City’s newest ‘Congressional’ rep is a lobbyist for cats, dogs

You may not see Katie Pippenger’s name on a directory in the Capitol Building in D.C., but she does have a Congressional District to represent.

Pippenger, an Oakwood resident who works as an occupational therapist at Miami Valley Hospital, is the recently appointed Humane Society of the United States representative for the 10th Congressional District in Ohio.

The Humane Society maintains a roster of state and local leaders mirroring U.S. congressional districts to facilitate the organization’s lobbying and legislative agenda.

“It just sounded like a great, purposeful thing to do,” said Pippenger, who with her husband, Wes, an active duty Air Force officer, also volunteers as a foster caregiver with the local Humane Society. “They do statewide and federal legislation, so you get to be part of a really big change.”

One of the group’s recent successes was a ban on greyhound racing in Florida, while a current initiative in Ohio focuses on outlawing cockfighting in the state – something Pippenger says many people assume was done years ago. The Humane Society also hopes to resurrect a legislative proposal which failed to pass the Ohio Senate last session which would mandate that social workers and animal cruelty officers have a shared responsibility to report instances of abuse. She also hopes to raise awareness of animals left untreated or uncared for in harsh weather conditions, particularly during extremely cold winter months or summer heat. “We just want to make more people aware that it’s not okay to leave an animal outside for prolonged periods without appropriate shelter, food and water,” she explained.

The organization offers online training modules to support their lobbying efforts, and Pippenger takes part in monthly and bimonthly conference calls with the Humane Society’s state and national leaders. “They talk about their legislative efforts and appropriate lobbying,” she noted.

Pippenger and her husband began volunteering as fosters with the Humane Society of Greater Dayton last summer before taking on her “congressional” role with the national Humane Society, which is a distinct, separate organization. “We got an email from the local Humane Society that they were in desperate need of people to take in kittens that needed to be bottle fed,” she recalled. “My husband and I are both medical professionals, we thought how hard can it be? So we signed up because we love kittens. Who doesn’t love kittens?”

Their home soon filled up with 13 cats that shared the house with the couple’s two dogs and their own two felines. “There was a lot of litter box scooping going on,” Pippenger said with a smile.

Coming from a medical background where she works closely with elderly patients often in need

See Rep on page 4

Oakwood High School junior Daniel Hu goes airborne between two defenders inside the paint for a layup in the second half for a final tally of 7 points as the Lumberjacks took on Springfield Shawnee. The Jacks were ahead 31-19 at the half, but lost 58-59 at the buzzer.
Faculty member offers perspective on AAUP, Wright State University negotiations

I know that many members of the community have questions about the Wright State University faculty strike. This letter answers the questions that I have been asked by my Oakwood neighbors and friends.

There are 561 faculty represented by the Wright State faculty union (American Association of University Professors-WSU) and over 480 of them pay dues to be voting members. In early November 2018, members voted down a contract offer from an independent fact-finder by a vote of 467 to 12. AAUP-WSU invited the Board to return to negotiating a new contract. On January 4, without negotiating, the Board imposed a contract. Union members used their last resort available and elected to strike by a vote of 394 to 71. Since January 22 hundreds of faculty have been on strike. On January 27 the Board’s attorney told the State Employment Relations Board that only 40% of Spring 2019 classes are being taught. That evening, the parties met for informal discussions, following a SERB ruling that the AAUP-WSU strike was authorized, rejecting a claim that had been made by the WSU administration/Board. That was the first meeting between the parties since October 2018, despite AAUP-WSU’s several requests to resume negotiations.

On January 28, 2019, the administration/Board met with AAUP-WSU Negotiators. The faculty union offered written proposals on January 28 and again on January 30, and both proposals included offers to annually increase our healthcare premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximums; decrease our summer pay; lengthen the time for non-tenure-eligible members of the faculty to earn continuing contracts; take up to one day without pay each semester; and have no raises in salary for the next three years (after no raises in salary for five of the last eight years). The Board offered no written proposals until February 1, 2019.

The parties seem to have reached common ground on several issues. There are two main issues still outstanding.

Both sides have proposed pay cuts for those who teach summer classes. The administration/Board is requesting pay cuts for 2019-2023. The faculty union offered to take smaller cuts in summer pay and only on a temporary basis so that when the 2024-2027 contract is negotiated the default position would be back to the 2014-2017 rates.

By far, the most contentious issue is the health care plan. What is really at stake with the negotiations is whether the administration/Board is willing to strike a fair bargain and how that will impact each of us.

The administration/Board have told the union that they want a unified health plan for university employees. They are the ones who made a choice to move away from a unified plan by refusing to bargain with the union in March 2017 and then removing non-bargaining unit faculty and staff from the unified health plan that was in place prior to 2018. The union’s proposal, made on January 30, that AAUP-WSU would accept almost every aspect of the plan now in place for the non-bargaining unit faculty and staff and more importantly allow the administration to have complete control over changes in every aspect of healthcare (copays for primary care, copays for specialists, copays for urgent care, copays for the emergency room, drug copays and changes in formulary, changes to HSA contributions and more) except that the administration/Board would negotiate premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximums for the bargaining unit faculty. Any Wright State faculty member will tell you that faculty want non-bargaining unit faculty and staff to have the same health care plan as the bargaining unit faculty. In fact, the faculty union is arguing for a premium plan that requires those who earn more to pay more for the same health care benefits as those who earn less. When the administration/Board removed the plan that the AAUP-WSU bargaining unit faculty and staff eliminated the $100,000 plus premiums tier. So the University president and all of the other top administrators pay the same premium as a staff member who makes $75,000 per year. The faculty union proposed keeping a bracket for those earning $75,000 to $99,999 and adding two tiers above it; one for $100,000 to $149,999, and one for $150,000 and above. This will slightly reduce premiums for the very lowest paid faculty and still net the University another $140,000 per year. If the administration/Board would return to a unified plan after this agreement is in place, this will slightly reduce premiums for the very lowest paid employees (not just the lowest paid faculty).

The administration/Board have told the union that they need the ability to “tweak” plan design every year. The faculty union proposed to annually increase our health care plan to grow at a rate equal to the consumer price index for medical services plus 3%. That will mean that those costs closer to those paid by non-bargaining unit faculty and staff, assuming the administration/Board do not raise their deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums, that would grow at a rate equal to the percentage change in the consumer price index for medical services plus 3%. That would allow the faculty union to weaken their collective bargaining agreement with AAUP-WSU.

The cost of the faculty union’s health care proposal is probably equivalent to a 5% pay cut for bargaining unit faculty, and that in addition to other cuts (for example, unpaid furlough days, summer pay cuts, cost-of-living increases occurring during the several years of no raises). AAUP-WSU is unable to make a more precise estimate because the administration/Board has persistently refused to provide health care utilization information, routinely provided prior to the current administration. This information would allow the union to estimate carefully the cost to its members of these health care changes. But the most important issue, and this is really what is at stake, is the administration/Board will have to negotiate with the faculty union any future contracts, and it will be harder for them to wipe out any future pay raises and give faculty another pay cut by weakening the health care plan.

Without the right to negotiate about health care, the faculty lose the right to negotiate about compensation.

As a Wright State University faculty member, I am heartbroken over the administration/Board’s actions that led to my decision to join my colleagues in implementing a strike, but it was the only viable option for the administration/Board to return to the negotiating table. It saddens me to know the pain and anxiety it has caused our students and alumni and the broader community. And I believe that the Wright State University Board of Trustees has acted recklessly over the past several years and that without holding them accountable and forcing them to negotiate a fair contract, our university would suffer even greater harm leading to a decline in the quality of education provided for our students. We believe it would be foolishly in the extreme to grant the administration/Board monetary incentives by allowing them to weaken their collective bargaining agreement with AAUP-WSU.

I hope that by the time your readers see this letter, a fair contract will have been achieved and my colleagues and I are back in our classrooms, offices, labs, studios and clinical sites working with our Wright State students.

Ann Farrell
Wright State faculty member
Oakwood resident
Oakwood’s #1 Real Estate Company

View ALL Oakwood listings:
ColdwellBankersHome.com/Oakwood

$259,900 - 315 East Drive
3 Bedrooms, 2 Full & 1 Half Baths
Debra Lowery & Deanna O’Diam
(937) 266-3440

$485,000 - 205 Pointe Oakwood Way
3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bath
Lisa Nashwitz (937) 266-3440

$319,900 - 208 Pointe Oakwood Way
3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
Cindy Buckreus Team (937) 609-5043

$565,000 - 1000 Harman Avenue
4 bedrooms, 2 Full & 2 Half Baths
Gerry Anne Rocco (937) 239-2042

© 2019 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each office is independently Owned and Operated. Coldwell Banker® and the Coldwell Banker logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.

List with the Leader!

Year after year, Coldwell Banker Heritage is proud to lead the market in homes sold in Oakwood.

*Source: DABR 2016-2018
OHS students to perform at Speech Showcase

Come see members of the Oakwood High School Speech and Debate team perform their award-winning pieces at the 2019 OHS Speech Showcase Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the OHS Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

More than 25 students from Oakwood have qualified this year for the State Tournament to be held March 1-2 at Jackson High School.

Rep from page 1

of residential rehabilitative services after a fall or other injury, Pippenger also brings her own vision to the new volunteer role. “My dream project, which is probably going to take years, is to create a foster registry for animals that medical social workers can access when their owners need long-term health care,” she said. “I see so many people who are not in a good place and don’t get the care they really need because they have left a dog or a cat alone and they feel they need to get home to take care of their pet. They’ll choose not to get the care they need so they can get home to an animal, when they really can’t take care of themselves let alone a pet. I see that a lot.”

Such a registry may be years in the offering, but in the meantime Pippenger and her fellow legislative lobbyists can chalk up another success as the State of Ohio recently voted to make the Shelter Pet the official state pet in an effort to help raise awareness of the plight of shelter animals. “It’s a very positive and heart-warming piece of bipartisan legislation that passed the State House and the State Senate quite easily,” Pippenger said.

Oakwood High School students qualify for State

Twenty-six Oakwood High School students are preparing to take on the best in Ohio at the State Speech and Debate tournament.

Qualifying for OHS are Allie Wilson (Dramatic Interpretation, Myra Hamilton and Grace Hutton (Duo Interpretation), Toni Moore and Keara Connolly (Duo Interpretation), Alex Anderson and Izzy Caruso (Duo Interpretation), Sam Stack (Humorous Interpretation), Gabby Hutchinson (Informative), Bryn Cortez (Informative Speaking), Charlie Ross (International Extemporaneous Speaking), Alex Mayer (International Extemporaneous Speaking), Sydney Hardern (Lincoln Douglas Debate), Lauren O’Connell (Original Oratory), Lane Bokros (Program Oral Interpretation), Brenna Campbell (Program Oral Interpretation), Shayla Frederick (Program Oral Interpretation), Gavin Enseleit and Clara Leach (Public Forum Debate), Michael O’Hara (US Extemporaneous Speaking) Cameron Hendrix (International Extemporaneous Speaking), Canaan Smith (Lincoln Douglas Debate), Audrey Owens (Lincoln Douglas Debate), Taylor Shineman (Lincoln Douglas Debate), Sophie Soller (Program Oral Interpretation) and Charlie Almoney (US Extemporaneous Speaking).

Margaret Svensson ‘Marge’ Thomas

Margaret Svensson ‘Marge’ Thomas, age 82, passed away Monday, January 28, 2019. A Celebration of Life reception in memory of Marge will be held at the Dayton Country Club on Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with family reflections at 12 noon.

For complete remembrances, visit www.routsong.com.
’Round Town

Warmth and Oceans

By Gary Mitchner

Have you noticed how often one hears that something does not go as planned? Early on I made my mind and body believe that I loved warm weather and the oceans. So I live in Ohio. What doesn’t make sense? This past week has been a perfect example. The best laid plans of mice and men? Yes, I read poetry at Goodwill/Easter Seals but ran out of time and was cut off.

Poetry at UDOLLI seemed to go well, but ask Sandy Hartman. I had planned on hearing the Ariel Quartet but that didn’t come about. When Oakwood cancelled classes for three days, my schedule was thrown totally out of whack. Fencing was cancelled; cheering and sporting activities were changed. I was able to help carry out conversations about literature, but then I forgot to go to tai chi. I especially missed the meditation conducted by Judy Wilson, though I have been following a wellness program from The New York Times. I really tried, as Wallace Stevens says in his poem “The Snowman” to have “a mind of winter.” Then the weekend came, or, at least, TGIF, and I forgot to go to Anna Gough’s retirement party, although I had just talked to Nick Gough about it.

“The Loving Spouse” went to a baby shower for Nicole Bondi - my first cousin Linda Dishun Spyridon’s youngest daughter and left me with the grandkids. Luckily, I had tickets for “A Thousand Thoughts: A Live Documentary with the Kronos Quartet” (David Harrington, John Sherba, Hank Dutt, and Sunny Yang) and drove with Mike Schwab to Earlham College where I saw another Daytonian, Phil Heinrichs. The Kronos Quartet played excerpts from Philip Glass, Terry Riley, George Crumb, John Adams, Laurie Anderson, John Zorn and many others. The warmth of music soothed my watered down being. But I missed Groundhog Day! Then I wanted to hear the Vocal Arts Ensemble sing Pablo Neruda poems set to music, but “The Loving Spouse” said no, so I took the grandkids to Air Trampoline - a whole other culture.

Finally, though, warm weather and lots of puddles like miniature oceans all around surrounded me. I plan to go south!

Smith Gardens celebrates 45th anniversary

Spend an evening with Carlton Smith’s grandson, Steve Kelch, as he discusses the history of Oakwood’s Smith Gardens from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road.

Joining Kelch for the discussion will be Carol Collins, director of Leisure Services for the city of Oakwood, who was hired 45 years ago to care for and maintain the gardens for the city. Together they will share photographs and stories about how the gardens were gifted to the city. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

“Built with my Mother in mind, we invite you to experience what Dayton’s family owned and operated community can offer your loved one.”

A family tradition of service to Dayton area seniors since 1977.

3490 Far Hills Ave. Kettering, OH 45429
www.carlylehouseassistedliving.com
937-293-3490
LEARN HOW DAYTON CHANGED THE WORLD!

www.daytonhistory.org
Mon-Sat: 9:30am-5:00pm, Sun: 12:00pm-5:00pm
1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH | 937-293-2841

LEARN HOW DAYTON CHANGED THE WORLD!

Exercise, sunlight can help counter Winter Blues, a.k.a. Seasonal Affective Disorder

Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a type of depression that’s related to changes in seasons. SAD begins and ends at about the same times every year. For most people with SAD, symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping their energy and making them feel moody.

Don’t brush off that yearly feeling as simply a case of the “winter blues” or a seasonal funk that you have to tough out on your own. Take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year.

In most cases, seasonal affective disorder symptoms appear during late fall or early winter and go away when the sunnier days of spring and summer arrive. Signs and symptoms of SAD may include feeling depressed, losing interest in activities you once enjoyed, having low energy, problems sleeping, changes in weight or appetite, feeling sluggish or agitated, and difficulty concentrating. Symptoms specific to winter-onset SAD, sometimes called winter depression, may include oversleeping, appetite changes – especially a craving for foods high in carbohydrates, weight gain, and tiredness or low energy.

The specific cause of seasonal affective disorder remains unknown. Some factors that may come into play include:

• **Circadian rhythm.** The reduced level of sunlight in fall and winter may cause winter-onset SAD. This decrease in sunlight may disrupt your body’s internal clock and lead to feelings of depression.

• **Serotonin levels.** A drop in serotonin, a brain chemical (neurotransmitter) that affects mood, might play a role in SAD. Reduced sunlight can cause a drop in serotonin that may trigger depression.

• **Melatonin levels.** The change in season can disrupt the balance of the body’s level of melatonin, which plays a role in sleep patterns and mood.

Seasonal affective disorder is diagnosed more often in women than in men. And SAD occurs more frequently in younger adults than in older adults.

Take signs and symptoms of seasonal affective disorder seriously. As with other types of depression, SAD can get worse and lead to problems if not treated. These can include social withdrawal, school or work problems, substance abuse, mental health disorders such as anxiety, or eating disorders.

Even with a thorough evaluation, see **Blues** on page 7.
it can sometimes be difficult for your doctor or mental health professional to diagnose seasonal affective disorder because other types of depression or other mental health conditions can cause similar symptoms.

Treatment options for seasonal affective disorder may include light therapy, medications and psychotherapy.

Lifestyle and home remedies to combat the disorder can include:

- **Make your environment sunnier and brighter.** Open blinds, trim tree branches that block sunlight or add skylights to your home. Sit closer to bright windows while at home or in the office.
- **Get outside.** Take a long walk, eat lunch at a nearby park, or simply sit on a bench and soak up the sun. Even on cold or cloudy days, outdoor light can help, especially if you spend some time outside within two hours of getting up in the morning.
- **Exercise regularly.** Exercise and other types of physical activity help relieve stress and anxiety, both of which can increase SAD symptoms. Being more fit can make you feel better about yourself, too, which can lift your mood.
- **Light therapy, also called phototherapy.** This involves sitting a few feet from a special light box so that individuals are exposed to bright light within the first hour of waking up each day. Light therapy mimics natural outdoor light and appears to cause a change in brain chemicals linked to mood. Light therapy is one of the first line treatments for fall-onset SAD. It generally starts working in a few days to a few weeks and causes few side effects. Research on light therapy is limited, but it appears to be effective for most people in relieving SAD symptoms.

If you feel you are suffering from SAD, health professionals also recommend you get enough sleep to help feel rested, but be careful not to get too much rest, as SAD symptoms often lead people to feel like hibernating. They also suggest participating in an exercise program or engaging in another form of regular physical activity, practicing stress management techniques to manage your stress better, socializing in an effort to connect with people you enjoy being around, or even take a winter vacation to a sunny, warm destination.
In 2018, there were some brief winter temperatures. However, near summer-like temperatures hit the Miami Valley. This was because of the Arctic blast.

Carol Holm snapped a photograph of some neighborhood children taking advantage of last week’s snow to get in a few downhill sled runs at Hawthorn Hill, the Wright family mansion in Oakwood. The runs were short-lived, though, as near summer-like temperatures blanketed the Miami Valley on the heels of the Arctic blast.

Hawthorn Downhill

Oakwood mayor calls out Ohio lawmakers in 2019 State of City

Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan called out Alaska lawmakers and former Governor John Kasich to task in his annual State of the City address presented at the City Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 4.

Municipal officials statewide, including Duncan and others on Oakwood City Council, have long been at odds with Kasich and Statehouse politicians as they contend state legislators have under-cut municipal government in Ohio and eroded the local tax base. Oakwood saw a significant portion of its municipal budget cut when state lawmakers repealed the Estate Tax, and city officials say moves in Columbus have threatened to eliminate or reduce municipal government’s taxing authority.

“The last eight years of the Kasich administration have been difficult for counties, cities and villages,” Duncan said. “The State of Ohio broke a 75-year partnership between state and local governments. “Instead of us working together as partners, and recognizing the enormously important role that local government plays in providing services to the citizens of Ohio, the State chose to treat us as an expenditure to be reduced,” Duncan said. “We met these challenges to our financial stability. We reduced expenses each year between 2009 and 2014. We had modest increases in spending in the last few years, but that included major capital expenditures to redesign Shroyer Road and replace our 65-year old tennis courts at the Oakwood Community Center.”

Duncan said city spending in 2018 was “about the same as we spent in 2011 and only 2.5 percent higher than our 2008 spending.”

Duncan expressed hope that Ohio’s new governor, Mike DeWine, will work more cooperatively with local lawmakers. “They have publically stated their interest in improving relations with local governments and we will support them with their efforts,” the mayor added. He said the city, meanwhile, would continue to support the Ohio Municipal League’s 2019 Public Policy Agenda, which includes calls to restore the local government fund, preserve home rule, respect municipal income tax authority, invest in public infrastructure, and partner to fight the ongoing opioid crisis.

Library displays Orville Wright book collection at anniversary

Thirteen books donated from the personal library of Orville Wright will be on display at Wright Memorial Public Library this month in honor of the library’s 80th anniversary.

The books include aeronautical textbooks and other works of nonfiction. Wright served on the library’s board as vice president for 12 years.

The library will host an 80th anniversary celebration from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9. The community is invited to drop in to see Wright’s book collection and enjoy other activities including:

- 2-4 p.m. History displays and children’s craft activities.
- 2-2:30 p.m. Introduction and cake celebration with Grand Slam, a local barbershop quartet. The candles will be blown out at 2:15 p.m. as guests sing happy birthday with Grand Slam. Enjoy cupcakes and listen to a full set of music from the quartet.
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Oral history recording booth. Record your memories of Wright Library and Oakwood.

For more information, visit www.wrightlibrary.org/80th.

Harman School reschedules Care Package packing party

The Harman School Military Kids Club has rescheduled its Military Care Package packing party for Feb. 7 in the Harman School library during lunch, from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Care packages will be filled and sent to service members currently deployed.

There is still time to donate. Kids can place donated items in the marked bins by the front office or bring with them on the day of the packing event. Please do not send anything delicate or perishable. Also, everything should be able to withstand extremely hot temperatures.

Items to donate include:
- Coffee (ground)
- Dried meat (individual bags)
- All-purpose wipes (single, 30 count packs or less)
- Batteries (AA and/or AAA)
- Deodorant (travel size, non-aerosol)
- Drink mix (individual serving packets)
- Gum
- Foot powder (travel size)
- Lip balm
- Pencils (mechanical preferred)
- Playing cards
- Puzzles/Word/Math Game books
- Sewing kits (travel size)
- Socks (black, crew length)
- Sunscreen (travel size, non-aerosol)
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Ramen noodle packs
- Magazines
- Paperback books

Items to bring with them on the day of the packing event:
- Plastic bags (any size)
- Boxes
- Permanent markers

For more information, visit www.harmanregistration.com/soap

BIPOLAR DISORDER
CONTROLLING YOUR LIFE?

Bipolar disorder is a condition characterized by episodes of mood swings that range from depressive lows to manic highs. Currently, there is no cure, but local physicians are working to find better, more effective options. If you have bipolar disorder, a clinical study may be an option for you.

Qualified Participants Include:
- Adults 18 and older
- Those with bipolar disorder (mania and depression)
- Additional criteria apply

Qualified Participants May:
- See a psychiatrist or medical staff at no cost
- Receive access to potential care options for bipolar disorder
- Receive compensation up to $2500

937-528-2797
joinaresearchstudy.com
- Apply today! -

Midwest clinical research
Mail-Order Homes in Oakwood Part II

Since 1976

Purchase or Refinance Your Home

For only $250

Conventional Loans only

Financial strength begins with US.

Including Application Fees
FREE PRE-APPROVALS

*Additional restrictions apply. Recording and counter fees not included. LTV and credit scores may require additional fees.

Kettering
3030 Woodman Dr.
643-2700

Centerville
5651 Far Hills Avenue
434-1254

Beavercreek
2794 Colonel Glenn Hwy.
431-3663

Englewood
525 W. National Rd.
832-8200

Troy
14 S. Westin Road
335-4199

Franklin
1040 E. Second Street
748-0844

We buy for more. We sell for less.

Since 1976

- Video Games/Systems
- Tablets/Laptops/iPods
- Blu-Rays/DVD/CD
- Electronics/Collectables

Boilers
C.G. Egli Inc.
937.254.8898

515 Springfield St.
OHIO License 45363

HeatingWithSteam.com
- Steam and Hot Water Heating
- Sales, Service and Installation
- HVAC Installation and Service

Mon thru Sat: 10-9
Sun: 10-6

www.secondtimearound.com
Identifying Sears, other mail-order homes proves a challenging task for architectural sleuths

Editor’s Note: This is the second of a two-part series of articles on mail-order homes in Oakwood. The first appearing in the January 9, 2019 issue of The Oakwood Register. Several examples of Sears and Blue Ribbon mail-order homes have been identified in Oakwood, but local historians leave open the possibility that additional houses may yet be found in the city.

Investigators have scoured city streets and dug through reams of records at the County Courthouse trying to solve an enduring architectural mystery – are there any Sears or other mail-order homes yet to be “discovered” in Oakwood?

Last month we featured a series of Oakwood homes that are believed to be Sears mail-order houses and Blue Ribbon mail-order homes. While local one thought to be a Spanish-style to be Sears mail-order houses and of Oakwood homes that are believed to exist. The three homes that Catanzaro cites in Oakwood are a Sears’ Elmwood at 310 Corona, a Sears’ Elsmore at 148 Telford and a Sears’ Martha Washington model at 204 Forrer Boulevard in Oakwood. Several other residences in the city have been identified as possible Sears homes by local historian Mark Risley, but they, too, are unverified. As of January 2019, Catanzaro says her group, which consists of more than a dozen researchers across the country, has identified a total of 11,033 Sears homes nationwide, with over 2,300 of those – or just over 20 percent – located in Ohio.

“My first visit to Oakwood looking for Sears homes was in May of 2012. Mark Risley from the Oakwood Historical Society contacted me, and asked if I would assist in looking for kit houses that had not already been identified,” Catanzaro recalls. “I was pretty new to this house hunting game at the time, but agreed to do a drive around. Unfortunately, we didn’t find anything new. Since then I have been back to Oakwood several times, with the same results.”

In July 2016, Catanzaro visited Oakwood again with two other researchers - Rebecca Hunter of Elgin, Ill., who has authored several books on Sears homes, and Andrew Mutch of Novi, Mich. “Rebecca, specifically, would have been the one to identify houses from some of the other kit house companies, as she has been involved in this for way longer then I have, and has a great eye for the designs,” Catanzaro remarks.

Catanzaro, who also volunteers with the Westcott Center for Architecture & Design at the Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House in Springfield, returned again in 2018 to research mortgage and deed records in Montgomery County, looking for houses that had been financed through Sears, Roebuck & Company. She located 244 records relating to possible Sears homes in the Dayton area, but none of those were located in Oakwood. “That, of course, doesn’t mean there aren’t more waiting to be discovered,” Catanzaro adds. “It just means that none were financed through Sears.”

Identifying a mail-order home can be challenging, says author Rebecca Hunter, who notes that most mail-order homes mimicked many of the best-selling architectural styles of the day. “It is difficult to identify kit homes visually as the models were copies of popular designs,” says Hunter, a historical architectural sleuth. See Sears on page 11.
This Sears’ Martha Washington mail-order home on Forrer Blvd. dates to the mid-1920s.

See Sears on page 12
One real estate listing that got it right, however, was for a 1920s Sears’ Martha Washington model on Forrer Boulevard in Oakwood that Leigh Turben and her soon-to-be-husband Dan bought in 1990. The home, which was featured in Sears catalogs from 1920 to 1928, originally sold for $2,688 in kit form, or $3,727 for the premium “Honor Bilt” model. Leigh, who also serves as president of the Oakwood Historical Society, says her home was built between 1923 and 1926, although city records indicate it was constructed in 1923. “It’s not uncommon for such discrepancies in that records were handwritten in the early 1920s,” she explains.

She recalls that their realtor presented the two-story home as a Sears, Roebuck & Company kit house on the initial walk-through. “He actually copied a page out of the Sears catalog from 1920,” she remembers. “We loved the house and were intrigued by the Sears history. We signed on the dotted line that evening and were married in our new home in front of the fireplace.”

Acquiring a Sears or other kit house often prompts a natural curiosity on the part of homeowners to delve deeper into the history of these unique homes, and for Leigh and Dan it was no different. “We had heard of Sears homes before, but owning one definitely piqued our interest,” Leigh says, looking back on their nearly three decades in the Martha Washington. “Since purchasing the home we have had a keen interest in other Sears homes.”

After learning of another Martha Washington model in Cincinnati, the Oakwood couple headed south to tour their home’s architectural twin. They also learned that the Sears home on Forrer had previously been owned by Dayton architect Freeman Pretzinger, whose firm’s name is associated with a number of local and regional landmark buildings. “That’s quite an endorsement for the quality and style of a Sears home,” Leigh says.

Identifying most Sears or other mail-order kit homes, however, isn’t quite so simple, and a cottage industry of local historians and architectural buffs across America have taken to the task with particular zeal.

“About half of those who own a kit home are unaware of it, and about half of those who think they have a mail-order house actually do not,” cautions Hunter. But her fellow researcher takes exception to that commonly cited statistic, at least as far as instances of Sears homes surviving in the Buckeye State are concerned. “I have heard that statement about people not knowing they live in a Sears house many times, but I haven’t found that to be true here in Ohio,” says Catanzaro. “I have talked to many owners when out and about in communities, and a lot of them already knew their house was from Sears. Granted, they might not know which model it is, or how the whole kit house thing worked, but they do have that basic knowledge of their home’s history. It is fun to be the first one to tell somebody, though.

Hints as to a home’s possible mail-order origins can be found both within the home itself and in various residential, municipal or other public records, as Catanzaro’s courthouse research indicates.

“A kit home will have marked framing boards and those markings can still be found after construction, if you know where to look and what they look like,” she advises would-be kit home sleuths. “Sears also offered mortgage financing, so finding records of a Sears mortgage points the way to identifying a Sears home.”

There may also be subtle architectural or interior details, which belie a home’s mail-order lineage. Nearly two dozen of the most popular Sears home designs featured a unique column arrangement on the front porch and five-piece eave brackets, while others featured square block moldings at staircase landings where molding met at complex angles for ease of construction.

Less obvious indicators which might be encountered over the course of home renovations or repairs include an “R” (for Roebuck) or “SR” (for Sears Roebuck) marking on plumbing fixtures in Sears homes, shipping labels attached to the back of millwork molding or trim, and markings on the back of original sheet rock.

Although the Turbens knew they had a Sears home, finding the telltale signs still proved exciting. “After we moved in, we became more and more interested in Sears’ homes and purchased several reference books and reproductions of the early catalogs. There we learned the difference between a standard build and an Honor Bilt home. One distinction was that the rafters in an Honor Bilt home were 14-3/8 inches apart and not the standard 22-3/8 inches,” remembers Leigh.
A Sears’ Elsmore mail-order home is located in 100-block of Telford Avenue in Oakwood.

We don’t just move the dirt, we remove it.

WE PROVIDE:

- Tile & Grout Cleaning
- Grout Color Sealing
- Protective Coatings
- Carpet Cleaning
- Furniture Cleaning
- Concrete Cleaning

937-673-8946
www.transformationsplus.net

Locally Owned & Operated • No Hidden Fees • A+ Rating with BBB
Mail-Order Markings

The framing boards of precut, mail-order kit house were numbered in order to facilitate construction. Even decades after the house is built, it is often still possible to locate some of those numbers. The presence of part numbers, says Hunter, constitutes proof that a house is, in fact, a mail-order kit home. The style and location of the numbering may also be a good indicator of which company manufactured the house.

Numbers are not visible on every board, cautions Hunter, “so it may take a few minutes and a good flashlight to find one.”

“Look on floor joists in the basement, attic rafters, basement stair risers and treads, and wall studs - any visible framing board which has not been painted. Even in a kit home, numbers will not be found on boards that were not precut, i.e. flooring, trim boards, doors and windows,” she advises.

The Sunbeam home, pictured, offers several clues to identifying a Sears mail-order home: 1) the center blocks at the front and sides of the porch were not unique to Sears, but they were fairly unusual; 2) five-piece eave brackets are another indication of a possible Sears home; 3) the front edge of the roof drops down much further than the roof at the rear of the Sears home; 4) the fireplace chimney passes through the roof, another unusual architectural feature; 5) the chimney flower box is a wildSURWHGLQJQVRUPDQW

Sears, Roebuck & Company

Sears part numbers were stamped in dark ink, about one inch high, and from 1915 to about 1930 they usually are denoted by a capital letter followed by one or more numerals, i.e. A159, L23, C2. The numbers are usually near the end of a board, on the wider surface, for example on the 4-inch side of a 2-by-4 board. Later models may be stamped in red ink or may be marked with two numbers separated by a hyphen or slash (i.e. 13 - 9). Sears homes shipped before 1915 were not precut kits, and so were not numbered, however a model number or order number may be handwritten in grease pencil.

Sears shipping labels were either marked “Sears Roebuck, Chicago, Illinois” or may carry the address “925 Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,” which was the Sears headquarters in the early 1900s. Millwork may be marked with a shipping label from Norwood Sash and Door, an Ohio company that was a Sears supplier. Original sheetrock was typically shipped in 4-by-4 foot sheets and were stamped “Goodwall” by Goodwall Sheet Plaster, another Sears supplier.

Sears offered direct home mortgages from 1911 to 1933, so the only record evident after 1933 of a Sears mortgage would occur when the mortgage was paid in full and released. If an original building permit is found these may include “Sears Roebuck” where the architect’s name would appear.

If looking for markings on original plumbing fixtures, an “R” or “SR” are sometimes stamped on the underside of bathroom pedestal or kitchen sinks. On original bathtubs, the marking may be found on the lower corner on the side farthest from the tub spout.

Sears homes were not built before 1908 or after 1940, so finding your home’s original construction date is a good place to start to determine whether you might have a Sears mail-order house.

Gordon-Van Tine, Montgomery Wards

Gordon-Van Tine and Montgomery Wards kit numbers are handwritten in grease pencil, usually in the middle of a board. They most often consist of numerals, hyphenated in groups of two or three. Some of the numbers are fractions, such as 42-1.5-11 3/4. In later models shipped about 1928 or after, the numbers may be stamped in ink, and include two numbers separate by a hyphen, i.e. 12-1. Part names may be stamped in ink.

Harris Brothers

Harris Brothers kit home numbers are stenciled in ink, usually in the middle of a board, and may be numerals alone, or numerals and letters (i.e. 76, HR 50, RI 32). Model number and/or order number may be handwritten 4-to-5 digit numbers. A delivery address may be stamped or stenciled in ink.

Aladdin, Lewis, Sterling Company

Part numbers on early Aladdin, Lewis and Sterling Company mail-order homes were handwritten in grease pencil, usually in the middle of a board and consist of numerals, usually hyphenated in groups of two or three. Some of the numbers are fractions, such as 42-1.5-11 3/4. In later models shipped about 1928 or after, the numbers may be stamped in ink, and include two numbers separate by a hyphen, i.e. 12-1. Part names may be stamped in ink.

Pacific Homes

Pacific Homes parts are marked in grease pencil with 4-to 5-digit numbers, and the names of the parts.

Subscribe via U.S. Mail
The Oakwood Register
Half-year $59 • Full-year $99
Call 294-2662, email subscription@oakwoodregister.com or pay with paypal at www.oakwoodregister.com

Dayton’s Only Dust FREE Sanding System

• Sanding & Refinishing
• New Installations
• Recoeating
• Sand & Refinish Floors With No Airborne Dust
• Imported Exotic Species Of Wood

(937) 296-0177
Fully Insured • Free Estimates
No Subcontractors
30 Years Experience

www.AllAboutHardwood.com

All About
HARDWOOD
Floors Company

National Wood Flooring Association
Specializing in hard to find hardware, locks, lighting, and house parts, for houses built between 1850 and 1950, custom built furniture, interior barn style doors, and primitives.

Open daily 11 to 5
85 S. Main Street, Waynesville, OH 45068
Phone: 513-914-4177

Toni Donato Shade
(937) 416.9755
tdshade@sibcycline.com
www.sibcycline.com/tdshade

Sears wasn't the only mail-order catalog to offer home kits. This Vincennes model was available in the 1925 Montgomery Ward catalog.

Catanzaro said Sears' recent financial straits have sparked a renewed interest in the company's history, particularly its span of manufacturing mail-order homes.

"Many communities did street surveys looking for their Sears houses in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but a lot of that research has been lost since the folks who did it are no longer with us, or no longer involved in historic preservation. My group has been very actively promoting awareness since 2015, and I think we have been very successful in raising awareness," she says. "Since Sears has declared bankruptcy, there has been a lot of press about their history and the Sears kit houses in the news. This has helped our efforts. Unfortunately, a lot of people aren't interested in their home's history, but we find that those who are love the Sears kit home concept. And now that many of these homes are 100 years old, or getting close to that, we realize the quality of the materials that were used, and that the kit house construction method has held up through the years."

Leigh Turben agrees. "We take pride in our home, and the fact that it's a Sears, Roebuck and Company home makes it even more special. Obviously, our Sears' home has withstood the test of time, and with a little love and care, it will be enjoyed for centuries to come."

You can visit Cindy Catanzaro's blog at www.searshousesinohio.wordpress.com.
### PROPERTY SALES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OAKWOOD ADDRESS</th>
<th>PRICE</th>
<th>SELLER</th>
<th>BUYER</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1705 FARR HILLS</td>
<td>$705,000.00</td>
<td>DONNELLY BETTY TR</td>
<td>N AND T L CON PROPERTIES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100 HARRAM</td>
<td>$520,000.00</td>
<td>SHULMAN JEFFREY B</td>
<td>RUMPKEEL MARKUS FEER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>269 SCHANTZ</td>
<td>$455,000.00</td>
<td>HOLDREN PAMELA G</td>
<td>ARNIE STEVEN MICHAEL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 PATTERSON</td>
<td>$145,000.00</td>
<td>SIMMS ELIZABETH ANN TR</td>
<td>SNOKE TAD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 DANKOFF</td>
<td>$330,000.00</td>
<td>LEACH CLAUDE</td>
<td>SNYDER CLAY J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>348 CLRANNA</td>
<td>$299,900.00</td>
<td>THE ASHGAARD GROUP</td>
<td>HALE SUNNY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>124 DELL PARK</td>
<td>$255,000.00</td>
<td>PAGANO KENNETH J</td>
<td>EGSLEDER JOSEPH J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>110 1102 ACORN</td>
<td>$235,000.00</td>
<td>PRZLER COLE C</td>
<td>WELLS ABLIG L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>333 OAKWOOD</td>
<td>$235,000.00</td>
<td>VRADELIS ANTHONY J</td>
<td>MORELEY LINDA J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>468 IRVING</td>
<td>$223,500.00</td>
<td>VAN NIMAN JUSTIN C</td>
<td>ROWAN MADELANE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1020 WILLOWDALE</td>
<td>$164,000.00</td>
<td>PRICE CHRISTINE L</td>
<td>GERRAGHIT JEFFREY T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1271 LONDALE</td>
<td>$190,000.00</td>
<td>JIANG HUI</td>
<td>GRAND RIVER HOLDINGS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1051 E SCHANTZ</td>
<td>$169,900.00</td>
<td>PENNY MARY E</td>
<td>BELLMAN EDWIN R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1215 SHROYER</td>
<td>$40,000.00</td>
<td>VENTURE R E GROUP</td>
<td>NETWORKLY INVESTMENTS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1211 FARR HILLS</td>
<td>$40,000.00</td>
<td>RAFFAELE FAIDEH</td>
<td>HIX JOSEPH</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### KETTERING ADDRESS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ADDRESS</th>
<th>PRICE</th>
<th>SELLER</th>
<th>BUYER</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1080 W FKN</td>
<td>$795,000.00</td>
<td>BEEMER PAUL A</td>
<td>SUTTON DENNIS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2546 ADIRONDACK</td>
<td>$232,500.00</td>
<td>KEMMERLING ANN C</td>
<td>DUNLAP PAUL G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3632 TIFFANY</td>
<td>$169,900.00</td>
<td>FISHER KEITH A</td>
<td>HAYES JAMES A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>632 MONTERAY</td>
<td>$187,200.00</td>
<td>LAWRENCE HENRY H</td>
<td>JOHNSON EVA R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2546 ADIRONDACK</td>
<td>$232,500.00</td>
<td>KEMMERLING ANN C</td>
<td>DUNLAP PAUL G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3632 TIFFANY</td>
<td>$169,900.00</td>
<td>FISHER KEITH A</td>
<td>HAYES JAMES A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>632 MONTERAY</td>
<td>$187,200.00</td>
<td>LAWRENCE HENRY H</td>
<td>JOHNSON EVA R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2546 ADIRONDACK</td>
<td>$232,500.00</td>
<td>KEMMERLING ANN C</td>
<td>DUNLAP PAUL G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3632 TIFFANY</td>
<td>$169,900.00</td>
<td>FISHER KEITH A</td>
<td>HAYES JAMES A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>632 MONTERAY</td>
<td>$187,200.00</td>
<td>LAWRENCE HENRY H</td>
<td>JOHNSON EVA R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2546 ADIRONDACK</td>
<td>$232,500.00</td>
<td>KEMMERLING ANN C</td>
<td>DUNLAP PAUL G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3632 TIFFANY</td>
<td>$169,900.00</td>
<td>FISHER KEITH A</td>
<td>HAYES JAMES A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>632 MONTERAY</td>
<td>$187,200.00</td>
<td>LAWRENCE HENRY H</td>
<td>JOHNSON EVA R</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### See All These Homes And More at: www.IrongateRealtors.com

Or On Our Mobile App: Irongate Home Search

Instantly find new listings, open houses and more!

---

**January 2019**

- OAKWOOD: 83 homes sold at an average price of $513,000.
- CLEARCREEK: 9 homes sold at an average price of $215,000.
- KETTERING: 3 homes sold at an average price of $205,000.

---

**Listings**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - 45409, 45419 & 45429
  - Property sales
  - New listings

- **CLEARCREEK**
  - New listings

- **KETTERING**
  - New listings

---

**Contact Information**

- **45409**
  - Joanne Cronin: 298-6000
  - Tim Hagedorn: 321-8520

- **45419**
  - Greg Gillen: 604-2700
  - Melinda Tatham: 620-5824

- **45429**
  - 298-6000

---

**Agent Profiles**

- **Joanne Cronin**: Experienced agent in the Oakwood area, specializing in new listings.
- **Greg Gillen**:Known for his expertise in marketing and listings.
- **Melinda Tatham**: Specializes in client satisfaction and open houses.

---

**Recent Sales**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - $519,000
  - $515,000
  - $455,000
  - $225,000
- **CLEARCREEK**
  - $159,000
- **KETTERING**
  - $745,000

---

**Website**

- www.IrongateRealtors.com

---

**Additional Information**

- **Irongate Realtors**
  - Conveniently located in the heart of the Oakwood area.
  - Committed to providing exceptional service.
  - Accessible with a wide range of listings and comprehensive search tools.

---

**Contact Us**

- 298-6000

---

**New Address:**

- 433-2500 Dell Drive
- 321-8520

---

**Recent Listings**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - 433-3000 Oakwood Ave
  - 433-2600 Southern Blvd

---

**Recent Sales**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - $675,900

---

**Market Analysis**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1230 sq ft, $319,000
  - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1230 sq ft, $319,000

---

**Contact**

- Joanne Cronin
- 298-6000

---

**Open Houses**

- **OAKWOOD**
  - Saturday, 1-5 PM
  - 433-3000 Oakwood Ave

---

**Visit Us Online**

- www.IrongateRealtors.com

---

**Disclaimer**

- Information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge. Please verify before making a decision.
Amahl and the Night Visitors

Last week was cold! Record cold to be exact. Nearly everything ground to a halt but we were all safe and warm. Mother nature then began an abrupt reversal and temperatures soared.

The arts suffered, as well. While no major events were scheduled, several others were cancelled. One that survived the cold attack was Epiphany Lutheran Church’s production of Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti. Directed by Linda Snyder and John Benjamin, it involved performers from Dayton Opera, Wright State, and University of Dayton.

“Amahl” has, for me, a very personal relationship. Written for television, it was first broadcast on December 24, 1951. I was home for Christmas vacation from my first semester in dental school at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Coming home, I was greeted by my loving family and – a TV set! Quite an occasion to see this big case with a tiny screen that broadcast only so many hours a day. I saw in the newspaper schedule that an opera could be seen.

That one-act opera was written quickly by Menotti on commission from NBC. He had no idea for the work but a trip to the Metropolitan Museum in New York took him to Bosch’s “The Adoration of the Magi.”

To Menotti, born in Italy, Christmas was not Santa Claus but a sweet milk, died of old age.

Goat which supplied him with warm, proud shepherd of his mother’s few everything.

At the end of their rope, Amahl describes an amazing star that fills the heart. The character of Amahl, an impoverished fatherless child, iscrippled, walking with a crutch. His home is a hovel. He had been the proud shepherd of his mother’s few sheep, but, they had to be sold. The goat which supplied him with warm, sweet milk, died of old age.

When he reports that it is a “king and beautiful, was led by Kandis Gibson as the mother. Eleven year-old Benjamin Rachter was Amahl. Dayton Opera Artist-in-Residence Michael Coleman, Opera chorister, Steven Crane, church minister of drama and choral groups, Scott Helstadt, UD music major Ian Jones and a lusty chorus of fourteen completed the cast.

The result was remarkable. Emotions were high and the singing a tribute to talent and devotion. Young Benjamin was convincing and lovable as Amahl. The Kings resonated the great musical lines perfectly.

It was a performance that made thoughts of our cold-spell go away. It made me realize how fortunate we are with the wonderful world of arts that surround us.

We must pause in this well-deserved praise to honor the memory of conductor, Scott Woolley. A Professor of Music at UD, resident artist of the Human Race Theatre Company, he was a remarkable talent that contributed so much and enriched our lives.

His passing was the result of a medical emergency while driving his car in Cincinnati. Another jewel lost. For Scott – Ateque Vale, dear friend.

Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra to perform Stained Glass Concert at Inspiration Church

On Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m., Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra musicians under the leadership of Artistic Director and Conductor Neal Gittleman will travel to Inspiration Church, 2900 Philadelphia Drive in Dayton, for the orchestra’s second Stained Glass Series Concert of the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance 2018-19 Vistas Season. This concert is free and open to the public with no ticket required.

The Dayton Philharmonic’s Stained Glass Concerts are part of a series of community outreach efforts called the Norma Ross Memorial Community Concerts in honor of the late Norma Ross, a tireless advocate for music and minority youth. All Stained Glass Concerts are free with generous seating available.

This year’s Stained Glass Concerts will feature Ludwig van Beethoven’s delightful Symphony No. 2. Beethoven’s Second Symphony ..." signaled that from

See Glass on page 22

When It Is Time to Say Goodbye

Knowing your loved one is in a good place makes it easier.

We will be honored to be that place.

Setting the Standard for Excellence in Health Care!

Walnut Creek offers a continuum of health care services. Residents in this setting are eligible for priority access to all the resources of the campus, eliminating the concerns about health care needs over time.
Five easy ways to say I Love You this Valentine’s Day

If gift-giving isn’t your strong suit, occasions like Valentine’s Day are likely to bring on stress and worry, but procrastinating will only serve to elevate your unease.

Follow these steps to simplify your shopping, and while you may not come to love the task of finding

the perfect gift, your loved one will undoubtedly appreciate your effort.

1. Browse for ideas online. Many retailers offer special promotions and gift idea sections on their websites, so finding inspiration can be as easy as visiting the sites of your loved one’s favorite stores.

There are also dozens of articles online to help get the ideas flowing. Searches such as “gifts for horse lovers” or “Valentine’s gifts for a new boyfriend” will reveal a long list of ideas to peruse.

2. Keep it simple. Although the advertising industry works hard to

convince consumers otherwise, Valentine’s Day isn’t really all about the bling. Sure, a pretty bauble is a welcome gift, but there are plenty of ways to show your affection that don’t require spending a month’s salary. A heartfelt card paired with a memento of a meaningful event or place in your relationship sends the same loving sentiment.

3. Make it a (different) date. For many couples, navigating the demands of work, kids and life make spending time together a luxury. Instead of fighting crowds at busy restaurants on the official date, celebrate your love on a day of your own choosing, when you can relax and enjoy the time together without the pressure to rush through dessert so your table can be flipped for the next waiting couple.

4. Give blooms a boost. A dozen long-stem red roses is a beautiful gesture, but unless your intended rose receiver is a strictly traditional type, try adding a little spice to your floral arrangement. Go for a bouquet in her favorite color, or have the flowers arranged in a practical vessel she can reuse to remember the occasion, such as a cocktail shaker or a watering can.

5. Go ahead, gift yourself. It may seem counter-intuitive, but finding a gift you’ll enjoy may inspire an idea for your loved one. The trick is finding something you can share together, whether it’s tickets to a show or his and hers mugs for enjoying your favorite brew. Just be sure the item is something your intended will share your enthusiasm for, or you may as well go buy a blender.

Sweethearts won’t be on shelves this Valentine’s

Sweethearts - those chalky little candies with Valentine’s Day messages on them - won’t be on store shelves this Valentine’s Day.

The New England Confectionary Co., or Necco, had been making the popular candies since 1886. But the company filed for bankruptcy protection last spring.

Ohio-based Spangler Candy Co. bought Necco in May. But Spangler said it didn’t have time to bring Sweethearts to market this Valentine’s season.

Spangler Candy said the company wants to make sure Sweethearts meet customer expectations when they return to market, but didn’t say when they’ll go back on sale.

Competitors like Brach’s are still making conversation hearts for the Valentine’s holiday, but online retailer CandyStore.com said Sweethearts were the most popular selling brand, commanding 80 percent of U.S. market for candy hearts.
Valentine’s Day is the most romantic day of the year, with promises of eternal love and beautiful floral gifts exchanged every February 14th. Below, we’ve sought to look deeper into the statistics behind Valentine’s Day in an effort to understand more about gifting choices, and in particular whether the classic gift of red roses remains the gift of choice in the 21st century.

What flowers would people prefer to receive on Valentine’s Day?

- 48% Roses
- 16% Tulips
- 9% Daisies
- 8% Orchids
- 8% Lilies
- 7% Sunflowers
- 1% Carnations
- 3% Others

Join Peter and Laurie Danis at Figlio for Valentine’s Night!
The Oakwood High School girls’ and boys’ swim teams are celebrating after both teams brought home championship trophies from the Southwestern Buckeye League Championships Saturday, Feb. 2, at Trotwood-Madison High School.

The girls finished with 165 points to second-place Wayneville’s 114 and third-place Bellbrook’s 98. The boys finished with 159.50. Coming in second for the boys was Bellbrook with 112. Wayneville was third with 80 points.

The boys’ team started strong, picking up a win in the 200-yard medley. The team of Nathan Boyce, Trenton Rose, Alex Fazzej and Jack Stachler got the winning time of 1:47:01. The girls’ team of Sam Auditore, Sophia McCarty, Olivia Miller and Mary Kidwell placed second in the same event with a time of 1:57:64.

The Oakwood boys placed first in five other events. In the 200-yard freestyle, it was Trout bringing home the win with a time of 1:52.00. Boyce won the 200-yard IM in 2:02:51 and the 100-yard backstroke in 55.94. Tsui was a IM in 2:02.51 and the 100-yard freestyle, it was Trout bringing with a time of 1:57.64.

placed second in the same event Olivia Miller and Mary Kidwell of Sam Auditore, Sophia McCarty, Madison High School.

A non-injury crash reported at Shafor Blvd. and Dixon Ave. between Unit#1 (white 2015 Mazda CX7) and Unit#2 (black 2017 Ford F15.)

**Police Report**

**JANUARY 15**

**Citations**

Aaron V. Dobbs, stopping at stop sign
Shavella T. Harding, driving under suspension, no driver’s license
Hillary C. Pedersen, expired plates
Shariya N. Webb, speeding in school zone

**JANUARY 16**

**Citations**

Danielle L. Kirk, speeding in school zone
Dynasty J. McCleskey, driving under suspension

**JANUARY 17**

**Citations**

Jason L. Reid, turn signal violation
Shelbie A. Jacobs, seat belt required
Robert J. Schuster, non-stop red light
Maribeth T. Kurz, expired plates
Destine D. Gilliam-Beale, failure to reinstate, driving under suspension, non-stop red light
Marlena D. Copherauer, driving under suspension, no driver’s license
Rachel P. Favre, speeding

**JANUARY 18**

**Incidents**

Information investigation on the 300 block of Harman Blvd.
Warrant arrest at Rahn Rd. and Far Hills Ave.

**JANUARY 19**

**Citations**

Eric H. Ackerman, failure to yield stop sign
Yutong Wu, failure to yield stop sign

**Accident**

A non-injury crash reported at Shafor Blvd. and Dixon Ave. between Unit#1 (white 2015 Mazda CX7) and Unit#2 (black 2017 Ford F15.)

**JANUARY 21**

**Citations**

Juanita Masella, no driver’s license, one red tail light required
Jacqueline A. Henderson, headlights required
Shengchen Zhu, non-stop red light

**JANUARY 22**

**Citations**

Janet S. Green, speeding
Bradley A. Balser, speeding

**JANUARY 23**

**Citations**

Bobbie J. Rush, driving under suspension, no driver’s license
Hai S. Kim, speeding in school zone
Todd A. Sanders, marked lanes
Jeremy K. Jackson, driving under suspension, no driver’s license

**Incident**

Information investigation on the 300 block of Triangle Ave.

**Accident**

Unit#1 (black 2016 Hyundai Santa Fe) and Unit#2 (white 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe) were both southbound on Far Hills Ave. when Unit#1 collided with Unit#2 at Five Points intersection. Unit#1 was in the left lane and Unit#2 was in the right lane.

**JANUARY 24**

**Citations**

Abdul M. Almahmoud, expired plates
Michael D. Forest, driving under suspension, no driver’s license
Glen White III, window tint
Mary A. Kelly, prohibited right turn
Jazlyn L. Tulman, vehicle requires two headlights
Lisa M. Eckley, speeding

**Weekly Astrological Forecast**

By Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): In the week ahead, you may occasionally feel rebellious or that your ideas are ignored but loved ones will be understanding and soothing. You may find an opportunity to purchase items that will stand the test of time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): During the upcoming week your ideas do not need to be newly invented, but some can become newly relevant. You may be a bit more ambitious than usual or an interest that has lain dormant could be rekindled.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Catch the scent and follow the trail. As the week unfolds the slightest hint that something interesting is going on is like catnip. Your avid interest in people, surroundings, and news makes you interesting to know.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Put the shoe on the other foot. You can imagine the feelings of others if you mentally put yourself in their place for a few minutes. In the upcoming week you might be more sensitive and sympathetic than usual.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): In the week ahead, you could become more interested in what others have to say than in your own opinions. Information overload can create a distraction that is invigorating but lures you away from necessary tasks.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be generous and charitable this week. Although you may find it difficult to stay within a stringent budget, you might be willing to make a sacrifice so that someone else enjoys something a bit better than usual.
Jills defeat Blue Devils, face Alter in postseason

The Oakwood Jills handed the Brookville Blue Devils a 61-32 defeat Saturday, as the Jills wrapped up their last regular season road game.

The Jills dominated the first half, outscoring the Devils 35-9, and never looked back. Eight of the 10 Jills scored as senior Lauren Hapgood led all scorers with 22 points, adding five steals and four assists. Hapgood now moves into the Jills’ record book with the second most 3-point field goals made in a career with 182. Nicki Motto holds the OHS girls’ record with 263. Hapgood is also currently sitting as the second leading scorer in the Southwestern Buckeye League. Margie Conrath netted 16 points and Kylie Neff grabbed 11 rebounds on the game. Neff is also currently in second place in SWBL for rebounds, averaging 9.5 rebounds per game.

The Jills will host Stivers at 7 p.m. Thursday as they honor senior players during Senior Night. The Jills have three seniors on the squad: Mia Gorman, Katie Hapgood, and Lauren Hapgood. All three girls have been together since fourth grade, when they played on the same team as Junior Jills. The Jills will wrap up their regular season at 1:15 p.m. Saturday against Bellbrook.

The Jills will head into the postseason tournament to face the Alter Lady Knights at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Lebanon.

Neff said she is looking forward to playing Alter. “I feel really good about a draw against Alter,” the Oakwood senior said. “We scrimmaged them early in the season and played very well against them. I’m sure they have gotten better since we last played them, but we have gotten a lot better, too. I think we just need to play as a team to beat Alter. Everyone has to understand what their role on the team is and do that as well as they can. If everyone on our team does their job really well and we play together, I think we could go far in the tournament.”

Hapgood also is optimistic as she nears the end of her four-year varsity career. “Alter is a good draw, and it should be a good game,” she said. “We scrimmaged them earlier in the season and did well, but we both are now two completely different teams. We just need to play our game. We have played most of this season without 2 of our starters from last year, but everyone has stepped up and everyone has a role and can contribute to our success. I believe we can make a run in this year’s tournament.”

Need A Tax Pro?

Tax Pro Specialists available 7 days a week, M - F 9am–9pm and weekend hours.

Walk-Ins Available
Accuracy Guaranteed
Open Year-Round

937.291.1040
4068 Wilmington Pike
Kettering, Ohio 45440

ACT Jewelers
Valentine Day Special
30% off select jewelry and watches from now until the end of February.

Town and Country Mall
424 E. Stroop Rd., Ste. G., Kettering, Oh 45429
937-643-9200 • www.actjewelers.jewelershowcase.com
actjewelers@gmail.com

Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4, Closed Sun. & Mon.

Wednesday’s 8 pm - 11 pm

Local host Juliet Fromholt talks to musicians, filmmakers, and artists from the Miami Valley and beyond. And every week, you’re treated to a set of music performed live in the WYSO studios.

(913.WYSO)
The 1% in 1% milk

22 Chums, slangily
23 One may be tipped
24 Translate, in a way
28 "Well, shoot"
31 Heavenly figure
32 Colbert, for one
35 Mindful of one's own needs
36 Soup bean
39 Roman landmark graphically portrayed
42 "If she did play false, the fault was __": grouped together
43 Big fight
44 Elegant matlrdng
45 Collecting Soc. Sec.
46 Gma in a tissue ad
47 Not us
48 Not us
49 Work
50 Figure of venera tion
51 Climb •
52 "Lilacs for Voice and Lilacs for Baritone"
53 The first of the two and the last two movements of
54 68 Museum contents
55 Island near Sicily
56 Gruflid •
57 Deal
58 One who might be a CPA
59 Pretensions
60 Family nickname
61 Open, in a way
62 "I'm outta here"
63 Struck (out)
64 "I'm outta here"
65 Acme
66 Trim
67 "... None"
68 Produce with effort, with "out"
69 English assigment
70 Transitory passion
77 1W 2nd St., Dayton 224-7771
78 "Lilacs for Voice and Lilacs for Baritone"
79 One of the most-performed pieces of orches tral music for Strings" remained one of the most-performed pieces of orches tral music for Strings" remained one of the most-performed pieces of orches tral music...
Thailand Yoga Massage
Experience the benefits of this ancient and unique style of bodywork. The recipient wears loose, comfortable clothing and lies on a mat or firm mattress on the floor. During the course of the massage, the body of the recipient is compressed, pulled, stretched, rocked and postured in a variety of yoga-like positions combined with deep static and rhythmic pressures. To schedule an appointment in your home or at OM Yoga Studio, call or email Anthony Conard at 299-7756 or info@omyogastudio.us.

TUTORING
SAT-ACT-PSAT-TEST PREP Get tutoring with a master coach. One-on-one appointments. Sean Simon, PhD. 436 Patterson Rd. Call 347-206-9742 “SIMONACADEMY.COM”

WINDOW REPLACEMENT
Affordable Quality Windows
AREA-PRO.com
Call George Schmall - Owner
937-296-7400

OLD FASHIONED FASHION
WINDOWS • DOORS • KITCHEN • ROOFING BADGE ON • GENERAL • REMODELING

THAI YOGA MASSAGE
No Job Too Big or Too Small
Drywall Installation
Water Damage Restoration
Wall Texture
Carpentry
Plastering/Stucco
Cement Texturing
Painting

Insured & Bonded
937-626-5797
sadies@drywallrepair.com
www.sadies.com

PAINTING
Kelly Painting
- Quality & Our Priority -
Interior • Exterior • Wallpaper Removal
Plaster & Drywall Repair
Power-Washing Services
Aluminum Siding Cleaning & Painting
Deck • Fence • Re-finishing
Serving Oakwood & Fair 26 Years
FREE ESTIMATES (937) 294-7799

PAINTING & HOME SERVICES
- Quality Is Our Priority -
Window Replacement
Hinges • Locks
Painting
Ceiling Texturing
Crack Repair
Patchwork
Plaster & Drywall Repair
Patchwork

GOURMET CATERING

directly to the recipient or delivered to an agreed location.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF OAKWOOD
LEGAL NOTICE
Resolution No. 18-1 was passed by the Oakwood Board of Health on the 22nd day of January, 2019, to authorize the collection of a fee for the inspection, review of application materials, and approval of tattooing and body piercing operations, in accordance with the applicable state-mandated cost methodology.

COMPANION CARE
Energetic and loving caregiver or for elderly with 16 years experience. Help and companionship around the house. Willing to help with cooking, laundry, and basic household tasks. Flexible hours - available days, evenings or night shift. Call me at 937-266-8268.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF OAKWOOD
LEGAL NOTICE
Resolution No. 18-1 was passed by the Oakwood Board of Health on the 22nd day of January, 2019 to establish a fee for pre-sale inspections and rental inspections and to engage the city of Oakwood to perform the same on the Board’s behalf.

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair

For information on display ads, please contact an Advertising Representative:
Vicky Holloway vicky@oakwoodregister.com or 937-623-1018
Shelly Bastian shelly@oakwoodregister.com or 937-241-2159
For Classified ads or Service Directory ads: office@oakwoodregister.com or 937-294-2662

The Oakwood Register is an independent newspaper published online and in newpaper each Wednesday by The Winkler Company and delivered free by carriers to 4,800 homes in Oakwood and Patterson Park. Additional 2,400 papers are dropped at 30+ locations including local groceries, bulk, coffee shops, restaurants, salons, barbershops, bookstores, libraries, office buildings, public areas. Total print circulation is 6,200. Estimated readership is 11,000.

SUBSCRIBE: One year half price $59.00
EDITORIAL POLICY: News, photos, letters to the editor and submissions are welcomed. We reserve the right to edit submitted material. Wedding, engagement, anniversaries, birth announcements and obituaries are $50.00. Use the online form as guideline for wedding and engagement announcements.
SUBMISSIONS: General - email editor@oakwoodregister.com. Specific - email announcements@oakwoodregister.com, obituaries@oakwoodregister.com, story@oakwoodregister.com.

DEADLINES: Editorial submissions, Monday, 10 a.m. Display ads: Thursday, 1 p.m. Classified ads: Monday, 10 a.m.

The Oakwood Register’s MARKETPLACE
CLASSIFIED ADS
LEGAL NOTICE

DRIYALL & REPAIR
No Job Too Big or Too Small
Drywall Installation
Water Damage Restoration
Wall Texture
Carpentry
Plastering/Stucco
Cement Texturing
Painting

Insured & Bonded
937-626-5797
sadies@drywallrepair.com
www.sadies.com

PAINTING
Kelly Painting
- Quality & Our Priority -
Interior • Exterior • Wallpaper Removal
Plaster & Drywall Repair
Power-Washing Services
Aluminum Siding Cleaning & Painting
Deck • Fence • Re-finishing
Serving Oakwood & Fair 26 Years
FREE ESTIMATES (937) 294-7799

PAINTING & HOME SERVICES
- Quality Is Our Priority -
Window Replacement
Hinges • Locks
Painting
Ceiling Texturing
Crack Repair
Patchwork
Plaster & Drywall Repair
Patchwork

GOURMET CATERING

The Oakwood Register is an independent newspaper published online and in newpaper each Wednesday by The Winkler Company and delivered free by carriers to 4,800 homes in Oakwood and Patterson Park. Additional 2,400 papers are dropped at 30+ locations including local groceries, bulk, coffee shops, restaurants, salons, barbershops, bookstores, libraries, office buildings, public areas. Total print circulation is 6,200. Estimated readership is 11,000.

SUBSCRIBE: One year half price $59.00
EDITORIAL POLICY: News, photos, letters to the editor and submissions are welcomed. We reserve the right to edit submitted material. Wedding, engagement, anniversaries, birth announcements and obituaries are $50.00. Use the online form as guideline for wedding and engagement announcements.
SUBMISSIONS: General - email editor@oakwoodregister.com. Specific - email announcements@oakwoodregister.com, obituaries@oakwoodregister.com, story@oakwoodregister.com.

DEADLINES: Editorial submissions, Monday, 10 a.m. Display ads: Thursday, 1 p.m. Classified ads: Monday, 10 a.m.
Read Over 200 Reviews www.TeamJill.com/testimonials

By by Pamela H. January 2019
I thank you for the wonderful job selling my home! I had imagined doing it without you. Your guidance and assistance in preparing the house for sale were invaluable—from repairs and cleaning to landscaping and staging. The entire Jill-Team was amazing to work with! I have no reservations recommending your services to others, including my closest friends and family. Absolutely outstanding.

By by Fara R.
Jill, her daughter Kathryn and her team not only are the most efficient but also the most wonderful to work with. I was extremely pleased with her knowledge and professionalism. She immediately recognized the necessary repairs needed to be done to make the apartment presentable and guided us to negotiate a fair price.

The apartment was sold in a short time. It was a pleasant experience and I highly recommend her.

By Donald G January 2, 2019
Working with Jill and her team was great! From the first meeting with her to the final sale of the house, she was responsive all the way. Her team was able to provide us support in getting our house prepared for sale and guided us through the preparation and whole sale process. She and her team were truly a pleasure to work with.