nancy Kay Hackworth (Castle)

Nancy Kay (Castle) Hackworth, age 54, of Christiansburg, passed on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, after battling a long illness. She was born in Urbana on December 16, 1961.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 32 years: James Kenneth Hackworth of Christiansburg; her Mother: Nancy Elizabeth Castle of Christiansburg; children: Missy Jo (Joey) Hackworth Shaw of Urbana, Crissy Kay (David Wayne) Hackworth Ropp of Terre Haute, OH, Jessy Lynn (Jared) Hackworth Williamson of St. Paris and Mackenzie Diana Hackworth of Christiansburg; step son: James Keith Hackworth of OK; grandchildren: Kaylee Melissa Ropp "little bear", age 13, Gavin James Shaw "my boy", age 8, and Makayla Lynn Shaw "Lucy" age 5; aunt: Sally Castle of Mr. Gilead; sisters: Sara Jane (Bob) Castle Hall of Toledo, Diana (Michael) Castle Miller and Judy L. (Eddie) Castle Huff, all of Christiansburg; and brother: James Edward Castle of Christiansburg. She was preceded in death by: father: James Castle; sister: Elsie Castle Treon; cousin: David B. Castle; uncle: Elmer "Sonny" Castle; nephew: Michael Miller; paternal grandparents: Noah and Katie Castle; and maternal grandparents: Sam and Mary Milligan.

Nancy babysat for many years. She loved her kids and grandkids. They always put a smile on her face. Nancy enjoyed crafting and reading her Bible. She collected Boyd bears and did scroll saw projects.

Friends gathered at 2:00PM on Saturday December 17, 2016 at United Methodist Church, Christiansburg. 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.

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driver ahead of time, or call a friend or family member

In addition to reminding all drivers to drive sober, David Garcia Manger of the Injury Prevention Center at Miami Valley Hospital is calling on everyone to be alert. If you see a drunk driver on the road, call the police right away—you could save a life. If someone you know is about to drive after drinking, take their keys and help them get home safely. "We've got to work together to make our roads safer this December and year-round," David said. Dayton area drivers,

should follow these tips to keep the holidays safe and happy:


- Even one drink can impair your judgment and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk—or worse, the risk of having a crash.
- If you will be drinking, do not plan on driving. Plan ahead; designate a sober driver before the party begins.
- If you have been drinking, do not drive. Call a taxi, phone a sober friend or family member, use public transportation or Arrive safe.

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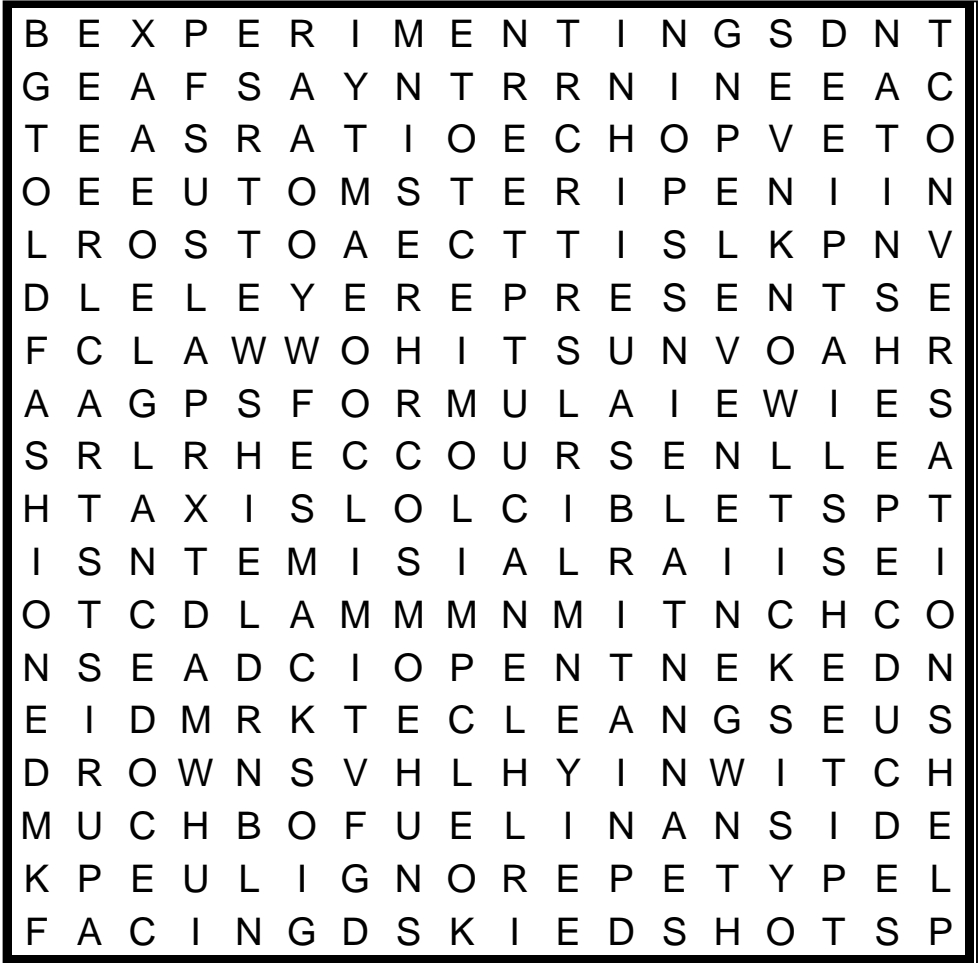
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Puzzles

Word Search

#95

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



- Beauty
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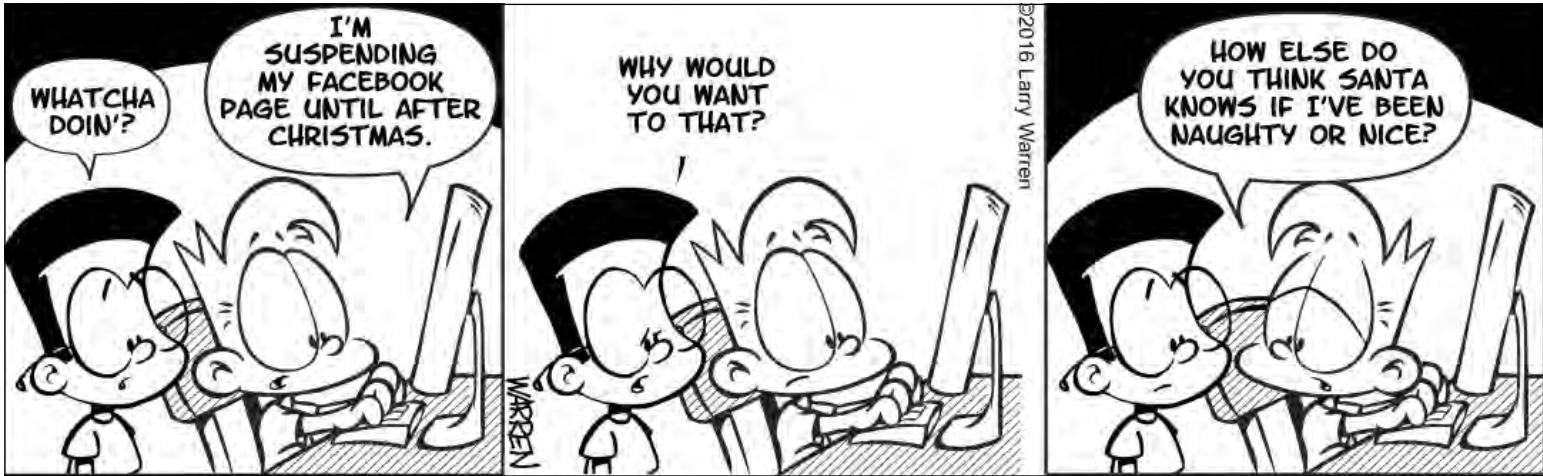
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BY LIZ BALL



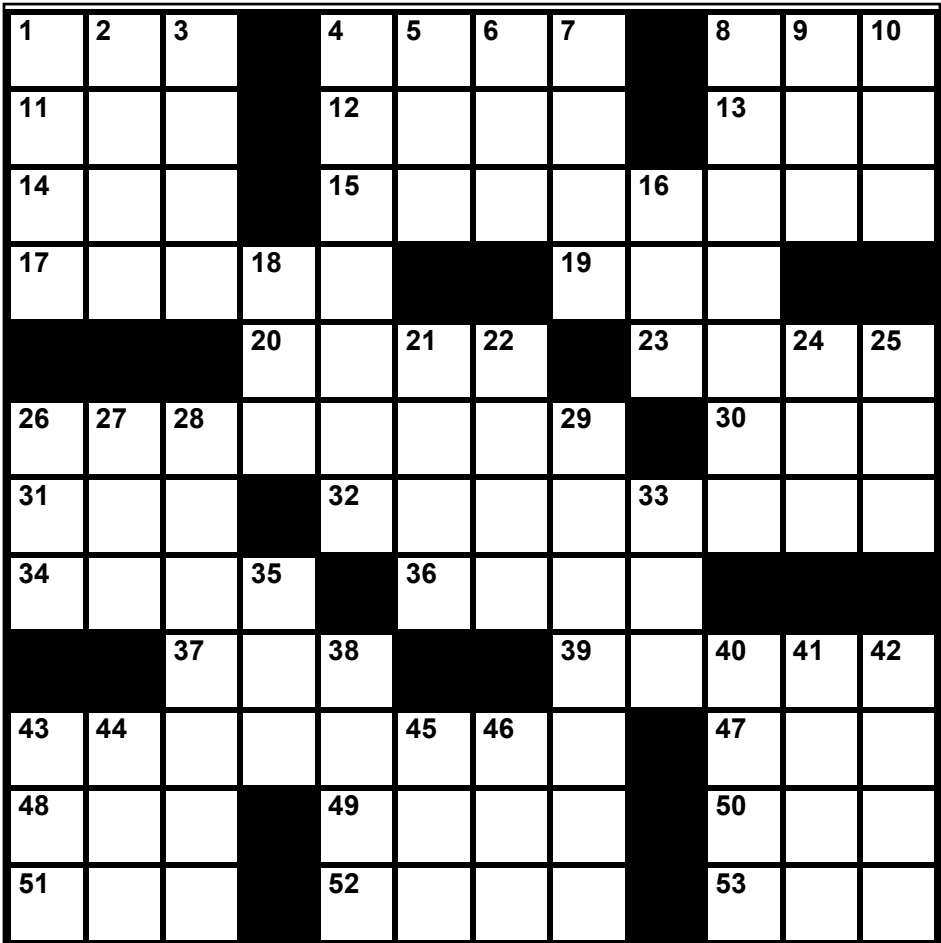
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BY LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

#19



- ACROSS
1. College major
4. Flower holders
8. Like a wallflower
11. ____ Wilfred Laurier
12. College credit
13. Mincemeat dessert
14. Glaciate
15. Bank receipts
17. Out front
19. Word with diem or capita
20. Epitome of happiness
23. All rival
30. Roofing material
31. Part of E.V.O.O.
32. Pointed up
34. Luggage piece
36. Go for
37. Game piece
39. Finds fault
43. Distinct
47. Small colonist
48. Exist as a group
49. Stores fine wine
50. Understand
51. 1989 Jack Lemmon film
52. Well-groomed
53. Dress line
- DOWN
1. Large map segment
2. High-calorie
3. Peach or apple
4. Rainy day results
5. "My ____ and Only"
6. 10 percent, if you're cheap
7. Don't go on
8. They're found in bars
9. Gold record earner
10. "Uh huh"
16. Prepare, as a snare
18. Perform
21. Aardvark's victims
22. Of little consequence
24. It may be cast
25. Draw to a close
26. More than mist
27. It can be fresh or hot
28. Fell below standard
29. Most thought provoking
33. Travel between the poles?
35. ____ jacket
38. Great: Sp.
40. Hanged, e.g.
41. Hinge joint
42. Bouquet part
43. Regrettable
44. Golden time
45. It may be indicated by candles
46. Major Kenyan export

Sudoku

#259
Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Trivia Challenge

Christmas Trivia Quiz Questions

- 1.)Who played Scrooge in Disney's 2009 animated version of "A Christmas Carol"?
a. Jim Carey
b. Vince Vaughn
c. Owen Wilson
d. Ben Stiller
- 2.)According to Clement C. Moore's poem, how many Reindeer does Santa have?
a. 7
b. 6
c. 9
d. 8
- 3.)Complete the title of the famous 1988 Cliff Richard Christmas hit - "Mistletoe and ..."?
a. Wine
b. Cinnamon
c. Kisses
d. Whiskey
- 4.)Found in the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", who created the fictional town of "Whoville"?
a. Dr. Seuss
b. Walt Disney
c. Roald Dahl
d. Lewis Carroll
- 5.)In the Christmas song "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", what will they be eating before going caroling?
a. Christmas Cookies
b. Plum Pudding
c. Fruit Cake
d. Pumpkin Pie
- 6.)In what year was the Christmas comedy crime film "Bad Santa" released? a. 2001
b. 2008
c. 2003
d. 2005
- 7.)Turkeys originated on what continent?
a. Africa
b. South America
c. North America
d. Europe
- 8.)What is the name of George's guardian angel in the 1946 Christmas film "It's a Wonderful Life"?
a. Daniel
b. Clarence
c. Martin
d. Raymond
- 9.)What pudding is mentioned in the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"?
a. Plummy Pudding
b. Christmas Pudding
c. Fruity Pudding
d. Figgie Pudding
- 10.)What do the British traditionally serve with brandy sauce?
a. Christmas Pudding
b. Turkey
c. Fruit Cake
d. Christmas Cookies
- 11.)What are the last words of Frosty in the Christmas carol "Frosty the Snowman"?
a. I'll Be Back Someday
b. Goodbye
c. Catch me if you can
d. Watch Me, As I Melt Away
- 12.)Who composed the score for the two-act ballet "The Nutcracker"?
a. Beethoven
b. Tchaikovsky
c. Bach
d. Mozart
- 13.)Who had a U.S. Christmas number-one hit with the song "Good Vibrations" in 1966?
a. The Beach Boys
b. The Kinks
c. The Jackson Five
d. The Beatles
- 14.)Who wrote the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas"?
a. Charles Dickens
b. Clement Clarke Moore
c. Henry Livingston, Jr.
d. Chris Van Allsburg
- 15.)Who played the role of "Buddy" in the 2003 Christmas comedy film "Elf"?
a. Billy Bob Thornton
b. Will Ferrell
c. Ben Stiller
d. Owen Wilson

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UVMC Unveils Emergency Dept. Expansion

Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) Wednesday unveiled an emergency department expansion designed to serve a growing number of patients in a setting emphasizing patient safety and comfort.

The expansion to the 18-year-old emergency department (ED) more than doubles the available space from 16,800 square feet to more than 43,000 square feet. The expansion project will be followed by renovation of the existing emergency department.

The UVMC ED is on the track to see more than 50,000 people this year, a 12 percent increase over 2015, said Mary Boosalis, president of Premier Health.

"The growing need for these services could easily overwhelm a community hospital if it didn't expand its capacity to care for those patients. I'm proud that Premier Health and Upper Valley Medical Center are partnering to address this demand," Boosalis said. "The expanded emergency room is really a tangible sign of our vision and our mission and that is to build healthier communities."

"We're extremely excited about all this expansion will provide," said Becky Rice, UVMC president. "In addition to increasing the overall ED space and treatment room size to accommodate today's patients and caregiver needs, the project is designed to enhance efficient flow and

delivery of care for our patients and their loved ones."

Diane Pleiman, UVMC vice president of operations, who coordinated the project administratively, said the additional area represents new patient care spaces – treatment rooms, trauma rooms and support space for physicians' staff and patients. The rooms are larger and each has designated family and patient care areas.

"All of the rooms are laid out identically, which is extremely important for patient safety, Pleiman said. "As a caregiver, when I walk in a room, I don't have to look for equipment because it is in the same location in every room. That is crucial when seconds count."



Anita Moore, chair of the Trustees, thanked the UVMC Premier Health Board of staff for helping to make the

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broker or online before you purchase a plan. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to my office.

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ers", several dead "stubs" that will provide entry points for disease or decay to enter and later insects and the eventual weakening of the tree.

When younger trees are pruned be sure to remove lower branches that will interfere with movement around the tree and become head bumpers. Remember, lower branches should be removed when the branches are small because they do not rise above the ground as the tree grows, they must be removed. If these lower branches are not removed at a fairly early stage this can be a big problem. When low crotches are allowed to develop this can severely weaken the tree and cause a major "split" in the trunk. Never leave any stubs as shown on the tree in figure 3, again, these stubs die and become entry points for dis-

ease and decay.

The dormant season, like we are in now, is a good time to prune your shade trees so they are ready to grow in the spring, in all the right places. Pruning smaller trees can be done by the homeowner when basic guidelines are followed. Larger trees will require a certified arborist to take care of the pruning that is required.

For more info and the basics of pruning shade trees go to <http://extension.missouri.edu/p/g6866> or https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000595_Rep617.pdf.

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SOME GOOD FORWARD.....THROW SOME GOOD DEEDS AND KINDNESS AROUND AT CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS.

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marshmallow! It took two ladles to quiet the reporter and dude and even then they looked longingly at the copper as the party turned away."

"Through a narrow passageway past a curious machine that husked almonds and blanched them at the rate of 10,000 a minute, then through a swinging door, they stepped into a fairyl-land. At four long tables sat forty girls, every one of them young and pretty. Every one of them wore a little apron and little white mull cap. It fairly took the men's breath away. Each girl was armed with a long-handled spoon. In front of each stood a tiny gas stove with a tiny copper kettle. Each little can was half full of colored paste. Green paste held pistachio nuts, violet hued, then crushed strawberry paste, brown, sky-blue, yellow, and pastes of every imaginable shade.

Walls of this room were literally composed of candy. Tier after tier of shelves were heaped as high as one could reach with tin slabs containing rows of party-colored bonbons.

Another room, more pretty girls, more bonbons. Again, another room, this time with three enormous copper vats. Into each at protruded an air pipe like the one in the marshmallow room. These vats though were supported on an incline of forty-five degrees. They revolved at great speed. Within each, hopping about literally like peas on a grid-dle, were 125 pounds of sugared almonds. Think of it!"

"Next was the cream room. Here stood huge vessels filled with paste of all flavors. Raspberry, strawberry, chocolate, vanilla, pistachio. These were the fillings for various sorts of fine confectionary. Also were buckets of

'crystal' a compound of sugar for glazing. Men were shoveling the cream, (sugar, water and flavoring) with wooden trowels as recklessly as if it wasn't good to eat and as if young men were not alive to pay \$1 a pound for it."

"Another large room and of course pretty girls, prettier than the first two rooms. Like stars in galaxies. They were armed with little two-pronged forks. Before each sat a kettle of chocolate and a tin plate of creams of various colors and shapes. Taking the little creams on their forks, they soused them in the chocolate, fishing them out and placing them on long tin slabs to dry.

In the packing department, again more pretty girls. Wrapping bonbons in paper and chocolates in foil, stowing them all in neat boxes. Then there were the capacious cellars beneath the building where 12,000

bottles of fruit extracts were stored as well as chocolate storing rooms, and large marble slabs for cooling taffy."

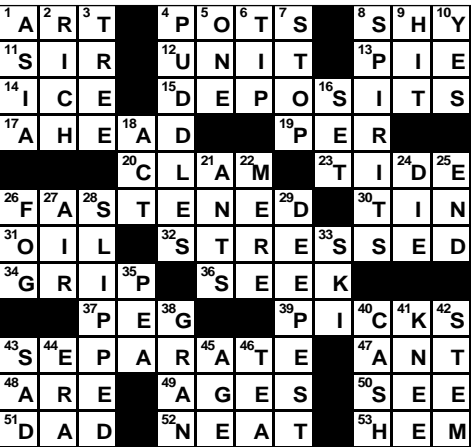
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Endnote: The young men came away dazed and smelling strongly of sugar and chocolate. Later that evening the only thing they could think to say after eating a small repast was "there's nothing that finishes up a good meal better than a bit of candy." So, with fear and trembling and hearts surcharged from all they had seen, they consumed the five-pound deluxe box of fresh chocolate bonbons, a gift from all those pretty girls.

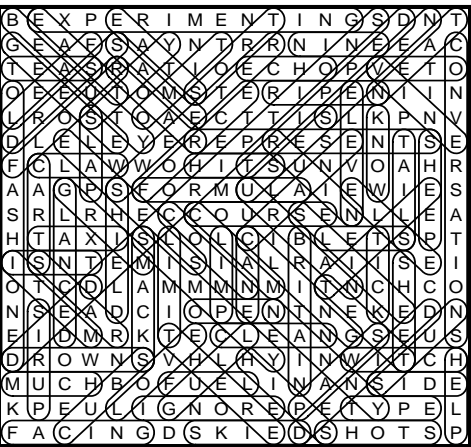
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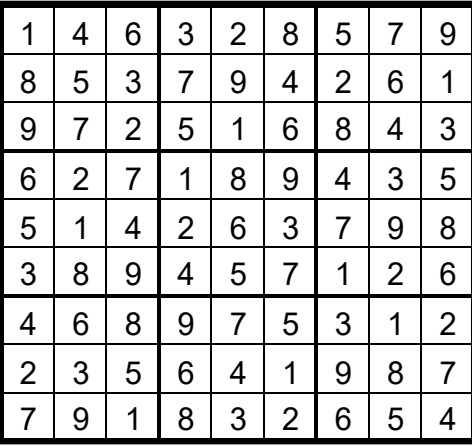
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Word Search



Sudoku



Trivia

- 1.) Jim Carey - Disney has also released Mickey's Christmas Carol (1983) and The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992).
- 2.) 38 - Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen.
- 3.) Wine - Mistletoe and Wine was Richard's twelfth UK number one, spending four weeks at the top of the charts in December 1988.
- 4.) Dr. Seuss - How the Grinch Stole Christmas was first published on Christmas day in 1956.
- 5.) Pumpkin Pie - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree was written by Johnny Marks and first recorded by Brenda Lee in 1958.
- 6.) 2003 - Titled Bad Santa 2, a sequel to the film was released in November of 2016.
- 7.) North America - Turkeys were first domesticated by the indigenous people of Mexico.
- 8.) Clarence - It's a Wonderful Life was nominated for five Academy Awards including Best Picture.
- 9.) Figgy Pudding - The origin of We Wish You a Merry Christmas lies somewhere in English tradition.
- 10.) Christmas Pudding - Christmas pudding is sometimes referred to as plum pudding.
- 11.) I'll Be Back Someday - Frosty the Snowman was first recorded by Gene Autry in 1950.
- 12.) Tchaikovsky - The score is one of Tchaikovsky's most famous compositions.
- 13.) The Beach Boys - Good Vibrations was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1994.
- 14.) Clement Clarke Moore - Originally titled 'A Visit from St. Nicholas', the Night Before Christmas was first published in 1823.
- 15.) Will Ferrell - Buddy is a human who believes he is an elf.

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Edison State's thirty-third Police Officer Academy students were honored during a ceremony on December 12.

Edison State Students Complete Police Training

Edison State Community College's Peace Officer Academy honored ten students in December following their successful completion of the 20-week program.

Students of the program met for six days each week since January, totaling over 680 hours of training. The curriculum of the program is certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) and covers all aspects of law enforcement training including administration, firearms, subject control, and investigation.

"This was a good group of cadets," said Joseph Mahan, Basic Peace Officer Academy Commander. "They put their minds to it and displayed the proper attitude to get through this program."

"The cadets are in class 33 hours a week, Monday through Friday 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and all day Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for a total of 690 plus hours. They started July 5th and finished December 2nd. This is truly a commitment on their part, since many have full time jobs, families, and the class requirements to work into their lives."

Edison State offered the first Basic Peace Officer Academy in 2003 and the class that completed academic requirements this spring was from the thirty-third academy. Throughout its fourteen-year history, the program has graduated 431 students.

Many students have become officers throughout the region, though they are certified to seek an officer position anywhere in the State of Ohio.

"The jobs are out there," added Mahan. "We get information on job openings almost weekly. With the training they have received, and once they pass the state written exam, they can become a sworn Police Officer anywhere in the State of Ohio."

Academy students can continue their education at Edison State and earn an associate's degree by taking classes on campus or online. Applications for the Fall 2017 Academy will become available in May. For more information, contact Veronica French at vfrench@edisonohio.edu or 937-778-7865.

Pictured Front Row (L to R): Zachery Daniels of Pi-qua, Darnell Pate Jr., of Trotwood, Christopher King, of Sidney, and Dustin Freeman, of Troy. Back Row (L to R): Travis Frock, of New Bremen; Austin Kyzer, of Troy, Nathan Wise, of Covington, Joliffe Huber, of Troy, and Jordan Price, of Troy, Joseph Mahan, Basic Peace Officer Academy Coordinator. Not pictured: Shane Hill, of Gettysburg.

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project a reality. "I know that patient safety and comfort were top of mind in the design and planning of space, and it gave us a chance to add technology to the emergency department. All of this was done with the best interests of the patient at heart," Moore said.

David Cohen, M.D., UVMC ED medical director, said, "I am really excited about the possibilities that the larger space means for our caregivers and, ultimately, what this will mean for our patients."

Rowan Nichol, M.D., chair of the UVMC Board of Directors, thanked the ED staff and the Premier and UVMC administration. He noted that the renovated ED will include CT and other imaging capabilities in the ED itself. "We thank all of you for the dedication that has led to the successful completion of this project," he said.

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