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# Young At Heart

**By Mike Woody**

‘Young at Heart’ is not an expression for Troy resident Bettyann Walker, but a way of life. She can often be found playing tennis or exercising, which is a good routine for anyone, but it’s especially impressive for Walker because she is 90 years old. Her friends at Schroeder Tennis Center surprised Walker with a party to celebrate her birthday. It had to be a surprise as Walker doesn’t like things to be done for her as she’s still extremely self-sufficient.

Walker doesn’t believe in idle time as she is always moving on to the next activity. “I think it’s important to keep moving. That’s been my key to good health,” she said.

It wasn’t until Walker was 62 years old that she first played tennis, by taking lessons from Will Stephey at Troy Park. She has since become a very skilled tennis player who remains active on the court, chasing after any balls that are near her. She doesn’t let anyone take it easy on her and expects nothing but the best from her competitors, “If you don’t perform well or miss a shot, she lets you know about it,” said Jo-Anne Phillips.

Phillips, who is 81, is

part of Walker’s tennis group. When the two of them play together it’s a common joke that there is more than 170 years on the court between them. Walker serves as a sub, filling in when one of the ladies can’t participate in their match, but gets plenty of playing time. “I’d like to be in a league, but I don’t have time,” said Walker.

Walker also exercises six days a week at the Y and plays pickle ball three days a week, except for during the summer months when there’s leagues and she plays more often.

For several years, into her seventies, Walker was involved with the Habitat for Humanity, where her



favorite job was to help with the roofing. Walker was married for 48 years to Lorenzo

‘Dow’, before his death in 1989. Dow fell head over heels for Walker the first time he laid eyes on her. “We met when I accidentally tripped him while roller skating. I just stuck my foot out a little,” she said.

They had two daughters, Walker now has fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, who she enjoys spending time with.

A dog lover, Walker has had to put five of them down, each was cremated so their ashes can remain with her for eternity. “They are all going to be buried with me, but the casket is starting to get crowded,” said Walker.

Walker has never been much for resting, and she’s in no hurry to start now

as she plans to continue to keep staying on the go. “I’d like to go for 100, but maybe 95 first, she laughed.

# And It Came To Pass...



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

We extend to you our wish for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and peaceful 2016 - from all of us at the Tribune.

# School Board Closes 2015

**By Nancy Bowman**

The Troy City Schools Board of Education wrapped up the 2015 calendar year with brief discussion of issues coming down the road.

Superintendent Eric Herman told the board at its Dec. 14 meeting he was fulfilling his promise made earlier this month to keep a discussion on district facilities on the table. The board agreed earlier to take an in-depth look at facilities and related issues such as whether to maintain neighborhood schools versus moving more toward a campus concept as new building construction is considered.

Herman reiterated that although the district’s buildings are kept up, many need extensive investment for continued use.

“We have enough money to kind of fix them up, but not enough to do what we need to,” he said.

Board President Doug Trostle asked anyone interested in participating in the discussions to let district leaders know.

Herman also spoke briefly with the board about changes in state law mandating certain College Credit Plus courses to be weighted equally to weighted courses offered at the high school. The changes made eventually will affect how the district selects its valedictorian and salutatorian.

A proposal from Bill Overla, high school principal, states a survey of the Greater Western Ohio Conference schools showed changes in law are being address in various ways. The changes also have been discussed with staff and department chair meetings, he said.

In other business Dec. 14:

- The board heard from a representative of the basketball parents association about plans for a special game to be played Feb. 6 at Hobart Arena. The game will be in commemoration of 1915 when the gym at Van Cleve opened, allowing Troy to have for the first time a home court to play basketball.

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# It Was a Riverside Christmas

**By Brittany Arlene Jackson**

Christmas arrived in full swing at Riverside Developmental Disabilities on Friday, December 18. Their annual Christmas dinner and party included a performance by local folk band, Madewell. There was dancing, food, and time for the Riverside community to enjoy spending the afternoon together. After serving nearly

program participants had numerous reasons to celebrate. Throughout the month of December, adult day classes at Riverside included festive activities like ornament-making, build-your-own Christmas trees, an Ugly Christmas Sweater Parade, indoor snowball fights, and a performance of the Cookson Elementary School Choir in the Riverside gymnasium. Care staff and residents alike



Jamie and Marsha

900 of Miami County’s disabled this year, the staff and adult day

were delighted by the atmosphere, music, and

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# Officers Give Back To The Community

**By Nancy Bowman**

The annual COPS for communities holiday project of the Miami County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) brings smiles to more faces than those of the children.

The Christmas Outreach Program and Services for Communities project, known to many as shop with a cop involves shopping with families at the Troy Meijer – this year

by two teams – this year on Dec. 16.

Each team includes Santa, police officers, victim witness program advocates and others who work with law enforcement. They head out early evening and stop at homes where recipients may be victims of crime or those in need.

Officer Dan Harris of the Tipp City Police Department made his first deliveries this year.



Deputies Scott Lade and Joe Martin assisted the father shopping at Meijer

on Dec. 11 – followed by wrapping the gifts and then the mass delivery

The activity both

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# TROY AREA SHERIFF REPORTS

**Sunday, December 13**

**8:17 a.m.** – To Seneca Dr. for a report of a theft. A man reported that a painting had been stolen from his home over the weekend.

**Tuesday, December 15**

**11:44 p.m.** – Traffic stop in the 1400 block of W. Main St. The driver was found to have a suspended license. Further questioning led to the confession of the driver and passenger to being heroin addicts. The passenger was in possession of a drug abuse instrument and was consuming alcohol in the vehicle. Both were charged and released at the scene. The alcohol was discarded at the scene and the drug abuse instrument was booked into evidence.

**Wednesday, December 16**

**4:03 p.m.** – To the Miami County Communications Center for a report of phone harassment. A male subject had called the center numerous times and threatened to harm the call taker and was making derogatory statements. The calls originated from a Shelby county address. Miami and Shelby county deputies responded to the address. The suspect was found to be a male juvenile with mental health issues. He had used a deactivated cell phone to make the calls. The juvenile was warned about his actions and was left under the supervision of his parents.

**9:53 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 74 mile marker. The driver was cited for marked lanes, driving under suspension and consuming alcohol in a vehicle. The owner, who was also in the vehicle, was cited for wrongful entrustment.

**Thursday, December 17**

**4:43 p.m.** – To Job & Family Services. A needle was found on the floor after a client meeting.

**8:00 p.m.** – Traffic stop on I-75 at the 72 mile marker. While speaking with the driver, the deputy could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The occupants were asked to step out and a probable cause search was conducted. A passenger confessed to having marijuana. The substance was minimal and disposed of at the scene. Another passenger was found to have an active warrant, and he was transported to the Shelby county line where he was turned over to a Shelby County deputy.

**Friday, December 18**

**3:32 p.m.** – To N. County Rd. 25A for a report of a runaway juvenile. A man

reported that he was having problems with his 14-year-old daughter. He said that she was in trouble at school and was suspended. When she came home, he said he grounded her and took her phone. He said she got mad at him and asked, “Would you still love me if I ran away?” He advised that she soon left the residence. While speaking with the deputy, the man received a call from a friend who said that she was at The Rec. The deputy responded to The Rec and returned the girl to her home. He spoke with her about running away and being unruly. The man did not wish to press unruly charges. The daughter said that it won’t happen again.

**3:35 p.m.** – Traffic stop on Simpson St. at Walnut St. for an unsecure load. The drive was found to be under suspension. The driver, passengers and vehicle were released to a valid driver.

**10:57 p.m.** – To S. County Rd. 25A for a report of a suspicious person. The deputy located a white truck in back of the business. The vehicle was unoccupied and it appeared that someone tried to set it on fire. The matter is still under investigation.

**Saturday, December 19**

**2:07 a.m.** – A deputy saw a dark Cadillac on I-75 near the 74 mile marker traveling in excess of 100 MPH. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver was uncooperative. He was cited for speed, reckless operation, seatbelt violation and drug paraphernalia and ordered into court.

**6:44 p.m.** – To W. Monroe Concord Rd. for a report of a disturbance. A man reported that a woman, against whom he has a protection order, had sent him several text messages asking him to come outside. He said he went outside to tell her to leave the property. Before she left, he said she struck him in the face and grabbed him by his shirt. The deputy contacted the woman’s mother and informed her that the woman was trespassing from the property. She advised that she would inform her daughter.

**Monday, December 21**

**8:17 a.m.** – To Wilson Rd. for a report of a theft. A woman reported that there were several items of jewelry missing from her residence. There were no signs of forced entry or evidence of a burglary. She said that her adult children and a son’s girlfriend have access to the home. The deputy was to contact them at a later time.

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BRIEFS

By Nancy Bowman at 335-1914.

**Man charged with child porn**  
A Troy man was charged last week with five felonies of pandering obscenity for child pornography allegedly found on his computer following execution of a search warrant.  
Billy Hensley, 37, pleaded not guilty to the charges Dec. 14 in Miami County Municipal Court. Bail was set at \$125,000.  
Troy police said Hensley’s alleged activity was discovered by a detective as part of work with a regional task force.  
Child pornography involving young children and teen girls allegedly was found on his computer.  
Hensley told investigators he had downloaded child pornography to send it to the FBI “so that something could be done about the problem,” according to a Troy police report.

**Holidays delay collection**  
Troy’s refuse collection and curbside recycling will be delayed both on Christmas and New Year’s Day.  
The collections will remain on schedule this week until Friday, Christmas Day, when there will be no pick up. The normal collection by city crews and recycling crews will be delayed one day until Saturday, Dec. 26. The same schedule will be followed for New Year’s Day with collection delayed until Saturday, Jan. 2.  
The refuse and recycling items must be placed out for collection by 7 a.m. Questions about the trash and recycling schedules should be directed to the city

**Probation for 18 year old**  
An 18 year old Troy man convicted of complicity to aggravated assault for encouraging the beating of a teen, videotaping the assault and placing it on social media was sentenced Monday to two years of community control.  
Judge Christopher Gee told Anthony Olden in Miami County Common Pleas Court it was “of great concern you have not shown any remorse for your actions.”  
Troy police reported a 15 year old assaulted another 15 year old June 30 following an argument. Olden videotaped the attack and posted it on social media. Olden could be heard on the video encouraging the assaulting teen to continue the attack.  
Defense lawyer Steve King said Olden wants to go to culinary school and has been taking some positive steps.  
Janna Parker, an assistant county prosecutor, said prosecutors were concerned by Olden trying to minimize his role in the incident and said Olden had convictions for assault as a juvenile.  
Prosecutors, she said, “feel he is a risk on community control” but also realized Olden’s young age.  
Gee sentenced Olden to community control with conditions he maintain passing grades in high school and on graduating either enroll full time in a college or vocational school or obtain employment. Olden also was ordered to undergo a mental health assessment and follow any treatment recommended.

## Suspect In Custody for October Break-Ins

Thanks to tips from residents, detectives recently cleared several break-ins and thefts that occurred on Kessler-Frederick Road last October in which A.T.V.’s and other items were stolen. Residents assisted in the identification of the suspects from the trail camera photos that were



**Kyle L. Plantz**  
posted on our Facebook page and also published by the news media. Charged was Kyle L. Plantz, 24, of Troy, with three counts of breaking

and entering and three counts of theft. Plantz is currently incarcerated in the Miami County jail. Plantz is also on parole. Also charged was Johanthan N. Nohacs, age 21, of Vandalia, with three counts of breaking and entering and three counts of theft. Nohacs has active felony warrants and is at large. Anyone having information on Nohacs whereabouts is asked to call the Miami County Communication Center at 938-440-9911. Anonymous tips can be left at [www.miamicountysheriff.org](http://www.miamicountysheriff.org).

## Area Property Transfers

Property Address	Sale Date	Sale Price	Seller	Buyer
1463 Chelsea Rd	12/15	\$154,900	Blackburn Linda K	Miller Benjamin & Chloe B Abele
668 W Trade Sq	12/14	\$122,200	Jamison Gerri	Rice Caleb
464 Forrest Ln	12/14	\$75,000	Keyes Maureen & Matthew E Kendall	Harlow Frank D Jr & Holly L
2650 Huntington Dr	12/15	\$154,750	Matherson Craig & Ana Rose	Alvarado Jerry & Kathryn
1135 Winchester Dr	12/15	\$186,000	Van Lingen Richard & Christelle	Dever Rochelle A
2683 Shady Tree Dr	12/14	\$153,000	Pittenger Amy M	Treiber Bruce
2251 Shamrock Ln	12/14	\$0	Khare Rajendra K	Prorajars Llc
3657 Tipp Cowl Rd	12/14	\$0	Wilson Carl E & Faith A	Wilson Carl E
317 N 2nd St	12/16	\$0	Watson Leila	Watson Thomas A & Joseph R

## Riverside Christmas

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magic accompanying the holidays.  
Jamie Pettit has attended the Riverside day programs for many years and just returned after a period of time where he was unable to leave his home. According to Nichols, he calls every woman he meets “mom” and has a gift for making new friends. Since his return last week, Jamie has wasted no time brightening the lives of everyone he meets at Riverside.  
“I’ll tell you straight up mom,” Jamie said. “This here is my family.” Jamie was accompanied by his girlfriend Marsha and friend Mary at the Christmas party Friday afternoon. He was excited about his Christmas present, a new CD of classic Beach Boys Christmas music. Others shared similar experiences and enjoyed the opportunity to be with their friends for a festive occasion.  
In addition to the Christmas party, the Special Olympics at Troy Christian on Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 21 were a highlight of the season for Riverside day program attendees. Male and female Special Olympic basketball teams from River-

side competed during half-time at the Troy Christian women’s and men’s basketball games. According to Melissa Nichols, the Community Relations Director at Riverside, the Special Olympics are not just fun for the members of Riverside, it is a way to connect and develop relationships with the community. “This time of the year can often have the effect of making people think about others,” Nichols said. “If we can introduce them to people they wouldn’t ordinarily reach out to in a venue that everyone enjoys, we have accomplished something of tremendous value.”  
In the New Year, Riverside hopes to encourage members of the community to join their recently introduced FANS Network program (Friends, Allies, and Neighbors). The mission of the network will be to connect those with developmental disabilities with those who can help them accomplish tasks they would otherwise struggle to handle alone. It would not require commitment from those who join the network; it would simply inform them of needs. “This is a way for people to know if someone with

a disability needs something as simple as a ride someplace,” Nichols said. “Or they might need help moving. Whatever people are able to do, it will enrich the lives of everyone who is able to get involved.” Nichols is hopeful that the new network will gain momentum in 2016, providing opportunities for inspiring relationships and a means of helping Riverside residents develop more connections in their community.

## Troy School Board

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- The board approved the calendar for the 2017-18 school year.  
- The board accepted \$13,512 in gifts, including \$1,000 to Troy High School in honor of Kathy McIntosh, recognized by the local Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding educator of the year.  
- The board set its annual reorganizational meeting for Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

## “Secret Santa” Gives \$100 to Needy

An unknown male dropped off five Christmas cards at the Sheriff’s Office. Each card contained a \$20.00 bill. The good Samaritan requested that the cards and money be distributed by deputies to those they find in need over the holidays. All of the cards and money will be given out by deputies to those they find in need over the Christmas season. The Miami County Sheriff’s Office extends a sincere “Thank You” to the “Secret Santa,” and assures that the packages will find their way to those in need.

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## Officers Give Back

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shows the “human side to law enforcement” while giving back to families in need, he said.  
“This shows that we are more than just showing up and addressing the situation at hand. We actually feel for them, and make sure they are doing better and show them that there’s still hope,” Harris said.  
The approach, he said, is a good example of Community Oriented Policing and showing people police do more than write tickets and arrest those who break the law.  
This was Officer Kelli Rynders’ second year shopping and helping with deliveries. Rynders, a Tipp City officer for 20 months, said her sergeant, Marc Basye, told her about the local program. She’d heard about similar projects, and wanted to be involved.  
“My favorite part is loading up the presents and delivering them! I do enjoy shopping with the adults... but seeing the joy when all of the police cruisers light up in front of their house, Santa getting out, saying HO! HO! HO! and seeing the kids light up. That is what this whole thing is about,” she said.  
A special memory from this year’s deliv-

eries was a child with whom she had been involved on duty being adamant that the well-wishers not leave. “He grabbed my hand and made me sit down near him. That made me feel really good,” she said.  
The program this year helped approximately 40 families with about 90 children, said Billie Ray, FOP president. Names for those served by the program comes from the victim witness advocates, Children’s Services and private individuals, he said.  
The program continued this week with a donation from Wal-Mart being used to assist more families, Ray said.  
Also accompanying the officers during the shopping and deliveries is Dick Rice of Covington, an honorary FOP member who has served as a Santa Claus for more than 40 years.  
Rice hands out candy canes to shoppers while the families are at Meijer and then goes with one of the delivery teams. “Going to the houses is a blessing,” he said.  
One year, a young boy whose father was murdered came running when Santa came to the house. “It brings tears to your eyes as you bring joy to them,” Rice said.

# Martins On a Mission

By Brittany Arlene Jackson

In a changing world with limited positive options of possible after school activities for children in early elementary grades, Troy is home to a unique asset that gives hope to children who are struggling with reading. Reading for Change is an exciting new program begun this year by Troy natives, Ethan and Ali Martin. Among the bustle of Christmas and numerous responsibilities at the end of a semester, the Martins and their volunteer staff are celebrating a successful first semester and building momentum for the coming year.



Ali Arbogast Martin grew up in Troy, attended Troy Christian Schools, and discovered a passion for teaching early childhood education while she worked as a student teacher in inner city Cincinnati. Now married and nearing the end of her first pregnancy, Ali and her husband Ethan had vision for a safe place where children who come from lower income families could go after school and receive personalized tutoring. Reading for Change began accepting students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades on Mondays and Wednesdays in August. When they began, they met at the soup kitchen where the children would also receive meals as a part of the soup kitchen's mission. Reading for Change just moved and currently has 16 students that meet at their new location on the corner of East Main Street and Mulberry Street in the Historic District of downtown Troy, next to K's Hamburgers. Now within walking distance from Kyle and Forest Elementary Schools, RFC hopes to continue to grow their programs to include more students. "Our location is significant because we believe that by being located in the downtown of Troy, we can foster a deeper sense of community for our students," Ali said. "Our location welcomes local leaders and community

members to see what is going on at RFC and find ways to get involved." Martins have been blown away and excited by the support that they have received from the community so far. They have been funded completely by individual donors who believe in the mission of the organization. "Our motto is 'Today a reader. Tomorrow a leader,'" Ali said. "It's incredible the improvement we've seen already." The Martins have heard from teachers at Troy city schools who have experienced a marked contrast in the reading capacity of the students attending their programs. Through her experiences and

research, Ali has refined and combined methods from several literacy schools to find the best possible techniques to reach each child. Teachers from all over Miami County who are either still actively teaching or retired have come alongside the Martins to help facilitate the mission of RFC. Martins have had the volunteer help of women like Debbie Showalter, Sandy Lutz, Ellen Hayden, Debbie Barkett, and Carla Klosterman since the inception of RFC in August. Schools like Troy Christian and Russia Elementary schools have donated books and supplies. Local churches like Koinas have opened their facilities for a Christmas party for the children. Although the organization does not have its 501c3 license yet, RFC has already received an overwhelmingly positive response from the people of Troy. The Martins are hopeful that their official non-profit status will be processed by January of 2016. "God has really taken care of us," Ali said. "It's been amazing to see how much people believe in what we're doing here. We want to continue to partner with the community to see students succeed. This is what we're all about and we're excited to see what the New Year holds for us and for these precious kids."

# Troy Christian Choir Entertains Lions

The Troy Christian Honors Choir provided the entertainment at this year's annual Christmas Party for the Troy Lions Club. The well-attended party was held at the Church of the Brethren in Troy and was catered by Nancy Isch. The Choir, which consisted of ten talented singers from Troy Christian High School, sang a variety of Christmas selections before asking the Troy Lions Club members and their families to join in and sing some carols along with them. "It was a very enjoyable evening," said Troy Lion Fred Wackler. "It's always nice to give young people the chance to perform like this. They did an excellent job," he added. The Troy Lions Club

is a non-profit community service organization serving Troy, Covington, Pleasant Hill, Piqua, Tipp City, and surrounding areas of Miami County since 1942. Their primary mission is vision health. The Troy Lions Club also provides scholarships and supports many community programs. For more information see the Lions website: [www.e-club-house.org/sites/Troy\\_OH](http://www.e-club-house.org/sites/Troy_OH) or call (937) 335-7345.



Troy Christian High School's Honors Choir

# Church Donates to Local Charities

True Life Community Church recently celebrated the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by giving back to two locally based charities - Partners in Hope and The Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County. Missions Servant Leader Adam Steele explains why these two organizations are so important "When it comes down to it, our church family really is blessed. We see the importance of being the hands and feet of Jesus in the city of Troy by giving back to our neighbors in need." The money collected for the donations are part of the church's annual Thanksgiving Offering where part of the weekly offering goes directly back into mission projects, both locally and globally. The funds Partners in Hope receives will help fund their Care-

giver's program. This much-needed service includes transportation and friendly visits to elderly and disabled individuals over age 62 in Troy. The Family Abuse Shelter, also commonly known as the Franklin House, provides confidential shelter and advocacy services for abused and homeless adult men and women and their dependent children. This is the only service of its kind in the county. "We've had the opportunity to see first-hand the good these two groups do with changing lives," says TLC's Lead Pastor Chris Daum. To wrap up the holiday season, the community is invited to enjoy refreshments, live music and Christmas Eve services at 4:30 or 6pm at TLC Church, located by Marsh, at 56 Foss Way in Troy.



Adam Steele presents a check to Caroline Kniceley of Franklin House



Adam Steele presents a check to Aimee Shannon of Partners in Hope

# Foundation Provides AED's

April 1, 2014 was a day Jim McMaken will never forget. It's also a day he never wants to repeat. McMaken, general executive for the Miami County YMCA, went into work on that Saturday to grab a photo of participants in the Tutu Run, which started and ended at the Piqua Branch of the YMCA. "I no more got the key into my office door and someone came running in and said we had a runner down. I grabbed the AED just in case and yelled at the courtesy desk person to call 911. And we used it," he said of the AED - an automated external defibrillator, a portable device that diagnoses life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. Through defibrillation, application of electrical therapy, stops arrhythmia to allow the heart to reestablish rhythm.

Cherie Roeth, Bradford Public Library director. "People with various health conditions. And with the library located in the center of the community, it will be a benefit." Roeth said she also plans to train the entire Bradford library staff on AED procedures, noting that the life-saving units don't just belong in hospitals or emergency vehicles, as long as people are trained to correctly use them. "Whoever is on duty will be able to use the machine. I have no doubt every person on the staff will do it very, very well. We can become a first responder in that situation, while calling 911," Roeth said. Roeth called the Miami County Foundation's grants for AED units "a real benefit for the community." AED training is now



The Miami County YMCA's AED unit has been put to use six times, McMaken said. Soon, thanks to grants from the Miami County Foundation, the county's public libraries also will have AED units on hand in case of emergencies such as the one experienced by the runner at the Piqua YMCA. According to Cheryl Stiefel-Francis, executive director for the Miami County Foundation, grants will be distributed to libraries in Bradford, Covington, Pleasant Hill, Piqua, Tipp City, Troy and West Milton as part of the Foundation's 30th anniversary celebration. "We've been researching getting one for the library. This will definitely help us speed up that process," said Rachelle Miller, Troy-Miami County Public Library director. Jim Oda, library director for Piqua Public Library agrees. "This will be a very positive addition to the library," Oda said. "Something that can save a life is a wonderful thing." Oda said all Piqua library staff will receive training on how to use an AED. The public library "is a place where we get all kinds of people," said

available as part of CPR training, said McMaken. "We offer CPR and AED training at the Y once or twice a month. It's ongoing. We also go onsite for corporate/company employee training. And we've had companies come to the Y for training, he said. McMaken said all YMCA staff are trained on the AED. "That (April 1, 2014) was the first time I had formally used it on a person who was not a mannequin," McMaken said. "It was very surreal. When a person has an episode, you let the AED do what it does - scans the heart rhythm and then it gives verbal commands" on what to do next. "The feeling I had that morning when the victim's eyes opened and he started gasping for air is one I can't describe. It was a feeling of extreme relief, but I hope I never have to do it again," McMaken said. Donations are being accepted to help the Miami County Foundation continue its grant making into the future. Contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 1526, Piqua, OH 45356 or online at [www.miamicountyfoundation.org](http://www.miamicountyfoundation.org). For further information contact the office at 773-9012.

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# Obituaries

## Raymond Eugene Beitzel

Dr. Raymond E. Beitzel, age 91, passed away on Friday, Dec 4, 2015 at Brookdale, Troy, with the loving help of Brookdale staff, Kindred Hospice, and family at his side. He was born Jan 11, 1924 to the late William and Jessie Beitzel. Meeting her at The Ohio State University, he married, in 1947, Jean Tannehill, "the love of his life", who preceded him in death in 1991. Raymond is survived by sons David (and Kim) Beitzel of Troy, Douglas Beitzel of Troy, and daughter, Amy (and Paul) Shelton of St Louis, MO. An infant son, Bruce, preceded him in death in 1952. He is also survived by grandchildren Benjamin (and Lorrie) Beitzel of Atlanta, Mary Shelton of Denver, Christopher Shelton of Chicago, step grandchildren Chad (and Lauren) Wortman of Charlotte, Nathan Wortman of Columbus, and step great grandchildren Owen and Landon Wortman of Columbus. In addition to his parents, wife and son, Raymond was preceded in death by a brother, William Beitzel, and second wife, Phyllis (Horseman) in 2013, through who he met through his involvement with the Antioch Shrine. Raymond attended school in New Philadelphia, Ohio. He then attended The Ohio State University for both undergraduate and Medical School, while serving in the US Army during WWII. Upon the end of the war, he completed an internship in Youngstown, Ohio. When hostilities began in Korea, he again donned the uniform of the United States Army serving as a medical officer stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. When the Korean War ended, he returned to the states

and pursued further internships, residencies and post graduate activities in Buffalo, New York, Cambridge, Toledo and Columbus, Ohio. He focused on internal medicine, ultimately becoming board certified. In 1956, he began the private practice of medicine in the rural community of Paris, Illinois. There, he was truly a "Doc" of the old school carrying a black bag and making house calls. Health insurance not being available to so many, he was often paid with bushels of produce left at the front door during harvest time. In 1962, he returned to Ohio settling in Dayton where his brother, Bill, resided, opening his office in Oakwood where it remained until his retirement. For many years, patients from Paris would travel to Dayton to have their annual physicals with Doc. He also was an original physician of the group that operated the emergency room in the newly opened Kettering Medical Center. He was a member of his local Masonic Lodge, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Antioch Shrine Temple, being very active with the Shrine in the medical and other units. A memorial service and interment of ashes will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to: Office of Development, Shriners Hospitals, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607. Our family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale/Sterling House of Troy for the love and tender care you gave "Doc", during his years with you. We are so grateful.

## Mabel East Supinger

Mabel East Supinger, age 89, of Troy, OH passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at her residence. She was born on March 24, 1926 in Wilson, Louisiana to the late Claborn B. and Lucinda (Heitzler) McClure.

Mabel is survived by her husband of 59 years, Robert Harrison Supinger; daughters: Tina Supinger, Betty Straker, and Miriam "Missy" Supinger all of Troy; sons: Robert Supinger and Jody Supinger both of Troy; brother: Carsie McClure of Mayette, KS; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law. In addition to her parents, Mabel was preceded in death by her sisters: Marguerite Delatte, Elsie Boyd and Dorice McClure and brothers: Thompson, Gordon, Ray, Robert, Winston, Clyde and Charles "Bud" McClure.

Mabel was a 1944 graduate of Zachary High School in Zachary, LA. Prior to marriage she was employed as a drugstore clerk in Baton Rouge, LA. She was a wife, mother and homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her family and church, True Life Community Church and working on crossword puzzles.

Funeral service were held 10:00AM on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Baird Funeral Home, Troy, OH with the Pastors Chris Daum and Jeffery Ludden officiating. Interment followed in the Miami Memorial Park, Covington, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 580 Lincoln Park Blvd., Suite 320, Kettering, OH 45429.

Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

## Newell H. Christopher, Jr.

Newell H. Christopher, Jr., age 56, of Troy, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at his residence. He was born on June 17, 1959 in Bedford, IN to the late Newell H. and Wyrthus L. (Medlock) Christopher, Sr.

Newell is survived by one son: Jordan Christopher; one daughter: Olivia Grace; one sister and brother-in-law: Laura and Brad Bemus; one brother and one sister-in-law: Joe and Pam Klatte; and nieces and nephews: J. C. (Michelle) Klatte, Kevin Klatte, Benjamin (Brittany) Bemus, Andrew Bemus and Libby (Jake) Langston.

Newell was a 1978 graduate of Troy High School. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Troy. Newell was a for-

## Carl Robert Newbright

Carl R. Newbright, age 81 of Troy, passed away Friday, December 18, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Miami County, Ohio on June 25, 1934 to the late Carl J. and Carrie (Smith) Newbright. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Sara (Mauntel) Newbright, as well as son David Newbright of Troy, and daughter and son-in-law Judy and Kurt Bally of Lebanon. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Anja and Ethan, and brother and sister-in-law John and Linda Newbright of Casstown. Mr. Newbright was a 1952 graduate of Bethel High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Miami University in 1958. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Troy. Carl

## Robert Raymond Richard

Robert Raymond Richard, age 68, of Piqua, OH passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH. Bob was born on August 12, 1947 in Piqua, OH to the late Robert L. and Wilma (Peltier) Richard.

Bob is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara Jean (Bramlette) Richard; three children and their spouses: Lori and Brad Monnin of Fairborn; Brian and Maureen Richard of Cincinnati and Mindi and B.J. Powers of Casstown; two stepchildren and spouse: Lisa and Wayne Werling of Piqua and Douglas Burton of Piqua; sister and brother-in-law: Bonnie and Mike Monnin of Russia; ten grandchildren: Ashley Lee, Daniel Burton, Brittany Haver, David Burton, Meadow Powers, Kimberly Burton, Nate Richard, Montana Powers, Eli Richard and eight great-grandchildren: Gracee Bruno, Riley Bruno, Keyton Burton, Kyleigh Burton, Dakota Arrington, Brantley Burton; Paul Haver IV and Parker Haver; niece: Stacey

Grieshop and nephew: Brent Monnin. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by brother: Daniel Richard and grandson: Richard "Ricky" Stapleton.

Bob was a 1965 graduate of Russia Local High School. He served our country in the US Army. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Piqua. He was a former member of the American Legion and the Shelby County Senior Citizens. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and raising rabbits. He retired from Peak Foods in Troy.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30AM on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Troy with Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Troy with veterans honor guard services at graveside. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity of Miami County for many years. Mr. Newbright was a military veteran, serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was the President of Third Savings and Loan in Piqua, where he retired after 31 years of service in the banking industry. A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 7:00PM at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home 1124 W. Main St., Troy, with Rev. David Leckrone officiating. Interment of ashes was held at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Habitat for Humanity.

# Excellence in Dentistry Adds Doctor

Dr. Junho Choi was born and raised in a metropolitan city called Daegu, South Korea. He was a very adventurous kid who loved music and sports. He took 6 years of piano lessons, and developed his basics in music. Later, he picked up acoustic and electric guitar as his main instruments. He used to be in a volleyball team at age of 12, and his team went to the national tournament. He also loves travelling. So far, he has been to Mexico, Germany, Central Asia, and major cities in US. He enjoys



**Dr. Junho Choi** snowboarding, soccer, swimming, tennis or any type of outdoor activities. After graduating from high school, Dr. Choi and his family moved to the States. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from University of Louisville. He was a member of

pre-dental society and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He went to University of Louisville School of Dentistry for his dental degree. Of course, he is a Cardinals fan. His family still lives in Louisville, Kentucky. He has one younger brother who serves in the National Guard and has great passion for mission trip. Dr. Choi is currently a member of Ohio Dental Association and Western Ohio Dental Society, and an associate member of Dayton Dental Society.

Dr.'s Bentley, Stevens, Jones and staff are very excited about the addition of Dr. Jones. Nicole, Public Relations Coordinator states "with the addition of Dr. Choi and our two treatment rooms, we are able to accommodate the needs of our patients more efficiently." Dr. Bentley has been serving the dental needs of Miami County residents for over 40 years and several staff members, including Dr. Chuck Stevens have been with the practice for over 20 years. It is the goal of Excellence in Dentistry to exceed patient expectations by Making a Difference.....One Smile at a Time! Mention code TEETH and receive \$50 OFF teeth whitening.

# Merchants Introduce "Win the Window on Main and Market"

Thanks to the creativity and generosity of the downtown merchants, a new event has been added to the 2016 calendar in downtown Troy, Ohio. More than 30 businesses are participating in the "Win the Window on Main and Market" contest.

Starting on Friday, January 1st, 2016, participating businesses will be providing contest entry tickets to shoppers that spend \$10.00 or more in their business. For every \$10.00 spent, an entry will be placed in a hopper that will be located at 1 East Market Street, where the ABC Community Connections Center is based, on the corner of Main Street and Market Street. The various prizes, currently valued at over \$3,000, provided by the participating businesses will be displayed in the front window of the Community Connections Center.

A drawing will be held on Saturday, January 9th, Saturday, January 16th, and Saturday, January 23rd, where one name each day will be selected from the hopper to win a prize worth at

least \$25 in value from a downtown business. On Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 p.m., Mayor Beamish will draw a final name to win the entire prize window in the Community Connections Center.

Stephanie M. Silk, Marketing and Events Coordinator of Troy Main Street stated that "We're excited to kick off the 2016 event season in downtown Troy with a contest that will showcase our unique downtown merchants and highlight the variety of stores and businesses that we have in our great city!"

Downtown Troy is always attractive for residents and out-of-town visitors. Troy Main Street and the downtown merchants are filling the 2016 calendar with monthly events and promotions, continuing to provide even better options to visit and return to downtown Troy, the heart of an awesome community! For additional details and a list of participating businesses, visit [www.TroyMainStreet.org](http://www.TroyMainStreet.org) or call 937-339-5455.

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# Tipp, Troy Christian Finish Top Six At Invitational

By Jim Dabbelt

The Tippecanoe and Troy Christian wrestling squads have traditionally been strong competitors over the years. This year in the early season, they hoped to set the bar high and have another competitive season.

Both teams placed in the top six at the Tippecanoe Invitational on Saturday, as 18 wrestling squads competed at Pat Wampler Gymnasium last weekend.

Troy Christian placed third overall in the event, scoring 213.5 points, only behind Mason and Miami East. As for the host Red Devils, they finished sixth overall with 163.5 points.

In the lightest weight class, Troy Christian won the 106 pound division, defeating Cole Hauser of Ben Logan in the finals by major decision 12-4 to earn the title. Tipp's John Erhard finished fifth overall, with an 11-5 win over Jarret Reid of Mason.

At 113, Drew Whaley from Troy Christian fell short in the finals against Ryan Whitten of Stebbins in 3:03 to place second overall. Tipp's Russell Ramsey placed fourth, falling in the third-place match to Joey Dima of Valley View in 2:02.

Troy Christian's Michael Sergent also placed as a runner-up, finishing second overall in the 120 pound weight class. He lost in the finals to Graham Shore of Miami East 8-4.

Caleb Blake earned a championship at 145 pounds, as the Red Devil wrestler defeated Tanner Cibula of Mason in the finals 8-3. It was the first

of what turned out to be two titles for Tippecanoe on the day.

At 160, Jack Peura had no trouble in the finals against Cole Tibbs of Mason, cruising to a 17-2 technical fall decision.

In the 170 pound weight class, it was Jordan Strine from Troy Christian who placed as the runner-up, as he lost in the finals to Nicholas D'Agostino from Mason in 1:21. Also at that weight, it was Tanner Moyer finishing sixth overall after falling short in the fifth-place match via pin in 1:37.

Damon Beatty from Troy Christian advanced to the finals of the 182 pound weight class, but lost in the finals to Daniel Everett of Miami East in the finals 11-3 to finish second. Another placer from Troy Christian was Levi Sims, who finished fourth in the 195 pound division, falling to Robert Marquez of Hamilton in the fourth place match 6-4 in overtime.

Grant Carlson did not compete in the third-place match for Tippecanoe at 220, giving him a fourth-place finish overall, while at 285, both area schools has top six finishers. Seth Douglas from Troy Christian placed fourth, while Tippecanoe's Logan Ferrell was fifth.

"The student athletes demonstrated unwavering determination during every match," said Tippecanoe coach Nick Petro. "They made the correct adjustments to improve their overall performance against every opponent they faces, and we are moving forward in a positive direction."

## Eagles Survive Scare Against Jets

By Jim Dabbelt

It was a time during the season where everything seemed to be going against the Troy Christian girls' basketball team. They headed to Darke County last week to battle the winless Franklin Monroe Jets dealing with a lot of adversity.

Not only did two of the players leave the school for personal reasons, one of their top post players was dealing with a concussion and not able to play, and their top senior leader Meredith Haddad was still trying to get 100% from her injury.

But somehow, the Eagles got it done.

Trailing with three minutes left in the game, Troy Christian outscored FM 7-0 down the stretch, mostly at the free throw line, to defeat the Jets 41-36 for an important non-league victory.

"They were a really scrappy team," Troy Christian coach Dick Steineman said of the Jets. "Early in the season they really struggled, but they are getting better. We stepped up tonight, and some of the young kids stepped up and came through for us."

The first quarter was a sluggish one with only six points scored. Things heated up in the second, as the Eagles jumped in front 8-2 when Haley Peters hit an early free throw, and Haddad buried a three. Just that quickly, their offense went silent and the Jets

stormed back. Six consecutive points tied the game at eight, and the host Jets took a 13-9 lead before the Eagles could score another field goal. They went three minutes without a field goal, but when Haddad hit two free throws, they tied the game at 12 with 1:46 left in the half.

The Jets appeared to destined to take the lead into the half, but Lauren Lavy scored and connected on the additional free throw, giving the Eagles a 16-15 lead at the half.

Franklin Monroe scored the first six points of the third quarter before Lavy ended the run with a layup. Peters later tied the game at 24 then gave Troy Christian a 28-27 lead on a short jumper with 1:20 left in the third.

Both teams battled in the fourth, and when Hannah Eley connected on a layup with 2:53 left in the game, the Jets led 36-34. From there it was all Eagles, and it was all at the free throw line.

Haddad hit three free throws in the final two minutes, while Lavy added two and Peters connected on two with 17 seconds left to give Troy Christian a five point lead, and the victory.

Lavy led the Eagles with 14 points and seven rebounds, Peters added 11 and nine rebounds, while Haddad scored eight points with three assists.

"The kids are getting used to everyone out there, but it was great to see us hit the free throws down the stretch."

## Troy Sports Notes

**Troy Boys Basketball-** It was a rough weekend for the Troy boys' basketball team, as they lost a pair of games at home.

The Trojans fell short to Trotwood Madison in a GWOC contest on Friday night 68-39, after falling behind early and never able to recover.

with 10 rebounds, Chase Hayden also scored a career high with 13 points and Luke Dillahunt scored 11 points in the second half.

Troy Christian led by one at the half, but they opened it up to as many as 20 points in the second half on their way to the



The Trojans lost 68-39 to Trotwood in a GWOC North battle

Trotwood jumped out to a 21-3 lead after the opening eight minutes, and increased their lead to 41-12 at the half.

Mechia Linton led the way for the Trojans with 12 points and was the only scorer in double figures. Austin Funderburg added seven points for the Trojans, and Romello Yaqub scored six.

On Saturday night, the Trojans lost to Shawnee 46-44 in a non-conference matchup,

Troy led 17-9 after the opening period, but Shawnee cut into the lead and trailed the Trojans 23-19 at the half.

Troy now sits 2-6 overall, and played at Belmont last night before enjoying Christmas break. They travel to West Carrollton on January 5.



Ryan McClurg goes in for the layup for Troy

**Troy Christian Boys Basketball-** The streak lives on. Troy Christian saw their league winning streak continue thanks to some solid defense and defeated Dayton Christian 59-43 on Saturday night.

James Anderson scored a career high 20 points

keeping the puck in their offensive zone most of the time, but the Elder goalie was doing a good job of keeping the puck out of the goal. The Panther goalie saw 12 shots and stopped them all, while Cory Neff only saw 4 shots. Troy picked a five



Hayden Hartman looks to drive to the hoop for the Eagles

minute penalty but still appeared to be in control, but neither team found the back of the goal.

The second period found Troy again picking up penalties, first with a two minute and then another 5 minute penalty. Prestyn Hoefler and AJ Noll were reading each other very well and Noll hit Hoefler twice on the

they went up 3-1 in the shootout.

Cory Neff was between the pipes and saved 14 of the 18 shots he saw. Troy outshot the Panthers 34 to 18. Hoefler had his second hat trick in two days with 3 goals. Noll had 2 assists and Troy Moore had 1 assist. The Trojans sat in the penalty box for 18 minutes compared to the 8 minutes



Peyton Spurlock with the jumper for Troy Christian

same shift with great passes and Hoefler drilled them both home giving Troy the 2-0 lead while short-handed on the kill.

Elder later scored late in the 5 minute power play to make it 2-1 with Troy still on top. The Trojans just could not stay out sin-bin and caused another penalty kill. Elder scored to tie it up at 2-2 late in the second while on the power play. The second ended in a deadlock at 2-2.

The third started with Elder shooting a long range slapper that eluded the Troy goalie to take a 3-2 lead. The game went back and forth with no goals until with less than a minute remaining in regulation time the Trojans pulled the goalie to give Troy an additional attacker and with just 34 second to go, Troy Moore found Hoefler for the game tying goal.

The game came to an end with the score all tied up at 3-3. A shoot out was called for and Elder picked up the win after

the Panthers sat.

Troy drops to 1-1 in the league and 2-5 overall.

**Troy Boys Bowling-** Troy 2371 Xenia 2335- Landon Flory 212-197, Aaron Stone 200-191, AJ Kendall 185-170, Logan Jones 172-158, Hayden Jackson 187-136. Bakers: 158, 216, 189.

Northmont 2499 Troy 2259- Stone 247-214, Kendall 190-178, Jackson 129-202, Flory 176-146, Jason Shiltz 156-143. Bakers: 212, 235.

**Troy Girls Bowling-** Troy 2362 Xenia 1929- A'leigha Smith 224-223, Rachel Darrow 209-182, Kirsten McMullen 186-181, Jenna Stone 223, Alyssa Shilt 165, Cassidy McMullen 161, Sierra Brown 113. Bakers: 174, 184, 137.

Troy 2240 Northmont 2003- Darrow 212-211, Stone 162-218, Smith 203-169, Kirsten McMullen 172-183, Alyssa Shilt 155, Jennica Funderburg 152.

Troy is now 8-0 on the season.

## Troy Struggles Offensively In Barn Ball

By Jim Dabbelt

Both Troy and Covington had major struggles to score on Saturday night, as the two teams squared off in the Barn Ball Classic at Miami East, where eight teams from the Dayton area got together for the third-annual event in Casstown.

After a first half where both teams combined for only 19 points, Covington built a ten point lead after the third quarter, and survived a battle with the Trojans in the fourth quarter to escape with a 35-28 victory.

Troy scored the games' first three points, all on free throws to take the early 3-0 lead before Covington could muster their first points. Brooke Gostomsky hit a layup for the first field goal of the game for either team with 2:50 left in the opening period. Jessie Crowell added a three-point play with just over one minute left in the quarter, and that's how the period would end, with the Buccs leading 5-3. In the sloppy first quarter, Troy was held without a field goal but only trailed by

two.

Gostomsky pushed the lead to 7-3 before the Trojans finally scored their first field goal of the game at the 4:10 mark of the half. A three-pointer from Jordan Short broke the ice, and after three more minutes went by before anyone would score, it was Troy who broke that string as well. Maddy Taylor scored in the paint to give Troy their first lead of the game 8-7.

It looked as if Troy would head to the half trailing their county foes, but Bailey Dornbusch

connected in the closing seconds of the half, and the Trojans went into the break with a 10-9 lead.

Both teams came out in the second half and were much better offensively, as Covington scored the first seven points in the first two minutes, to gain a 16-10 lead.

After Bailey Hess put the Trojans on the board in the third period, Covington scored the next five, including a three from freshman Samantha Whiteman to take their lead out to 21-12 with 4:52 left in the third period.

The Trojans cut into the lead with a score from Short, but the Buccs again used Whiteman to score the next five points before Stephanie Chavins closed the quarter with a layup for Troy, but the Buccs had a 28-18 lead heading to the fourth.

Troy closed the gap to seven with 3:09 left, and when Hess hit a three with 10 seconds left, the Trojans were within five, but two free throws from Crowell iced the win for the Buccs.

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# Board of Elections Certifies Petitions

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County Board of Elections set the stage for the March primary Dec. 17, certifying petitions of candidates including four for sheriff, two for prosecuting attorney and two for each of two seats on the county commission.

The board reviewed petitions, which were checked earlier by elections staff.

The board rejected nine petitions based on errors considered “fatal” under state law. The petitions all were for candidates for the county Republican Central Committee.

The number of rejections was down from August when petitions of 30 candidates, including several incumbents, were thrown out because of fatal errors. Since then, the elections staff developed a candidate checklist and distributed it as petitions were picked up at the elections office.

The board certified petitions for the following contested races:

Sheriff: Candidates (all Republicans) are Dave Duchak, current sheriff’s chief deputy; Chris Anderson, retired Troy police captain; Steve Cooper, retired sheriff’s captain; and Paul Reece, a former deputy in both Miami and Montgomery counties.

Prosecuting attorney: Candidates (both Republicans) are Tony Kendell, incumbent, and Mel Kemmer, retired municipal court judge.

# Commissioners Hire Maintenance Manager, Participate in Solar Study

By Nancy Bowman

The Miami County commissioners last week approved a new position of maintenance manager and heard about a solar feasibility study at two county buildings.

The maintenance manager will report to Chris Johnson, the county director of operations and facilities. The commission voted Dec. 17 to create the position and hire James W. Wilson for the job.

Wilson, who will be paid \$1,923 bi-weekly, started work Monday, Dec. 21. Johnson said he brings to the job 20 years of construction project management and more than five years as a maintenance supervisor.

“I am proud of the team that is there and think Jim will be a good addition,” Johnson said.

The commissioners heard an update from Johnson Dec. 16 on a statewide solar initiative. The commissioners earlier this year discussed the project with Bill Bradish from Palmer Energy.

The West Central Juvenile Center and the county Incarceration Facility, both located between Troy and Piqua off County Road 25A, will be part of a solar feasibility study that will be done at no cost to the county.



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# Concord Trustees Approve Website Contract

By Bonnie L. McHenry

The Concord Township Trustees, the trustees approved a contract with Alliance Technology for \$856 effective December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016 for website support.

Trustee Don Pence asked the other trustees to review the new layout of the website prepared by Alliance Technology to verify that the new design meets their requirements. Pence also noted that the township still has not received a quote for the website redesign and software needed to drive the site. Pence added, “The new website will make the ordinances more accessible.”

Neil Rhoades, Road Superintendent, reported that the road crew extended leaf pickup a week. He said, “The road crew finished on Friday, December 11, 2015 and are now preparing trucks for snow plowing.” He reported that the road crew picked up 240 loads of leaves and took them to the Longs Organic Farm on Wilson Road for composting. He added, “The crew picked up 20 more loads than last year.”

In addition, Rhoades reported that the Miami County Transfer Station would take Christmas trees from December 26, 2015 through January 19, 2016. He said, “Our road crew will start collecting Christmas Trees on January 4, 2016. The road crew will run though the township every week.” He explained, “The sanitation department grinds up the trees for mulch. However, the service does not cost the township anything but time.” To request a tree pickup the residents should call the township office at 339-1492. Rhoades also noted that the road crew would check the condition of township road signs at the same time.

In other road concerns, Phyllis Moore, Resident, asked who was responsible for maintaining Monroe Concord Road. She said, “A big hole has developed on Monroe Concord Road as a result of the big trucks using the road to access the new development.”

Rhoades explained that the road is a county road and that he has notified the Miami County Road Supervisor Jeff Vore, of

the road condition. The county will investigate and address the situation.

In other old business, Mercer updated the trustees on the junk vehicle policy. Mercer said that he has scheduled a meeting with Dave Duchak, Chief Deputy; however, the meeting will not occur until after the holidays. Don Pence asked if a separate policy was needed for agricultural properties as opposed to residential.

Mercer indicated that he had checked with other municipalities and no one had separate policies. He said, “I don’t see a conflict, since we have only had two complaints in the last six years. I am not interested in moving in that direction.”

Mercer also reported that he attended a Storm Water II Meeting. He said, “The group is in the process of revamping/reviewing the five year plan due to expire at the end of 2016. The team plans to finalize the plan in January and submit it for approval.” He explained that the township is only responsible for three of the six actions required for storm water control. These include leaf pickup, street sweeping and cleaning of storm drains. He said, “We won’t be doing anything new.”

In new business, the trustees approved the road crew, Pence and Bill Whidden, Trustee to attend the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference in Columbus on January 28, 2016. Pat Quillen, Fiscal Officer will register the group and use the MORE grant to pay the registration fee.

In addition, Quillen reported that she has started work on the 2016 budget appropriations. The budget will be ready for review and approval at the January 5, 2016 meeting of the trustees.

In other new business, the trustees scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to approve and pay warrants. Pence also asked the trustees to think about trustee committee assignments to discuss at the January 5, 2016 meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Concord Township Trustees is scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.



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# Reece, Simmons File for Election

By Nancy Bowman

Two former Miami County employees announced last week they’d seek county offices of sheriff and county commissioner in the March Republican primary.

Paul Reece, 49, of Piqua is running for sheriff in the race to replace Charles Cox when he retires at the end of 2016. He joins the race with Chris Anderson, a retired Troy police captain; Steve Cooper, a retired sheriff’s captain; and Dave Duchak, current chief deputy.

Greg Simmons of Troy is making a second bid for county commissioner, seeking the Jan. 2 commission seat held by Richard Cultice of Troy,



Greg Simmons

who also is running.

Reece announced his sheriff’s bid Dec. 14.

Simmons announced his bid Dec. 18.

Reece has served more than 25 years as a deputy in Miami County and more recently in Montgomery County. He resigned from the Montgomery County job to run for sheriff.

“Protecting and defending the citizens of Miami County is the primary duty of the sheriff’s office and, as your next sheriff, I would base decisions on that standard,” Reece said.

He said he also would focus on illegal narcotics, human trafficking and terrorism.

“I have a plan to address jail concerns, secure the courthouse, prioritize spending, and to review internal policies,” Reece said. “Equally important is the need to create a positive work environment for the team and to establish effective

communications with the public.”

He has 19 years of combined military law enforcement service in the Army and Air Force. A technical expert, he has provided skills, guidance and expertise to commanders and organizations. He also has worked as a special agent with Army Criminal Investigation Division Command, providing personal protection for executive officers of the Department of Defense and for international dignitaries visiting this country.

Reece currently is serving in the U.S. Army Reserve as commander of the 375th Criminal Investigation Division in Columbus.

He and his wife, Denise, have six children and 10 grandchildren.

Simmons worked in government agencies for more than 20 years including as chief probation officer, a police officer, a park ranger and director of the West Central Juvenile Detention Center. He also founded and served as pastor of The Upper Room Worship Center in Tipp City.

“I have directed governmental agencies for over 20 years that included supervising programs and developing inter-agency support. I have chaired regional and local multiagency meetings, prepared, monitored and revised county budgets, served local and state level executive boards and facilitated seminars locally, regionally and state wide, researched and developed award winning programs,” Simmons said in his declaration of candidacy.

“During the time frame of a total of 14 years as the Director of Juvenile Detention Center in Miami County, I successfully directed the business operations of a \$1.6 million dollar budget,” Simmons said.

Simmons and his first wife had four children, now adults. They were married 41 years before her death. His second wife is Patricia and he has two stepsons.

His platform, Simmons said, “consists of an ethical practice that demonstrates fiscal responsibility and accountability as a public servant for Miami County.”

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# Staunton Trustees Receive \$527 from Salt Litigation

By Bonnie L. McHenry

At the December 21, 2015 meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees, Sarah Fine, Fiscal Officer, announced that the township received a reimbursement from the Miami County Engineer's Office for the township's portion of the Salt Antitrust Litigation against Morton Salt Inc. and Cargill. The township received \$527 based on the amount of salt the township purchased.

Fine also requested that the trustees complete forms to request their driving records. Since the township trustees drive the township owned vehicles, Fine must verify that their licenses are valid, not suspended or have serious violations.

The trustees approved the township elected officials to attend the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference in January. At the conference, Fine will be attending training classes to meet her educational requirements as a first term township fiscal officer. She is required to complete six hours of training in her first year and must complete an additional eighteen hours during her first four-year term. Many of the workshops offered at the conference can be used to meet this training requirement.

The trustees also received a request from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) to complete a survey on road maintenance for the Transportation Improvement Program. The trustees must provide information to the MVRPC on the cost of maintenance/reconstruction projects as well as improvements to the capacity /operation/safety of all roadways, bikeways, pedestrian and transit projects completed during 2015 that were funded by local funding sources. In addition, the township

must report the estimated cost for projects that were scheduled in 2015, but were postponed because of lack of funding.

In other business, Sheriff Deputies Warren Edmondson, Mike Whaley and Trainee Jessup attended the meeting to update the trustees on criminal activity in the township and to inquire about trustees' concerns and needed support. Edmondson reported that because of the approaching holidays, most of the crimes are crimes of opportunity. Residents are leaving gifts in their cars and the criminals are checking the cars and stealing the gifts. He said, "Most of the perpetrators are heroin addicts stealing to support their habits." He also said, "The heroin epidemic is out of control; however, the Sheriff's Deputies are out in full force and being more proactive. Burglaries have also increased for residents who have gone south for the winter. Most are perpetrated by individuals who know the resident is out of town." He also noted that the department has increased their enforcement of minor violations to help mitigate problems before they happen.

Edmondson told the trustees that the Sheriff's Department is well staffed. The department plans to hire one more person, which will allow the department to deploy six to seven officers for every shift. He also reported that the department now has six new **automated external defibrillators (AED)**, which permits each car to carry a unit at all times. He said, "This allows our officers to start life saving efforts as soon as we arrive on scene."

The next meeting of the Staunton Township Trustees is scheduled for January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

# Attorney General Announces Settlement with JPMorgan Chase

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced a \$150 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit with JPMorgan Chase & Co. over losses incurred by the bank's investors, including the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, in the wake of its "London Whale" trading scandal first revealed in 2012. The settlement class includes all persons who purchased JP Morgan common stock between April 13, 2012 and May 21, 2012.

"Misleading investors with wrong or incomplete information is unacceptable and causes real damage," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. "Ohio's pension funds, like all investors, expect companies to provide accurate information so they can appropriately judge the risk of an investment. I am pleased that Ohio has reached this settlement to help recover investment losses for our OPERS pension system members and also discourage future fraud."

The suit, filed in July 2012, alleged that JPMorgan Chase issued false and misleading statements regarding its trading activity, describing risky and speculative trading strategies merely as "hedges" and "risk management" devices. The trading losses incurred by JPMorgan

Chase caused the bank's stock value to plummet resulting in a billion dollars of investor losses. The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System alone lost approximately \$2.5 million as a result of the alleged fraud.

Joining the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System as lead plaintiffs are public pension funds in the states of Oregon and Arkansas, and Swedish pension fund AP7. The case was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

"We appreciate the work that the Ohio Attorney General has done to recover this money for our members," said OPERS Executive Director Karen Carraher. "Nothing is more important to us than our members' retirement security, and the performance of our investment portfolio is critical to our success in that mission."

In addition to the Ohio public pension systems, thousands of other individual Ohioans are potential class members in the case. In the next few weeks, all class members will be notified of their status in the class by a claims administrator appointed by the court, and will receive additional information about filing a claim.

# Every Vote Matters

*98 Races Decided by One Vote or Tied in the Past Five Statewide Elections*

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that 23 local races and issues were decided by a single vote or tied during the 2015 General Election on November 3, 2015. A total of 98 Ohio races have tied or been decided by a one-vote margin since the General Election in 2013.

"This shows, once again, that one person and one vote can make a difference. Saying one vote is important is more than just a catchy saying, it's a reality," said Secretary Husted.

Those races and issues decided by a single vote or tied include 14 local races and 9 local issues. In fact, three Township Trustees from Gallia, Trumbull and Scioto Counties were chosen by the outcome of a coin flip.

Since taking office, Secretary Husted has focused on making it easy to vote and hard to cheat

in the State of Ohio by creating an online change of address system, maintaining accurate and up-to-date voter rolls, setting uniform, statewide hours for in-person absentee voting to ensure all voters are treated equally and addressing voter fraud and suppression.

To ensure each voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot, Secretary Husted has urged the legislature to pass an address confidentiality bill protecting victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and stalking by removing their personal address from the public voter rolls. He has also advocated for the authorization of an online voter registration system in Ohio which would create significant cost savings for local governments and be more accurate.

# Beware: Con Artists Posing as Puppy Breeders Online

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine warned that some animal breeders and sellers who advertise online are con artists.

In 2015, the Ohio Attorney General's Office received about 30 complaints from consumers who said they bought a puppy or other pet online but never received anything in return. The average reported loss was approximately \$1,200.

"Scammers go online, post cute pictures of a puppy, and get you to feel connected to the dog, even though it's all a scam," Attorney General DeWine said. "I would encourage anyone to ask to see the dog in person before making any payments."

In a typical puppy scam, a consumer finds an ad for a puppy online. The consumer communicates with the seller, agrees to buy the puppy, and eventually wires a few hundred dollars to have the puppy delivered. After paying, however, the consumer never receives the puppy. Instead, the seller demands more money for insurance or transportation costs and threatens to turn in the consumer for animal abuse if the consumer refuses to pay.

Signs of a puppy scam include:

- Offers that are too good to be true, such as paying \$650 for a puppy valued at \$1,300.
- Sellers who require payment via wire transfer or money order.
- Extra costs for airline pet insurance or a temperature-controlled crate.
- Unexpected delivery problems requiring additional payment.
- Threats that you'll be turned in for animal abuse or neglect if you don't pay.

Attorney General DeWine offered consumers the following tips to avoid scams:

- Research breeders and sellers carefully. Check complaints filed with the Ohio Attorney General's Office or the Better Business Bureau, and review feedback from other customers. Be skeptical if you find no information; some scam artists change names regularly to trick consumers. If possible, work with a local, reputable organization.
- Conduct an online image search of the puppy's photo to see where else the picture is posted on the Internet. (Search "how to search by image" for help determining how to do this.) If the same picture shows up in multiple places, it could be part of a scam.
- Visit the puppy in person before paying. If possible, take the puppy to an independent veterinarian for a health exam.
- Don't trust sellers who accept payment only via wire transfer, prepaid card, or money order. These are preferred payment methods for scam artists because once the money is sent, it is very difficult to track or recover.

Consumers who suspect a scam should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at 800-282-0515 or [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

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# Columns & Opinion

## The Essence of Christmas

By PASTOR FREY

There are a number of things in the Christmas account that capture the imagination and are well known. There is the inn. Most people know that Mary and Joseph were turned away because there was no room in the inn.

Another well known part of the Christmas account is the manger, the trough that held the hay for the cattle to eat. As the carol says, there was “no crib for a bed.” Jesus was placed in the manger. The manger has become one of the symbols of Christmas.

Another thing that captures our imagination is the wise men. And there are other well known things like the star that the wise men followed, the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night and the angels praising God. You call see all of these things depicted on Christmas cards, in nativity scenes and sung about in Christmas carols. These things all help to give the setting. But they are not the important thing.

The most important thing, the essential thing in the Christmas story is the birth of the baby Jesus and the words spoken by the angel telling what that means, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

The angel said that this baby is the Savior. A Savior from what? What do people want to be saved from today? People may look for someone to save them from the effects of some disease. They may look for someone to save them from financial ruin. They may look for someone to save the country from where they think it is heading.

But Jesus came to save us from things far worse than that. Even if people were saved from some disease, from financial ruin and the country was turned to their way of thinking, they would still die and face God’s judgment. Jesus came to save us from being condemned for our sins, from the grip of death and the punishment of hell.

Sin is rebellion against God. It brings his just punishment. God does not just overlook sin. But Jesus came to take the punishment for our sins. That is why he is the Savior.

The angel also calls him, “Christ the Lord.” The word “Christ” means anointed. Jesus is the one God anointed, the one God appointed to do the work of saving us. And we can’t forget that he is also “the Lord.” He is God. God became man. He had to be a man to suffer and die in our place and he had to be God for his death to pay for our sins.

The angels said that this Savior was born, “to you.” It has personal meaning. You can understand that as meaning you. You know your sins. You know how hopeless you feel at times. You know how you can be frightened at the thought of death and God’s judgment.

But because Jesus was born, the apostle Paul could write, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.” It is the same thing for you.

“Today a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” These are the most important words in the Christmas account. They are the essence of Christmas.

When all the activity has died down after Christmas and you return to your daily routine, this still remains, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

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## At Home

WITH CONNIE MOORE

### Full Days

It’s the first full day of winter. Robins are in the woods behind the post office. Wild turkeys are in the cornfield south of the cemetery and along the river.

Pileated woodpeckers are clinging to tree sides in the park. Juncos gather under the fire bushes and in the mulch and in the underbrush. They speak of winter with their soft voices; soft, squeaky voices that can only be heard if one stands still, very still.

There is green moss on the north sides of dormant trees, and if one looks closely, green moss grows on the hearts of those looking forward to the first warm of spring. A unique light sage green lichen covers American cherry trees recently soaked with winter rain.

Apple red cardinals sit not too far off from an observer who happens to mimic their language. Conversations can be quite rewarding when nature is one of the speakers. A backdrop of yellowed honeysuckle dotted with its own red berries entices all sorts of feathered creatures to share in the bounty.

To the south, in a meadow planted specifically for nature’s



creatures, coppery colored prairie grasses lay over, heavy with the wetness of frost. Along walking trails, gray-shadowed purple berry canes lay over too, but from their own weight. They form a sort of tunnel which rabbits love as a thorny haven against aerial pursuers.

Right in the middle of it all an old hitching post is revealed. Hidden in the summer by all things green and bushy, only in the fullness of winter’s light can it be seen, standing as a testament of olden times. Olden winters.

A bit further south, along old

narrow roads, shaggy-coated horses graze in a pasture on a hillside. Sometimes deer mingle in with these gentle beasts, but not today. Along the road is an ever-so tiny creek, rushing into the lower hillside, feeding yards and gardens along the way. A century old sycamore stands not too far off, no doubt drawing some of the icy cold water for itself.

In a fencerow, Osage orange trees still have some of their fruits hanging like holiday gewgaws. Deer and squirrels view them as delicious; under the trees are many half-eaten fruits or hedg-

es apples as they are sometimes known as. Pioneers used them to repel spiders and other crawling creatures.

In the same trees, a parcel of crows has congregated for their own secretive purposes. They too have a language which can be imitated by our observer. They are inquisitive enough to converse for a few minutes until they realize the sounds are not coming from above or next to them but from down below where only a human can be seen. Nonsense is what they determine is going on and off they fly.

As evening settles into the land, soft pink and yellow skirts of clouds move slowly westward. The air is more than chilly. It is time to go in. Reluctantly, footsteps follow a familiar path to home.

Yes, it is a full day. Having been embraced by sight, sound and heartbeats, we cannot help but count ourselves as having had a heartfelt day, one full of natural beauty. A sort of refinement if you will. An encounter with the earth, the soft and lovely earth and what it holds.

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## Gardening Commentary

WITH MEADOW VIEW GROWERS

### Warm Weather & Your Plants

The warm weather has been delightful for all of us humans, our furry friends and anyone that has to heat a home or other structure. But.....there could be a problem lurking around the corner. We are going to get some cold weather soon and if it comes in like a lion there can be some serious damage to plants that would normally be hardy to cold temperatures here in the Miami Valley. Many plants have become excited and are not ready for a sudden plunge of cold temperatures. Some flower buds are swelling instead of being completely dormant like they should be in mid- December. The above normal temperatures have giv-

en us time to finish up some of the fall chores like protecting the trunks of young trees especially thin barked shade trees like red maples and a few others. Serious damage occurs almost every year to the southwest side of the trunks of these trees if they are not protected. You may have seen this injury, it is a dead area that can extend for 3 – 4’ from the ground to the first branches and can be an inch or two wide. This can be prevented with protection with a wrap or tree guards.

The soil temperatures are still pretty warm so it is a little early to apply mounds of mulch around tender perennials because it is best to have the soil about ready to freeze or already

frozen a little before we do this mulching for winter protection. In a week or so we should see the soil beginning to freeze and that is the time to cover strawberries with straw or other tender plants. If you have not pruned your long, straggly rose bushes back some, to keep them from getting whipped around by the wind that is a good thing. Now is the time to do that. Wait until late March or early April before taking them back all the way to 12” or so.

If you are thinking about planting a tree or shrub sometime soon there is still time to do that since the soil conditions are still very good for planting. Selection can be limited at this time of year but there may be some

good deals available. The big advantage of planting now is that the roots continue to develop over the winter months while the tops are dormant and plants have a chance to get established before the coming growing season. Winter feeding is a good thing to do and that can be done now, giving plants an opportunity to absorb this feed so it is in the plant tissue and available for growth in the spring.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year for you and your family.

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## Tip of the Week

By SGT. JOE MAURO  
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### Identity Theft

In this age of computerization, social networking and shopping on line, we have seen a huge increase in cases of “Identity Theft.” Identity theft is a state and federal crime. The definition of identity theft is when someone uses your name, Social Security Number, date of birth, credit card number(s) without your permission to commit a fraud.

The first thing you must do when you learn or suspect someone has stolen your identity is to contact your police of jurisdiction. When you report the theft, the officer should give you the Case Number. You will need to obtain a copy of the police report from that police agency.

The police officer will tell you the probability of catching whoever did this crime. If you have an idea of who may have used the information, we can obtain that person’s driver’s license photo or any criminal mug shot and contact clerks at gas stations, banks or stores and we have made arrests and convictions going this route.

If you do not know who the thief is, you will want to contact the Ohio Attorney General’s Office by phone or online. The online web page for Attorney General Mike DeWine is very easy to

access and understand. When you contact his office, they can assign a case representative to assist you in reporting the ID Theft to the proper parties you need to protect yourself. There is also a do it yourself downloadable page for those who wish to go that route.

The Federal Government has assigned the task of credit card fraud to the United States Secret Service. They can assist with very large cases or with cases dealing with perpetrators who are not in this country. Calling the local Secret Service Office will be where you want to start with them.

You will need to contact the bank where your credit card was issued if it involves a credit card. They will immediately close that account, open you a new account and begin an investigation. All the agencies as well as the bank will want a copy of the police report. That is why the local police was your first contact. If you believe a family member or close friend used the card to make purchases, and you do not want the police to arrest that person, the bank will hold you responsible for payment of the transaction. This is where tough love comes in.

I had a case once where a good friend’s son used their card to

purchase over \$16,000 worth of merchandise and exchange it for drugs. The parents were told by the bank to file charges against their son or pay the money. They did file the charges, he went to prison for a couple of years. When he was released, he was no longer addicted to drugs, his life was in order and today he is a productive member of society and the family.

The next thing you will want to do after what I have suggested so far is contact one or all three of the big Credit Reporting agencies. They will attach a fraud alert to your name and information for 90 days. An extended alert stays in your file for 7 years if you ask for one. Again you will need a copy of the police report. You can contact the 3 big agencies at:

**Experian:** www.experian.com or at 1-888-397-3742.

**Equifax:** www.equifax.com or at 1-800-525-6285.

**TransUnion:** www.transunion.com or at 1-800-680-7289.

You have the right to receive the information they have in your files. However if you want to know your Credit Score, that will cost you money. Once again you can do this yourself or ask the Ohio Attorney General to assist you if you believe you are not able to do this on your own.

If your wallet is stolen with credit cards, driver’s license, Social Security Card and so on, all these will have to be cancelled and new accounts set up. That is why you should not keep excess credit cards or your Social Security Card in your wallet.

As for your passport and other valuable records, get a Bank Safety Deposit Box or if you don’t trust banks, get a gun safe for your home. Attach the gun safe to a wall with concrete anchors or large screws into the studs from inside the vault. These vaults come in the basic small gun vault to the larger, dehumidified, lighted vaults with multiple locking mechanisms. They are fire rated, so compare the time it will protect your valuable in case of a fire. If you live out in the country and it will take the fire department 15 minutes to get there, set up and begin fighting the fire, a longer rating may be more desirable than if you live in a city and the FD will be there in a short time.

When you have had your identity stolen, it is no less traumatic than being robbed in person. You now have a lot of paperwork and the added worries that at any time they may strike again and use your identity causing you to go through it all again.



# 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 possibility 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.

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# Three-Dimensional Storyteller Gains Global Recognition

*Buntin commissioned to design sculpture for Ireland's annual Leprechaun Hunt*

By Maggie Yowler

Troy artist Kevin Buntin's mind is constantly set to the "on" position—totally unbridled in a state of perpetual creation as he processes the world, finding art in the most unlikely of places. Using the ancient Greek practice of personifying inanimate objects by imagining them with souls, Buntin has created entire series and intricate storylines surrounding his figurative sculptures. The uniqueness and unforgettable nature of his pieces have earned Buntin international attention, drawing buyers from all over the world, often allowing him the chance to interact with his customers and learn just what it was that connected them with his art.

"I got a suit of armor from a princess," Buntin declared incredulously while speaking about one of his first overseas buyers.

The princess, a daughter of a Kuwaiti sheikh, had suffered grotesque abuse while growing up, and despite the wealth and power of her family, she had no one to protect her. She found Buntin's work on MySpace many years ago while she was in her mid-twenties, and began commissioning more and more of Buntin's pieces until she began a regular customer. Much time passed before she confessed to Buntin that she was a Muslim princess and then confided in him and told him of her horrendous childhood. She told Buntin that she regarded the figures he sculpted for her as her protectors—whimsical beings that could somehow shield her from the gross abuses she had suffered as a child.



Kevin Buntin speaking at a New Carlisle Rotary Club meeting

"She told me I was her knight by making all these creatures that protected her," Buntin said, noting that it is still difficult to talk about without becoming choked up.

Buntin said he remained in regular correspondence with the Kuwaiti princess until she met her husband and became pregnant after many years of trying, due to the abuse she'd suffered when she was a child. Without his knowledge, the princess shipped a real suit of armor to Buntin's house, likely to symbolize her regard for him as a protective knight, and not long after that, he stopped hearing from her.

Buntin said if his purpose was to provide the princess a sense of protection until she found her own real-life champion in her husband, that he was proud to have served her in her time of need, although he would still like to hear from her again someday.

This connection with his audience is something Buntin purposely

strives for—intentionally creating pieces that are approachable, comprehensible, and not so abstract that they cannot be appreciated. With pieces inspired by folklore, fantasy, horror, and sci-fi genres, his figures are quite unlike the vast majority of art dolls on today's market, however, the soulful nature of each character shines through in bold style, making Buntin's pieces truly unforgettable.

His Gourd Lord series features whimsical creatures created from real gourds, with each character having its own tale that commingles with Buntin's grand storyline for the Gourd Lord series. Each piece of Buntin's artwork is supported or inspired by mythology or folklore. Buntin said he take bits and pieces of fairy tales, folk tales, and European mythology as the foundation for the stories he concocts and then brings to life through sculptures.

"I refer to myself as a three-dimensional storyteller," Buntin said.

Because he cannot grow his own gourds at his suburban Troy home due to pesky squirrels, Buntin obtains the gourds for the Gourd Lord series at Fulton Farms, noting that some of the Fultons have married into his wife's family, who now allow him to go out into the fields and select his own gourds. Also an active proponent of supporting local businesses, Buntin takes pride in knowing where his gourds were grown.

"It's funny—everyone else is looking for the smoothest, cleanest ones, and I'm out there searching for the ones with the most warts," he

Buntin is now a featured artist at a Michigan art show that exclusively features Halloween-themed pieces. He said that the Ghoultime Gathering held in Chelsea, Michigan is the ultimate Halloween collector's destination, noting what an honor it was to be selected as a featured artist among the caliber of other artists selected for the show—all of whom are hand-picked by the show's creator.

Buntin said the Ghoultime Gathering provides him a "paid excuse" to continue creating the Gourd Lords, as buyers snatch them up quickly. The gathering is a Halloween collector's equivalent of Comic Con, with avid collectors sleeping in their cars the previous night so they can be first in line and get to their desired artist before anyone else. Buntin said buyers can be somewhat vicious about the pieces that speak to them, often snatching sculptures out of someone else's hand who cannot make a decision on their purchase. Many buyers are attracted to the Gourd Lord line, which is centered around a family farm that grows whimsical items such as Christmas trees that are born with light strands attached, and pumpkins that come out of the ground already carved and illuminated by candles. The Gourd Lords, human-like figures with real gourd heads, vary in appearance and temperament, Buntin said, depending upon which side of the fictional patch they came from. Buntin said that in this storyline, the whimsical crops grow at Holiday's Farm, which is based very loosely on a family farm just like Fulton's.

The gourd figures are created through a complicated process that mimics the structure of the human body, complete with an internal foundation, or skeleton, crafted with specific materials chosen for their ability to imitate joint movement, as many of Buntin's pieces are able to be posed.

Beginning with a non-ferrous metal skeleton, he then adds a layer of plumber's putty to replicate the motion of human joints and to act as bone support, making sure that each figure is able to stand and support its own weight, even if it

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Word Search

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Bats	Formidable	Neatly	Rulers	Trouser
Beads	Gallery	Neck	Rules	Twin
Began	Girl	Needing	Sacking	Unity
Bells	Give	News	Sculptor	Urge
Bend	Gray	Next	Seal	Verse
Bowl	Hits	Noon	Seed	Warms
Candles	Hypothesis	Oils	Shipping	Wind

Cooper

By LARRY WARREN



Crossword Puzzle

#211

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ACROSS

- Suri's father
- Brit princess
- Auction offering
- Naval agreement
- Bring upon oneself
- Georgian, for one
- Kind of mother
- Nasty
- "The \_\_\_ Commandments"
- Natal native
- Demise
- Indigo-yielding shrubs
- Derivative cry
- Dearth
- Erasable memory chip
- Beginnings
- Poser
- Harden
- Idyllically tranquil
- Away from the bow
- Columbus ship, Santa \_\_\_
- Mad dog

39. Hit with a fist

42. Cassowary relation

44. Put into law

46. In advance

48. Biological pocket

49. "Going \_\_\_ : An American Life" (Palin book)

50. \_\_ of order

51. Beer belly

52. Search blindly

53. ABC's rival

DOWN

- Smidge
- Court cry
- It can be drop down
- Separate
- Country stop-over
- Of a corrosive nature
- Certain posers
- Geometry calculation
- Laziness
- Vein contents

11. Beach basking result

19. "The Lizard" constellation

21. Distinctive

23. Pronoun

25. Sapiens or novis

26. Luau dish

27. "\_\_\_ Karenina"

28. Legal right regarding property use

29. Volunteer

30. Beatnik's exclamation

32. Wax collector

34. Gave it a shot

36. Secondary

38. Titanic's nemesis

40. Over

41. Chow

42. Sixth sense

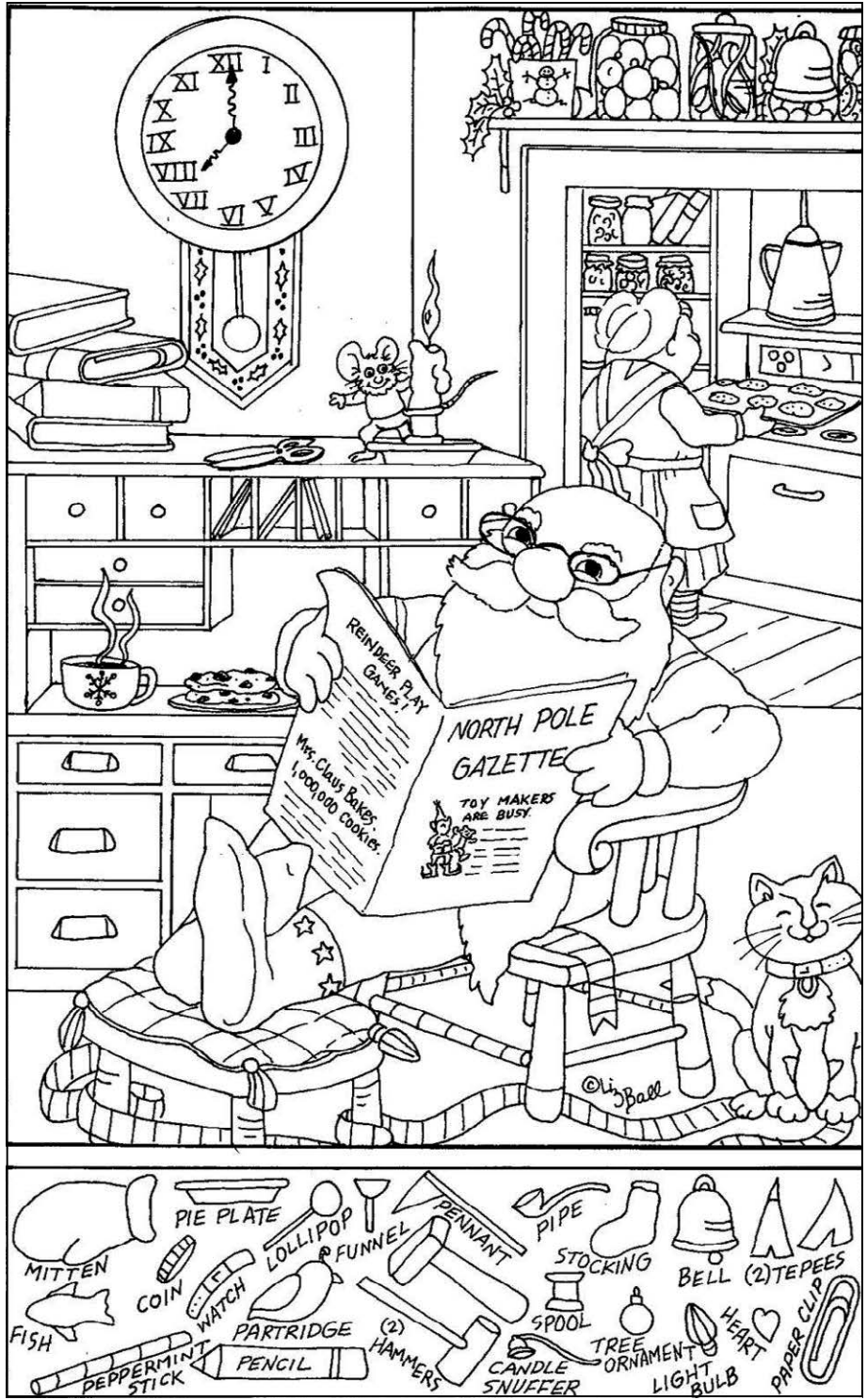
43. Andy Warhol painting

45. Vessel

47. Paul Simon "Greatest Hits, \_\_\_"

Hidden Treasures

By LIZ BALL



Sudoku

#207

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Trivia Challenge

Christmas Trivia Quiz Questions

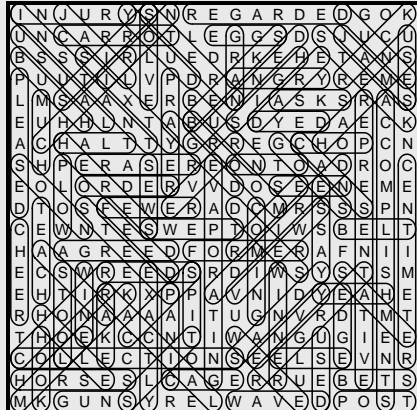
- In the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many ladies are dancing?
  - 10
  - 6
  - 9
  - 11
- In the Christmas movie "The Santa Claus," where does Scott Calvin Work?
  - A bank
  - A toy company
  - A law office
  - A real estate agency
- What was the name of Scrooge's dead partner in Charles Dickens' classic story, "A Christmas Carol"?
  - Melvin
  - Jacob
  - Stephen
  - Tim
- According to the song "Frosty the Snowman," what was Frosty's nose made of?
  - A potato
  - A button
  - A carrot
  - A thimble
- In the Harry Potter movie, what did Mrs. Weasley give to Harry and Ron at Christmas?
  - A clock
  - A novel
  - A wand
  - A sweater
- On what day does the Christian saint's day "Feast of St. Stephen" occur in the Western Church?
  - December 22nd
  - December 24th
  - December 27th
  - December 26th
- In the popular Christmastime song "Winter Wonderland," what kind of bird has gone away?
  - Chickadee
  - Blue Bird
  - Partridge
  - Cardinal
- Developed some-time in the early 1840s, which nation invented the "Christmas Cracker"?
  - America
  - Germany
  - France
  - England
- Sung by Bing Crosby, which movie was the first to feature the song "White Christmas"?
  - Frosty the Snowman
  - Miracle on 4th Street
  - It's a wonderful Life
  - Holiday Inn
- Snowflakes have how many points?
  - 10
  - 5
  - 6
  - 8
- Written to raise money for the relief of famine in Ethiopia, in what year did the song, "Do They Know It's Christmas?" debut?
  - 1992
  - 1976
  - 1980
  - 1984
- In which Christmas movie does the main character have bad hearing in his left ear?
  - It's a Wonderful Life
  - The Santa Claus
  - ELF
  - Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Trivia

- 8> 75 - Murdered in 1980, Lennon's solo album sales in the United States exceed 14 million.
- 9> Botswana - Legolas was taking part in a research project when he was shot and killed.
- 10> World Porridge Day - The purpose of Porridge Day is to raise money for charities.
- 11> Turkey - Approximately 100 people died in the blasts and more than 400 people were injured.
- 12> Belarus - Alex has been the President of Belarus since 1994.
- 13> Rod Stewart - Another Country is the twenty-ninth studio album by Rod Stewart.
- 14> Volkswagen - Volkswagen recalled the vehicles to bring their emissions systems into compliance with pollution regulations.
- 15> Aerosmith - Dream On was released on Aerosmith's 1973 debut album, Aerosmith.
- 16> Hulk Hogan - Gawker released leaked transcripts of a video in which Hogan is heard saying racist slurs about his daughter's boyfriend.
- 17> 40th - Bill served as the 42nd President of the United States from 1993 to 2001.
- 18> QI - QI is a British television quiz show.
- 19> Gran Turismo - Gran Turismo is a popular series of racing video games.

Word Search



Sudoku

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Crossword

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## Buntin Receives Global Recognition

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is designed to be sitting. He then adds the outer layer, made of epoxy clay, which cures as he works with it, meaning that it will set without having to be fired in a kiln.

Once the creature has come to life, Buntin's work is not complete, as he also designs and creates their clothes.

"I'm definitely in the minority of art doll designers," Buntin said. "There are very few guys who do this—most of them are women."

He stressed that he is almost completely self-taught in each of his many mediums, explaining that he's had to rely on his own ingenuity (and sometimes Google) for instruction on more difficult tasks.

He has worked professionally in art for about 15 years now, and has been working at it full-time for the past ten years. Two years ago, he was tapped by marketers in Ireland who implored him to create a sculpture for the city's famous leprechaun hunt. Carlingford, Ireland has been recognized as the home of Europe's last-remaining leprechaun, and each year the city hosts a leprechaun hunt as a large-scale method of promoting tourism to the region.

The marketers tapped Buntin after finding one of his leprechauns on a Google search, and asked him to create one for them that would serve as Carlingford's official leprechaun to be stalked during the hunt. Buntin said the marketers have been persistent in their demand for commissioning the piece, and after confirming that it was not a scam, Buntin agreed, and will begin working on the Carlingford leprechaun.

Buntin has also been receiving his share of press for his works, doing several magazine interviews from home and abroad, saying he's

still adjusting to the newfound attention and admitting how amused he was by the reporter's accent from an English magazine who called for an interview.

With pieces displayed in a Canton gallery and attracting global attention through his social media pages, his vivid artistic vision would have likely remained dormant if it were not for the urgings of his wife Tina, who Buntin considers to be his muse.

He'd always been fascinated by folk tales and fanciful stories as a child, often creating his own characters out of clay to accompany his action figures, but after graduating high school, Buntin said he gave up on his artistic pursuits as he believed they would get him nowhere in life. He worked several factory jobs and other entry-level positions for years before Tina recognized his despondence at not being able to satisfy his creative needs and asked him what he wanted to do with his life in order to be happy.

"I had given up so much at that time that I didn't even know what I wanted to do anymore," Buntin said. "Then I remembered that at one

employs today.

One of Buntin's largest and most well-known pieces, a giant titled "Elias the Valley Strider," is based on European mythology, and also serves as a metaphor for Buntin's artistic reawakening. Rolling hills line many European landscapes, with folk tales describing the origin of the great hills as ancient giants who laid down to sleep and never woke back up.

"I considered what would happen if those giants did wake back up," Buntin said, likening Elias' awakening to the artistic giant that had lied dormant within his own soul.

Buntin prides himself not only on creating comprehensible pieces of art, but for connecting with his audience as well. He encouraged anyone with interest in his art to reach out to him on his Facebook page, The World of Kevin Buntin, asking that people send him a message with any questions about his art, stressing that he responds personally, without relying on any agents or handlers.

"I never thought I would connect with people the way I have," Buntin said when asked to name the most rewarding



time, I wanted to be a writer and a sculptor."

At Tina's insistence, Buntin took a few art classes at Edison College before the cost of tuition became too much, although he said he was able to learn several technical concepts that he still

aspect of his work. "Being able to say I'm making money at it now is great, I won't lie about that, but the connection people seem to have with it—it's incredibly rewarding."



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